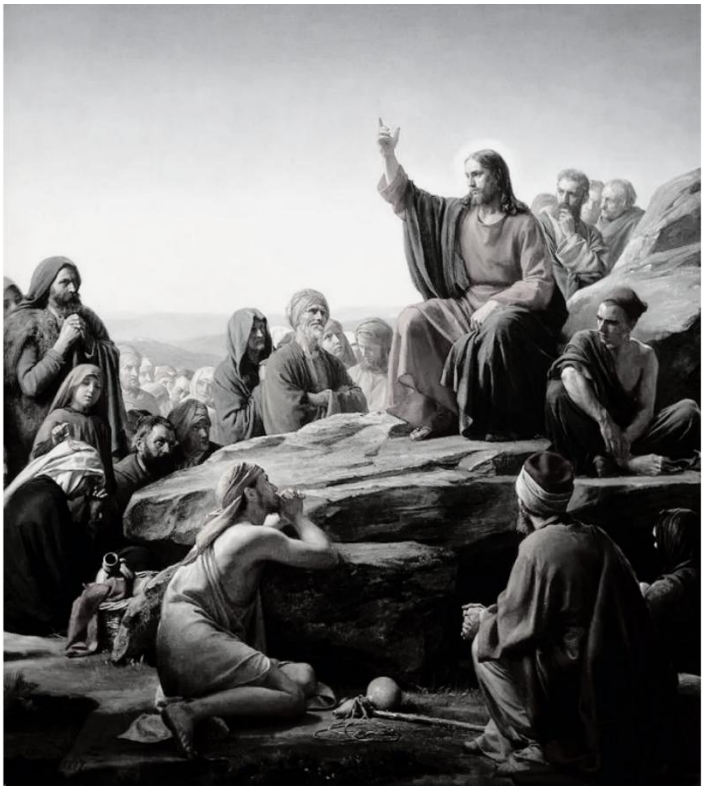
Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day



David H. Brooks, Pastor

We go with Good News, teaching, serving, and sharing Christ with our neighbors.

Today's Verse:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
~ Matthew 5:3

This Sunday

8:30am Ignite Class
(Fellowship Hall)

9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

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Copies of the week's announcements are located in the Narthex.

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." – John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We're glad you're here! We encourage you to review our statement of communion on page 13. If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with the Pastor or one of our ushers.

Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see.

We welcome children in worship services. Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude … from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

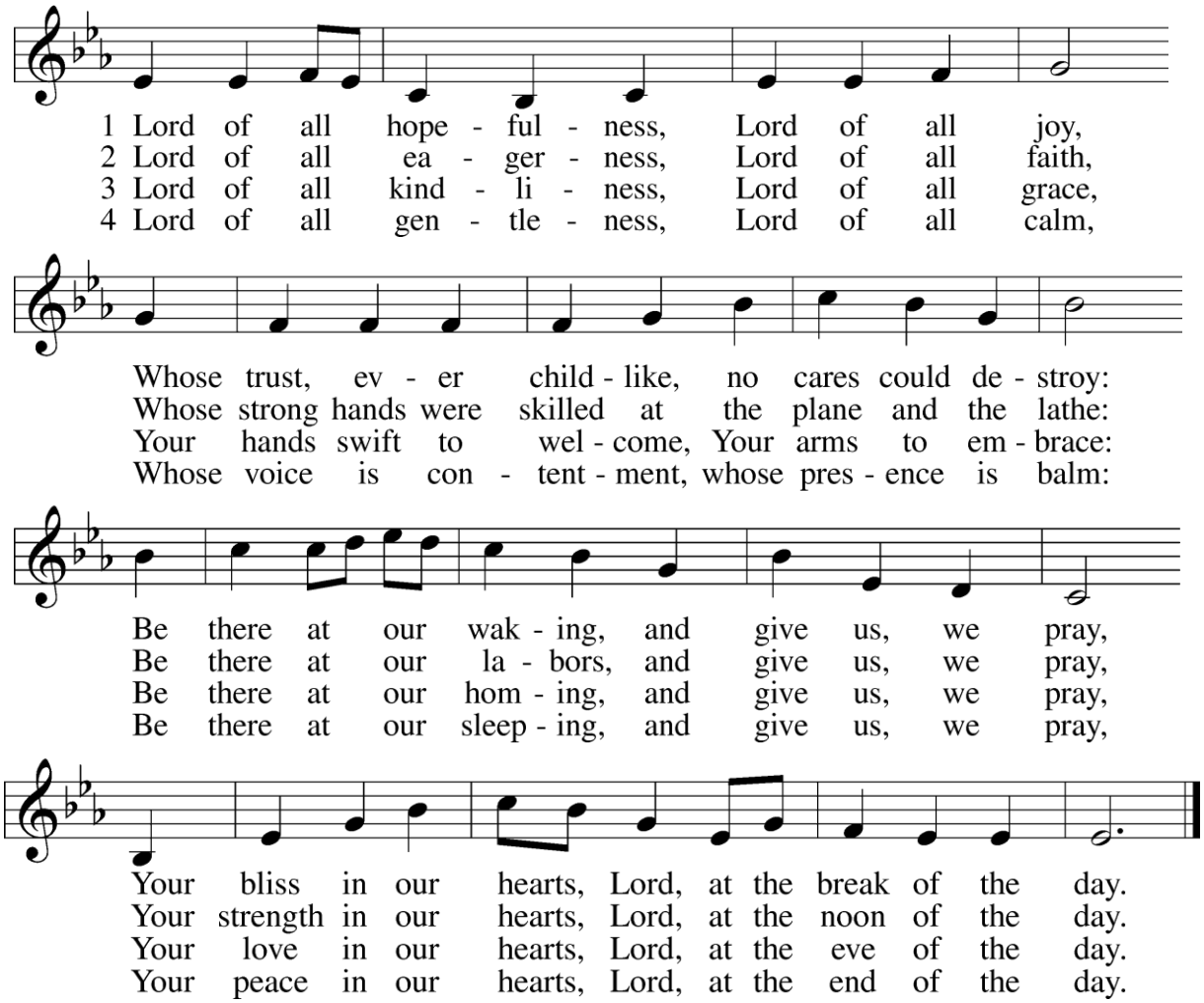
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin**.

Silence is provided for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

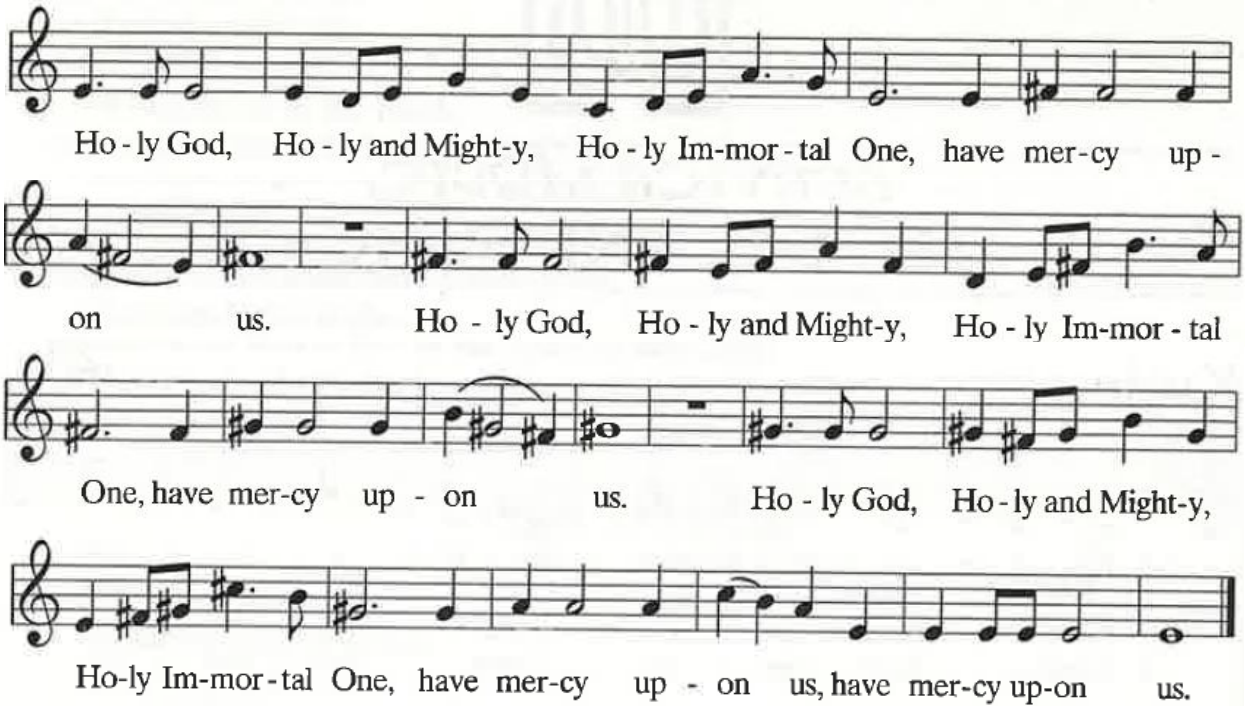
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN – *Lord of All Hopefulness (LSB 738)*



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Trisagion (WOV 603)



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Music: *Music for the Eucharist*, David Hurd, b. 1950
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P The Lord be with you
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and ` godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:2-17 (Pew Bible pg. 1031)

The First lesson is from the 7th chapter of Revelation.

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the
rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God,
and he called with a loud voice to the four angels
who had been given power to harm earth and
sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or
the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our
God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number
of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of
the sons of Israel:
5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.
9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude
that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in
their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the
throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels
were standing 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 saying, "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, clothed
in white robes, and from where have they
come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he
said to me, "These are the ones coming out of
the great tribulation. They have washed their
robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne
of God, and serve him day and night in his
temple; and he who sits on the throne will
shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall
hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun
shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be
their shepherd, and he will guide them to
springs of living water, and God will wipe away
every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149


1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the as - sem - bly of saints.
2 Let Is - ra - el re - joice in their Mak - er; Let the chil - dren of Zi - on be joy - ful in their King.
3 Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing prais - es to Him with the tim - brel and harp.
4 For the LORD takes pleas - ure in His peo - ple; He will beau - ti - fy the hum - ble with sal - va - tion.
5 Let the saints be joy - ful in glo - ry; Let them sing a - loud on their beds.
6 Let the high prais - es of God be in their mouth, And a two - edg - ed sword in their hand,
7 To ex - e - cute ven - geance on the na - tions, And pun - ish - ments on the peo - ples;
8 To bind their kings with chains, And their no - bles with fet - ters of i - ron;
9 To ex - e - cute on them the writ - ten judg - ment— This hon - or have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

THE EPISTLE LESSON **1 John 3:1-3** (Pew Bible pg. 1022)

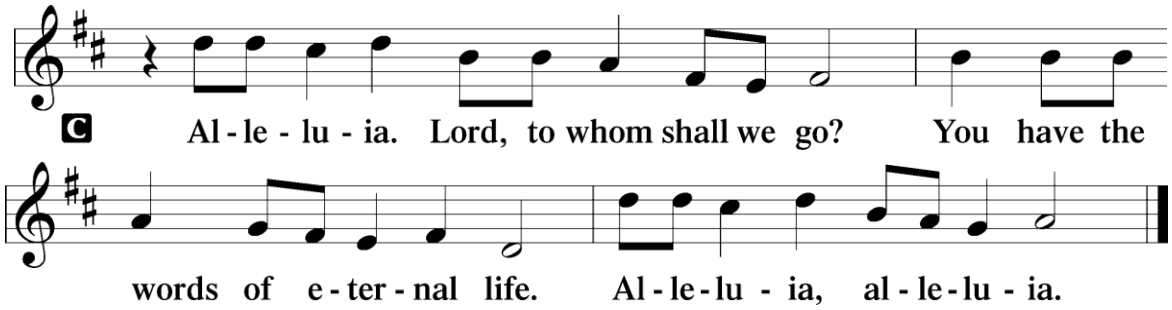
The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of 1st John.

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
that we should be called children of God; and so
we are. The reason why the world does not know
us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are
God's children now, and what we will be
has not yet appeared; but we know that when
he appears we shall be like him, because we
shall see him as he is. [3]And everyone who thus
hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12** (Pew Bible, pg. 809)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the
mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples
came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth 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 shall be
comforted. [5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall
inherit the earth. [6]"Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be
satisfied. [7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
receive mercy. [8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall
be called sons of God. [10]"Blessed are those
who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets
who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Lord**.

SERMON – *Pastor Brooks*

LIGHTING OF THE TAPERS

Please come forward as you wish to light a taper in remembrance of loved ones who are among the Saints in light.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember and give thanks for these Saints who have followed Christ through death and been raised to eternal life in heaven:

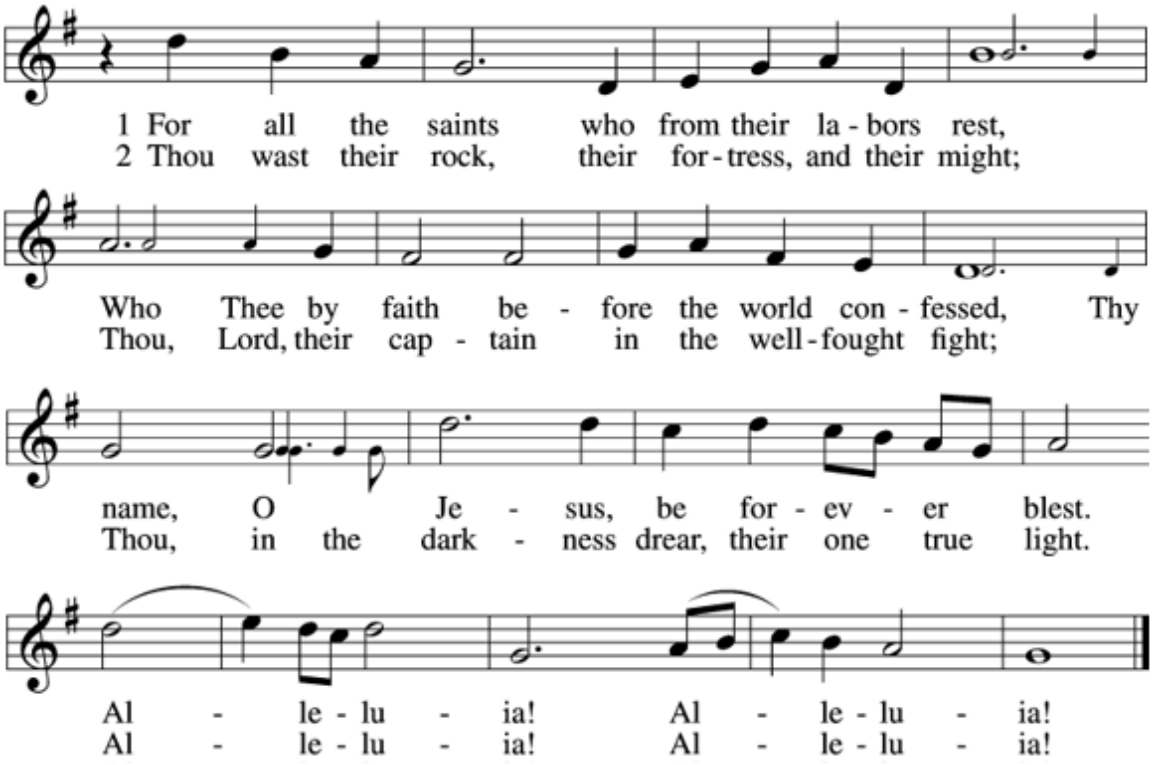
Members of Our Congregation

Jean Pochert – January 6, 2026
Megan Huggins – June 3, 2026
Rubie Hecht – October 9, 2026
Marguerite Rowe – October 12, 2026

Family Members and Friends of the Family of Grace

Judy Moody Gempel, friend of Barb Tippin
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Jim Hanson, neighbor of Carol Walton
Barry Collins, brother in-law of Dan Heuser
Annette Henderson, beloved aunt of Kathy Peterson
Deanna Korhorn, second-cousin of Kathy Pittman
Margareta Koch, mother of Geoff Heintzelman's sister-in-law
Lary Joseph Stuhlmiller, brother of Gary Stuhlmiller; uncle to Josh and Danny Stuhlmiller
Barbara Apple, mother of Vivian Harris.
Lyssa Arzani Whitson, former coworker of Luciano Suarez
Trevor Gray, spouse of coworker of Luciano Suarez

HYMN — *For All The Saints* (LSB 677) ***(Verses 1 & 2)***



The litany will be sung according to the following musical form. The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



Congregational response:



L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, Including… let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **Alleluia.**

L For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the Gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

C **To you, O Lord.**

HYMN — For All The Saints (Verses 7 & 8)

7. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3).

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY



OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

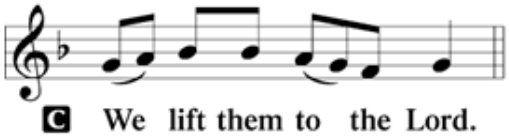
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



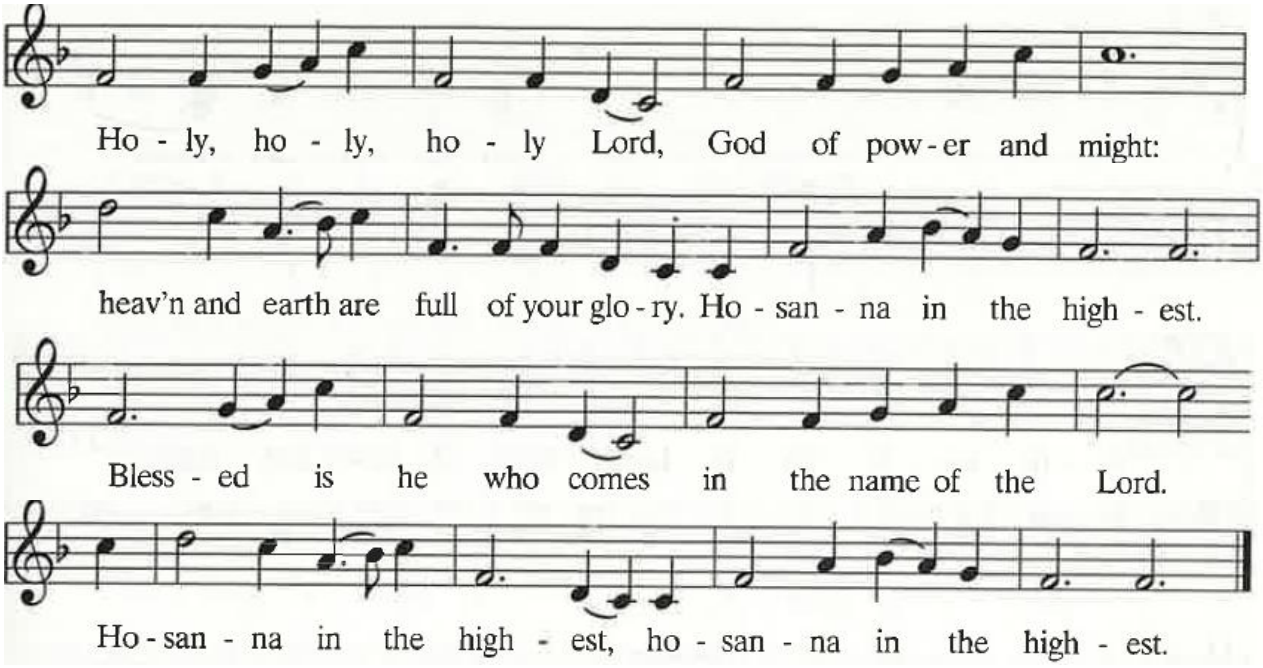
P Lift up Your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right and salutary … and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk tune; adapt. Marcia Pruner
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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son,
that all who believe in Him may not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to You for the salvation Your have provided to us
through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in
His holy supper.

C **Amen. Come Lord Jesus**.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed…

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.

AGNUS DEI



HOLY COMMUNION

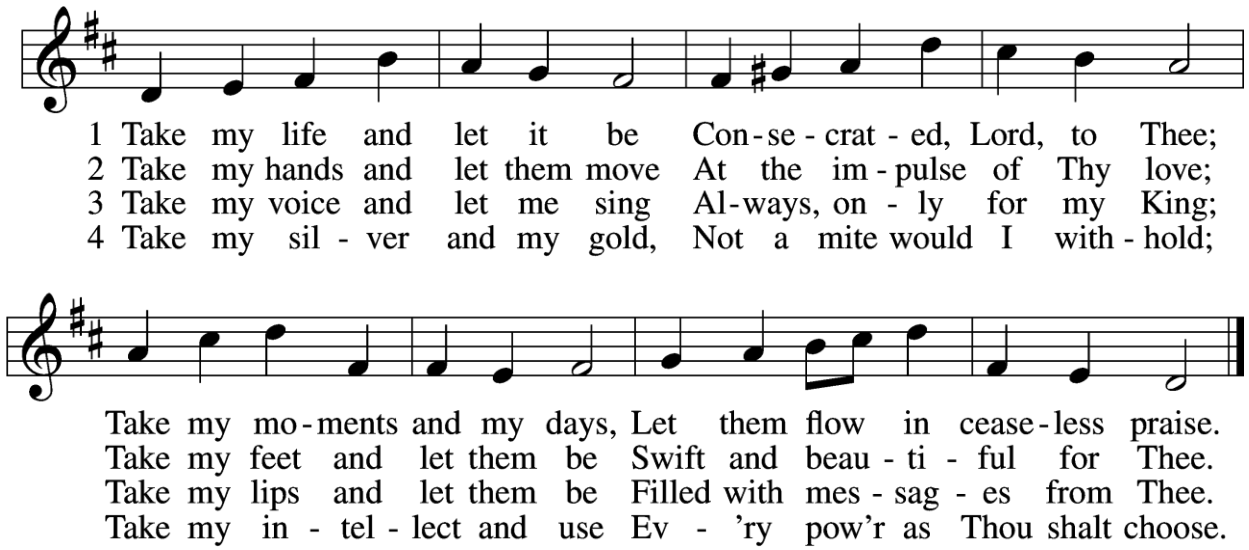
Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion. Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

[For silent prayer before communing]
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – *Take My Life and Let It Be* (LSB 783)



5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

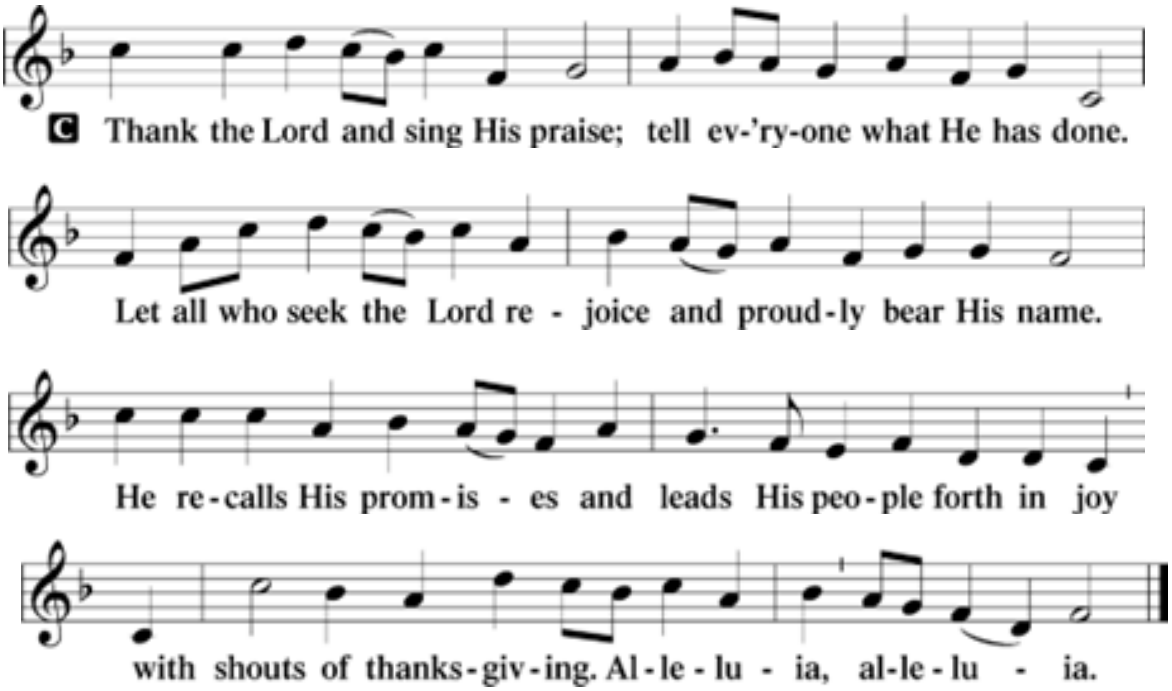
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* (LSB 849)



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THANK THE LORD



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

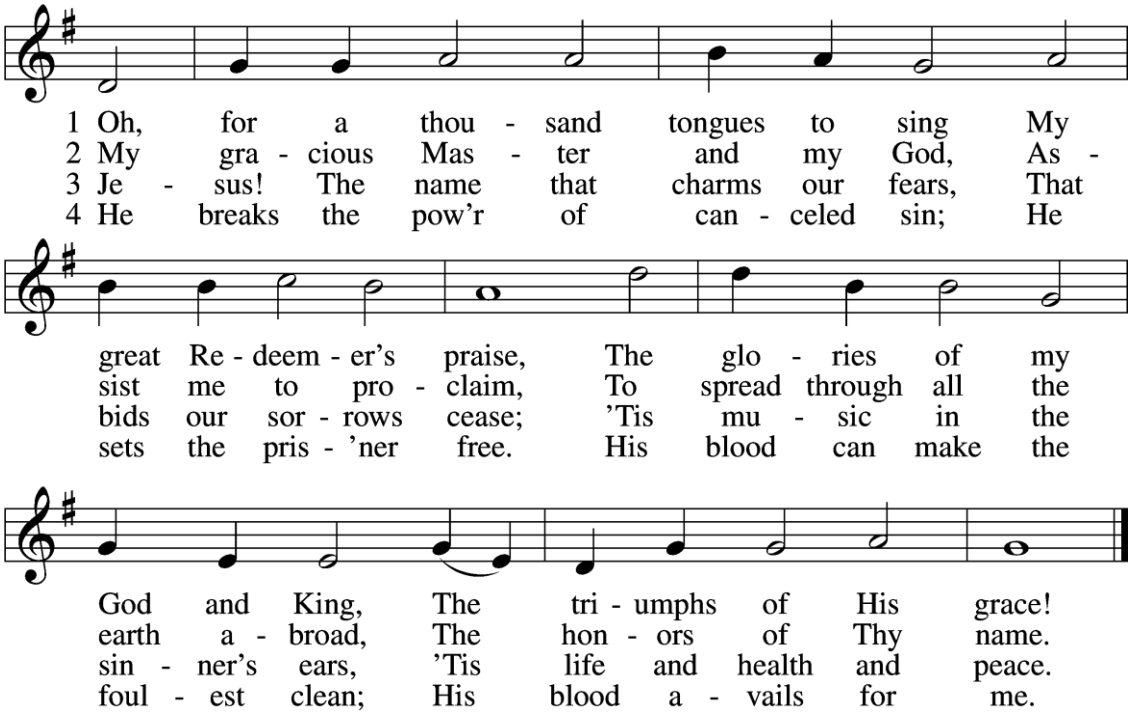
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (LSB 528)



5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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DISMISSAL

P We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut. 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

P Where is this written?

C **St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."** (Rom. 6:4)

P So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

SERVING YOU TODAY

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Wednesday, November 4
Hymn Committee (5:30pm)

Saturday, November 14
Chili Cookoff (5:30pm)

Sunday, November 15
Voters Meeting (11:30am)

Wednesday, November 18
Wednesdays at One (12:30pm)

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