



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
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Introduction

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **"Behold the Host Arrayed in White"** **arr. Robert J. Powell**

GATHERING

Greeting

Rev. 7:15

P: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

All: Alleluia.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

All: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

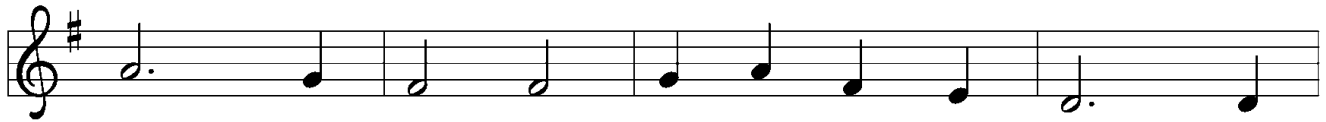
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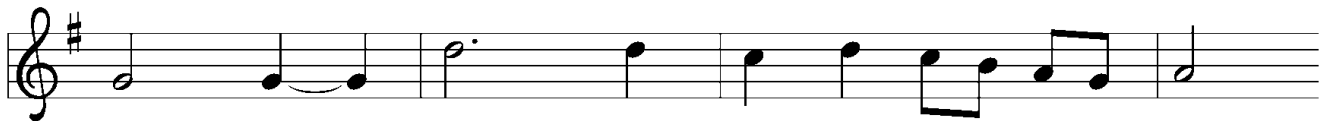
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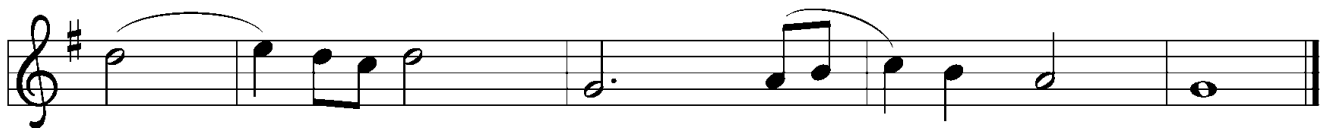
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3–5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

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

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also, with you.**

Please be seated



In peace, let us pray to the Lord

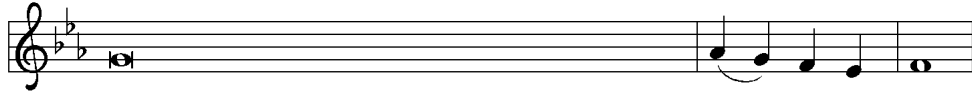
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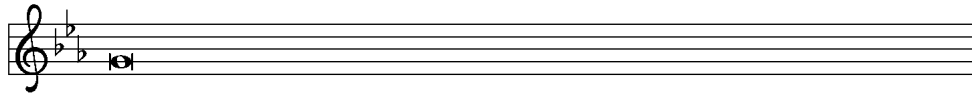
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



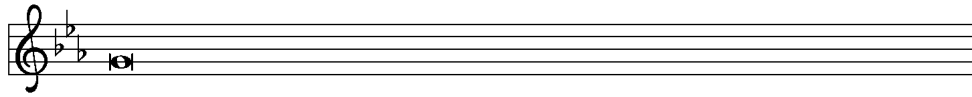
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Assisting Minister

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 24

Read responsively by whole verse

They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation. (Ps. 24:5)

AM: ¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

All: ²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

AM: ³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

All: ⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

AM: ⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

All: ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

AM: ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: ⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

AM: ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: ¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The holy gospel according to John the 11th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”
³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep.
³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The gospel of the Lord,
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

“Tears in Heaven”

Pastor Mitch

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the Day "Behold the Host Arrayed in White"

ELW# 425

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1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
fears. For now they have the best at last; they
seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O



sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let



they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.
heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

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Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creations.

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

A Prayer for All Saints' Sunday

P: We praise you and bless you, O holy Trinity for you have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering to yourself those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised. Add us to those who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love in anticipation of eternal reunion. Christ says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29.

All: Amen.

Today we remember:

Jeanne Soban	February 14, 2024
Dona Haberman	March 1, 2024
Jacqueline Staples	March 13, 2024
William "Bill" Gustafson	September 20, 2024
Wayne Blossey	October 8, 2024

And all others that we name in our hearts.

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Music

**"Shall We Gather at the River"
Sunday Morning Choir**

Robert Lowry

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Offering Song

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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Offertory Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

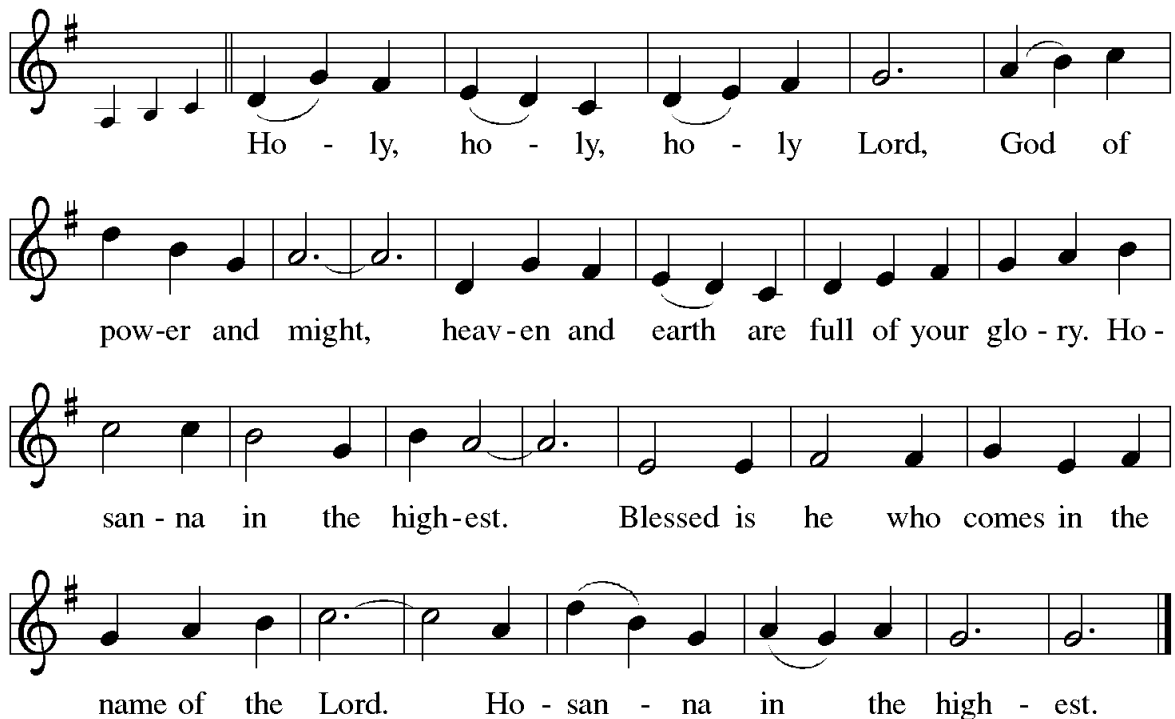
P: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

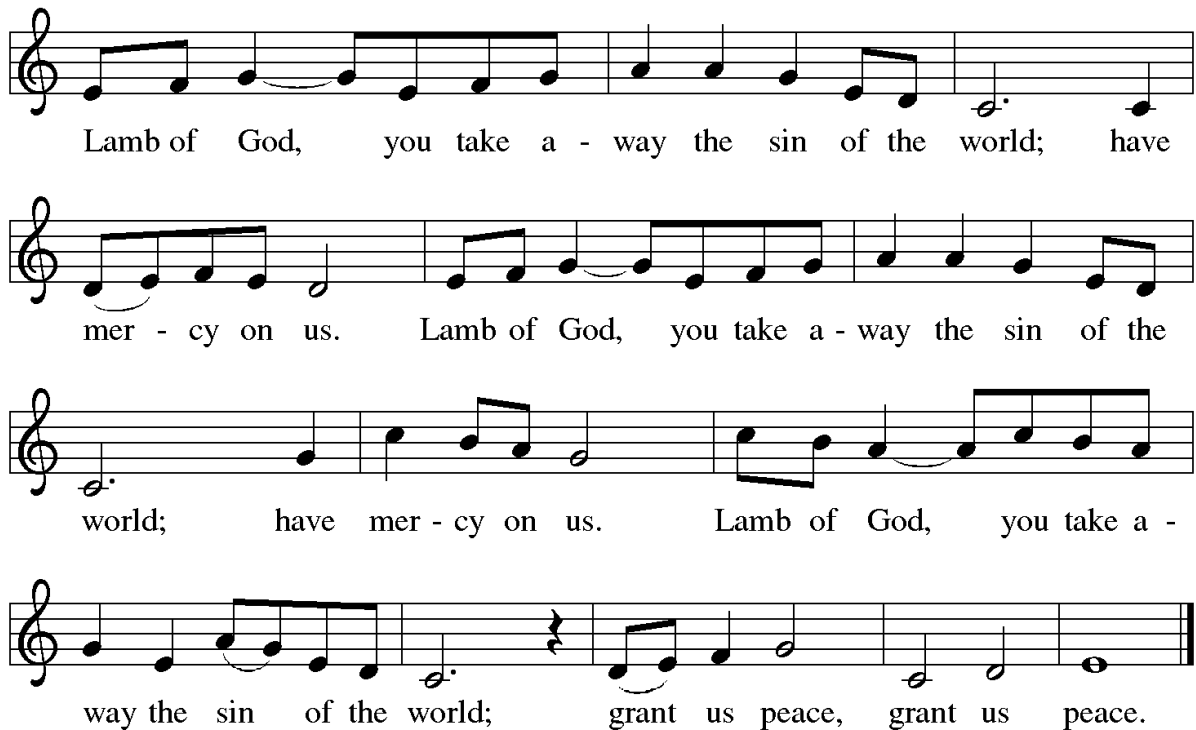
All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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.**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

*As pastor comes down to serve communion you may come forward.
Please form a single line to receive the bread from him by holding out your palms to receive the wafer. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you.
Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.*

Communion Anthem

"Deep River"

arr. Marianne Kim

Table Blessing

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

All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sending

Please rise, in body and/or spirit, for the Sending Hymn.



Verses 1,2, 4 and 5 – Large print words found on page 24



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

All: Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

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Intern: Bethany Ketchem

Music: Barbara Rossow

Assisting Ministers: Diane Allmendinger and Mary Kowitz

Communion Assistants: Bethany Ketchem and Sally Keller

Ushers: Florence Rasmusson and David Almquist

Hospitality: Tom and Kathy Brackey

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon



PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR AHLC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Dean Anderson, Marjorie Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Pamela Boldt, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Jan and Wayne Frankenberg,

Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Gene Linderkamp, Marilyn Nelson, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

November Anniversaries

Cynthia and Jeff Young	November 12
Gary and Georgette Winter	November 17
Kent and Sharon Swanson	November 18
Vicki and Wayne Hansen	November 27

WHAT'S

HAPPENING *This Week....*

Sunday, November 3	9:30 a.m.	All Saints Day
Monday, November 4	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Volunteers
Monday, November 4	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Reception Room
Tuesday, November 5	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Volunteer Devotions
Tuesday, November 5	9:30 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Clients
Tuesday, November 5	10:00 a.m.	WMA Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 5	2:00 p.m.	Building User Meeting
Tuesday, November 5	All Day	Election Day – Get out and Vote!
Wednesday, November 6	7:30 a.m.	Romeo Breakfast at Perkins
Wednesday, November 6	4:00 p.m.	FPA Meeting
Wednesday, November 6	5:00 p.m.	MIF Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, November 7		Office Closes at Noon
Friday, November 8		Office Closed
Saturday, November 9		Office Closed

November Birthdays

Kent Robert Swanson	November 4
Karen A. Helgason	November 7
Gayle Lopez	November 17
Robert P. Nelson	November 19
Sharon Hanson	November 20
Daniel Brockway	November 23
Maria Joann Tkachuck	November 24
Sally A. Keller	November 27
Jon H. Helgason	November 28

**Gathering Hymn
For All the Saints**

ELW#422 Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Behold the Host Arrayed in White

1 Behold the host arrayed in white
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
that stands with palms and sings its psalms
before the throne of light!
These are the saints who kept God's word;
they are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their sins,
so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and night;
they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all sing
with angels shining bright.

3 O blessed saints, now take your rest;
a thousand times shall you be blest
for keeping faith firm unto death
and scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God
and harvest seeds once cast abroad
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes
the pattern in the seed.
The myriad angels raise their song.
O saints, sing with that happy throng;
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice
in our redeemer's song!

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Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

- 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

- 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

- 3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

- 4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

- 5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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