Christ Lutheran CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

We welcome you to Christ Lutheran Church! We are a community of people sharing God's love through Christ and growing together in faith.

We celebrate all the ways we are made in the image of God, seeking to see God in everyone. We honor and respect each person's age, ethnicity, family composition, gender identity, gender expression, life history, mental well-being, physical ability, relationship status, sexual orientation, skin color, and socioeconomic standing. Together, we strive to love and serve our neighbor and all creation, including working toward racial and social justice. We would love to walk with you on this creative adventure* of faith, grace, and love.

** The first sermon ever preached at Christ Lutheran was titled "A Call to Creative Adventure."*

ABOUT WORSHIP
We gather to worship weekly to hear and remember our shared hope: the life, death, and resurrection of Christ makes all things new, even us.

You will find everything that happens in worship printed in this bulletin, with hymns found in the red hymnals ("ELW") in the seats in front of you.

If you have a prayer request, note it on a yellow card from the seatback holder and pass it to an usher; the other side is for any information you would like about Christ Lutheran. Please feel welcome to remain seated as necessary during the service.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN CHURCH!
God's people come in all shapes and sizes – it is a gift to the whole community when the smallest of us are present! Sitting with parents and learning to treasure times of worship is the foundation for helping build a growing faith in a child's life. There's some noise and movement that we expect from little ones - feel free to make use of the activity bags, doodle pads, bookshelf in the overflow area and cry room at the back of the sanctuary as needed. Whatever sacrifice of energy and effort you make to include your children in worship is multiplied as the good news of God's love takes root in their lives!

WHEN NURSERY CARE IS NEEDED DURING WORSHIP
A fully equipped and staffed Nursery is available for both infants and toddlers during all services. The Nursery is located west of our gathering area in Room 110.

RESTROOMS
Men's and women's restrooms off the Gathering Area and Church Hall have changing tables, as does the all-gender restroom near the nursery. A second all-gender restroom is through the Vestry off the East hallway, past the Welcome Center.

HOLY COMMUNION
Holy Communion is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.

Our services are on video, and occasional photographs are taken for our website and e-mail news. If you have concerns, please speak to a church staff member.

Hearing assistance devices are available to those who need help with listening to the service and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary, or please see an Usher for assistance.

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

PRELUDE *Praeludium in D* Böhm

WELCOME *If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We'd love to meet you, or if there's anything you'd like to know about the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, please consider filling out a Connection Card online (you can point your phone at the graphic to the right) or using a yellow Connection Card in the pew holders.*

Prayer requests can be posted to the livechat or use a yellow Prayer Request (on the backside of the Connection Card) and give them to an usher.

If you are worshipping with us via livestream, consider preparing your space for Communion: light a candle (if appropriate and safe), and have a plate with bread/cracker/ tortilla and a cup for wine or grape juice (or an empty cup as a sign Jesus is sufficient in one or both elements).

GATHERING HYMN ELW #422 ***For All the Saints***

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.

Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all people
from every tribe and language;
you call true witnesses
who sing your praise,
live your grace
and work for peace:
may we share their faith
and know our need for you
that we might be a blessing
to the hunger of your world;
through Jesus Christ, whose body we are.
Amen.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

The assembly is seated as children are invited for a time together.

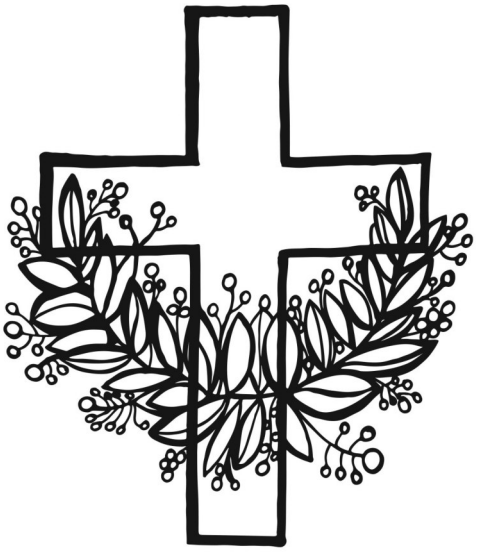
READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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.

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."

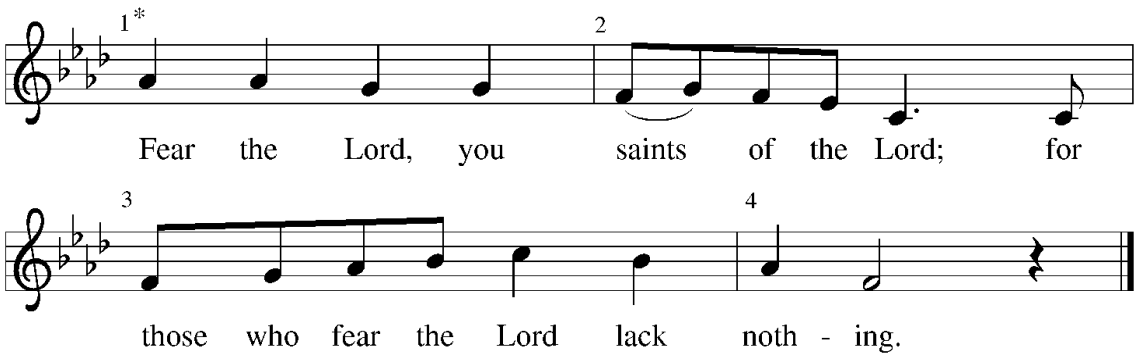
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



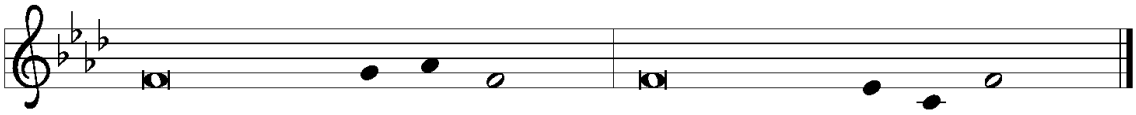
PSALM 34:1-10, 22

The congregation is invited to sing the psalm refrain when indicated (R). Verses will be chanted alternately by the leader and the people.

Refrain



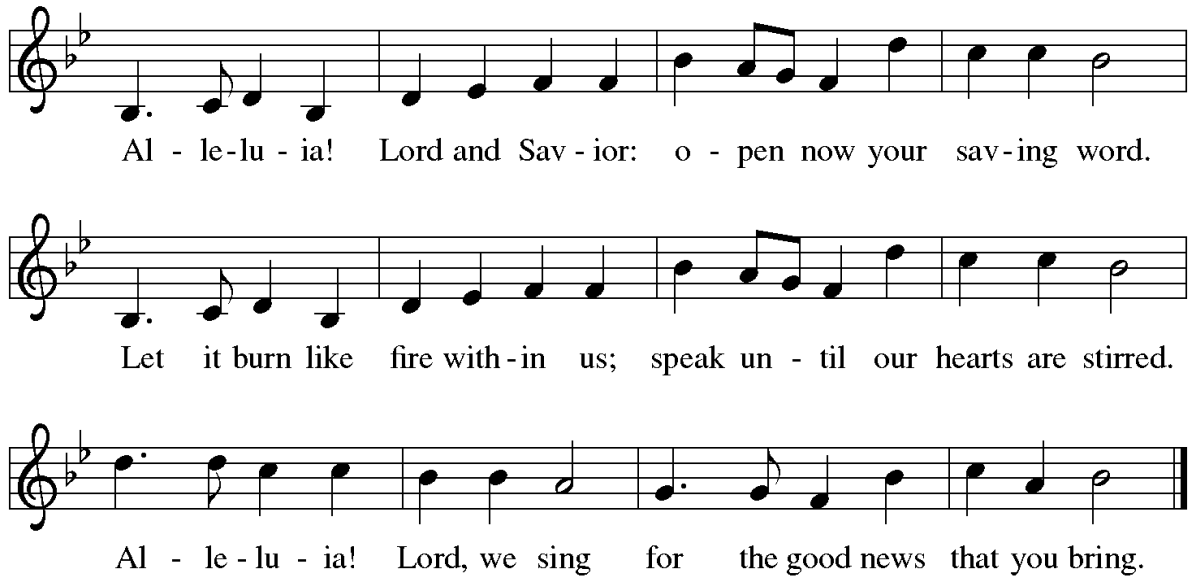
Psalm Tone



[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. R
[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. R
[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. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.



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.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
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] 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."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #426 ***Sing with All the Saints in Glory***
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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

Our prayers draw on the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and the Church's calendar of Commemorations—further information is found each week at the end of the bulletin.

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.
Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. In Canada and our United States, preserve your creation, empower churches, and equip all who seek the common good. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Accompany our Little Lamb Preschool community with your love, especially Colleen and Renee who teach the Fabulous Fish class, and these students and their families: Adalyn, Brody, Cameron, Charlotte, Cole, Delilah, Eleanor, Jaxson, Leonora, and Locklynn. Bless the students in their growth and learning, that they might know your love more every day; strengthen and equip their families in their calling to nurture your beloved children. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS

Cantor: *Give rest, O Christ, to y our servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

All:



Name are read

After all names are read, the cantor continues:
You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and make of all that breathes; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return. For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

(The refrain is then sung one final time)

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We invite those worshiping by livestream to share a sign of peace in the chat, and for those in person we turn to offer them our greeting of peace before sharing a sign of peace with one another: Peace be with you!

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

This congregation serves our neighbors, community, and the world through the offerings of its members and guests. Because offerings are never just about us, this month we are sharing a portion of your gifts with Lutheran World Relief lwr.org and ELCA World Hunger/Disaster Response elca.org/hunger and elca.org/disaster

If you wish to give electronically, use the QR code or browse to our secure on-line portal at clcvalpo.org/give.

OFFERTORY (8:00 a.m.) *Angels of Heaven* Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing: Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord; Love ye, love ye, love ye one another.

OFFERTORY (10:30 a.m.) *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Manz

OFFERING PRAYER
The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

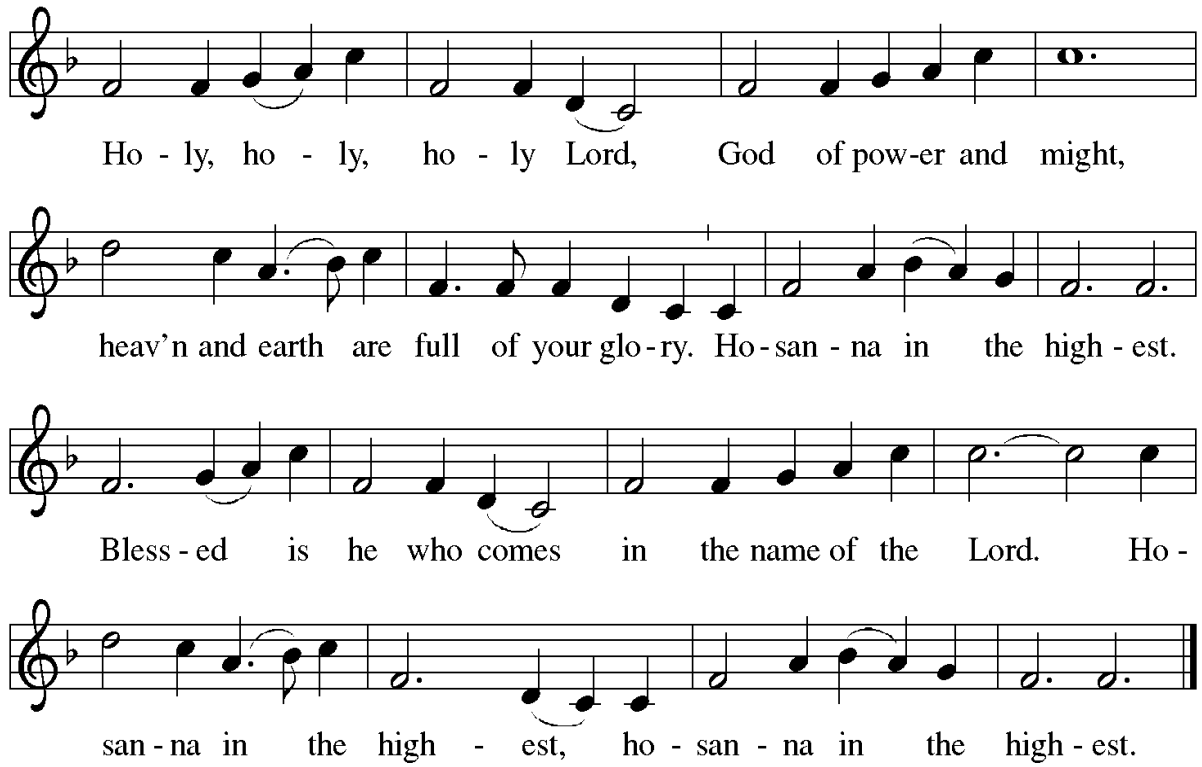
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

SANCTUS

(An ancient practice invites us to make the sign of the cross in honor of Jesus at the words "Blessed is he.")



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray as Jesus taught us:

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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor invites those ***worshiping via livestream*** *to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen (receive the bread)

The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen (receive the cup)

In-person distribution: When indicated by the ushers, come up the right-hand ramp to approach the altar rail. When finished you may leave individually without being dismissed. Wine is lighter-colored and Grape Juice is dark; they are received via individual cups in the trays. Used glasses are placed in the basket located near the ramp. Gluten-Free Bread is available, please indicate to the server that you require this.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #414 ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

ELW #689 ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

ELW #418 ***Rejoice in God's Saints***

After all have returned to their place, the assembly stands as the minister continues.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

INVITATIONS

The assembly is seated as brief invitations are shared, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN ELW #873 ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart***

Children join the pastors to send us in mission.

DISMISSAL

Children: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Toccata in G Major* Du Bois

Worship Leaders	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Acolyte	Claire Venstrom	Noah DeJesus
Lector	Paige Reichardt	Adrianne Murray
Prayer Assistant	Betty Luckett	Heather Abbring
Communion Assistants	Barbara Clements Phyllis Schroeder	Lillian DeJesus
Ushers	Irene Adams Scott Steinwart	
Sound/Light	Sam Venstrom	
Video/Livestream	- - - - - - - - - - - -	
Pastors	Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even	
Director of Music Ministries	Brian Bartusch	
Worship Participants	Sanctuary Choir Melissa Summerville, cantor Gabby Soleim, flute Jenna Abbring, tenor saxophone Lena Gibson-Even, cello Collin Fisher, baritone saxophone Adrianne Murray, clarinet Jonah Knauff, tuba	
Communion Baker	Bull Family	

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

This week we pray for the churches and people of Canada, United States of America.

We are thankful for:

- the vast expanse of North America with its resources and varied landscapes; may they be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely
- those who are its original inhabitants – First Nations and Native Americans
- church-related organizations that strongly advocate for justice, and those that provide for new immigrants and refugees today, as well as for others who are poor and vulnerable
- ecumenical and interfaith engagements which are occurring in many communities that previously were mainly white and Christian.

We pray for:

- churches facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts
- indigenous peoples in their long struggles for survival, land and rights; and for ongoing healing and reconciliation with those who have come after them
- new immigrants, that they will continue to be welcomed in these countries, and that policies will serve the common good
- effectively countering systemic greed that exploits communities and natural resources
- government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world.

COMMEMORATIONS
Week of November 1, 2026

November 1 ~ All Saints Day
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.

November 3 ~ Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639
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.

November 7 ~ John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries
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.

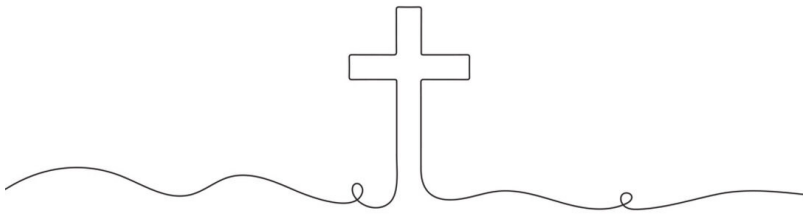
The Church Triumphant

Today the church remembers those who are now in the realm of God, at rest from their earthly labors. Their baptism is complete, and they feast eternally at Jesus' welcome table.

As we speak or hear the names of deceased loved ones today, let us give thanks for the ways in which they shared the gospel with us. None of us would be following Jesus now without a faithful saint or two who told us their favorite Bible passages and stories, shared their favorite hymns with us, and exemplified faithful witness and service. Who was most instrumental in your faith development? Thank them today or, if they have died, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their enduring legacy of faith.

Jesus prepares a place of inexpressible joy for us. Only good things await beyond the door we call death. Abundant blessings are in store for those who once were poor in spirit, mourning, or meek; for those who longed for justice and righteousness; and for the peacemakers and pure of heart. These saints are wrapped in the love of God for all eternity. They no longer experience hunger, thirst, tears, pain, suffering, or sorrow. The former things have passed away. All things have been made new!

While here we grieve the death of our beloved ones, we also take heart, knowing that one day we will join the church triumphant and unite our voices with the faithful of every time and place. Alleluia, thanks be to God!



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GATHERING HYMN ELW #422 ***For All the Saints***



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #426 ***Sing with All the Saints in Glory***



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COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW #414 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*



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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

ELW #689 ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

Praise and Thanksgiving



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ELW #418 ***Rejoice in God's Saints***

Rejoice in God's Saints

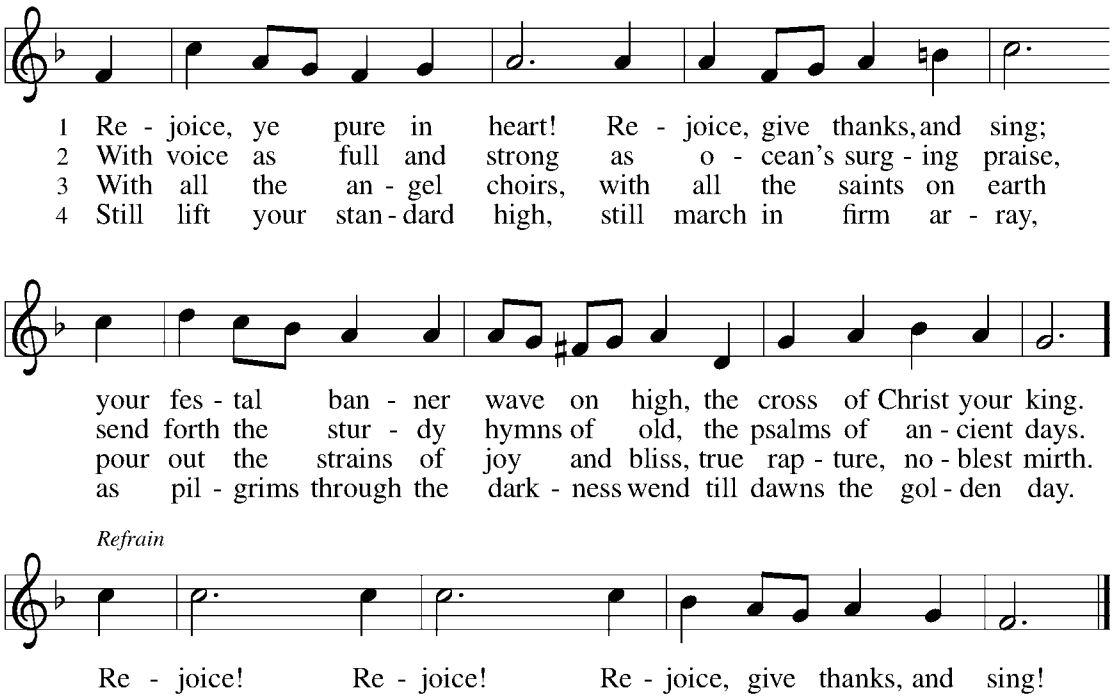


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SENDING HYMN ELW #873 ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart***

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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