**All Saints Sunday**
November 1, 2026 + 9:30am

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*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.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty,
you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth.
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**
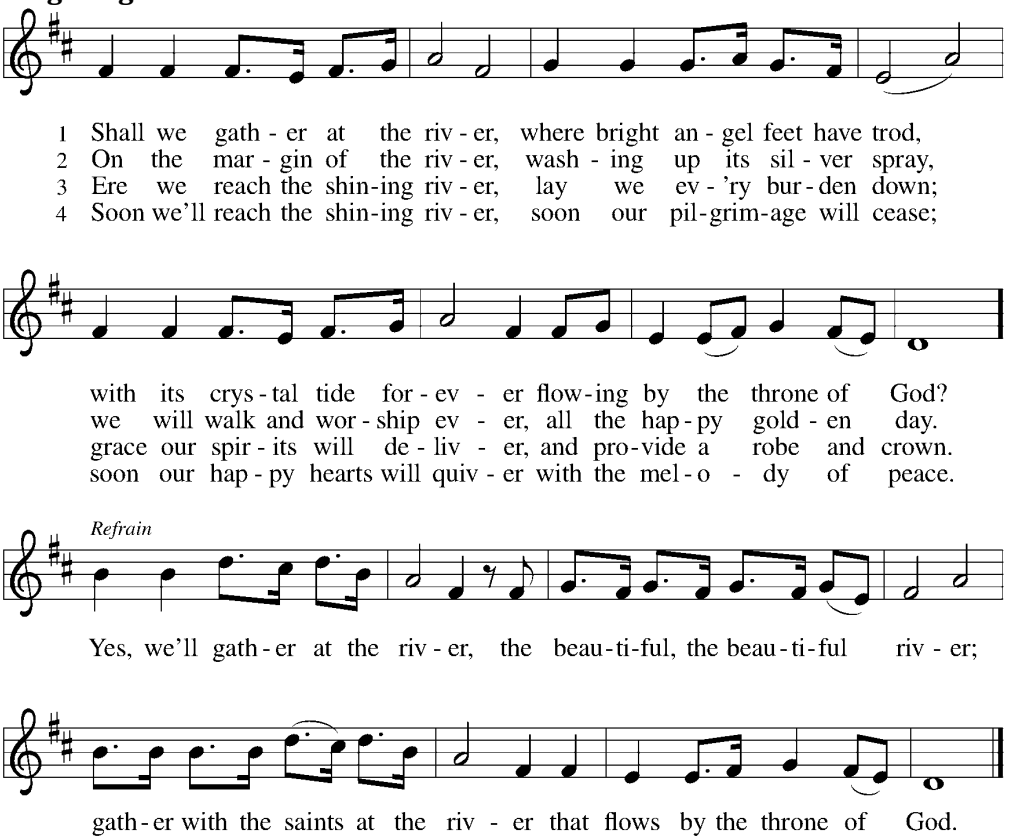
Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things,
sustaining life in this community nourishing and delighting us.
We bless you for these gifts of water. Your steadfast love fills the earth.
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:
Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.
The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.
Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
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Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word:
your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life,
your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life.
Your steadfast love fills the earth.
**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love.
Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice.
Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you,
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**
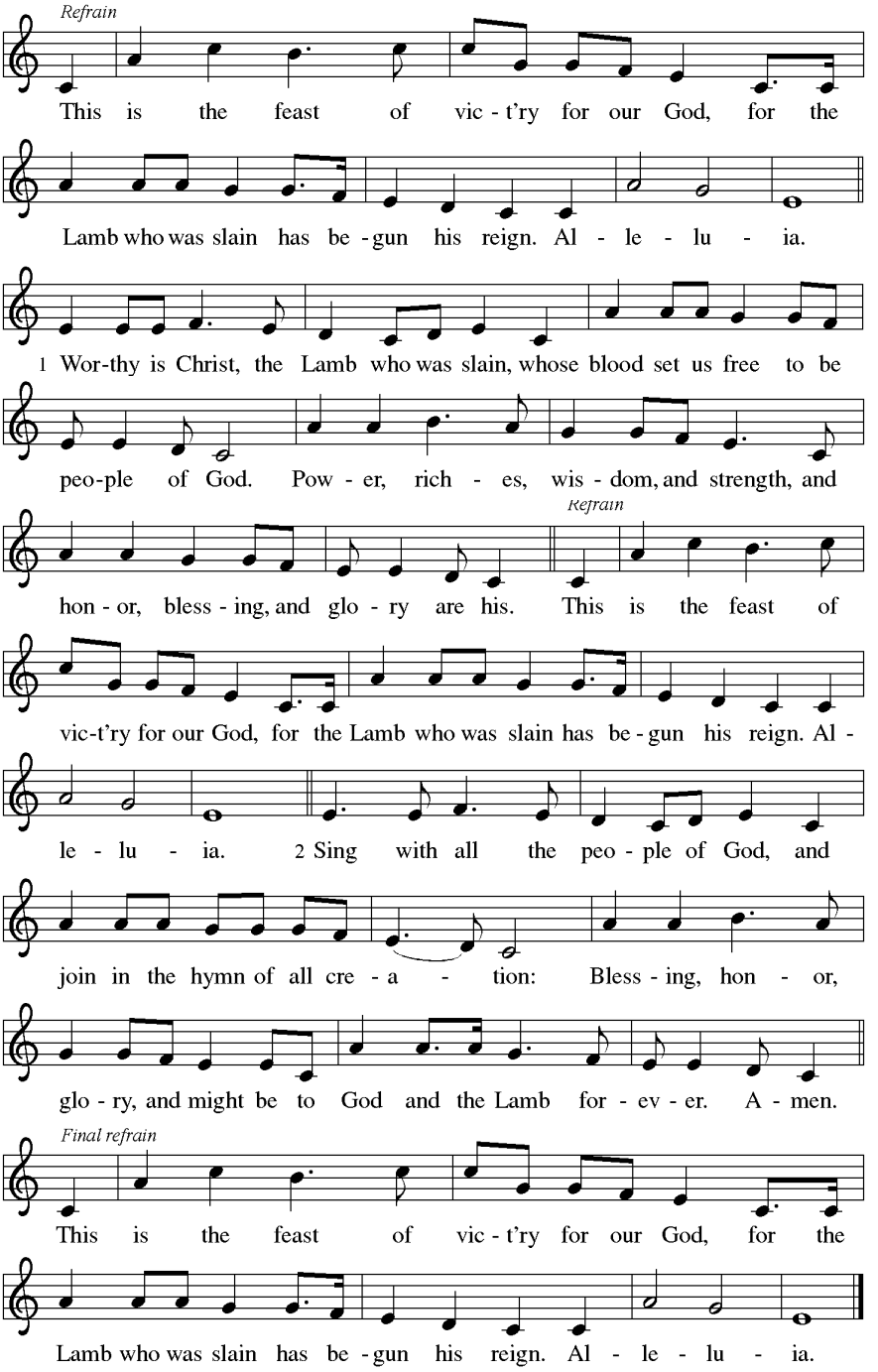
**Gathering Song** ***"Shall We Gather at the River"*** *ELW #423*




Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

**Greeting**
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.**

## Hymn of Praise



**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

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading** **Revelation 7:9-17**

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

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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

11And 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, 12singing,

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

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then the elder 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.

15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night
within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor
any scorching heat, 17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe
away every tear from their eyes."

*At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.* (Ps. 34:9)

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.

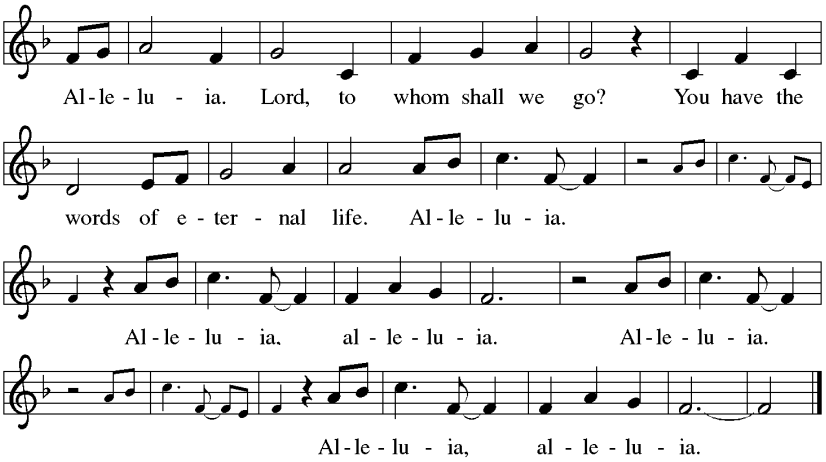
**Second Reading** **1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has 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.*

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 God. 2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

*At the conclusion of the reading, the Assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**




**Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came
to him. 2And Jesus began to speak and taught them, saying:
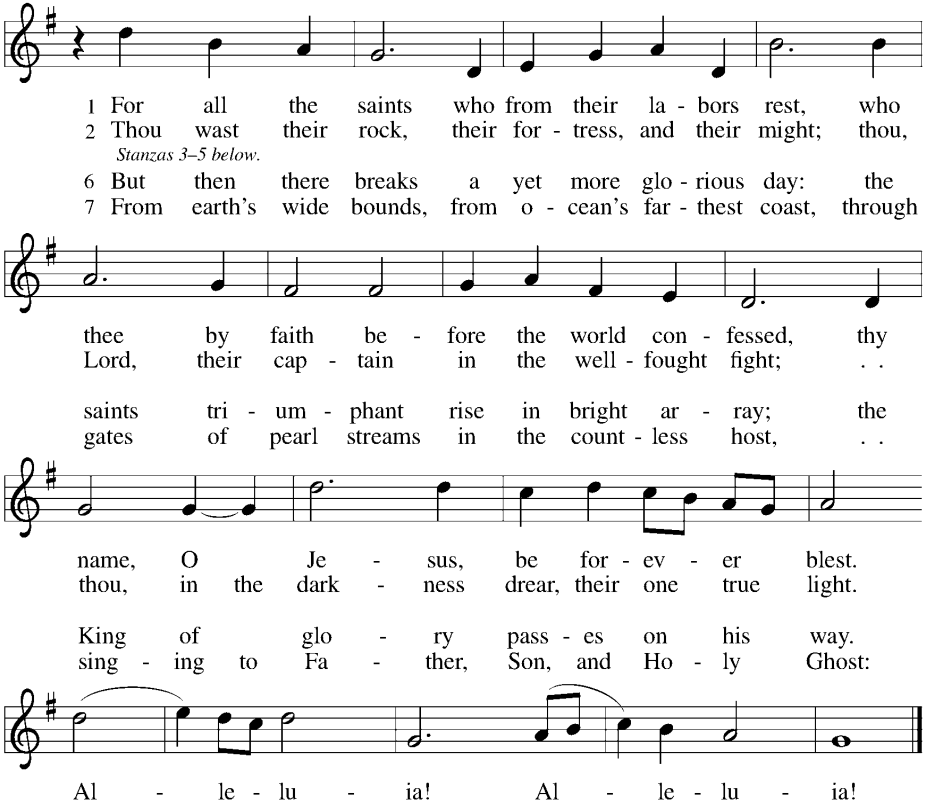
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the dominion of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, 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 dominion 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. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the
same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

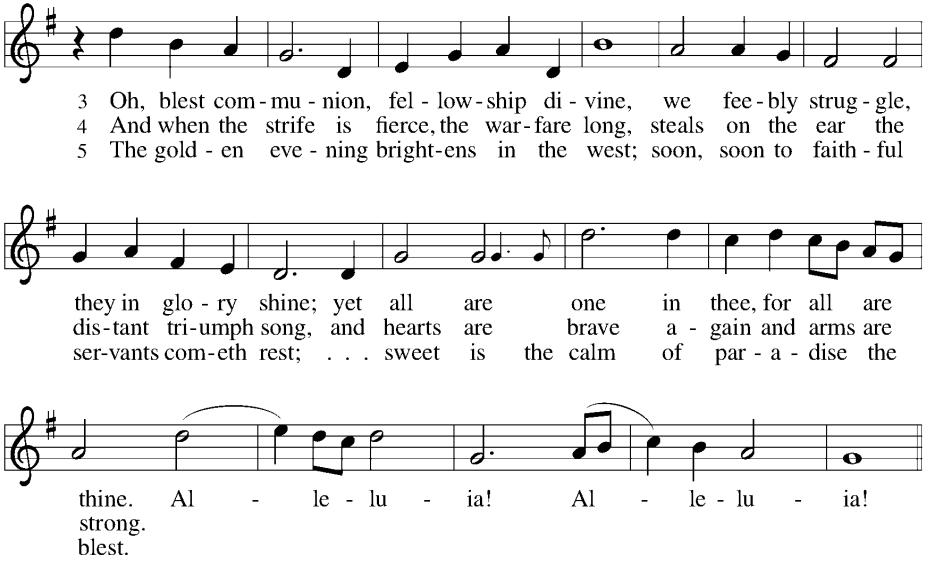
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** ***"For All the Saints"*** *ELW #422, vv. 1-3*






Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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## Apostles 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.**

**Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The Assisting Minister leads the prayers of the people for the church, the world, and all people in need. At the end of each petition the Assembly responds:* **your mercy is great.**

We remember our homebound members and all who have asked for our prayers: Erna Joswig, Joyce Owens, Dorothy Popadic, Pat Quale, Nancy Nelson, Pat Fair, Marty, William Schultz Jr., John Falk, Carmen Falk, Lynn Hooper, Randy Weit, Aimee and Mark Hooper.

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL
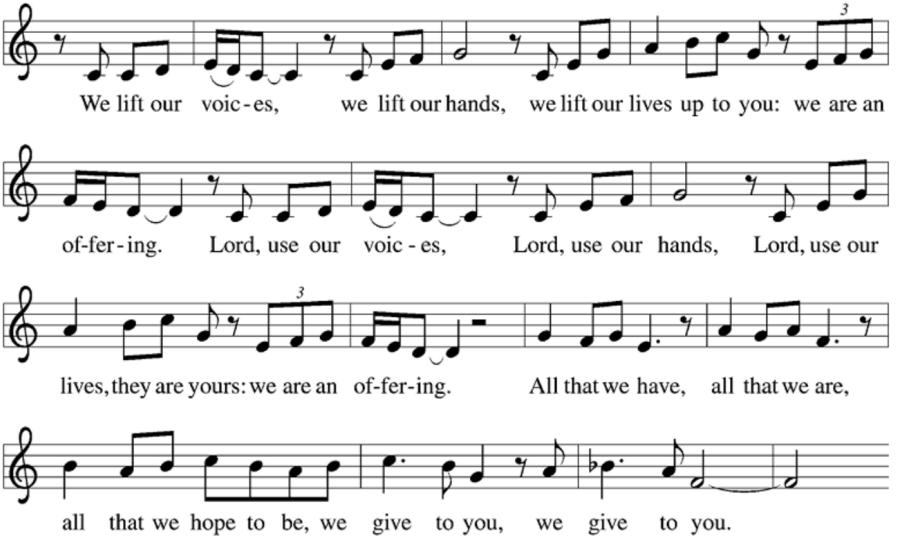
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*
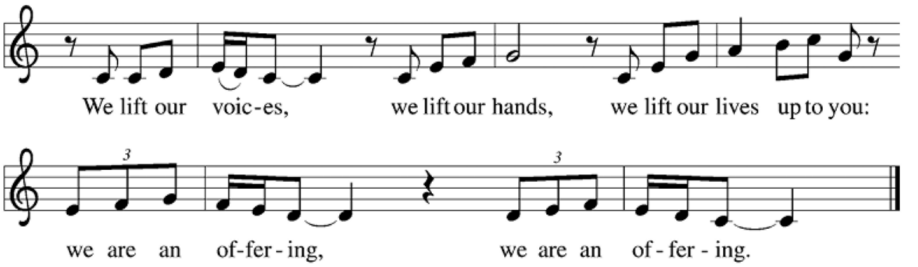
## Offering

*Your offering helps us carry on God's mission in our community! You may place your offering in the offering plate as it is passed, you may mail your offering to the church office, you can even text to give by texting the amount you wish to give to 262.592.5757, then follow the prompts. You may also scan the code to the right with your smartphone's camera to give on our website (www.racinelcredeemer.com). You can also sign up for automatic giving on our website as well!* ***Thank you for your generosity!***

## Stewardship Moment

## Offering Song






**Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. God of creation,

**you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.**
**All blessings are from you;**
**make us generous with what we have.**
**Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts**
**in service to you and in love to our neighbors,**
**today and always. Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

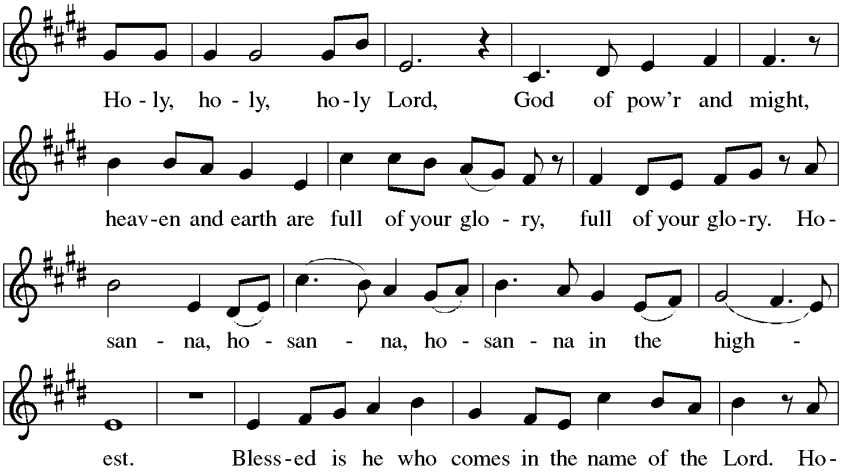
Lift up your hearts.
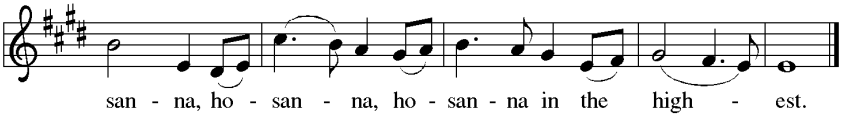
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*It is indeed, right our duty and our joy….*
*…. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:.*






*The Presiding Minister prays giving thanks to God, for God's saving work throughout history.*

*The Assembly responds when prompted:*

*Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** *…*

*… all our sins and sorrows will be no more.*

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *…*

*… sharing your bounty with all the world.*

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.** *…*

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the assembly responds:* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

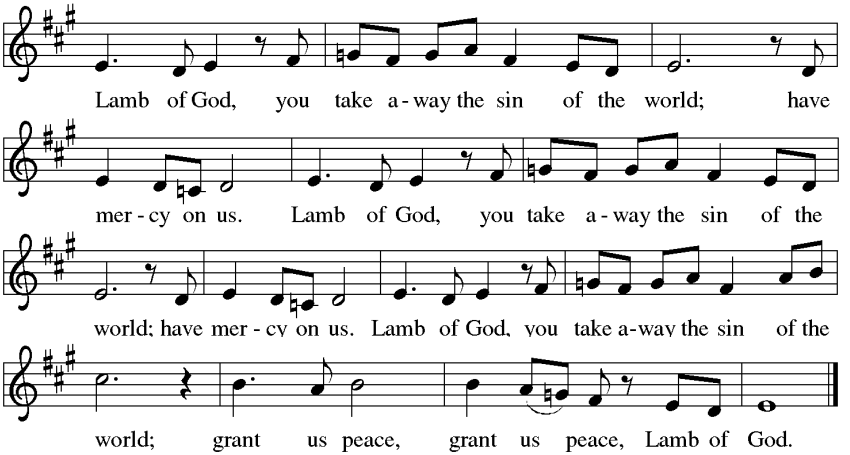
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

## Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, come, all who are hungry, come.

## Distribution of Communion

*If you are worshipping with us at home, you are invited to partake in Communion as well! All you need is bread of any kind and wine or juice of any kind. As you receive the bread: 'This is the Body of Christ given for you.' As you receive the wine or juice: 'This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.' If you are worshipping with more than one person, please serve one another as you able using the above words*



**Communion Song** ***"For All the Saints"*** *ELW #422, vv.4-7*
*Words and music on pages 6 & 7.*

**Table Blessing**

**Prayer After Communion**
Let us pray. Sustaining God,
**with this bread and cup,**
**you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.**
**By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.**
**Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,**
**following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

**Thanksgiving for Our Musician, Paul Berge**

**Blessing**
The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and ☩ grant you peace. **Amen.**

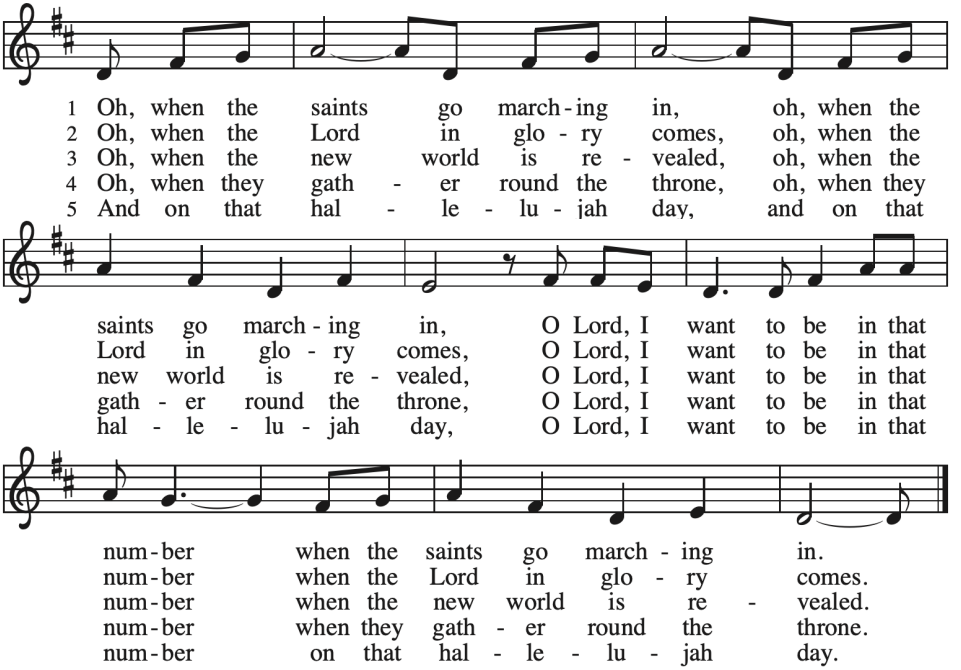
**Sending Hymn** ***"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"*** *ACS #950*
*Words and music on page 12.*

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
**Thanks be to God.**



**Sending Hymn** ***"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"*** *ACS #950*




Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual



**Serving Today**

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| **Assisting Minister**: | Lori Rennock |
| **Reader**: | Sheila Fair |
| **Usher**: | Linda & Kevin Rattle |
| **Altar Guild:** | Jan Brandies & Jennifer Dustman |
| **Musician**: | Paul Berge |
| **Pastor:** | The Rev. Matt James |

*We gather today on the ancestral lands of the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówi, Kickapoo, and Peoria peoples. We honor and acknowledge the traditional stewards of this land, recognizing their enduring connection to this region. As we come together in worship, let us commit ourselves to respecting their history and culture, and work toward healing and justice for Indigenous communities. May we be mindful of our role in creating a more equitable future for all.*



## This Week @ Redeemer

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| **Sunday:** | Worship – 9:30am |
| **Monday:** | GriefShare – 10—11:30am |
| | Worship Committee – 3:15pm |
| **Thursday:** | Executive Committee Meeting –5:45pm & Council Meeting –6pm |

### Celebrations this Week

**Birthdays:** Joyce Owens & Arthur Ritzman (11/02), Cherie Julius (11/03), Leslie Marik (11/07)

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**Upcoming Commemorations**

**All Saints Day**
**Sunday, November 1, 2026**
The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

**Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 (TFF)**
**Monday, November 2, 2026**
Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.

**Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639**
**Tuesday, November 3, 2026**
Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**
**Saturday, November 7, 2026**
Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

**Texts for Next Sunday, November 8th, 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13



WEEK ONE

# THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

**Have you ever heard someone say, “Give until it hurts”?**
This advice implies that a truly generous gift should be large enough to have a negative impact on the giver. Though sometimes heard in the church, “Give until it hurts” is not advice from the Bible.

The Bible says, “Give until it feels good.” Jesus says, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35 Good News Translation). Over and over, the Bible connects generosity with happiness. Stinginess is what leads to hurting.

Think about your own giving of money and time. Think of an instance when you made what, for you, was a very generous gift. How did it feel? Did it hurt, or did it bring a smile to your face? As you think back on that gift, do you still have happy feelings about it?

God invites us to live generously not only because other people have needs that we can help meet but also because God knows what is good for us — and generosity is good for us. Generosity brings us things far more valuable than whatever we have given away.

As the Rev. Michael Binder, assistant professor at Luther Seminary, rightly notes, “Generosity is what God wants for us, not from us.”




**We will be collecting the following items now through November:**

**Socks (children and adult)**
**Acetaminophen/Tylenol**
**Dollar Store- readers and sunglasses**
**Hand Sanitizer (small bottles)**
**Benadryl/Antihistamines**
**Decongestants/antihistamines**
**Ibuprofen/Advil**
**Tylenol/Acetaminophen**
**Children's Tylenol/decongestant/antihistamine***
**bandaids**
**Triple Antibiotic Ointment**
**Nail Clippers**
**2x2 dressings**
**Paper Tape**
**Toothbrushes**
**Toothpaste (travel size)**
**Pencils/Markers/Pens**
**Chapstick**
**Emory boards**

