SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2026

All Saints Sunday

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

PRELUDE ***Mark Ongalo, Organist***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN ***For All the Saints, vs. 1, 2, 6, 7*** **ELW# 422**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

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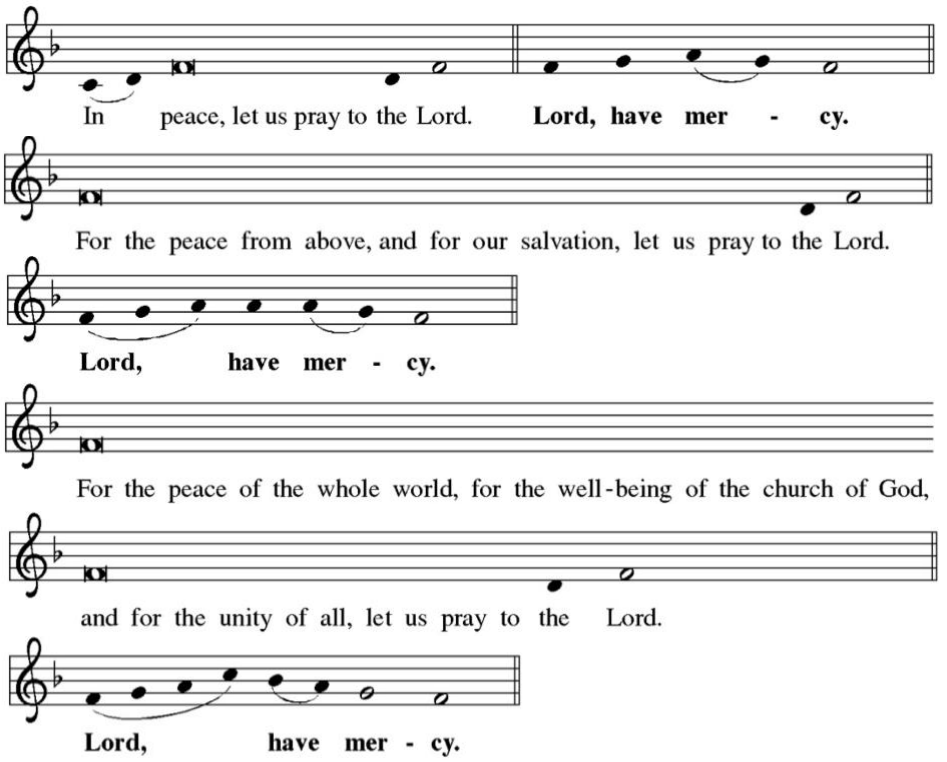
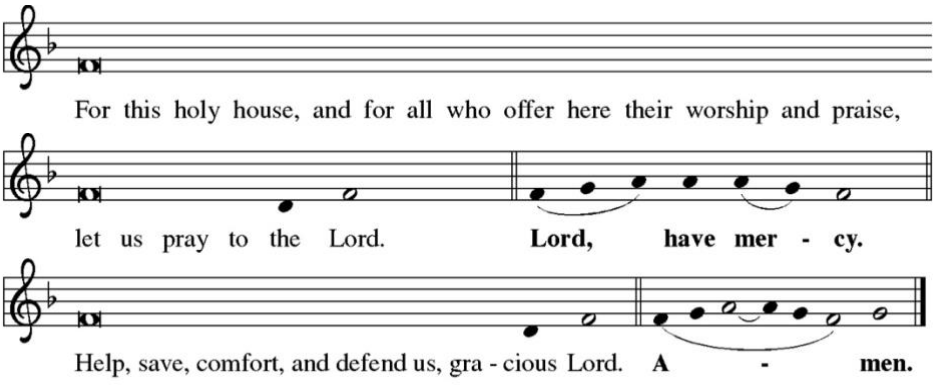

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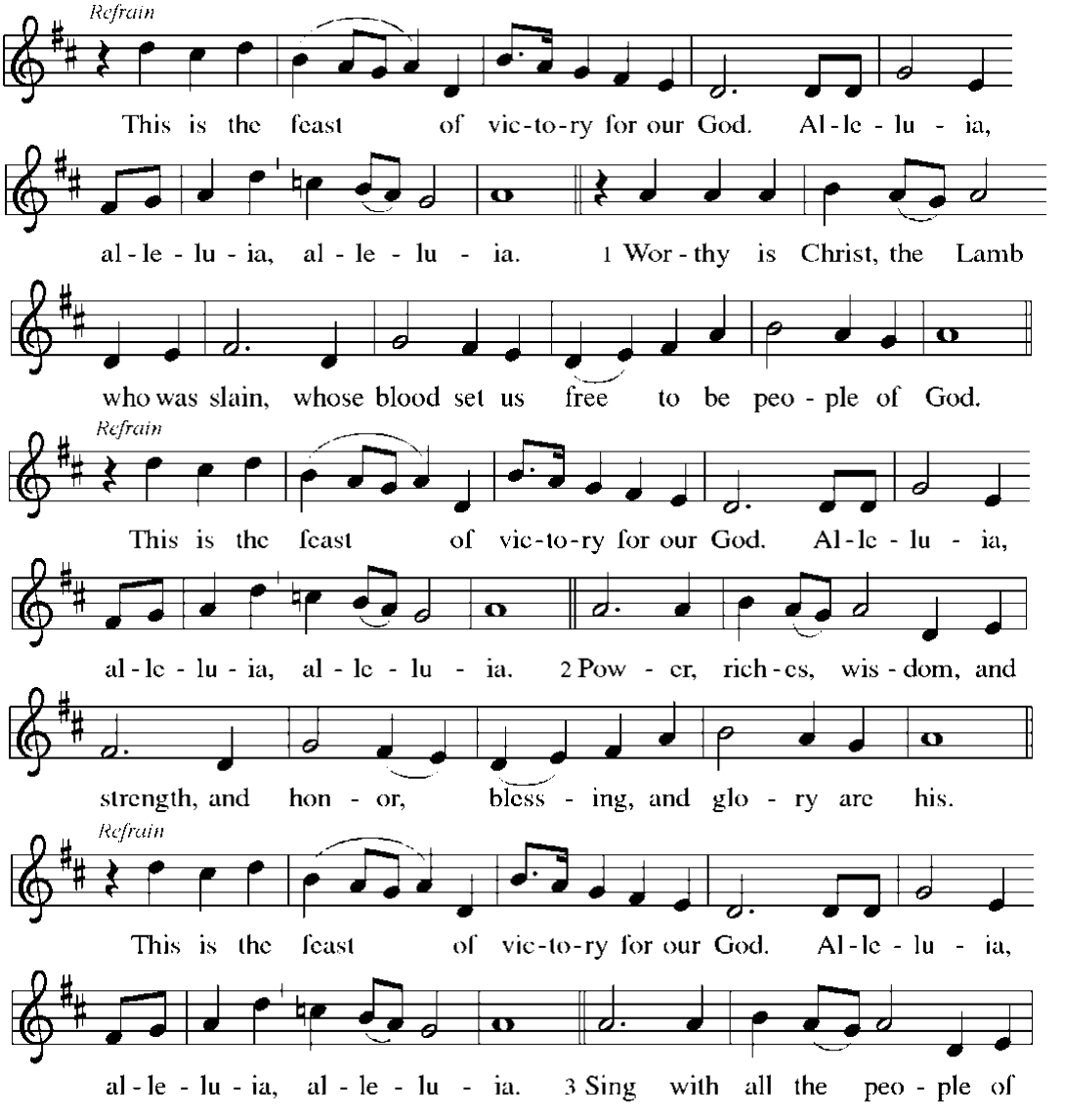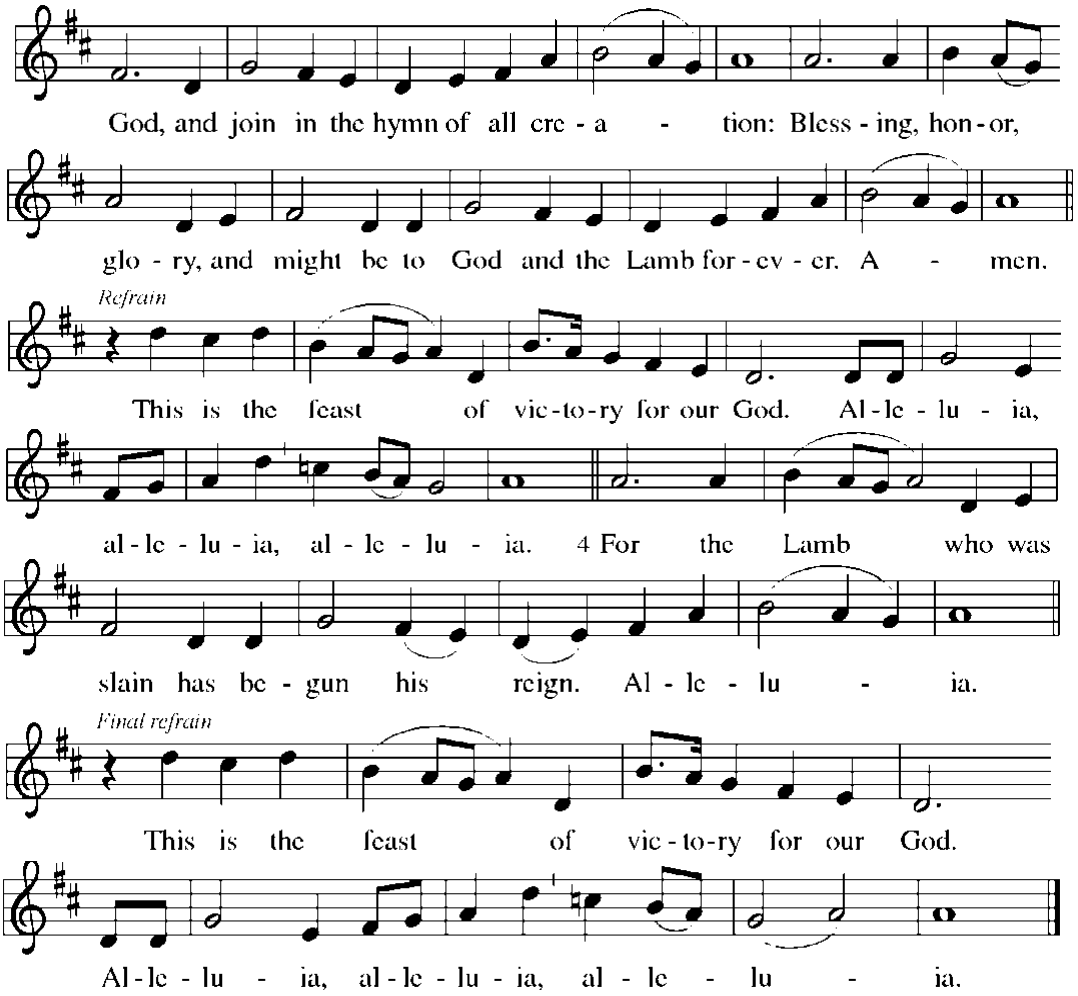
PRAYER OF THE DAY **Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from
all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white,
with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and
they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night
within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22. ***Please respond with verses in bold print.***

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we
are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

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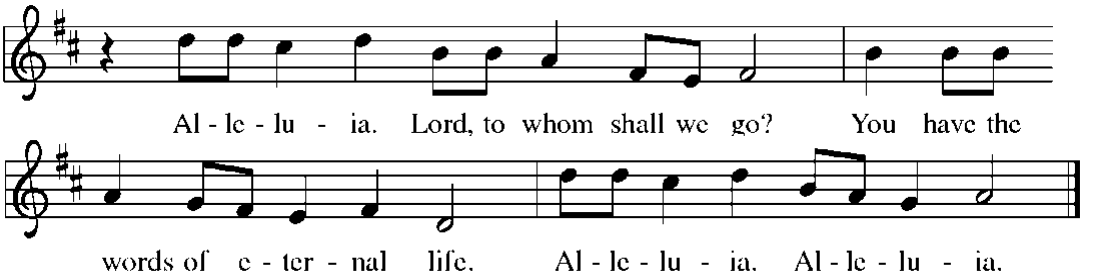
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to
him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON ***Pastor Liz Cheney***

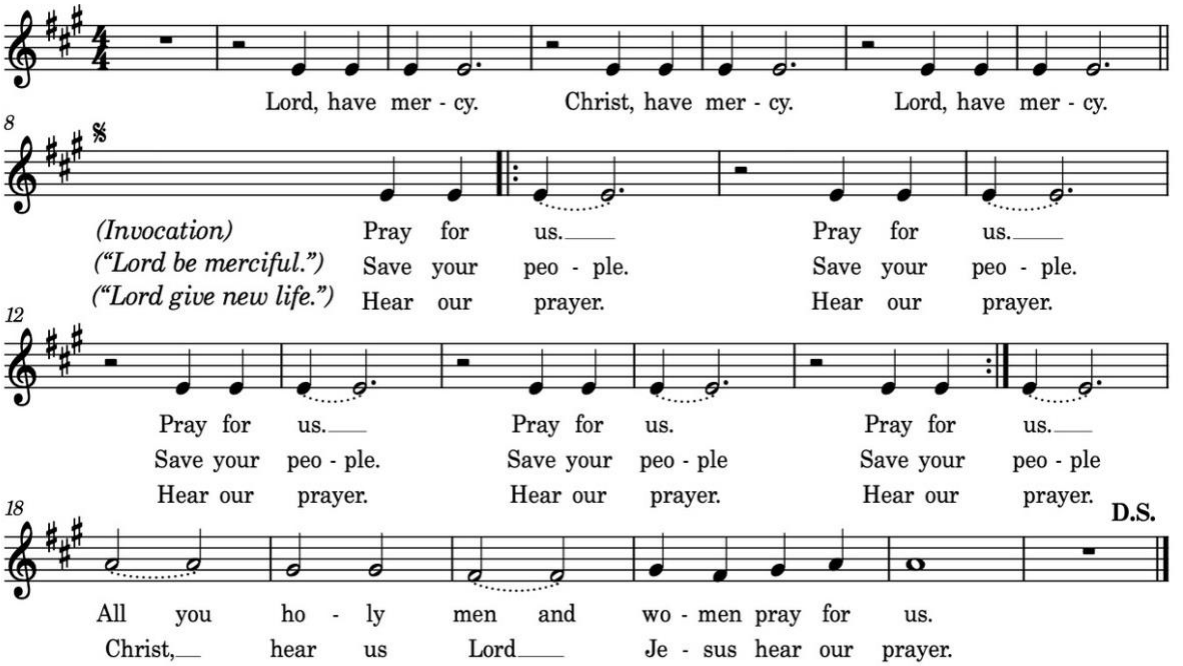
HYMN OF THE DAY ***For All Your Saints, O Lord*** **ELW# 427**

APOSTLES' CREED **pg. 105**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS ***Join in the chorus as directed***

SHARING OF THE PEACE SHARING THE PEACE *Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.*
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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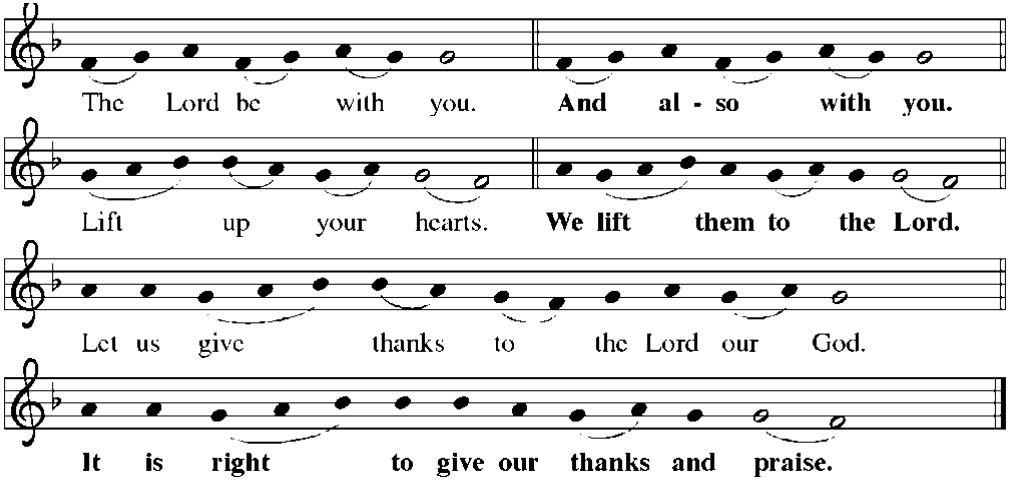
+ Using the QR code found here ➡
+ Contacting the church office to set up regular automatic giving
+ Dropping off or mailing in your offering – *Thank you*

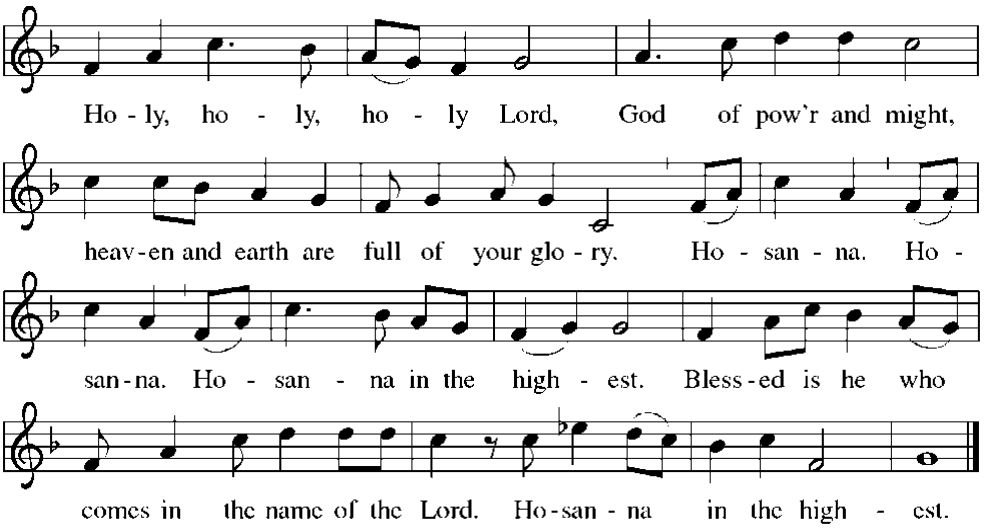
CHOIR OFFERTORY ***For All the Saints*** ***Director, Jim De Foe***

OFFERING PRAYER **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PASTOR CONCLUDES . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

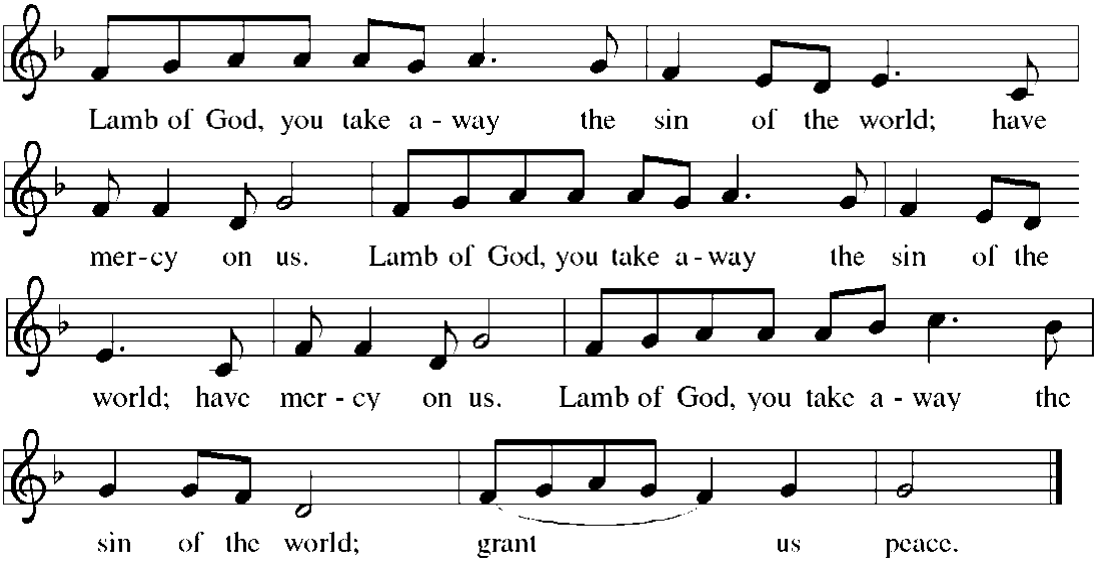
LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **pg. 191**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION HYMNS:



Jerusalem, My Happy Home **ELW# 628**

Give Thanks for Saints **ELW# 428**

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***For All the Saints, vs. 3, 4, 5*** **ELW# 422**

DISMISSAL Go in Peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ***Mark Ongalo, Organist***

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WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for people in need of comfort, hope, healing, safe transition, and for those serving away from home: Karen, Ralph M., Scooby, Pr. Dorothy, Butch, Tom, Gordy, Paul, Jean, Dan, Fred, Megan, Ellen, Steven, Gary, Chuck, Ron, Nadia, Mary, Ruth, Hudson, Wilson, Logan, Nel, Jim, Kyle, Cliff, Ryan, Alexandra W, Dan, Leslie, Shannon, Dale, Adeline, Sue, Jim, Wendy, Fred, Harry, Larry, Caleb, Jake, Laurie, Mike, Tedd, Matthew, Rick & Betsy, Gordon, Ross, Anna, Archer, Sharon, Mary, Debbie, Leanne, Addy, Deb, Kyle, Gerilyn, Wally, Ralph, Sue.

Call the church office or Pastor if you have a prayer need: we can send it to the prayer chain if you desire. If you are in need of any pastoral care or if you or someone you know would like a visit, please call Pastor Liz Cheney at 218-780-8907 or the church office at 218-741-6207.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! It was a very busy week with the Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat; lots of prep work and clean-up. Thank you to all who set-up, and for staying to clean afterwards. You may think you weren't seen, but you were, and you're very appreciated. Events like these cannot happen without your willing hearts (and tired arms)!

CELEBRATION DINNER The **CELEBRATION DINNER IS TODAY AT 5PM,** There will be a short presentation, "Thank You" for the people who did construction & gave toward the project, and a wonderful pasta bar with dessert. No cost for the meal, we simply want to celebrate together all that has been accomplished! The **SARMA FUNDRAISER** was a success; we brought in $6000! Many thanks for the wonderful food (Pastor & Scooby) and for all who helped put them together! We are almost there for our final payment. Thank you for your continued generosity as we finish this important upgrade to our church.

LIFT ADULT BIBLE STUDY You are invited to the LIFT **Adult Bible Study**: Dinner is at 6pm, a short Worship to follow, then the Study (6:45). OSLC hosted this week and will host 11/4, 11/11, 11/18.
LIFT YOUTH: Youth will be **meeting here the next 3 Wednesdays @6pm** and will be assisting in worship for ADVENT Services starting DEC. 2nd. The Youth have been working diligently the last few weeks raising funds for their summer National Gathering - more details on how you can support them are below.

OSLC BOOK STUDY We are currently studying a wonderful classic titled, *"Falling Upward."* Our next meeting is on **Nov. 5th @ 12pm** in the Fireside Room, (then Nov. 19th).

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP There will be an Ecumenical Service, **Mon., Nov.23rd at 6pm** with Coffee & Pie to follow at Sts. John & Paul Episcopal Church, 231. 3rd St S. Our Savior's & 6 churches will participate. Bring a nonperishable food item to donate.

HOLIDAY WREATHS On sale now **to Nov. 22nd, $25 ea**. The sign-up sheet is in the office. Pick-up will take place after worship on **Dec. 6th ~ Supports the Youth** National Gathering trip.

LUTEFISK DINNER This annual event is held at Gethsemane Lutheran and takes place **Dec. 1st, 3-7pm.** There will be a silent auction to **support youth**; if you want to donate items, bring to Gethsemane by Nov. 25th. Youth will help serve and clean-up.

ADVENT WORSHIP We will have joint services led by the Confirmands this year. The first one will take place **Wed. Dec. 2nd, Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30**, **at Messiah Lutheran Church**.
The next worship will be **@ OSLC Wed., Dec. 9th,** Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30, and the last will take place at **Gethsemane Lutheran on Wed., Dec. 16th,** Soup Dinner @ 6, Worship 6:30.

CHORALAIRES CONCERT It's almost that time of year again. The Concert @ OSLC is **Sun., Dec. 6th, 2pm.** Consider bringing Christmas Cookies the week before for the Coffee Reception held after the concert. Label them for the "Choralaires" and bring them to the kitchen. *Thank You!*

WORSHIP SPONSORSHIP **Today's Livestream is sponsored by Tom Klabechek, in loving memory of wife Jarie. *Thank you for your support.*** To sponsor Livestream & TV Broadcasts in honor of a person or special event- wedding anniv., birthday, graduation etc., or in memory of a loved one, you may do so in any amount. It helps maintain our sound/camera equipment.

COMMUNITY CLOSET PANTRY

Below are needed items for the pantry. These are examples of what you can buy at area stores with spending $10 or less but ***you can buy what you desire & at the store that is most convenient for you;*** *Any donation is appreciated!*

1. HALF GALLON MILK @ SUPER ONE
   $1.99 EA, VARIETY
2. ESSENTIALS BRAND CEREAL @ SUPER ONE
   2/$5 OR 2/$6 VARIETY
3. SAUCY SPOON BAKED BEANS @ SUPER ONE
   $1.99/28OZ CAN
4. CAMPBELL'S CHUNKY/HEARTY SOUP @ SUPER ONE
   2/$5 VARIETY
5. ESSENTIAL BRAND RICE @ SUPER ONE
   $1/16OZ BAG. WHITE OR BROWN LONG GRAIN

Hanging Of The Greens

SUNDAY, NOV. 22nd AFTER WORSHIP. JOIN US TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!

Holiday Wreaths

The Youth are selling wreaths to support their summer National Gathering trip. They are $25 each and you can order by stopping in at the office during the week, or the sign-up sheet will be kept on the **glass cabinet in the narthex on Sundays.** Wreath pick-up day is Sunday, Dec. 6th. Make checks out to "OSLC FF"

(Faith Formation)

MON. NOV. 2	TUES. NOV. 3	WED. NOV. 4	THURS. NOV. 5	FRI. NOV. 6	SAT. NOV. 7	SUN. NOV. 8
10:30AM AA **2 PM ORGAN PRACTICE** **6PM SCOUTS** 7PM NA	10:30AM AA **1PM WELCA BIBLE STUDY** **2 PM ORGAN PRACTICE**	**9AM QUILTING** 10:30AM AA **11AM FINANCE** **12-3PM C.CLOSET** **3PM CHOIR** 5:30PM ALANON **6PM LIFT @ OSLC**	10:30AM AA **12PM BOOK STUDY *FALLING UPWARD*** **2:30PM TOPS** **3PM FUN-DUH-MENTALS STUDY** 7PM NA W. WING	10:30AM AA 7PM NA W.WING	10:30AM AA W.WING	**9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP** 1PM AA **3PM CUBSCOUTS** 7PM NA

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 1 John 3:1-3 (NRSV)

Read 1 John 3:1-3 on biblegateway.com

Chapter 3. See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Verse 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. Verse 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Devotion. I remember singing the song "Kids of the Kingdom" in our church's children's choir. When I read today's text, that was the first thing that popped into my mind. I had to do a little internet search to see if I was recalling the song correctly, and of course, there is an old recording you can listen to on YouTube. Listening to it made me chuckle a bit—the things that stick with you through the years. It was the mid-1980s when I would have sung it, but the promise has stuck with me. We are God's beloved children, that's what we are. Unfortunately, that is not the promise everyone hears. Too often, the world tries to offer other labels. If I adapt the words of this simple song, "Children of God, that's what we are. Children of God, that's what we are." That is how we live, knowing and trusting that we are beloved children of God, transformed to see our neighbors as the same.

Prayer. Loving God, transform our hearts and minds to remember who we are and whose we are. Send us into the world with your love and reveal to us the belovedness of our neighbor. Amen.

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