St. Paul's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026
Festival of
All Saints



It's Time to Focus on the Future

Welcome to honored guests and St. Paul's family alike!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word, and through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Restrooms and a drinking fountain are located on the right in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

We have **personal hearing devices**. If you need one, please let an usher know before the service.

Our worship is designed for your whole family. Find children's busy bags, a book that teaches young children about worship, children's bulletins, and children's worship note sheets on the cart near the central sanctuary doors.

God loves the sound of children in worship, and so do we! If you need to step out of worship for a moment, we have a **family room** located through the door in the back of the fellowship hall. The facility includes a TV, a window, and speakers so that you can still follow along with the worship service.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to talk with you about how we can serve you with the Gospel and make here your home!

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Our worship series | **The beginning of the end**

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us.

Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready. "The Beginning of the End" reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and Christ's return. For believers that end is truly a beginning.

Today's worship theme | **Focus on the future**

Childbearing is excruciating. Yet each day countless women willingly become pregnant. They know that pain can be endured if it is temporary, with happier times coming immediately after. Likewise, the time between Christ's first and second coming is full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that it is temporary. Happier times are coming!

That truth is crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we keep in mind all those who had faith in Jesus, both the heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

Our prayer before worship | **to stay steadfast in the face of persecution**

God of glory, eternal King, help us to recognize the signs of the end times around us and to live each day with the realization that it could be the Last Day. Move us to hate what is evil and cling to what is good. Keep us zealous in your service, joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer, so that when that day comes, we will be among those looking up to see our Savior coming in the clouds. In his name we pray, Amen.

Personal Preparation for Holy Communion

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?
A: He says I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?
A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?
A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?
A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?
A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?
A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "***Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.***"
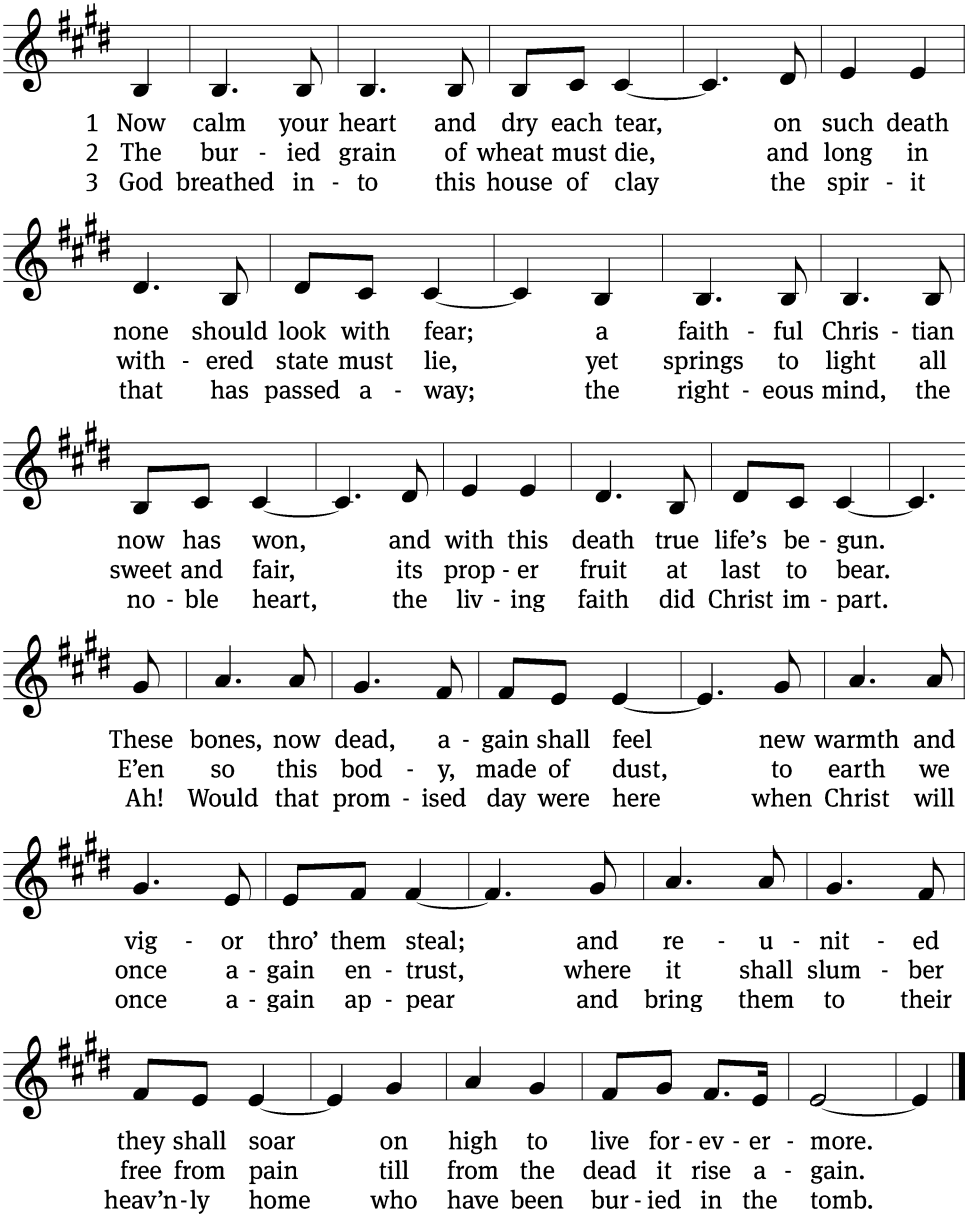
Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?
A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Now Calm Your Heart

CW 851

Though still sad, the death of a Christian is a victorious sleep from which we awaken to live forevermore.



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P(residing minister) | In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C(ongregation) | Amen.

Confession

CW 154

P | If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C | If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P | Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C | Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P | Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C | Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P | In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C | Lord, have mercy.

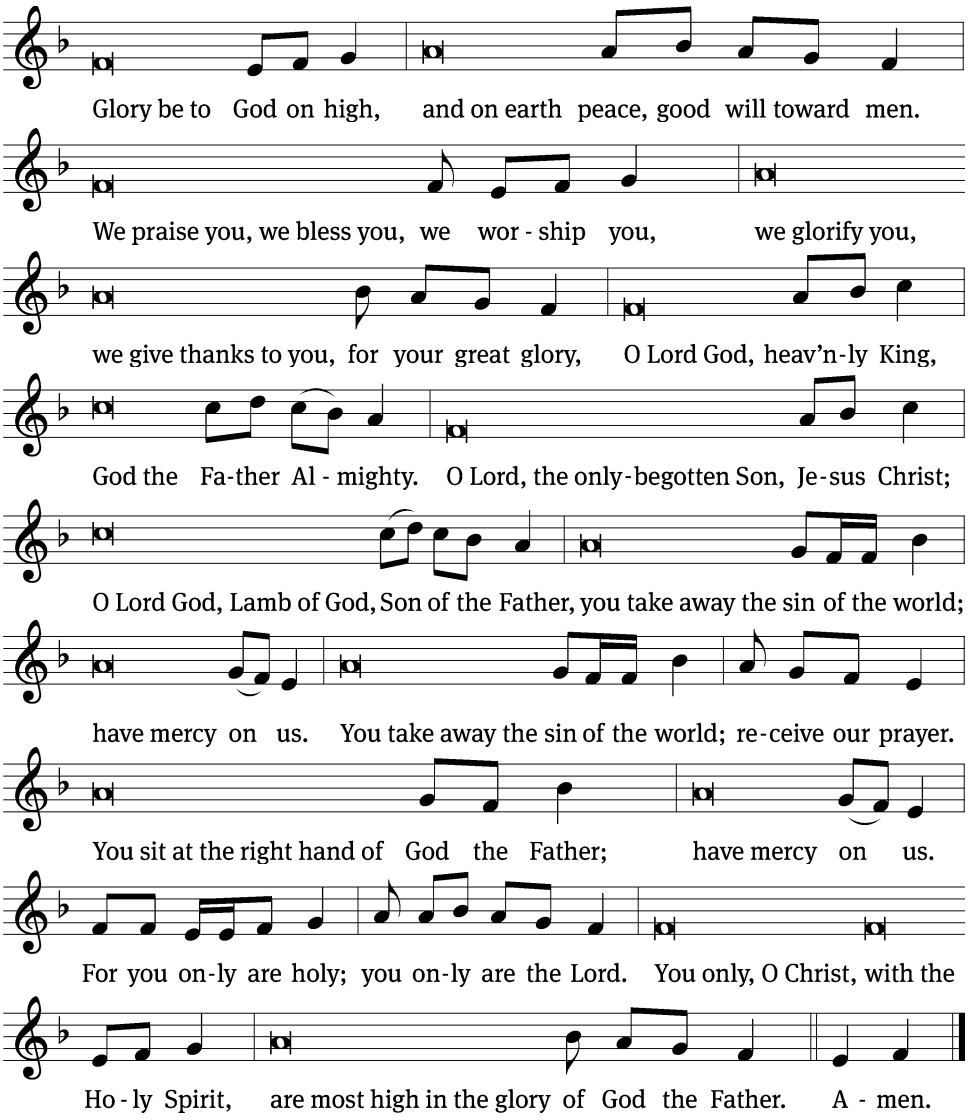
P | For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C | Lord, have mercy.

P | For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C | Lord, have mercy.

P | Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C | Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



P | The Lord be with you.

C | And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P | Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven as a picture of our own future through Christ.

9After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the
Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. 10They called out
with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and
from the Lamb.

11All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They
fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12saying:
Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong
to our God forever and ever. Amen.

13One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are
they and where did they come from?" 4And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:
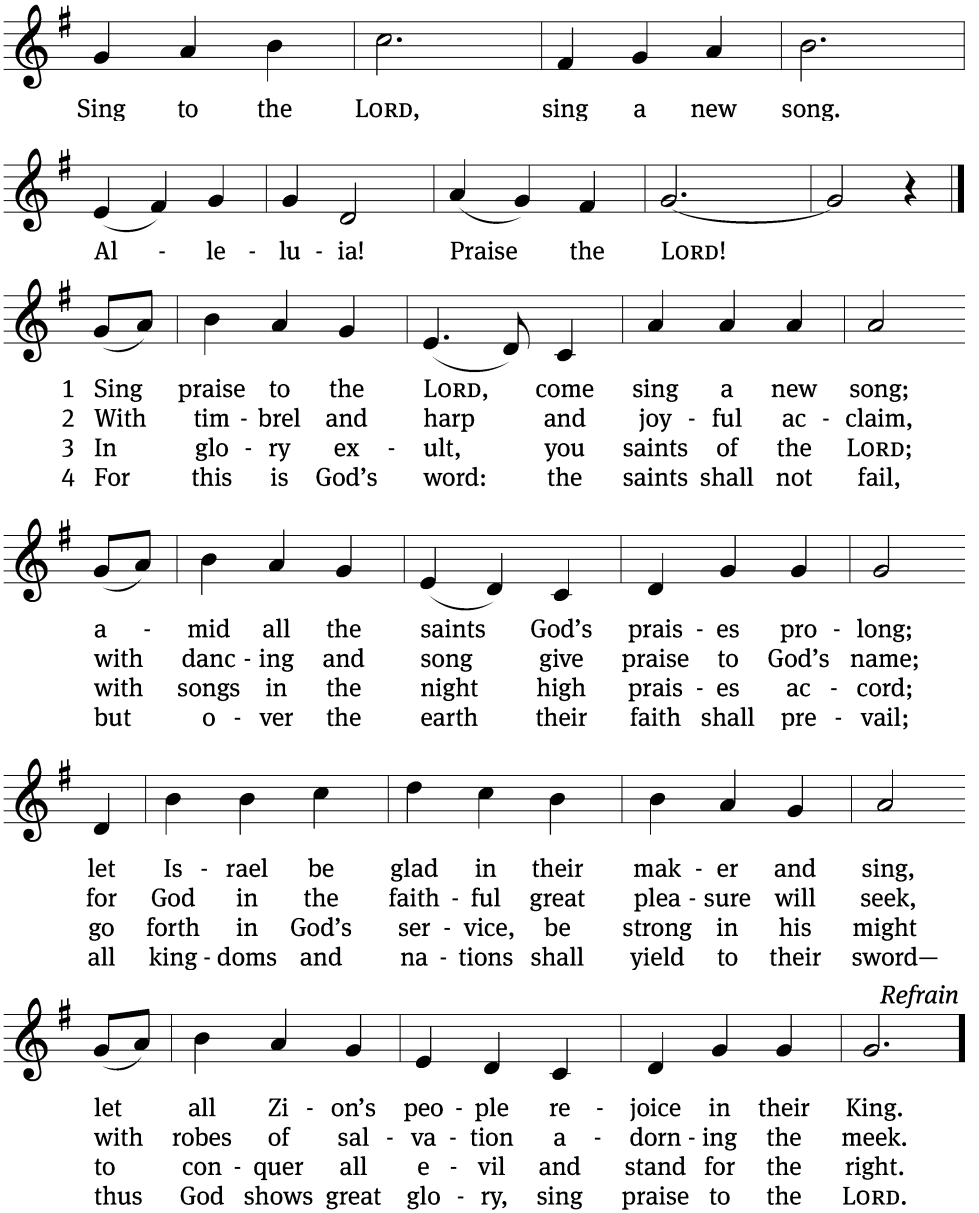
These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
16They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day | Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Psalm 149A

Refrain



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Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

In love, God adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

[1]See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. [2]Dear
friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We
know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.
[3]Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

P | The Word of the Lord.
C | Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

P | Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Eternal blessings are on the way.

[1]When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his
disciples came to him. [2]He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these
things.

[3]Blessed are the poor in spirit, because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]Blessed are those who mourn, because they will be comforted.
[5]Blessed are the gentle, because they will inherit the earth.
[6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, because they will be filled.
[7]Blessed are the merciful, because they will receive mercy.
[8]Blessed are the pure in heart, because they will see God.
[9]Blessed are the peacemakers, because they will be called sons of God.
[10]Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, because theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

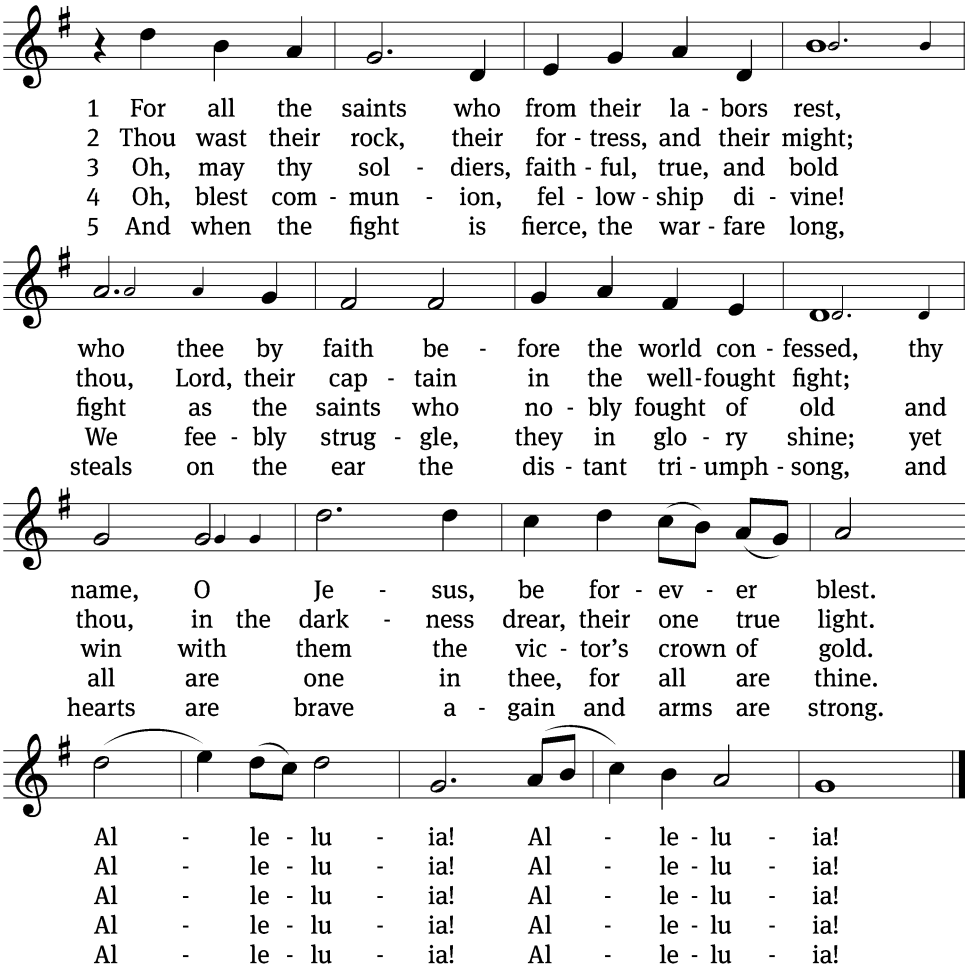
[11]Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12]Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P | The Gospel of the Lord.
C | Praise be to you, O Christ!

For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1–5

Both triumphant and soothing, this hymn reflects on the heavenly joys that far outweigh earthly sorrows.



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Sermon

1 John 3:1-3

What will yours say?

Points to ponder following the sermon:

- Who is trying to tell me who I am?
- How can I remember my own identity?
- How can I help those who are struggling with identity issues?

Nicene Creed

C | 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Offering

To our honored guests*: We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you today! Our offering is not a debt we owe God but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation but love for God. Our offerings are how St. Paul's funds our Gospel mission work. As our honored guests, please do not feel obligated to contribute.*

If you would like to support our Gospel ministry with an offering, you have options! Place your offering in ***the offering plate*** *in our gathering space as you leave worship today,* ***mail an offering*** *to our church anytime, or go to* ***stpauls.edu*** *or* ***scan this QR*** *code to give an offering online.*



Prayer of the Church

P | Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
C | Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P | Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.
C | Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P | Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.
C | Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P | Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.
C | Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P | Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.
C | Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P | Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.
C | Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P | Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P | We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.
C | Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P | Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
C | Amen.

The Sacrament

Preface

CW 165

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

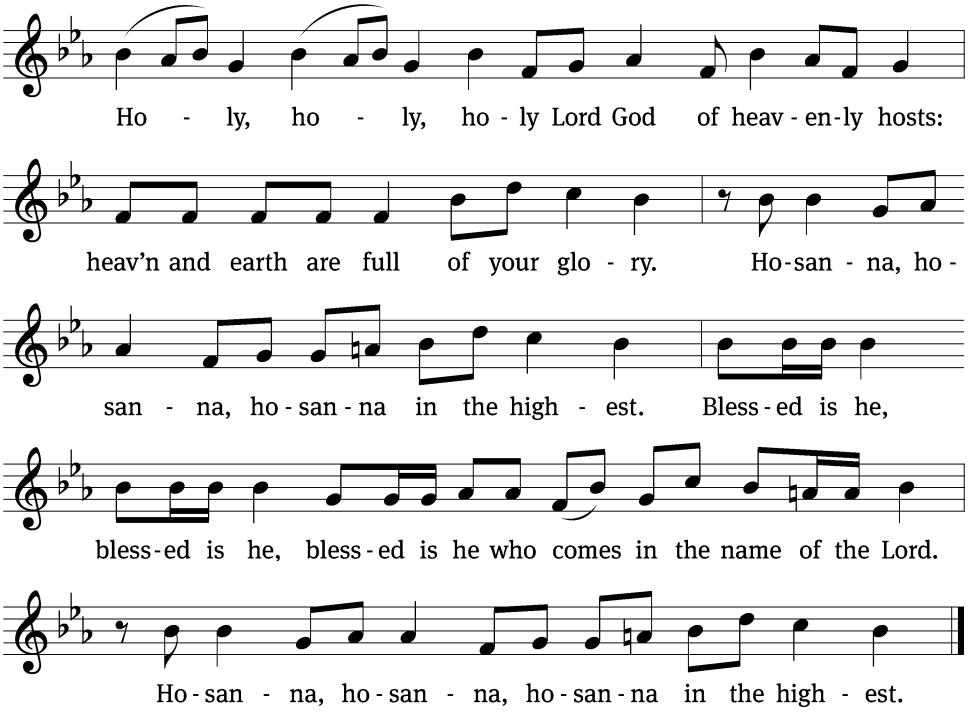
P | Lift up your hearts.
C | We lift them up to the Lord.

P | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C | It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P | It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P | We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C | Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

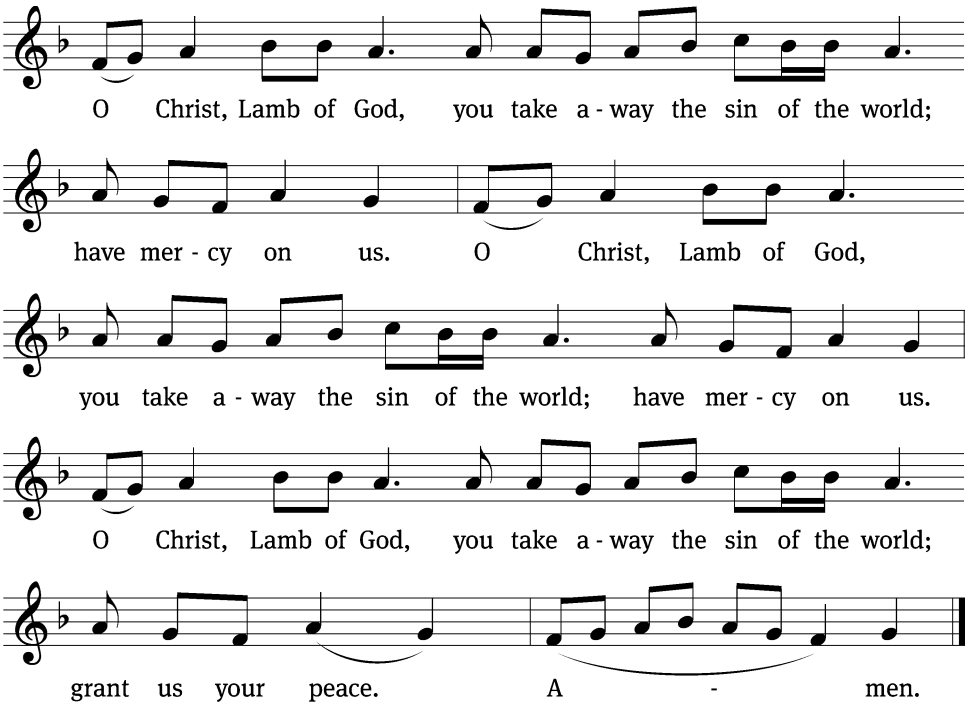
P | Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C | Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

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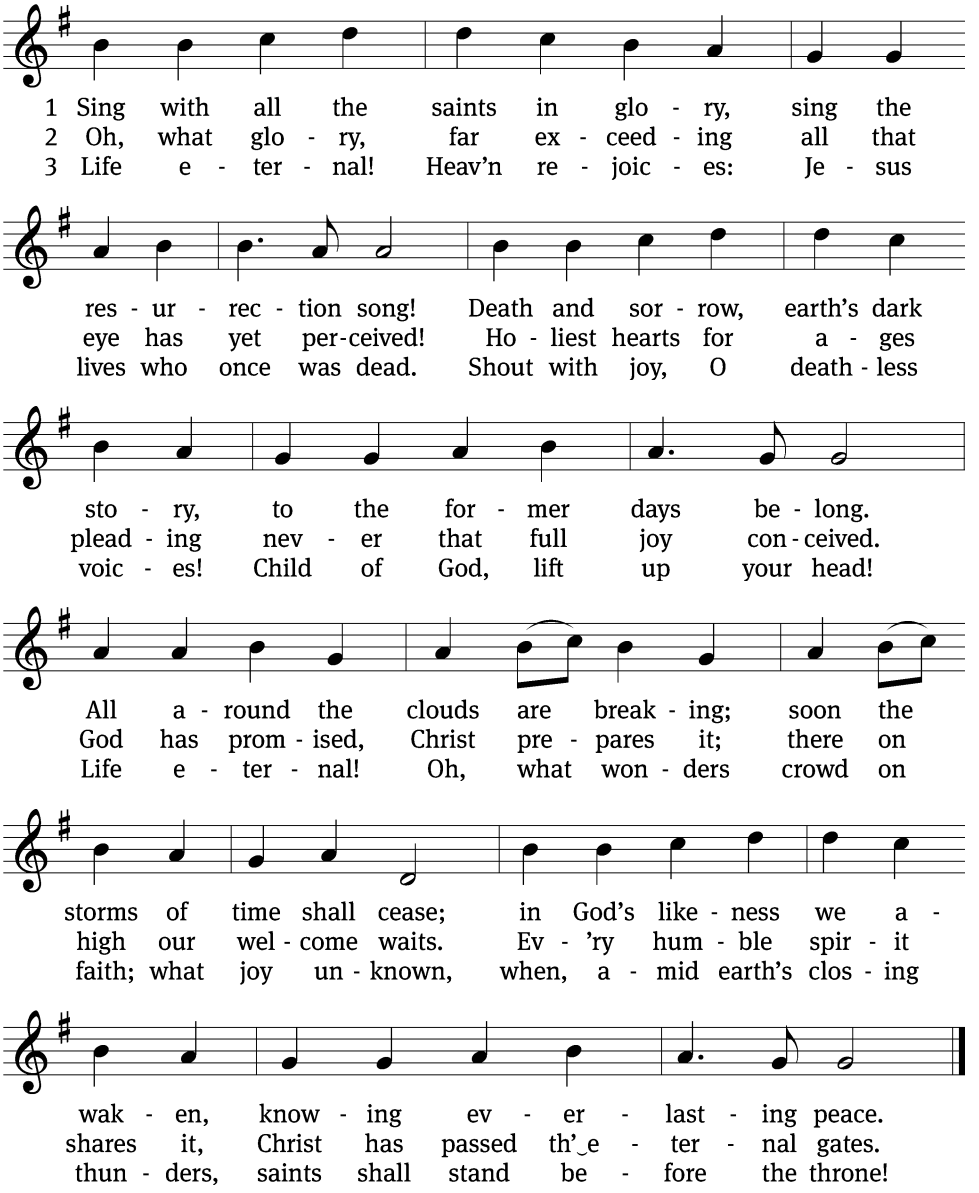


Distribution of Holy Communion

To our honored guests: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and in all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. If you are not a member of St. Paul's, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to learn what we teach and can express that unity at your confirmation before you commune with us. If you are interested in taking a class to learn more about our teachings, or if you have any questions, please speak with our pastors.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

CW 881

What a shout for joy beyond comparing resounds from the believers in Christ in heavenly glory!

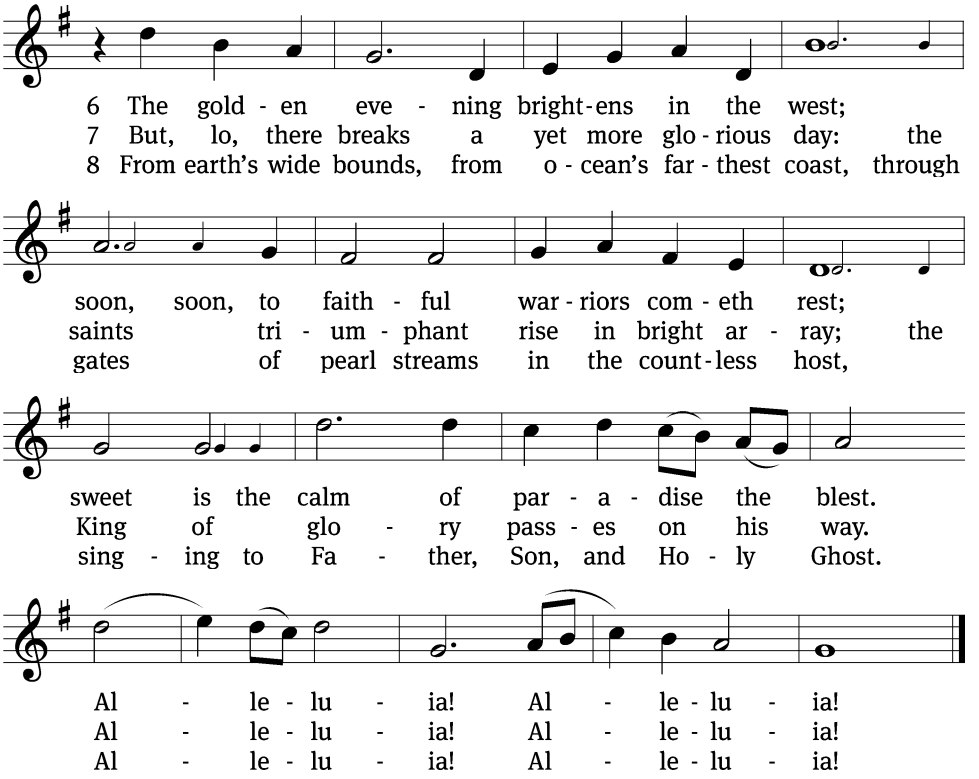


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For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 6–8

The hymn closes with the glorious dawning glory of heaven's endless morning and eternity with our God.



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P | Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C | his mercy endures forever.

P | Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C | we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P | We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C | Amen.

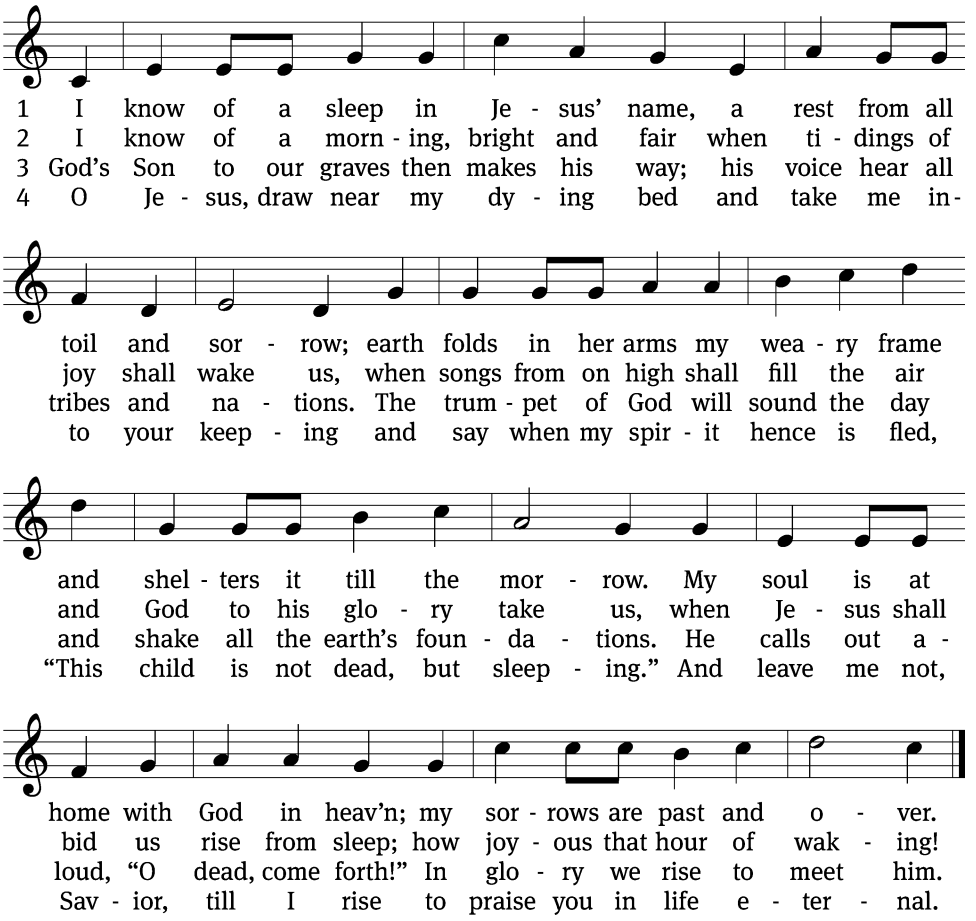
Blessing

P | The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
C | Amen.

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name

CW 846

Now that Christ has transformed death into a sleep, we rest in his peace and in praise with him forever!



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+ Ministry Notes +

Our good day in God's house continues after worship, too.

Our after-worship adult Bible Class time is a great time for good Christian encouragement as we **grow** in the Word together and take time to pray for one another. Today we will continue looking at *Wise Worship Whys*, examining our worship space. Sunday School for the children will take place at the same time.

Divine call updates

On October 18th, we extended two calls: One to Mrs. Kim Klinefelter, who is currently hired to teach in our 2nd grade classroom and the other to Miss Grace Sievert, currently serving in La Mesa, CA. Last week, Kim accepted her call. Please keep Grace in your prayers as she continues to deliberate where she can serve best in God's kingdom.

A new action team starts meeting today!

"Be hospitable to all to one another!" (1 Peter 4:9, EHV) There are so many ways to show great hospitality—and we are forming an action team, the Hospitality Action Team (or HAT) to work together to meet some of our opportunities. HAT will help especially with food hospitality, to arrange or provide or serve meals, such as when a family needs help with an after-funeral luncheon, or when we have a potluck, etc. This action team is open to ALL adult St. Paul's members. We'll have an intro meeting after worship this morning in the sanctuary. If you are 100% in or if you are mildly curious about serving in this way or feel something in between, please come to this meeting! (Attending this meeting won't commit you to a lifetime membership on the team.)

Our Christian Stewardship of God's Gifts

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. – 1 Cor. 4:2

Preacher | **James Saatkamp** *presiding minister* | **Tim Rosenow**
accompanists | **Noah Uhlenbrauck** and **Hannah Rux**
ushers | **Dan Cerney** and **Bruce Salzmann**
worship streaming tech | **Tony Moore** *flowers* | **Cerneys**

last Sunday's worship attendance | 113
freewill offering | $4,800

Let's pray! This week, we offer special prayers for…

birthdays | **Randy Essig** (11-1) | **Cory Opall** (11-1) | **Tim Vanderburgh** (11-1) | **Adalyn Nolle** (11-2 | 6 years old!) | **Bill Hartman** (11-6) | **Lindsey Klingenschmitt** (11-7) | **Tim Rosenow** (11-7)

anniversaries | (none this week)

homebound members | **Dave Brandt, Sharon Cummons, Leon and Barbara Johnson, Susan Rammel, Kathy Saracione, Josephine Throo,** and **Paula Vitolo**

health | **Nancy Kohrs** (recovering from surgery); **Carole Chapman** (recovering from surgery at home); **Kris Christie** (mother of Karl, continued recovery); **Denise Costa** (mother of 1st grade student, malignant brain tumor); **Liesse Foley** (mother of Hannah, health complications); **Mark Hasenjager** (brother of David, terminal brain cancer); **Brenda Rivers** (recovery from surgery); **Stacey Rolen** (daughter of Rick and Angie Freihofer, recovering from surgery); **Barbara Sadler, Kathy Babcock** (Barbara's daughter), and **Kathy's daughters** (genetic health issues); **Nancy Scruton** (recovery); **Lorene Seidenstucker** (undergoing cancer treatment)

This Week | November 1st – 7th

Veterans' food drive | November 2-13

MON | BIC 6:00 PM
WED | Kingsway Bible study 10:00 AM | Choir 6:30 PM
FRI | Chapel w/donuts & coffee 8:30 AM | Preschool gardening, picnic, and play
SAT | Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM | Chess tournament (King of Kings, Maitland)

Upcoming events

Nov 8 | PreK & K sing in service | Recognition of veterans
Nov 11 | School veterans' day celebration 10:00 AM
Nov 14 | Chess tournament (Northdale, Tampa)
Nov 20 | PreK-K Thanksgiving feast

Our congregation

St. Paul's Lutheran Church is a family. As a family, we **gather** together around God's Word in church and in Bible classes. We have a school where children can **grow** in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and where we can **go** to share the love of Jesus with them.

If you would like to learn more about our church family or our church, school, and preschool can serve you, please speak with our pastor, principal, preschool director, faculty, or one of our members.

Our Synod

St. Paul's belongs to the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), congregations united in faith and in desire to serve everyone we can with the truth of God's saving Word. To learn more, visit wels.net or ask a pastor.

Our worship

We gather for worship Sundays at 9:30 am and for children's and adult Bible study about ten minutes after worship.

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