11.1.2026 10:00 am

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.

Today's Worship Theme

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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Greeter: TBD
Ushers: Roger Bodo
Altar Guild: Beth Reavis
Coffee Host: TBD

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).

You are invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of the saints in your life after receiving communion.

PRELUDE *"Behold the Host Arrayed in White"* *Edwin T. Childs*

We rise.

ALL SAINTS' LITANY

On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe: Ancestors of the faith, **we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God; Teachers of the faith, **we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, children and grandchildren, friends far and wide, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: Family of our faith, **we remember you.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those recorded in our Book of Saints.

We also lift up to you, O God, the names of those from within the members of our congregation who have died this past year: Sharon Covell, Rebecca Holshouser, Kenneth Hubbard and Tommy Moretz. Those we've named and those close in our hearts, **we remember you.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have been drawn near to you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GATHERING HYMN

"For All the Saints" (vs. 1-3) *ELW 422*

GREETING

Assisting Minister: Jesse Lutabingwa

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

A READING FROM Revelation 7:9-17 *Lector: Dana Holden*

The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Read responsively.*

[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.

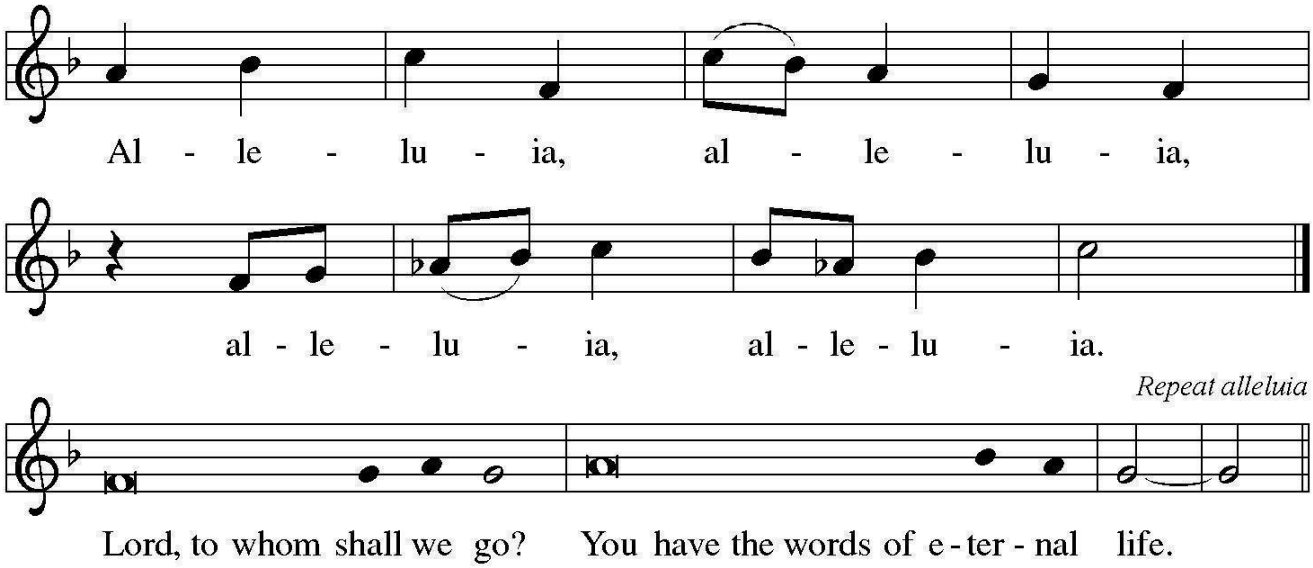
A READING FROM 1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children.

[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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.

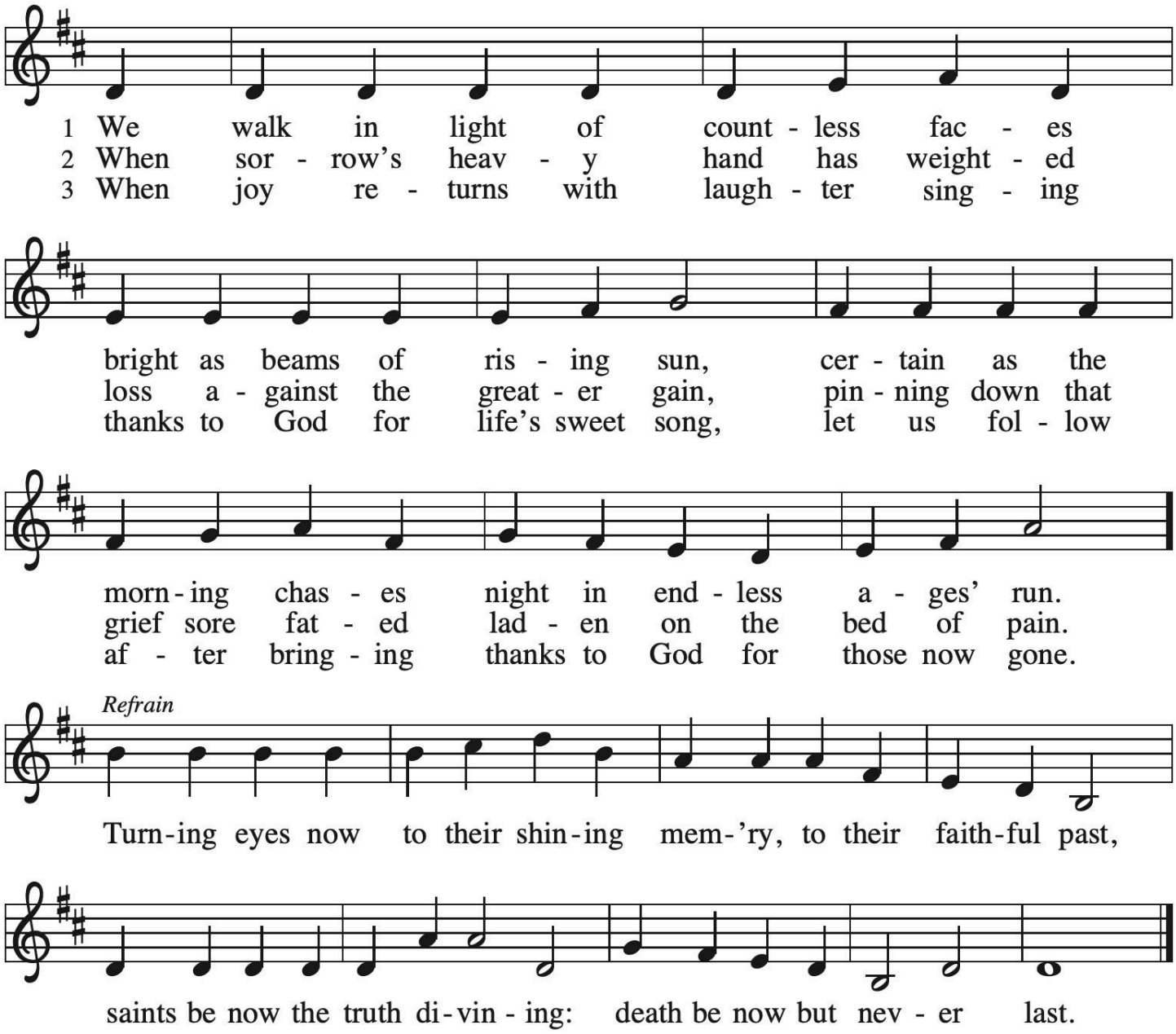
[11] Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON *Pastor Steve Troisi*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Death Be Never Last"* *ACS 1030*

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **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.**

Please kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be seated. ✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG

"At the River" *Aaron Copland*

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels' feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

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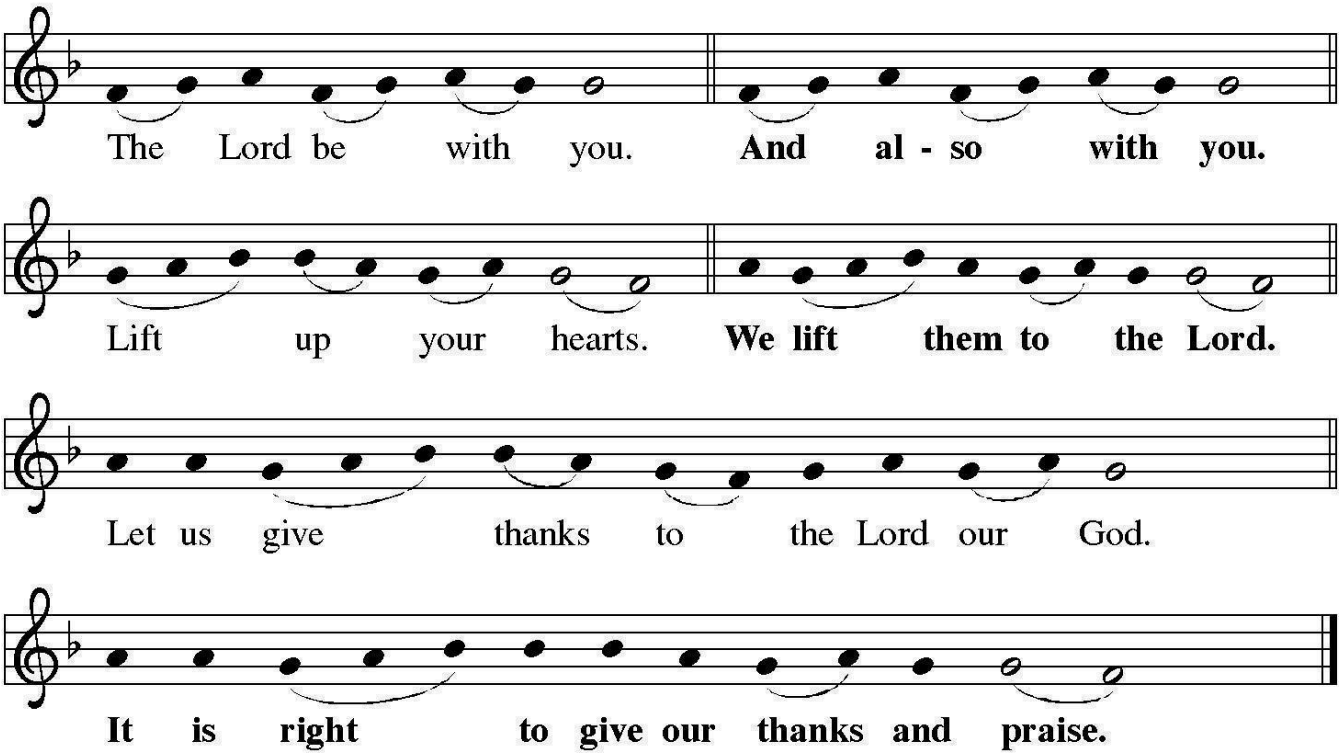
We rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

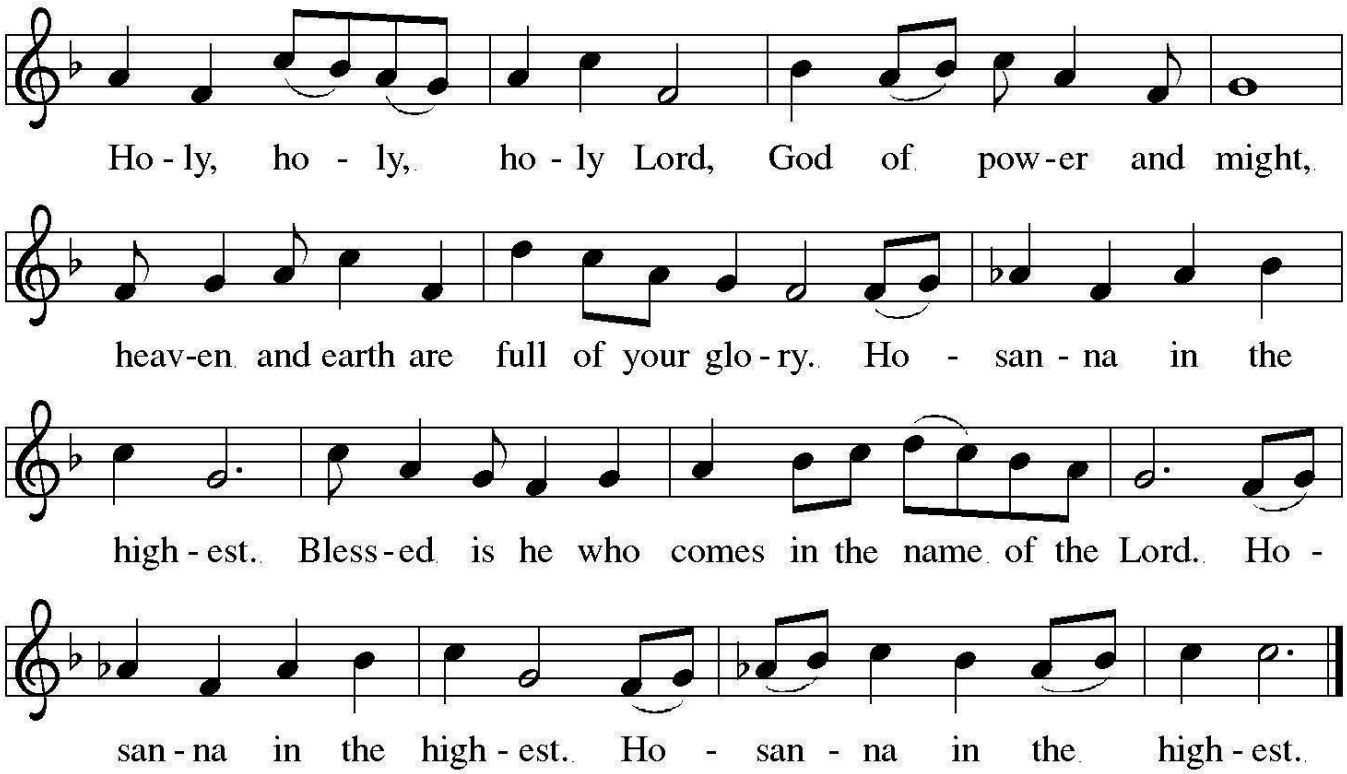
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

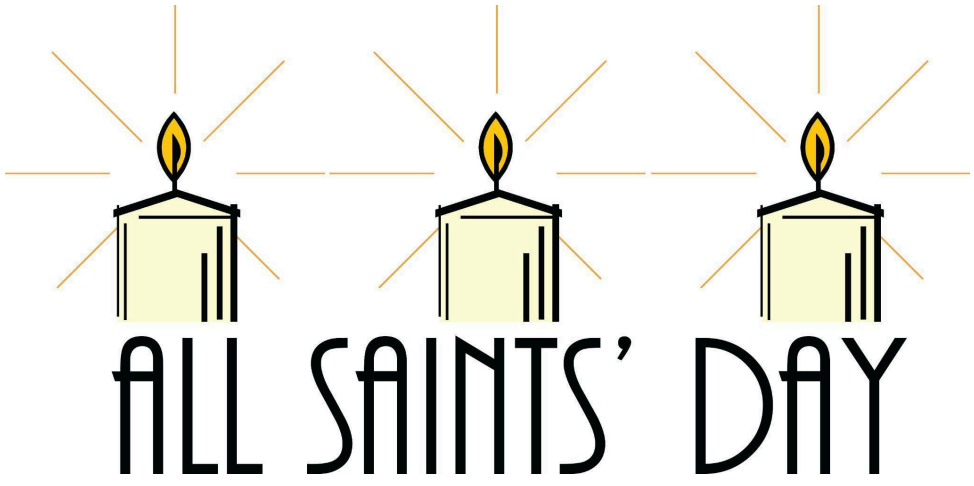
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy … and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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

Communion Assistants: Jan Burgess and Kingsley Okike

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all are welcome! Today we will receive communion around the rail: bread (gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. After receiving communion, you are invited to kneel at your pew for prayer. On the first and third Sundays, healing prayers are offered in the Chapel.

You are invited to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of the saints in your life after receiving communion.

COMMUNION SONG & HYMNS

"Lamb of God" — *p. 135 of ELW*

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" — *ELW 628*

"Give Thanks for Saints" — *ELW 428*

We rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

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. 4-7) — *ELW 422*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"For All Your Saints, O Lord"* *Wayne L. Wold*

CHANCEL FLOWERS	**SANCTUARY LAMP**
Are given to the glory of God and in appreciation for our pastor, church staff, and all the many volunteers by Alan & Gail Hauser.	Is burning to the glory of God and in memory of all the saints in the Grace columbarium by Ron & Gail Schuette.

READINGS FOR November 8

Amos 5:18-24 | Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026

September Giving	September Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
$19,338.00	$35,000.00	$19,338.00	$35,000.00