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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.

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Welcome to worship!

PRELUDE Sine Nomine Ralph Vaughan Williams
Arr. Charles Callahan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

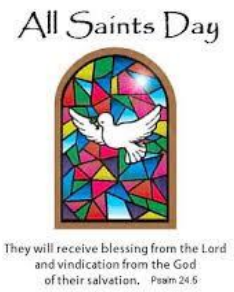
Please stand to face the baptismal font.
All may make the sign of the cross as Pastor begins:

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
C Amen.

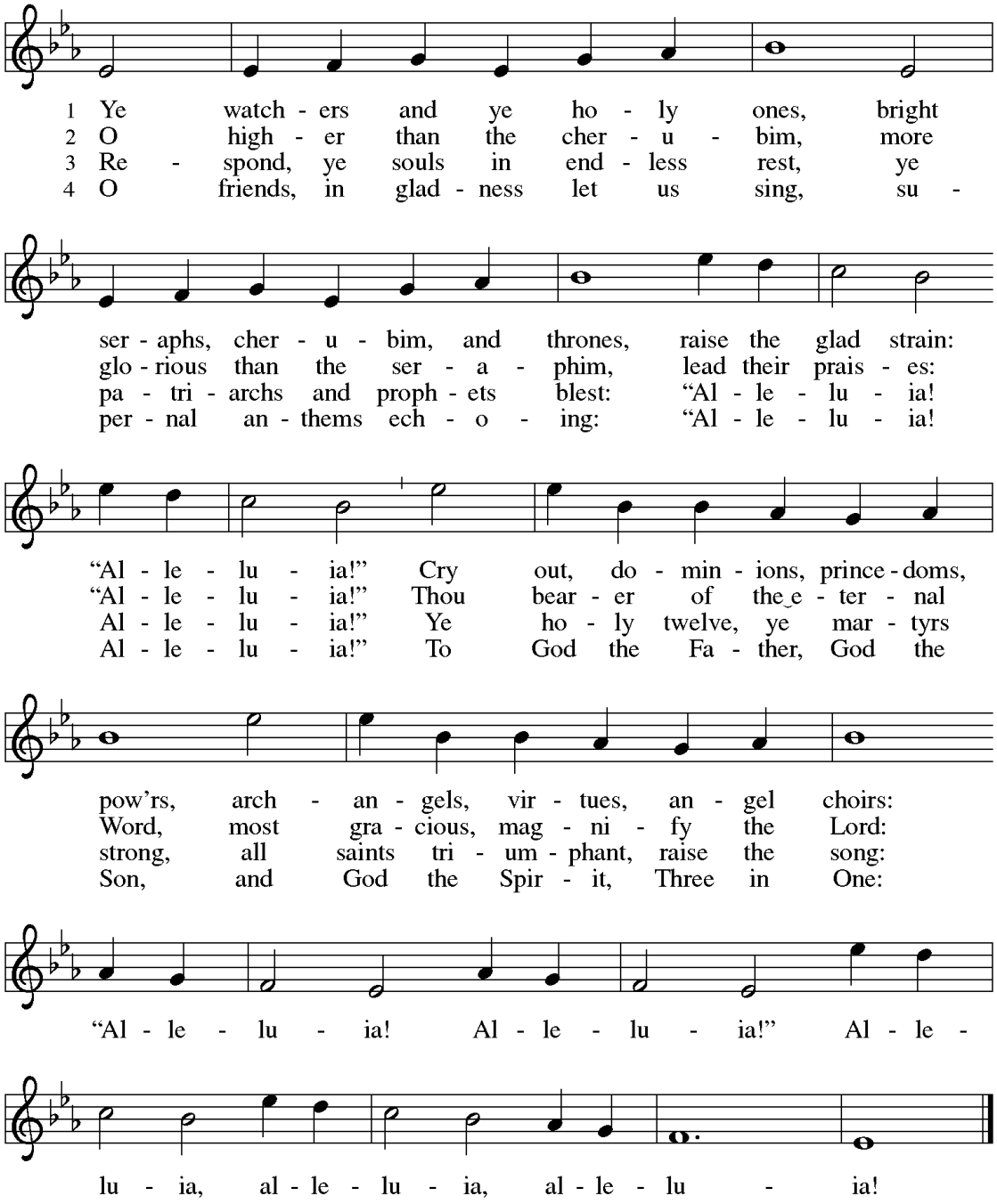
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,
C we confess that we are not always awake for you.
We are not always faithful in using our gifts.
We sometimes forget the least of our siblings.
We do not always see your beautiful image in one another.
Open our hearts to your coming,
Open our eyes to always see you in our neighbors,
Open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus opens the door to us.
Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven.
By Jesus you are welcomed.
In Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
C Amen.



GATHERING HYMN: ***Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*** ***LBW 175***



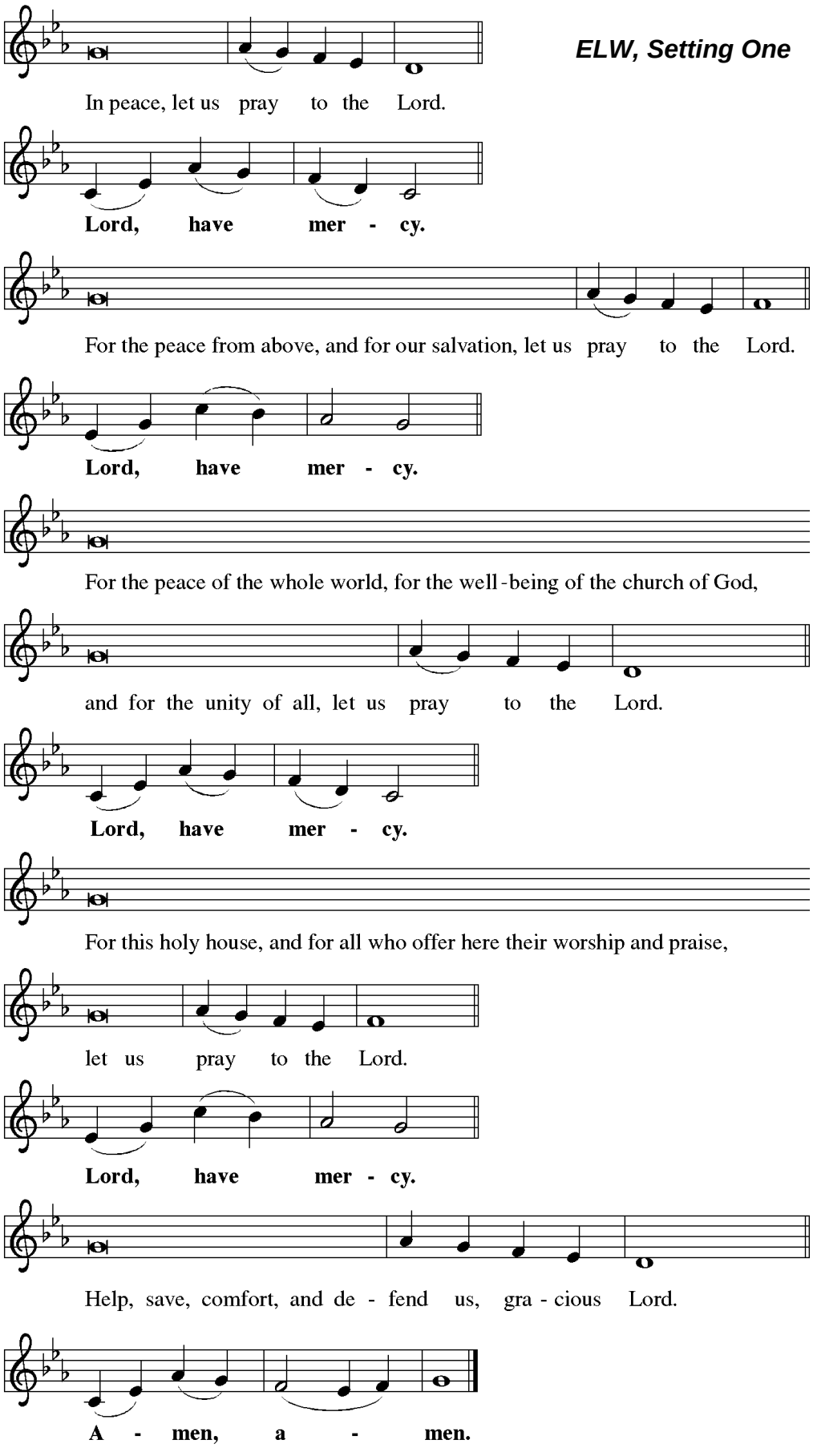
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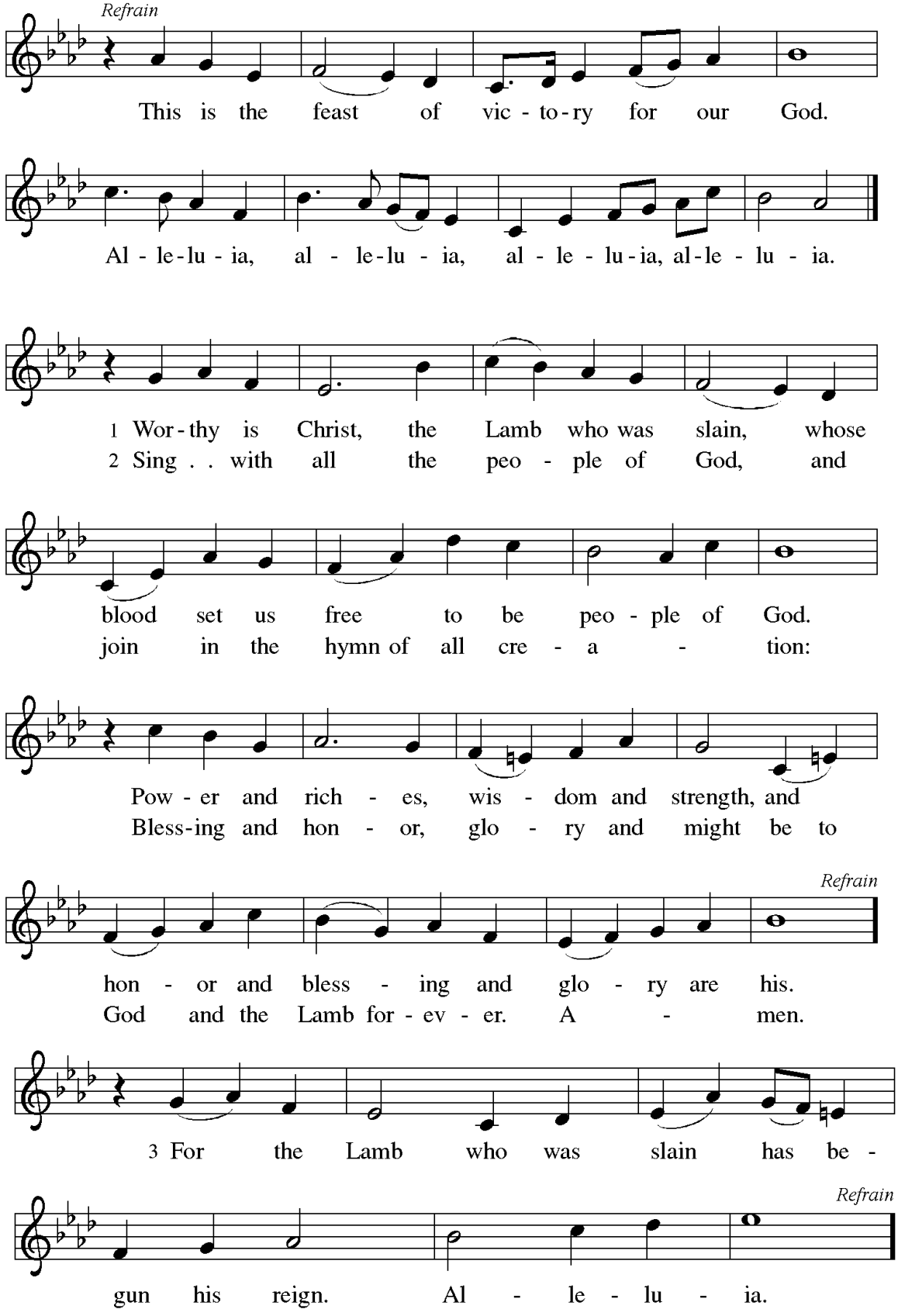
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE *ELW, Setting One*



HYMN OF PRAISE ***ELW, Setting One***



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P 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.
C Amen.

Please be seated.

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.

A A reading from Revelation, chapter 7.

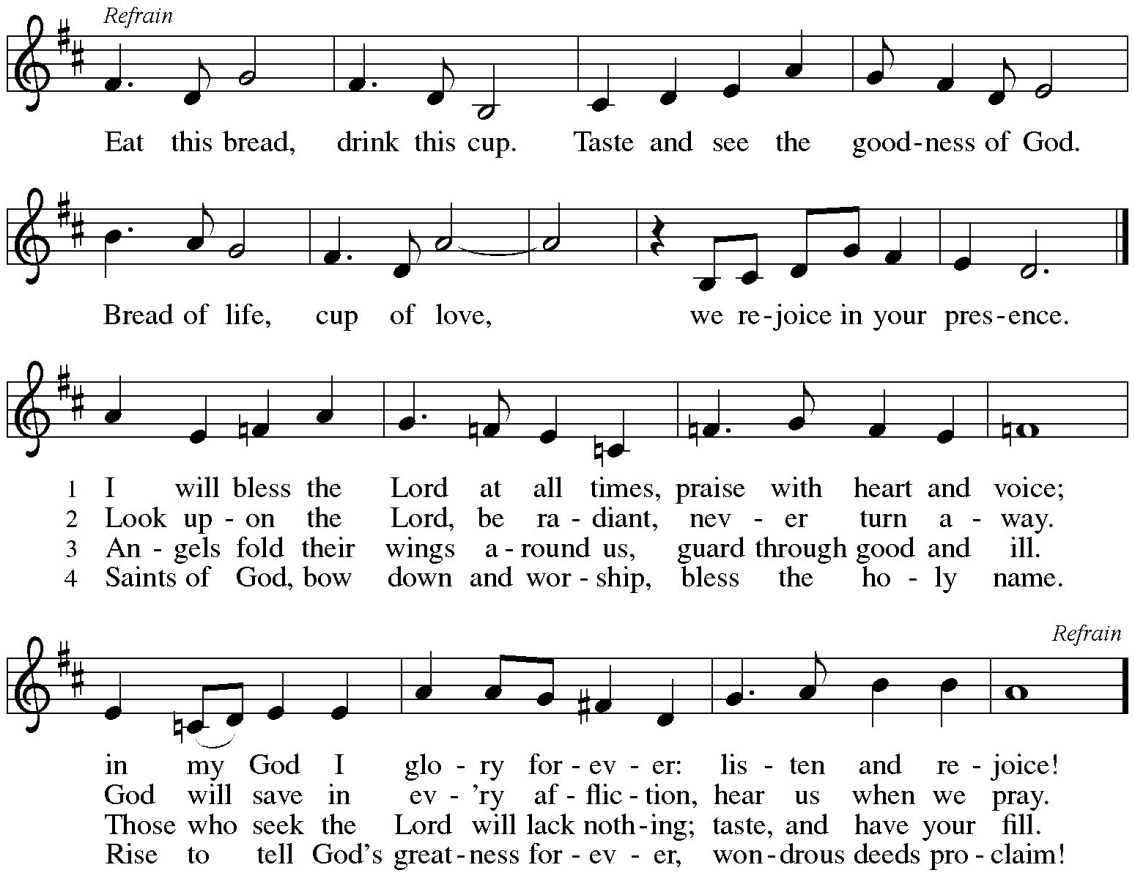
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs 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 that
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."

A The word of God. The Word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34 HYMN ***Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*** ***WOV 706***



Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
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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.

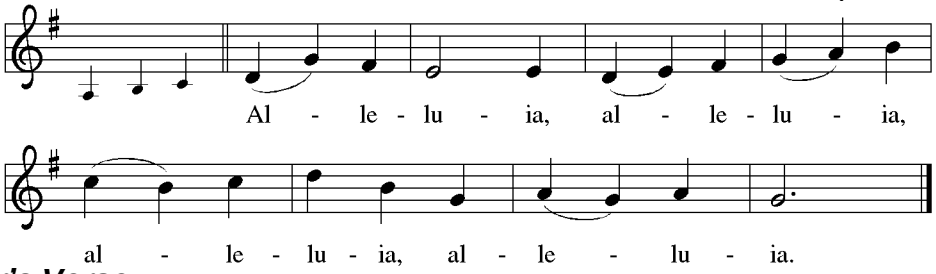
A A reading from 1st John, chapter 3.

[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.

A The word of God. The Word of life.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***ELW, Setting One***



Cantor's Verse



They are before the | throne of God,*
and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them. *(Rev. 7:15)*

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

THE HOLY 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 5.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. [2]Then 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 righteousness' sake,
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.**

ALL REPEAT THE ALLELUIAS.

Please be seated.

SERMON ***Pastor Niederer***

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ***For All The Saints*** ***ELW 422***

All stanzas will be sung. Stanzas 3,4,5 are below.



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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NICENE CREED

A Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Lorli Steffen*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially those we pray for in silence or aloud (*pause*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, we pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian Community, our friends from Light and Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere, as they live out their calling to serve and welcome the stranger in your name.
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. (***Here the names of those who have died in the previous year are read.***) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

PEACE ***Please stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.***

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

OFFERING ***Please place your offering in the plate located on the table at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.***

The offering & Communion elements are presented to the altar.

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Who Is This Host Arrayed in White* *LBW 314*



Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
C Amen.

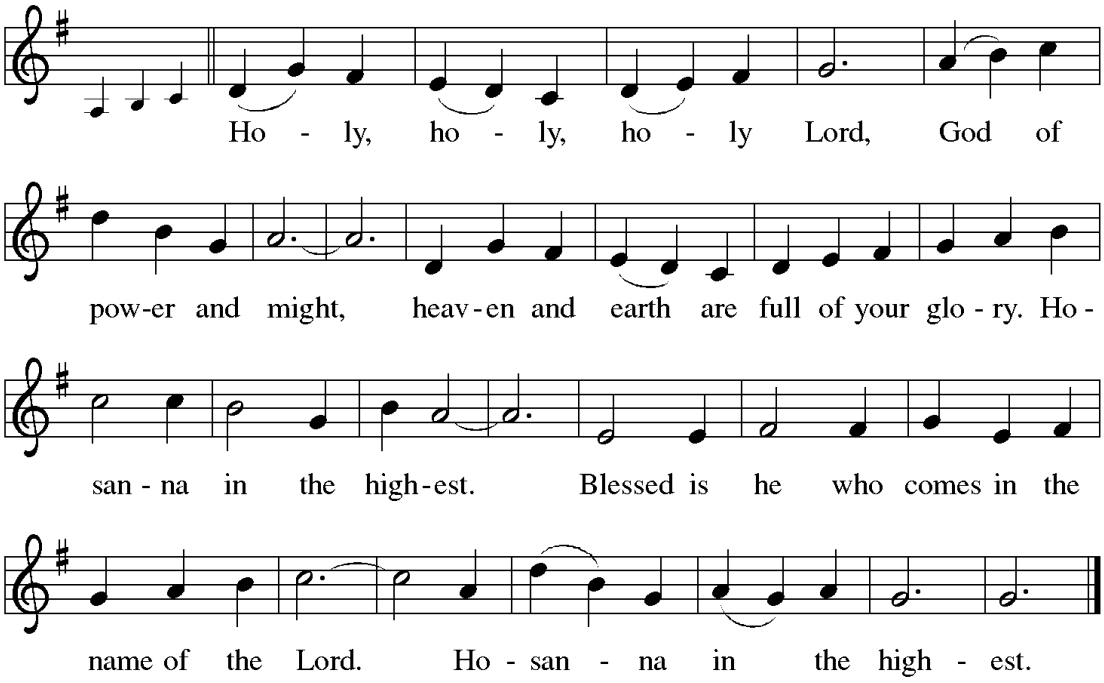
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ***ELW, Setting One***



Please kneel or sit.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the mystery of faith;

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us and this bread and cup the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

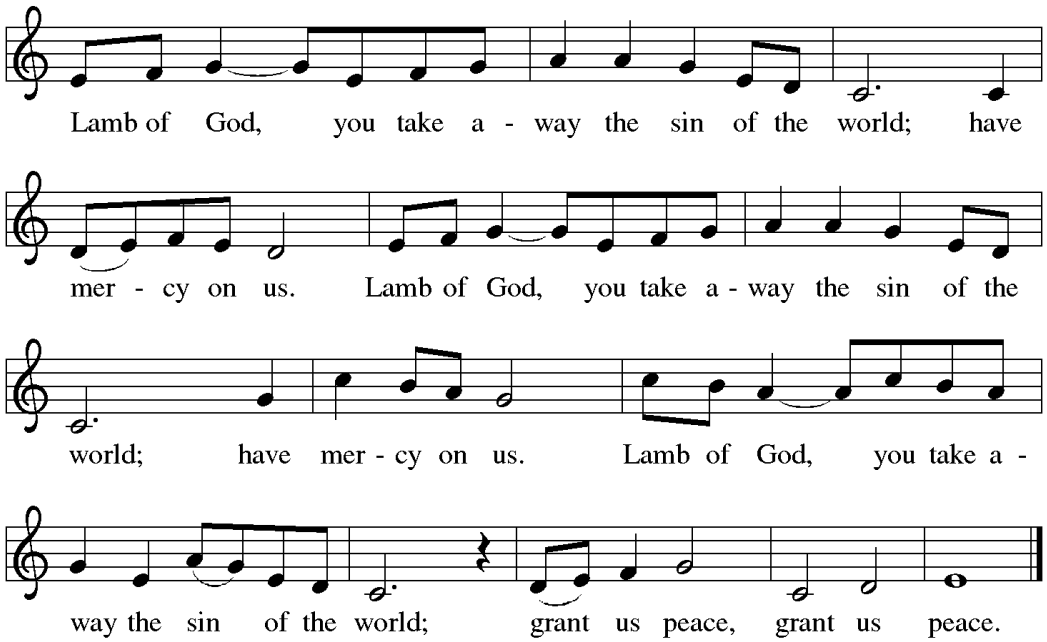
P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is 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 COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come to the table where all are welcome

AGNUS DEI ***ELW, Setting One***



CONTINUOUS COMMUNION



Please come forward for Communion,
beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides,
leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.
The center contains purple grape juice.
White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section.

Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

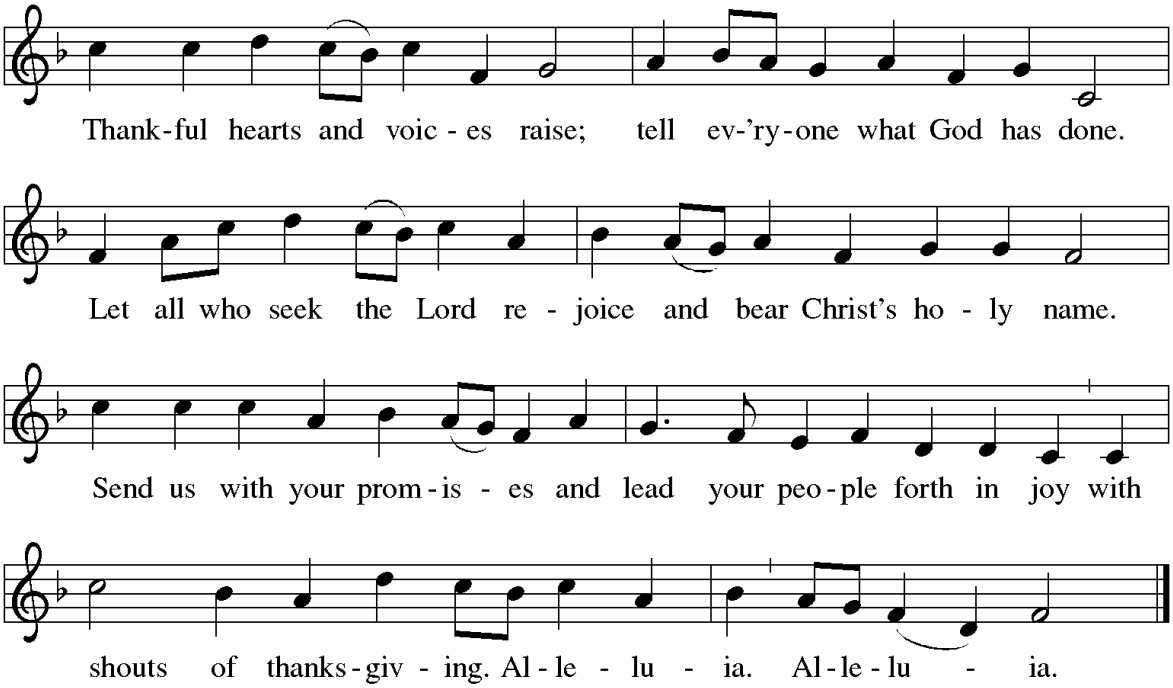
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE **ELW 204**



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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen

BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

SENDING HYMN: ***Rejoice in God's Saints*** ***WOV 689***



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Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE*:* Toccata in D-Moll Johann Sebastian Bach

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY
TO
Sue Papera, Greeter
Jack Martinez, Cross Bearer
Fred Lewis, Liturgist & Reader
Lorli Steffen, Prayers of Intercession
Lynn & Julie Buckingham, Altar Guild



Following Mass Today
In the Memorial Room



In Grace's Memorial Room
Wednesday, November 4th, at 1:30 PM



Via Zoom
Thursday, November 5th, at Noon
The Reformation & The 5 Solas
Connection link and Bible Verses will be emailed



PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); **Darla Lambson** (leukemia); **Brad Gohmann** (cancer); Zulema's family and friends: **Katie** (for improving health) **and Surella Borowski**; **Katherine Tamay and baby Nathaniel** (Surella's friend); **Marc & Bella Yaffe** and **Leslyn Cooke**; **Bill & Susan Bethke** (Lynn's cousins); **Marion Soohoo** (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Sue Papera's friends and family: **Arlene Rizzo** (cancer) and Arlene's family; **Liza & Baby daughter Prizky** (health concerns); **Chris Palmer** (health concerns); **Caleb** (mental health issues); **Jenny L**. (health issues); **Carol Mulvaney** (breast cancer); **Michael Mulvaney** (prostate cancer); **Edward Foley** (back surgery); **Janet Thalmann**; **Paul Thalmann**; **Beverly Philip** (severe dementia), **Kathy O'Brien**, **Bert Maltz** (health concerns**)**, **Michele Rusciano**; **Mark & Laura Crovatto**; **Anita Bontekoe** (health concerns), **Hana Kim** (health concerns); **Fred Lewis** (health concerns); **Mary Ellen's family and friends**: **Susan Beever**; **Dominick Capalba** (a child with brain cancer); Kay Roseen's family: **Jessica and Casey O'Neil** (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law who work for the State Department); **Marcia Hendron** (Kay's mother); **Tammy** (Lorli's niece with an immune disorder); **Alicia & Kyle Brackett** (Lorli's friends); **Gisela N.** (Lorli's friend with bladder cancer); **Erika Ilgenfritz** (health concerns); **James Ilgenfritz** (Erika's son); **Cathy McPolin** (Gisela's friend); **Chris Niederer** (Pastor's son with immune system disorder); **Eric Niederer** (Pastor's son with a chronic condition); **Nancy Barbee** (Pastor's friend with lung cancer); **Dennis Keohane** (Catherine's uncle); **Willi Harper's Aunt Kelly** (health concerns); **Donna Maxwell**; **Jim** and **James Mingo** and **Jimmy Jamieson** (Donna M's Family Members); **Marcy Bono** (Donna M.s' friend with health concerns); **Claire Press** (Donna G's friend); **Chris** (Ruth DiCicco's daughter) **& Bob Wheeler**; **Krystyna Kirsch**; **Alison (Ali) Krasnow & Family**; **Christians under persecution and all who suffer as a result of discrimination or in places of war and violence, especially Ukraine, Sudan, the West Bank, Gaza, Israel, and Iran; organizations and individuals who provide resources, care, and relief for those in need**: front line workers, medical researchers, health care workers, and firefighters; and all affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed on the prayer list.

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

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.

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