Cross of Grace Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday



Welcome Guests! We are glad you're here. Please fill out the "Grace Notes" insert and place it in the offering to help us get to know you better and to get connected with the ministry we are doing.

LARGE PRINT bulletins, sermon manuscripts, and personal hearing assistance devices are available. The ushers will be happy to help.

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

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.

PRELUDE "Prelude No. 1 in C" **J.S. Bach**

WELCOME AND INVOCATION
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

A LITANY IN MEMORY OF ALL THE SAINTS AND OF THOSE WE KNOW BY NAME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM FOR AND WITH ALL THE SAINTS

P: Joined to Jesus Christ and bound – together with all the saints – by the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness and we give thanks for the gift of God's grace through the sacrament.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took great joy. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with forgiveness, grace and love. To you we give honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "For All the Saints **#422**
verses. 1, 2, 6, 7

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God's children.

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17** (p. 999)

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asian 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.

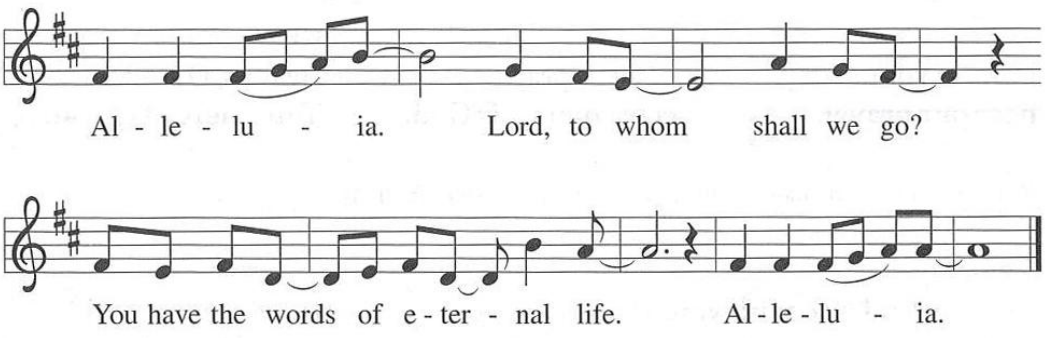
SECOND READING **1 John 3:1-3** (p. 990)

A saint is one who had 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON "The Grab Bag"

"The Grab Bag" is one way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through kids – in worship. Each week, a child pulls a surprise from the bag for us to share. We never know what we'll find, but trust God always has something to teach us. ***The child who pulls from the Grab Bag is invited to hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward after the Lord's Prayer.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING **Matthew 5:1-12** (p. 785)

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain …"

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

SERMON **Pastor Mark**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Blest Are They" **#728**

SERVICE FOR THE RECEPTION OF NEW PARTNERS IN MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.)**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERING
Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you choose to share an offering, we thank you for your generosity and trust you'll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you'd like to give via our website.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God,
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

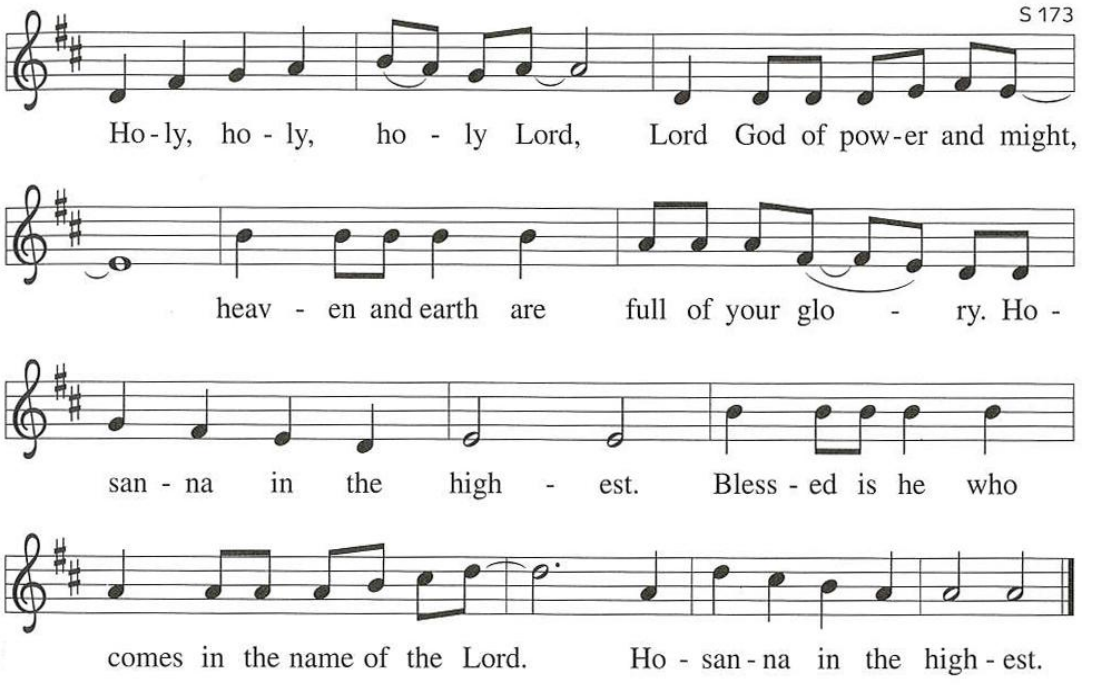
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for the meal and hear the "Words of Institution" – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

LORD'S PRAYER

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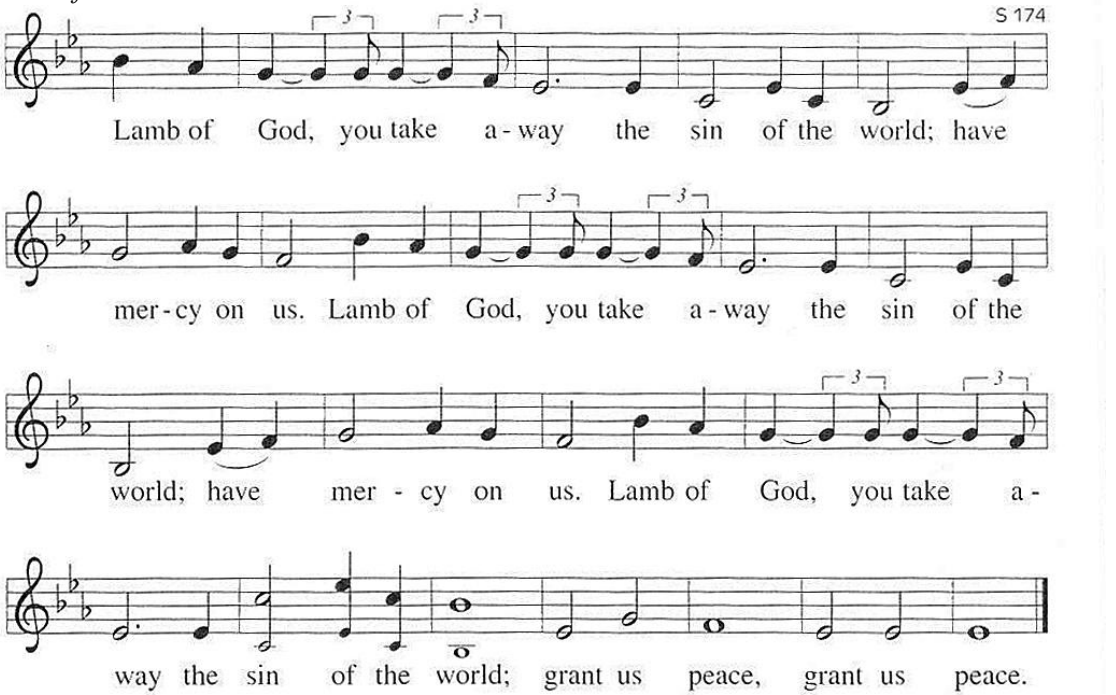
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

SHARING OF THE MEAL

Holy Communion – like God's abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you are a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It's an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God we worship. Welcome to the table.

LAMB OF GOD

We sing this to connect our meal of Holy Communion to the Passover meal shared by the Jews of the Old Testament. At that time, God saved the Jewish people from death by 'passing over' homes marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Similarly Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the sign of salvation for the world.



COMMUNION HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" **#628**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" **#414**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Greeter: Denise Hercamp
Ushers: Kirk Havel & Lee Wierda
Acolyte: David Greene
Lay Reader: Zina Compton
Comm. Assistants: Terri Garcia & Tom Orr
Children's Church: Beth Greene & Kris Vance

Altar Setup: Zina Compton
Altar Clean Up: Donna Kuffner
Bread Baker: Janice Weisenbarger
Counters: Frank Puckett & Bill Goers
Cleaning Crew: Waldrep & Siegert
Refreshments: Andrews-Kiser, R. Graham, Gunn

Mark Havel, *Lead Pastor* • Cogan Blackmon, *Pastor*
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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, November 1

- Fair Trade Coffee Baskets – 12:00 p.m.
- Mahjong @ The Preserve – 2:00 p.m.
- Bells of Grace – 5:30 p.m.
- HS Youth Group – 6:00 p.m.
- Alleluia Ringers – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 2

- Men's Sermon Talk – 12:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
- Giving the Sense – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3 – Election Day

- Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

- Groceries of Grace – 4:00 p.m.
- The Landing – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 5

- Bethel Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 7

- Comfort Quilts – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Last Week: 226

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	$11,012.71
Offering Last Week:	$9,422.95
October Total:	$37,563.76
Fiscal YTD Income (09/30/26)	$161,182.22
Fiscal YTD Expense (09/30/26)	$143,165.19

Our General Fund supports our ministry. We tithe 10% of it to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, administrate disaster relief, and more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Three Year Commitment:	$1,379,966.39
Offering Last Week:	$9,009.52
Given To Date:	$831,962.48

Our Building and Outreach Fund commitments began anew in January. 10% of these offerings help Project Rouj build homes in Fondwa, Haiti, even as we grow our own home at Cross of Grace.

(Please be praying about the building project and for our Sweat Equity Team as things progress!)