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Mission Statement – *"Loving God, Loving People"*

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

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.

WELCOME
Announcements
Prelude

* A Call to Worship
P: Like the faithful ones who have gone before us, let us keep our eyes focused on Jesus.
C: Our hearts set on God's love,
P: Our hands ready to bind up the hurts of creation and all people,
C: Our feet ready to go the extra mile.
P: Let our eyes see light even within darkness and glimpse potential where others see dead ends.
C: Give us mouths eager to sing God's praise and hearts yearning to rejoice.
P: Like the ones who have gone before us,
C: Let us follow as part of the communion of saints.

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C: 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.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
C: Amen.
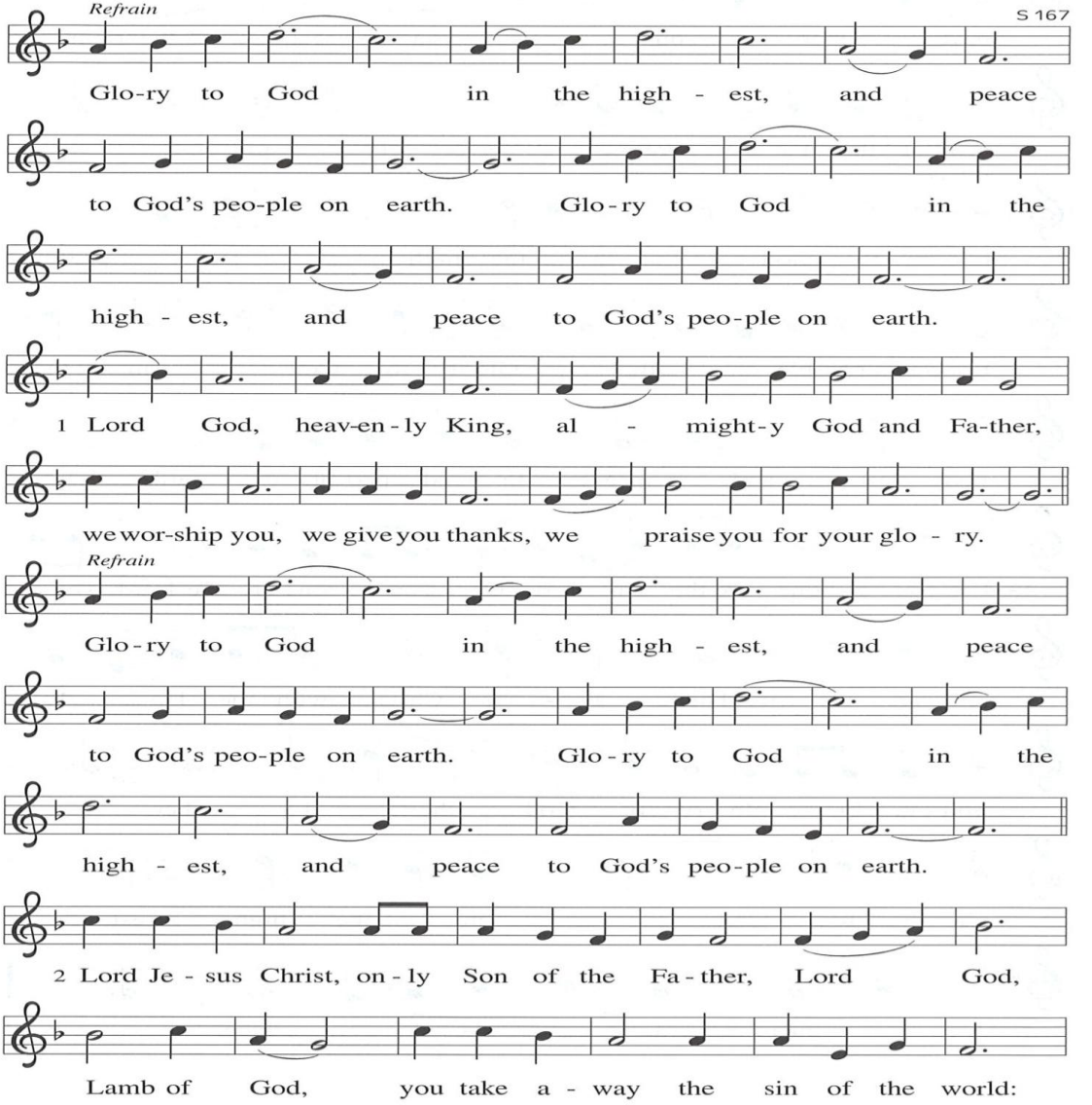
*** Gathering Hymn 414 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**
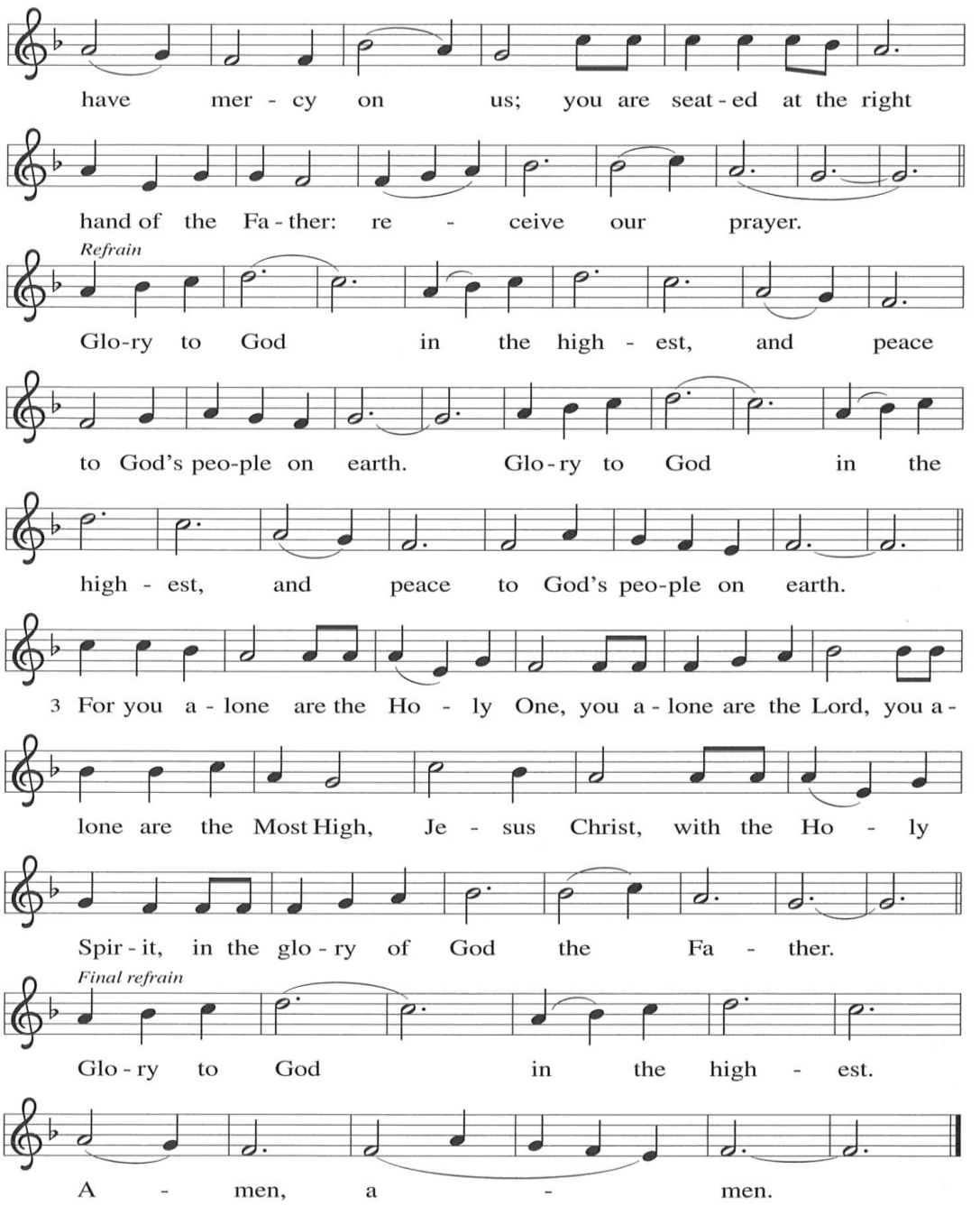
* <u>Greeting</u>

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.

* Gloria (Setting 6 – Page 167)




have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

* 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 Lesson: *Revelation 7:9-17*

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.**

Psalmody: *Psalm 34:1-10, 22*

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 de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
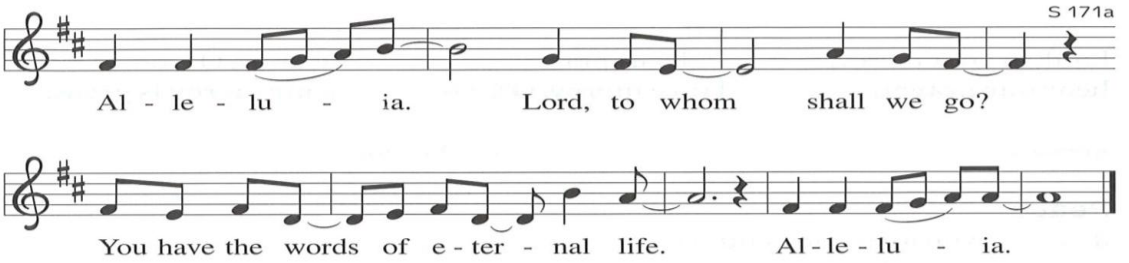
9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

22 O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

Second Lesson: *1 John 3:1-3*

[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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation (Setting 6 – Page 171)



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

[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."

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

Sermon Rev. Daniel Swanson

Hymn 422 **"For All the Saints"**

* Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty.
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayer of the Church

Remembering the Faithful Departed

P: O God, we thank and praise you for your saints of every time and place. Thank you for all who placed their hope in you Lord Jesus and now rest in your peace and joy. Today we remember with thanksgiving to you brothers and sisters who gone to be with you during the past year. We remember before you this day:

Janet Glass, Laura Vere Murray, Elwood Glass, Mary Lou Rowles, Donna Yaider, Lani Delos Reyes, Laurie Meneses, Suszie Defibaugh, Jimmy Miller, Flora Annabelle Hilderbrand, Tom Hotchkiss, Mary Hotchkiss, Harold Miller, Carl Chiarenza, Charles Moore, Carol Humbertson, Eugene Miller, Karen Shaffer, David Wright, Chris Crump, Daryl Demetrius "Popz" Edmonds, Gregory E. Rush, Zachary O'Neal Scales, Myesha Jeanne' Silas, Floyd McDonald,

Wanda Royster Holliday, Curtis D. Royster, Donald B. Royster II, Sean Michael Royster, Mary Blan Bennett, Glenda Kay Rossberg, Cassandra Faye Webb Morton, Kathy Jackson, William S. Anderson, Lashae Gill, Roy Lee Bennett, Jr., Brianna Dunkin, Wanda Murphy, Dr. Andrew J. Lee, Verna Mullin, Stephanie Sykes, Maureen Schultz, Thomas M. Dawson, John W. Leslie, Sr., Carla Williams, George Franklin, Harvey D. Bullock, Jr., Emma Jean Watkins, Otis Taylor, James Marshall, Sheila Evans, Joyce Wilbur

P: As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord Organ Voluntary

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn "Bring a Gift of Love"--Mary Kay Bottens

Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.
Bring an offering to our Lord and King, tell the world he is the Way!"
Bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love, bring a gift of love today.
In this quiet hour of worship, bring a gift of love.

* <u>Offertory Prayer</u>

P: 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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

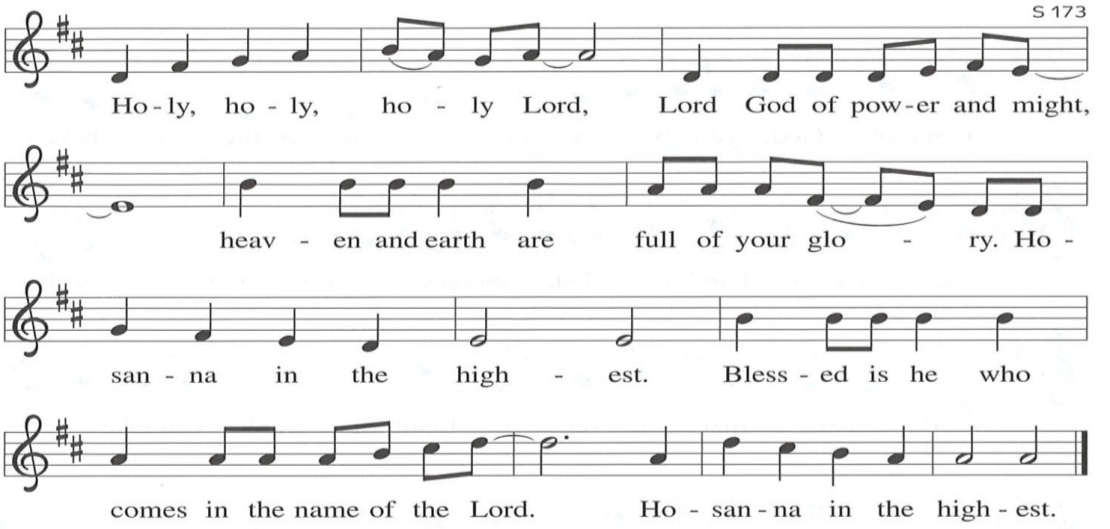
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right ……..and join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy) (Setting 6 – Page 173)



* The Words of Institution
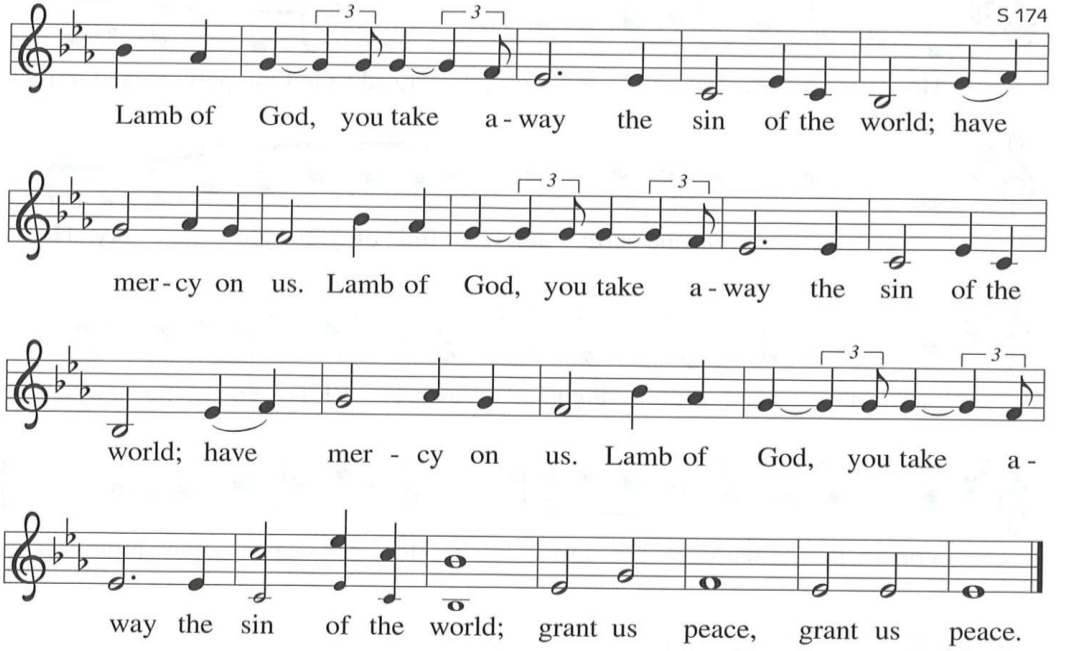
* The Lord's Prayer

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.

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

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei *(Lamb of God)* (Setting 6 – Page174)



Distribution of the Sacrament

* <u>Post-Communion Blessing</u>

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* The Prayer after Communion

L: 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

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

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 423 "Shall We Gather at the River"**

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude

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In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, November 1, All Saints – Sally Buser
This Wednesday, November 4 – Lydia Martin
Next Sunday, November 8 – Devon Swanson
Next Wednesday, November 11 – Jeff Smith

Ushers: Fred Powell, Jeff Smith
Organist: Rae Ann Smith
AV: Kathy Swanson

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks
A sign-up for after church snacks is in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to share your goodies! Store bought is just fine if you need easy! Thanks.

The Altar Flowers and Bulletins have been given to the glory of God in honor of Pam Mulligan's 70th Birthday by Debbie Fornwalt.

The Bulletins from last week have been given to the glory of God in honor of my granddaughter, Camella's birthday by Sharon Diehl.

The Communion Bread and Wine have been given to the glory of God in memory of Jim's grandmother, Agnes Crump at her birthday by Jim & Shirley Smith.

The November Newsletter has been given to the glory of God in loving memory of mother, Helen Marie Havens from Ed and Lita

This week –
This Sunday – November 1, Worship – 10:00am followed by reception
Tuesday – Election Day
Wednesday – Evening Healing Worship – 6:30pm
Thursday – Bible Study – 10:30am, Red Cross Blood Drive – 12:30-6:00pm
Friday – Diane's Music class –10:00, Ladybirds – 11:00am, Crafts – 1-3, Card making workshop lead by Elaine Reuschlein
Next Sunday – November 8, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS

The November REACH Meal will be on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Instead of asking the congregation to make desserts, the REACH Meal Committee is inviting people to donate money to purchase pumpkin pies. The pies will be bought in bulk from Sam's Club @ $6.00 per pie. We are planning to feed over 1,000 meals so a lot of pies will be needed! **If you would like to donate money towards the cost of the pies, please write out a check to Christ Lutheran Church and mark it for "Pumpkin Pies."** Don't delay - we will need to purchase the pies in advance in order to package them for distribution, so the sooner we receive your donation, the better! What a wonderful way to share God's blessings with our neighbors at this time of thanksgiving!

We thank the Armstrong Insurance Agency and the Law Firm of Geppert, McMullan, Paye & Getty for their generous donations for our Community Meal.

Thanksgiving is coming! Our Social Ministry Committee is inactive at the present time. Council has voted to give market food gift cards only to needy family. **If you would like to contribute to these cards, please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets. Please donate by Sunday, November 15th.** Thank you for your help.

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? We will accept offerings through Sunday, November 1st. His gift will be presented to him on November 8th. Thank you!

Garden News! The garden is coming to a close for this year. It has been an amazing year of new and returning community members, garden classes and fresh produce. With the help of donations from your home gardens, we have delivered over 700lbs of produce to the local food pantry and distributed it from our new Farm Stand table. We are also seeing increasing use of the labyrinth and meditation spaces. God has truly blessed and we thank you for your continued support.



LaVale Food Pantry: They're welcoming donations of any unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items, especially foods for Thanksgiving! Would you consider a donation of cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, or gravy?
Other consistent needs are saltines, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, etc), any canned meats, canned vegetables, shelf-stable milk and cereal. They also love donations of "family size" items. Thanks for your support for area families!

Crafts in the upper kitchen on the first Friday of each month from 1-3:00pm. November 6th, Elaine Reuschlein will teach making greeting cards with fabric. December 4th, Margie Orth will teach Iris paper folding. Start saving interesting paper designs to bring (wrapping paper - calendar thickness).

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – October 25, 2026

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = St Luke's Reformation Service
Zoom 10:00am = 0 10/22 Bible Study = 7
Wed. Oct 28 In Person 6:30pm = No Service
Zoom = 0

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026		**BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-SEPT 2026**	
Received	= 3,444.00	**Actual Income =**	**$153,543.09**
Needed weekly =	4,265.56	**Actual Expenses =**	**(161,100.48)**
	($ 821.56)		**($ 7,557.39)**

PRAYER LIST FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2026

PRAYER RECIPIENT - MEMBERS

Sandi Shoemaker
Barb Simmons
Pam Mulligan
David Tibbetts
Rae Ann Smith
Jack Zealand
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Linda & Dave McCagh
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Doris Baker
Jeff Smith
Terri McCagh
Patty Wilson
Jane Miller
Ruth Chiarenza
Sharon Diehl
Anna Bruck
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Nancy & George Small
Martha Macgill

PRAYER RECIPIENT	*Requested by*
Stephen Overtoom	Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
Arlene Simmons. Charlotte & Ed Troutman, Amy, Jacie Fairall	Barb Simmons
Karen Mackert	Paul & Ruth C
Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
Tony Greaver, Betty Llewellyn/Cartwright, Cheryl Trusler	Joyce D
Owen Dolan, Shepherd Grace	Sherry Tedrow
Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Bernard Michael, Carolyn Farr	Diane K.
Graham Tower, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbets	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Ashley Turnbull, Marie Turnbull	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Marion Boone, Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Mandy Getz, Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Paul Haddle, Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell
Wilson Scarborough	Rae Ann Smith

Please keep us updated

-the family of David Wright
-the family of Chris Crump (cousin of Jim Smith)
-for Nepal
-all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
-all people that are affected by the war
-all elected officials
-those who serve in our nation's armed forces including: Tom Forrest, Luke Smith



The Communion of Saints

November 1, 2026