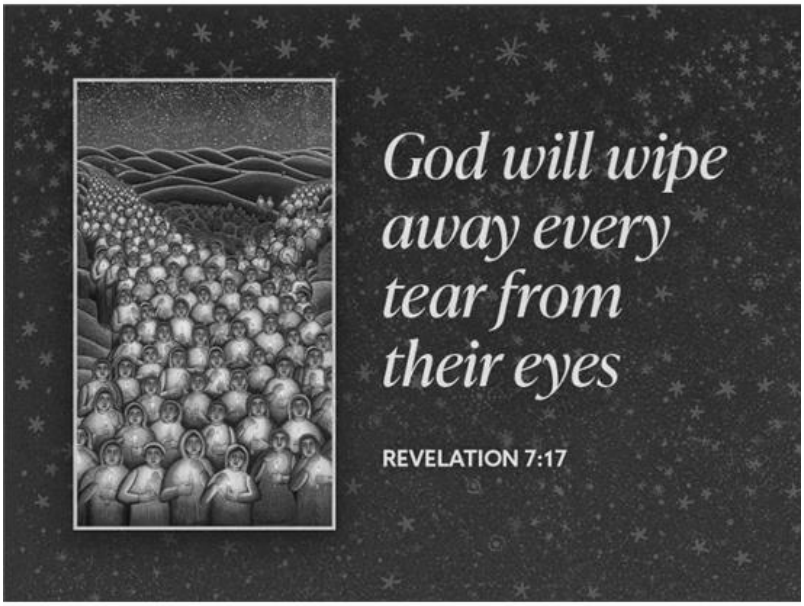
# ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2026  10:30 a.m.




*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace, for the sake of the World."*

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## WELCOME IN THE NAME OF CHRIST!

**Entering Worship**

- Fully accessible restrooms (men's, women's, single-stall) are located behind you as you face the altar. The women's room and nursery have changing tables.
- People of all ages and stages are encouraged to worship together. A staffed nursery is available 9 AM – Noon.
- Many people enjoy prayerful quiet in the Sanctuary before worship begins to help center themselves. By keeping conversation in the Gathering Space before worship, you are giving the gift of this peace to your neighbors.
- All are welcome to share Christ's communion regardless of age or faith tradition. The bread is gluten, nut, and dairy free. Wine and grape juice are available.

**Embodying Praise**

- Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.
- Some brains need a quiet activity to help them learn. Feel free to borrow a worship bag or a fidget toy to help your brain and body stay engaged. Ask an usher for assistance.
- If your body would benefit from extra motion during worship, you are welcome to get up and move about during the service. The Prayground in front of the left pews is equipped with quiet activities and soft toys for little ones. Parents are invited to sit nearby to assist children in engaging in worship in an age-appropriate manner. The service is audible in the Gathering Space, if you need to step out for a time. For children who need a louder place to play, the staffed nursery is available to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- Hearing assistance devices direct clearer sound directly to your ears. They are available from the ushers. If you use Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, see the back of the bulletin for instructions on connecting to the assistive listening system in our sanctuary.

**Engaging in Community**

- Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people. Please join us in the Gathering Space after worship for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.
- This bulletin may be recycled in the basket on the floor near the glass door to the front parking lot. We invite you to take home the *Peace Proclamations* page with announcements and upcoming events.
- If you'd like to learn more about our community you can: greet Pastor Rachel at the door by the baptismal font after worship, visit the welcome table to pick up informational brochures or staff business cards, or visit our website: www.popportage.org.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP
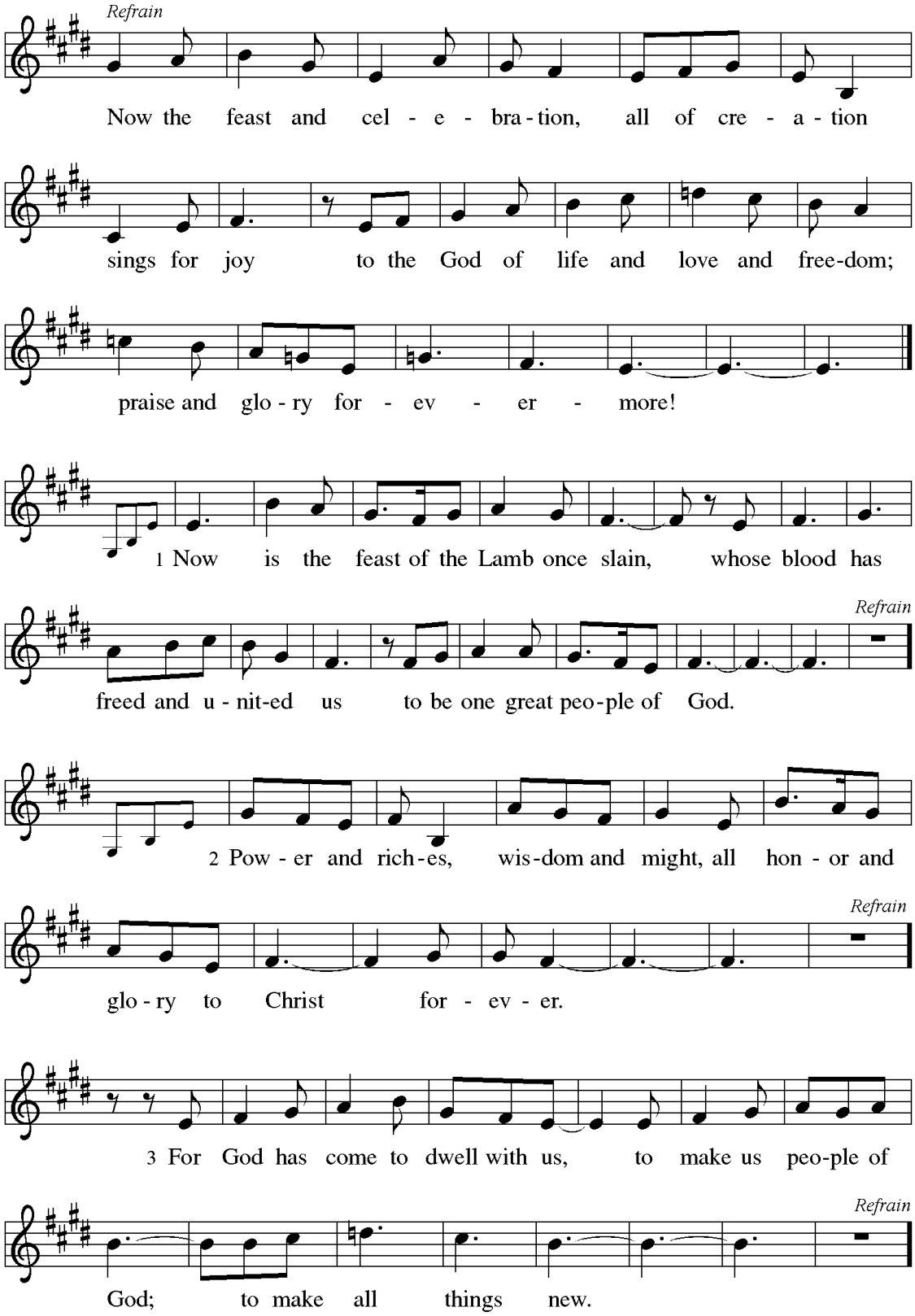
WELCOME

*Stand*
HANDBELL CANDLE PROCESSIONAL

Reading of Names of the Honored Dead

*Candles are placed on the altar as each name is read.*

# Now the Feast and Celebration



GREETING

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

**All: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

**All: 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.**

*Sit*

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

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, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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.

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.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
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."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

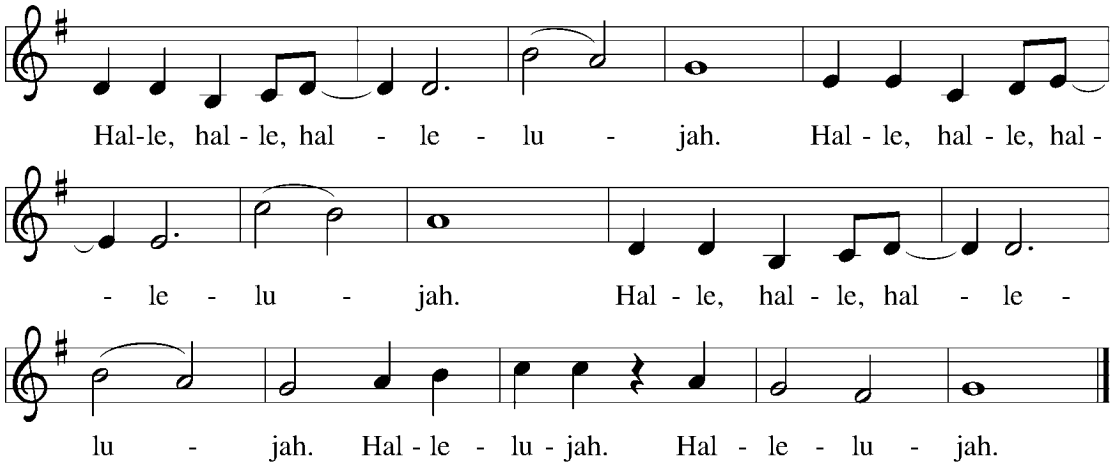
R: I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
**All: I sought the LORD, who answered me**
**and delivered me from all my terrors.**
**Look upon the LORD and be radiant,**
**and let not your faces be ashamed.**
**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
**and saved me from all my troubles.**
R: The angel of the LORD encamps around those
who fear the LORD and delivers them.
**All: Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
**happy are they who take refuge in God!**
R: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
**All: 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

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Sung twice*



GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

*Sit*
SERMON Pastor Rachel Laughlin

HYMN OF THE DAY
Organ Prelude: The Celestial Banquet, Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
*See note on the back of the bulletin*

*Stand*
Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful ELW 184

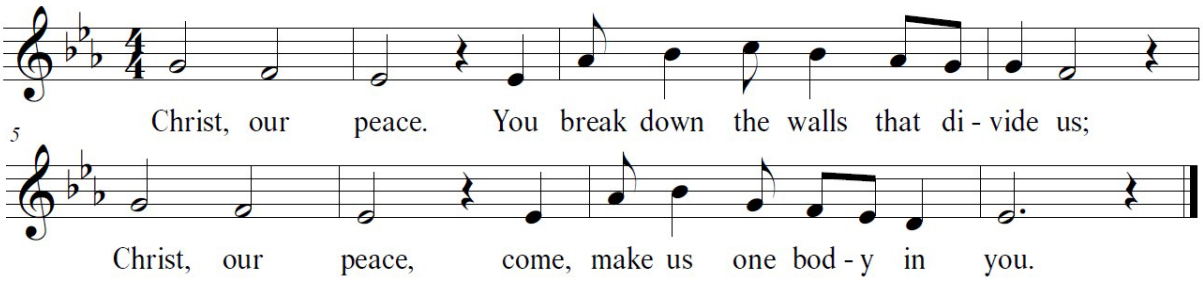
APOSTLES' CREED

Asst: With the whole church, we confess our faith:
**All: 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION




*After "Generous God" worshipers respond "**pour out your love**."*
*Repeat "**Christ, Our Peace**" after completion of the intercessory prayers.*

## WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL:

SHARING OF THE PEACE
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
**All: And also with you.**

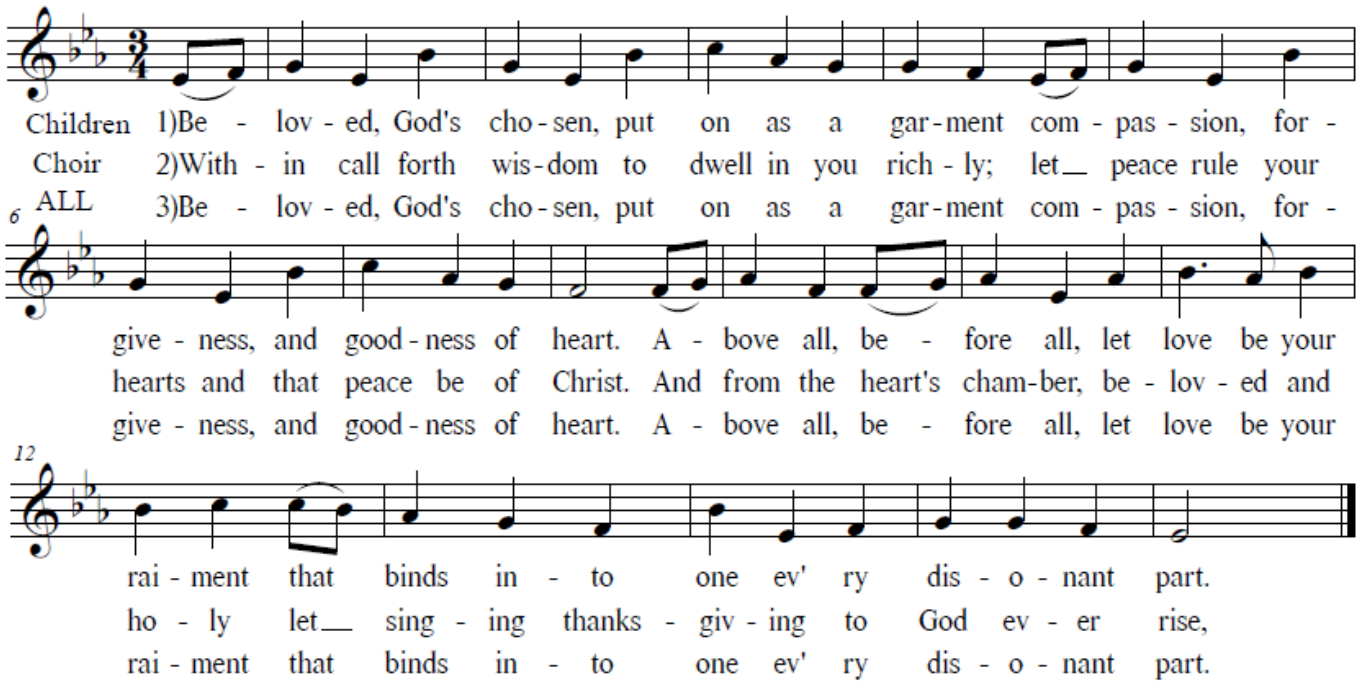
*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another,*
*greeting each other with words like "Peace be with you... And also with you."*

OFFERING *Please date and complete the fellowship registration pad.*

*For members of the Prince of Peace community, an offering is our expression of gratitude to God,*
*and a way we share God's love with the world. If you are visiting with us today, your presence is already a great gift.*

OFFERING RESPONSE Beloved, God's Chosen

*Bette Stemaly, Hannah Carlson, and Leah Deming, Youth vocalists*



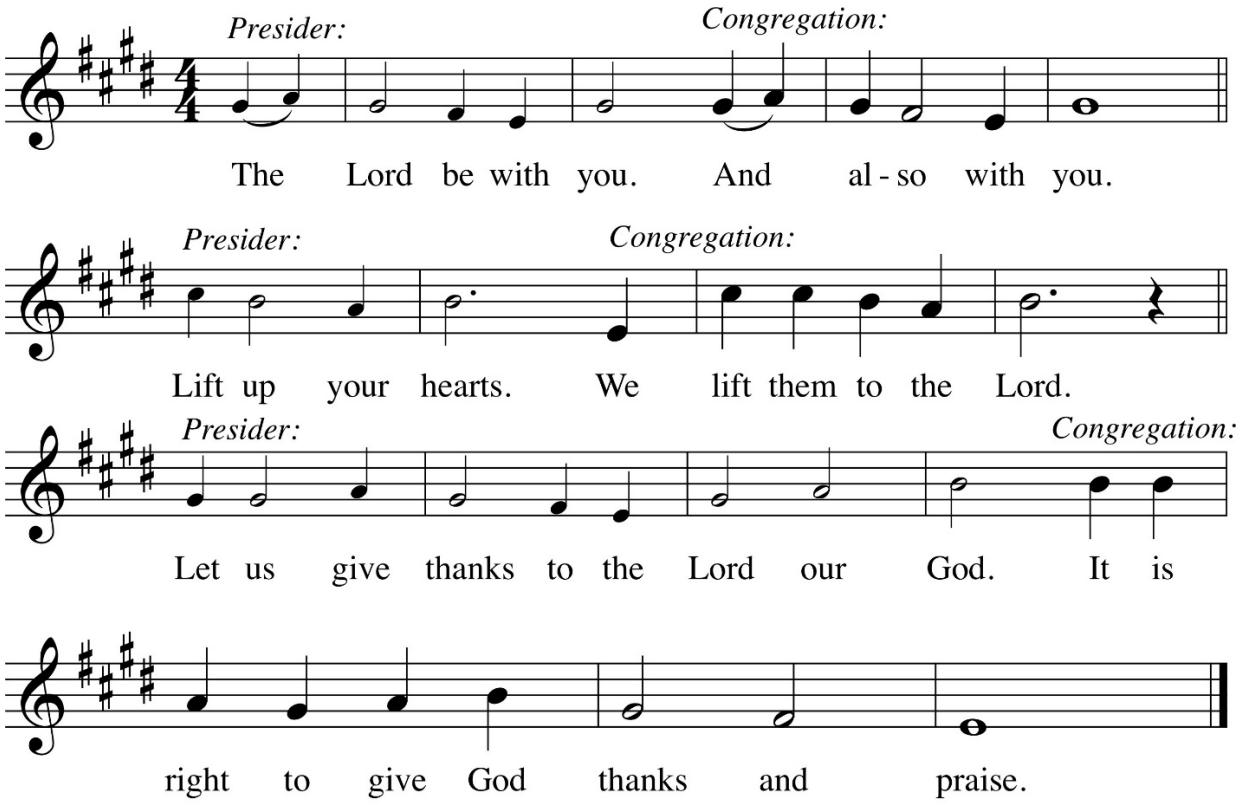
*Stand*
LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

*I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,*
*singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. Psalm 26:6-7*

OFFERING PRAYER

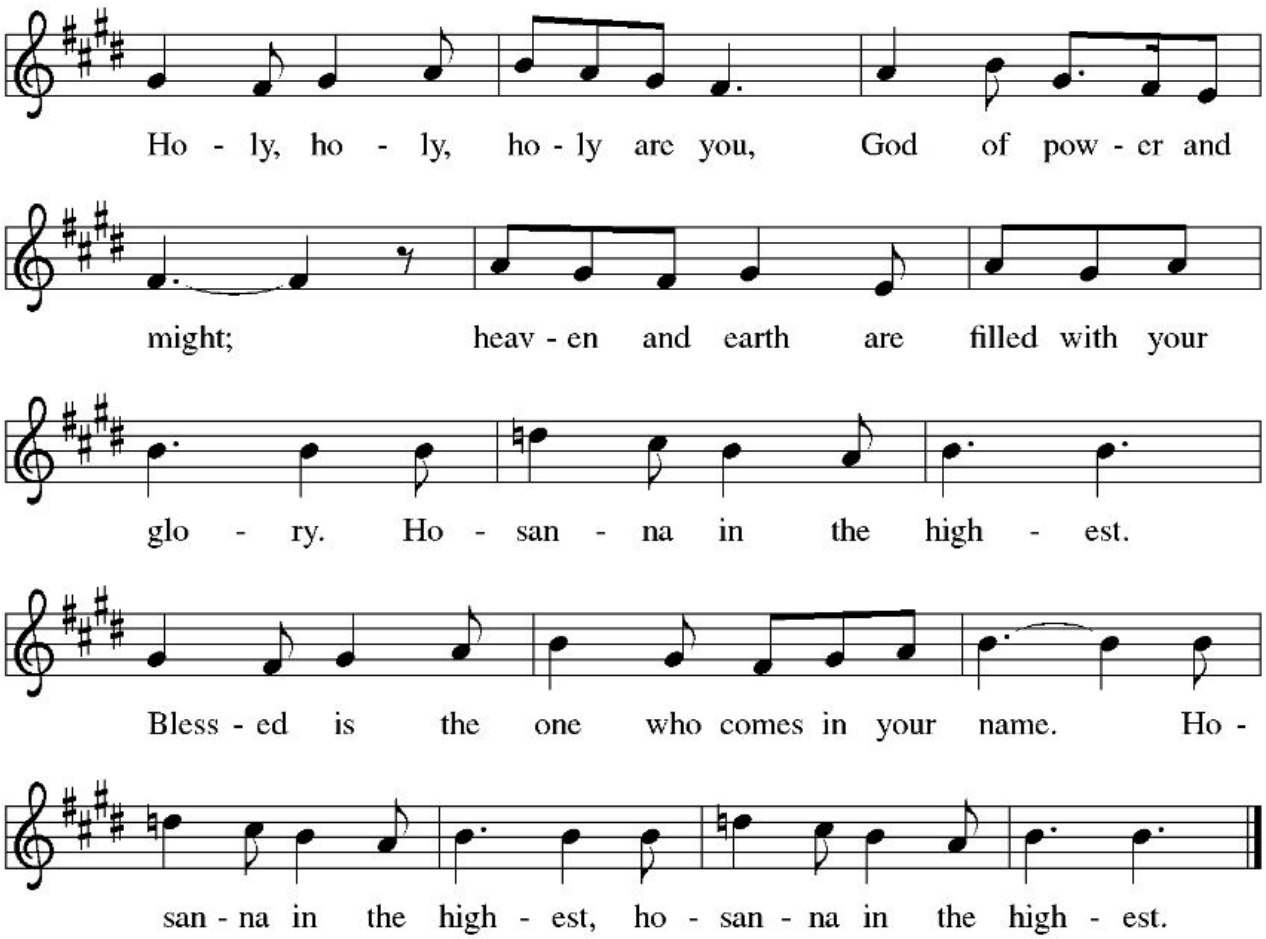
Asst: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**All: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING - Grace Before the Meal




P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ to whom all the saints and martyrs bore witness with their lives.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed …Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: At this table…Come, Holy Spirit.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Praise to you…now and forever.

**All: Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**
**on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us today our daily bread.**
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**
**now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P: If you desire to receive what God offers, come to this Table. Come with your faith and your doubt. Come with your questions and your hopes. Come with your grief and your love. Come taste the Lord's goodness. There is room for you here because this is Christ's table. You are welcome.

*Sit*

HOLY COMMUNION - The Lord's Supper

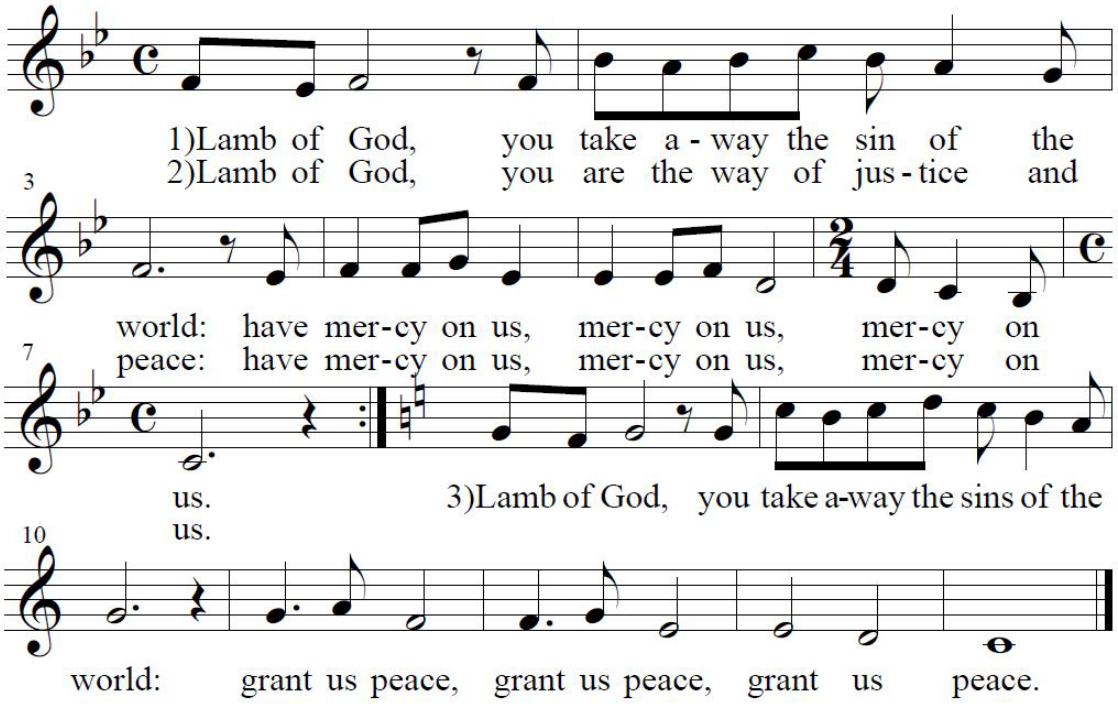
- <u>All are welcome</u> at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. Ushers will direct you to come forward. Those who prefer not to commune are welcome to stay seated or come forward for a blessing. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest or make a similar sign to indicate your choice.

- The bread we serve is gluten, nut, and dairy free in hopes that our entire community will be able to share the same bread. The recipe does contain eggs and honey. Gluten-free wafers or pre-packaged sets of elements containing a wheat wafer and grape juice are available on the stands at the head of the aisle.

- After receiving the bread, you may move to the next server to select your own cup. The wine is red, the lighter color is grape juice. Place your empty cup in the baskets on the stands as you return to your seat.

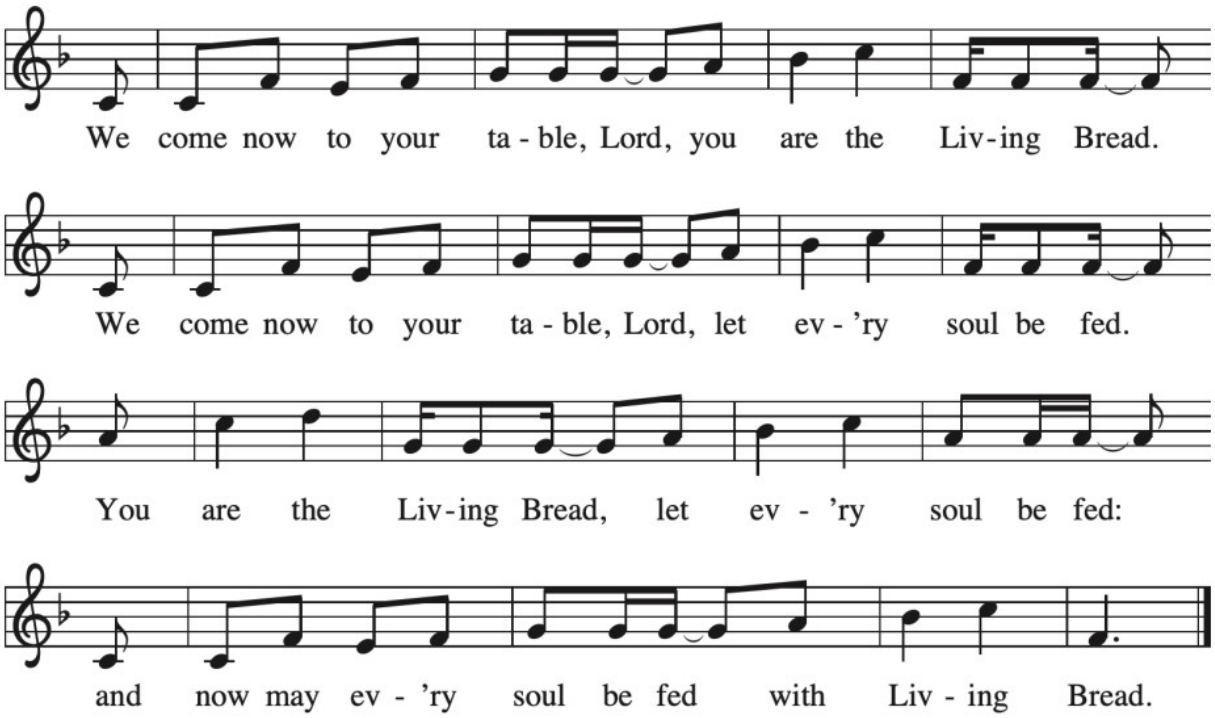
- If it would be helpful to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

- A **prayer station** is available at the baptismal font during the communion distribution. If your heart feels heavy, if your soul feels dry, if you are bursting with joy or desire an extra measure of peace, a prayer leader will be there to pray with you.



COMMUNION HYMNS

We Come Now to Your Table ACS 970




Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781

One Bread, One Body ELW 496

TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Asst.: 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.

**All: Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament to those who are absent.*

Pastor: O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of the table with our siblings who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Worshipers are invited to briefly share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations – blessings (such as anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs), prayer concerns, or moments when you've encountered God recently. So that all present in person and live-streaming can see and hear you, please come up the ramp to the chancel then go to the pulpit to give your announcement.*

*Stand*

FINAL BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN For All the Saints ELW 422

*vs. 1, 2, 6, 7 – ALL vs. 3 – High voices vs. 4 – Low voices vs. 5 – Choir*

DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC FOR THE CLOSE OF WORSHIP For All the Saints arr. Paul Manz

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**This Week's Servers**
November 1, 2026

Worship Asst: Jolaine Snyder
Readers: Bette Stemaly, Layla Emrick, Sharey Biles
Crucifer: Gabe Carlson
Ushers: Karl Klemm
Technology: Mike Whately, Paul Guthrie, Alex Zimmerman
Prayer Station:
Sacristy Asst.: Kathy Eklov
Communion Asst.: Bette Stemaly, Annika Eklov, Cam Hart, Pam Timm
Altar Guild: Sandy Bennett
Fellowship Host & Treats: Stewardship Committee
Church Lockup: Don Eklov

**Next Week's Servers**
November 8, 2026

Worship Asst: Lisa Creed
Reader: Dale Gatz
Ushers: Greg Guthrie
Technology: Mike Whately, Mark Clyne
Prayer Station: Laurie Brown
Sacristy Asst.: Marilyn Storch
Communion Asst.: Micki Holder, MacKenzie Hart
Altar Guild: Dianne Snyder
Fellowship Host: Pam Timm
Fellowship Treats:
Church Lockup: Jenny Deming

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Use the QR code below to donate online to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and its ministries. See the Peace Proclamations announcement page for more details.

When announcements are memorable, everyone benefits! People are better able to remember the important information you are sharing when they aren't overwhelmed with too much of it at once. Please use these templates as a guide for making an effective and engaging announcement during worship.

To get your information included in the Peace Proclamations, bulletin, announcement slides, or newsletter please e-mail Ashley at secretary@popportage.org by Wednesdays for weekly publications and by the third Thursday of the month for the monthly newsletter.

**POP Announcement-Making Tips**
*Memorable announcements are engaging, to the point, and apply to most of the people present. Please include the following:*
Your Name: _____
Your role or group: _____
Event/News/Update:
_____
Date and time of event: _____
What you want people to do:
___ Sign up ___ Attend/Participate ____ Read ___ Look online ___
Other: _____
Where to find more information:
___ Website ___ Peace Procs/Bulletin insert __ Newsletter
___ Other: _____
___ By contacting a person: _____
___ e-mail them ___ call them ___ talk after worship
*Please do not share personal contact information on the livestream.*




# *Roll of Honored Dead*
# *2026*

MEMBERS

Harold Duane Bushfield
Marlowe Crocker
Charles Ford
Kathryn Ott
Jeffrey Schuhknecht

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

| *Deceased* | *Relationship* |
|---|---|
| Sharon Beck | Bill Hellman's sister |
| Bob Bekefi | Karen Gallagher's brother-in-law |
| Frank E. Bonner | Jeanette Field's extended family |
| Lisa Robinson Boyer | Don & Sue Jones' friend |
| Don Brockman | Karen Gallagher's friend |
| Diane Buckman | Yvonne Gatz's cousin |
| Pr. Gerald Elsholz | Harry & Sharey Biles' friend |
| Steve Gragert | Harry & Sharey Biles' friend |
| Joshua Guthrie | Greg & Chris Guthrie's son |
| Janie Hansen | Leigh Ann Emrick's mother |
| Patrick Higgins | Carly Davis' brother |
| Thomas Hodges | Pr. Rachel Laughlin's grandfather |
| Kenneth John Horn, Jr | Harry Biles' cousin |
| Larry & Delores Huot | Bernie Huot's parents |
| Donna Huyge | Karen Gallagher's friend |
| Marilyn Jones | Joyce & Gordon Hare's cousin |
| David Kwyer | Charlotte Keller's brother |
| Joyce Larabee | Michelle Eldridge's mother |
| Therese Anne Lockey | Dianne Hellman's aunt |
| Bob Lutz | Pam Timm's brother-in-law |

| *Deceased* | *Relationship* |
|---|---|
| Ruth Maurer | Claudia Maurer's sister-in-law |
| Linda Matuzak | Patricia Wiita's cousin's wife |
| Anthony Miller | Patricia Wiita's sister's husband |
| Linda Miller | Jolaine & Dave Snyder's friend |
| Mike Mills | Karen Helmeke's cousin |
| Eileen Mitchell | Jolaine & Dave Snyder's aunt |
| Lori Moore | Don & Sue Jones' friend |
| Fr. Bill Morierity | Bette MacKenzie's friend |
| Betty & Vic Mosley | Jill Waggener's parents |
| Pat Oliver | Jolaine & Dave Snyder's friend |
| Cindy Ottesen | Kaya Ottesen's grandmother |
| Marlene Palicz | Jeanette Field's cousin |
| Amy Paradine | Karen Adams' extended family |
| Delores "Dodie" Phillips | Erin Leversee's grandmother |
| Barb & Joe Piniewski | Cindy Sederstrom's sister & brother-in-law |
| Mary Preston | Tamara Preston's sister-in-law |
| Linda Roach | Jolaine & Dave Snyder's friend |
| Brian Salliotte | Sue Jones' cousin |
| John Schneider | Ashley Wineland's father |
| Jean Ann Schram | Cathy Satterlee's mother |
| Larry Scilley | Lisa & Steve Creed's extended family |
| Jeanie Taylor | Lisa & Steve Creed's extended family |
| Dennis Trischler | Gary Bischof's uncle |
| Marianne & Dean Tyndall | Shirley Thompson's friends |
| Randy Wilcox | Alison Carlson's uncle |
| Harriet Wise | Ann DiJulio's stepmother |
| Ronald Witteveen | Em Witteveen's grandfather |
| Michael Witteveen | Em Witteveen's uncle |

*For victims of violence and those who have died in military conflicts around the world.*

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The Parish Register is on display this morning. Prince of Peace's membership roll is maintained in two volumes – a historic book, and a current, modern album. We invite you to look through the church's records as we remember the faithfully departed members of our congregation and of our bond, unbroken by death, in Christ.

A note from
Music Director Janet Hill regarding:

The Celestial Banquet
by Olivier Messiaen

Messiaen was a mystical French composer and organist who lived his whole life in the 20th Century, 1908-1992. He was especially known for walking out in the fields and woods and listening to the songs of birds. Then after writing them down musically, he often used these birdsongs as inspiration for his compositions. (Not the Celestial Banquet, however)

One of his earliest works, the Celestial Banquet was written in 1928, a period of great world chaos with the two World Wars and the Great Depression. It has 2 major musical themes:

1) slowly flowing unresolved chords, which remain unresolved at the end, which sound far away and mysterious, perhaps suggesting eternity.

2) high-pitched sounds like water drops, played on the organ pedals, suggesting Christ's blood.

Do not be surprised if you do not "like" this music – it is not entertainment music. Instead, you might consider the meaning of the Communion; take time to look at the candles on the altar (representing folks who were with us a year ago); then look around the room at the people present (young, old, in the middle); look at the artwork on the walls and out the windows at the autumn landscape.

As we sing "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful," consider the text, especially the last line: "Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come."

Who will be at that table?

How do we here today and every Sunday, model that foretaste?