The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb (The Ghent Altarpiece center panel)
Artist, Jan van Eyck St. Barvos Altarpiece,

All Saints Sunday
Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
November 1, 2026

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
1115 Greenbrier Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

Introduction

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.

Welcome and Announcements

(Please take some time to prepare for worship in the quiet as we light the altar candles.... If you are worshipping online, we invite you to have something to eat and something to drink, ready for communion)

Prelude **"Shall We Gather at the River"** **arr. Robert A. Hobby**

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

All: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence for Reflection

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and

lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Gathering Hymn

Gathering Hymn **"For All the Saints"** **ELW# 422**

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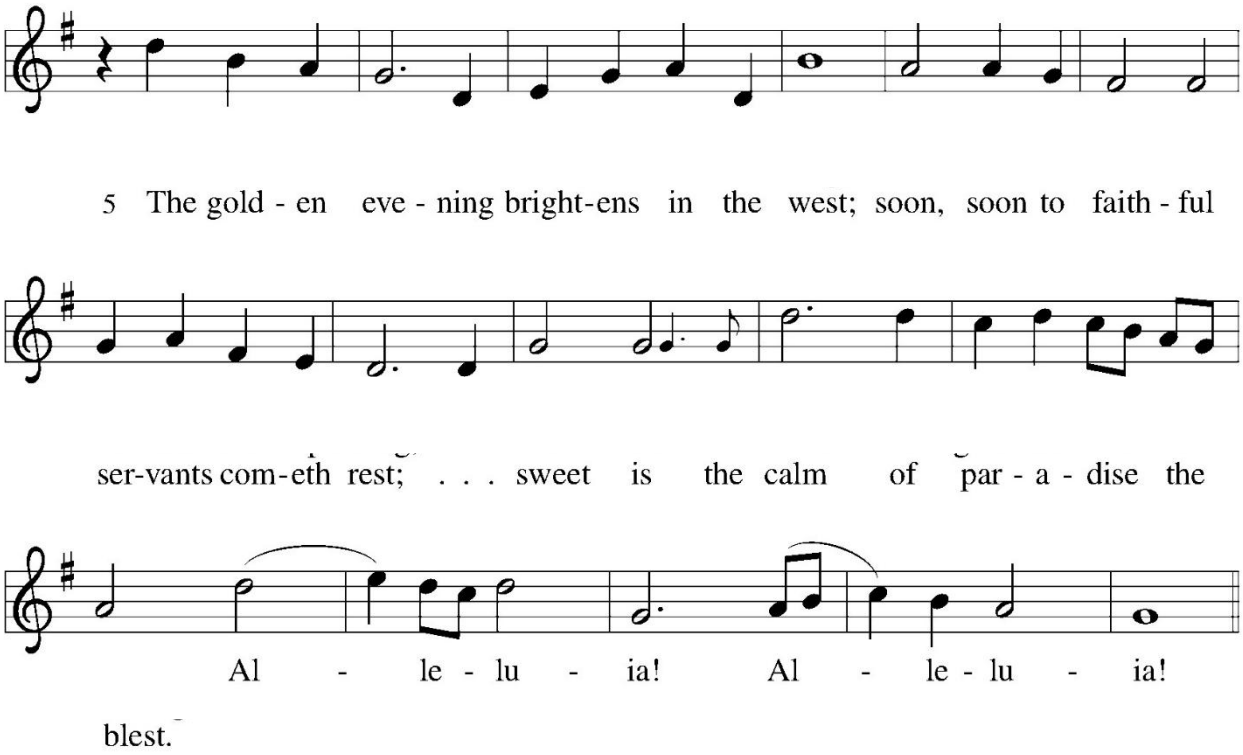

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. 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.

Canticle of Praise

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 **Revelations 7:9-17** **Assisting Minister**

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."

AM: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 Read Responsively by Whole Verse Assisting Minister

AM: [1] I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

All: [2] **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

AM: [3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

All: [4] **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

AM: [5] Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

All: [6] **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

AM: [7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

All: [8] **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

AM: [9] Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

All: [10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

AM: [22] O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

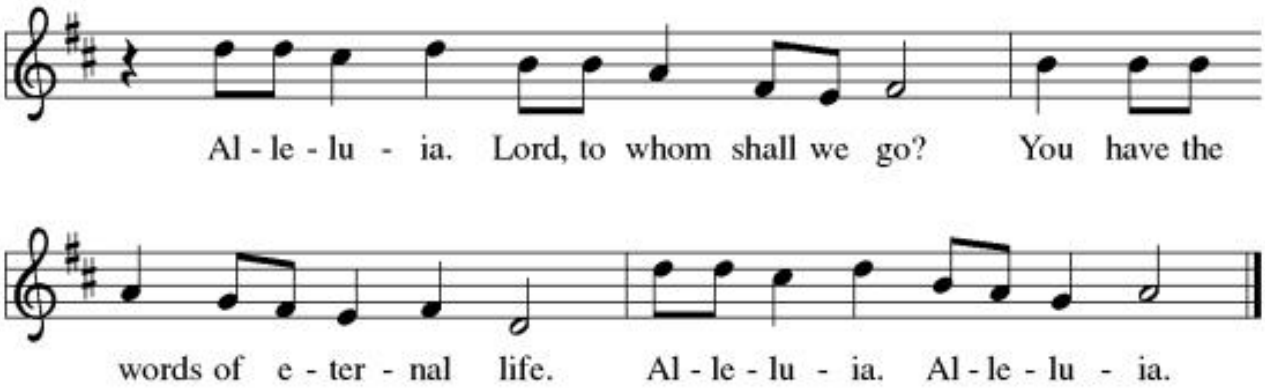
[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, 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.

AM: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation



P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the 5th Chapter
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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."

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

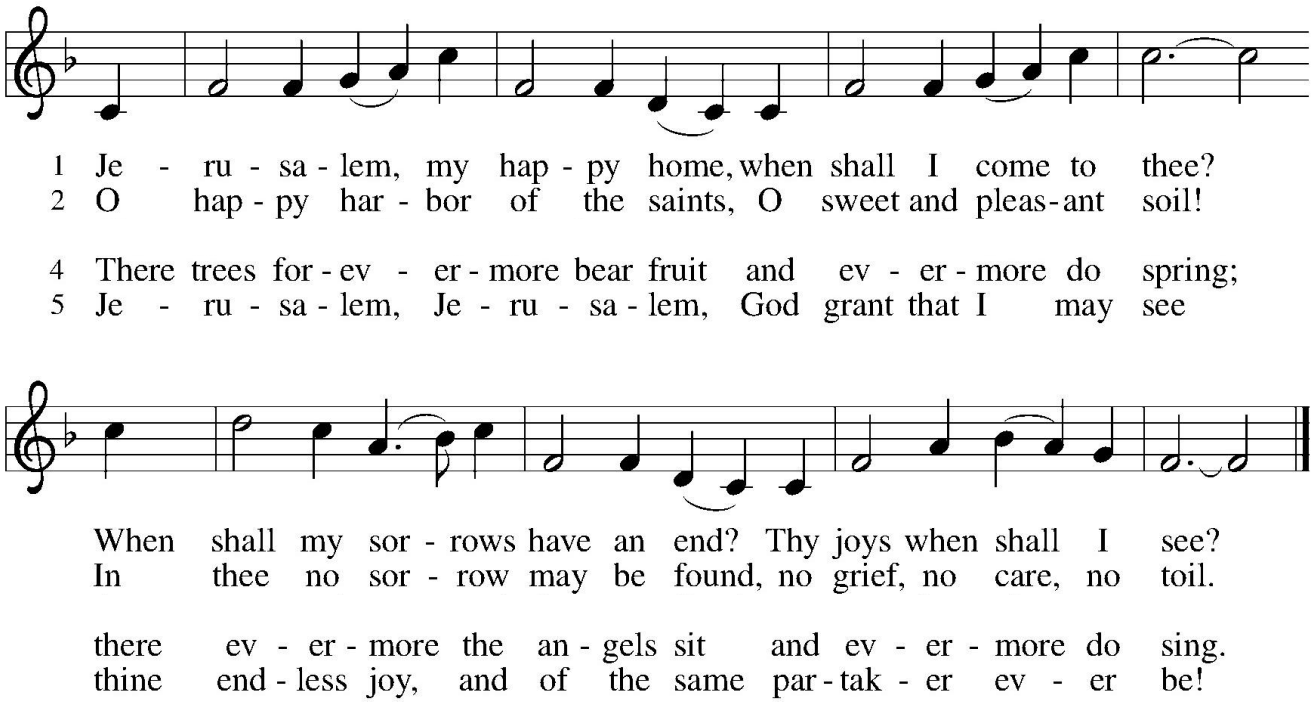
Please be seated.

Sermon **Pastor Walter Still**

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

Hymn the Day **"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"** **ELW# 628**

Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5 - Large print words found on page 27



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Apostles' Creed

All: 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 **Assisting Minister**

AM: 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,

All: Hear our prayer.

AM: 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 during our transition as a church. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

AM: Encourage and guide us, O God, that we find the resurrection in the days ahead. We pray for all at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, Alley Shoppe, Open Door, House of Praise, Ministerio Dias de Gloria, the East Side Collaborative Churches, our mission partners in Tanzania and for Remnant Christian Network. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

AM: 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 We pray especially for Marjorie Anderson, Sven & Marion Anderson, Rie Anderson (daughter-in-law of Sven and Marion Anderson) and Erin O'Brien (granddaughter of Sven & Marion), Sharon Anderson, Brenda Boogren, Tom Brackey, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Marie Erickson, Judy Hanggi, Charles and Laurie Helgason, Betty Hasse, Patricia James, Sarah Jansen, Jim Jaszczak, Eugene Karls, Gisela Koegh, Velta

Krauze, Chuck Linderkamp, Maria Lopez, Marilyn Nelson, Dennis Rasmusson, Marnie Rose, Bev Stickler, Dave Thomas, Ivanka Vicic, Ken Wagner, MaryAnn Wistrom and those we name in our hearts. (pause) God, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

P: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors this past year. *A bell will ring after each name is read.*

Joan Peterson, Jeffrey Young, Rev. William Eisenmann, Doris Wiehe, Betty Swanson, Ron Hanson, Viriginia Iverson, Priscilla Reeve, Myrl Vietor, Roger Hallman, Tim Lundgren and those we name in our hearts.

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.

We are also grateful for the baptism of **Owen Dean Svendsen**. *A bell will ring*, God, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. God, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Please rise, in body or spirit, for the sharing of the peace.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

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

Please be seated.

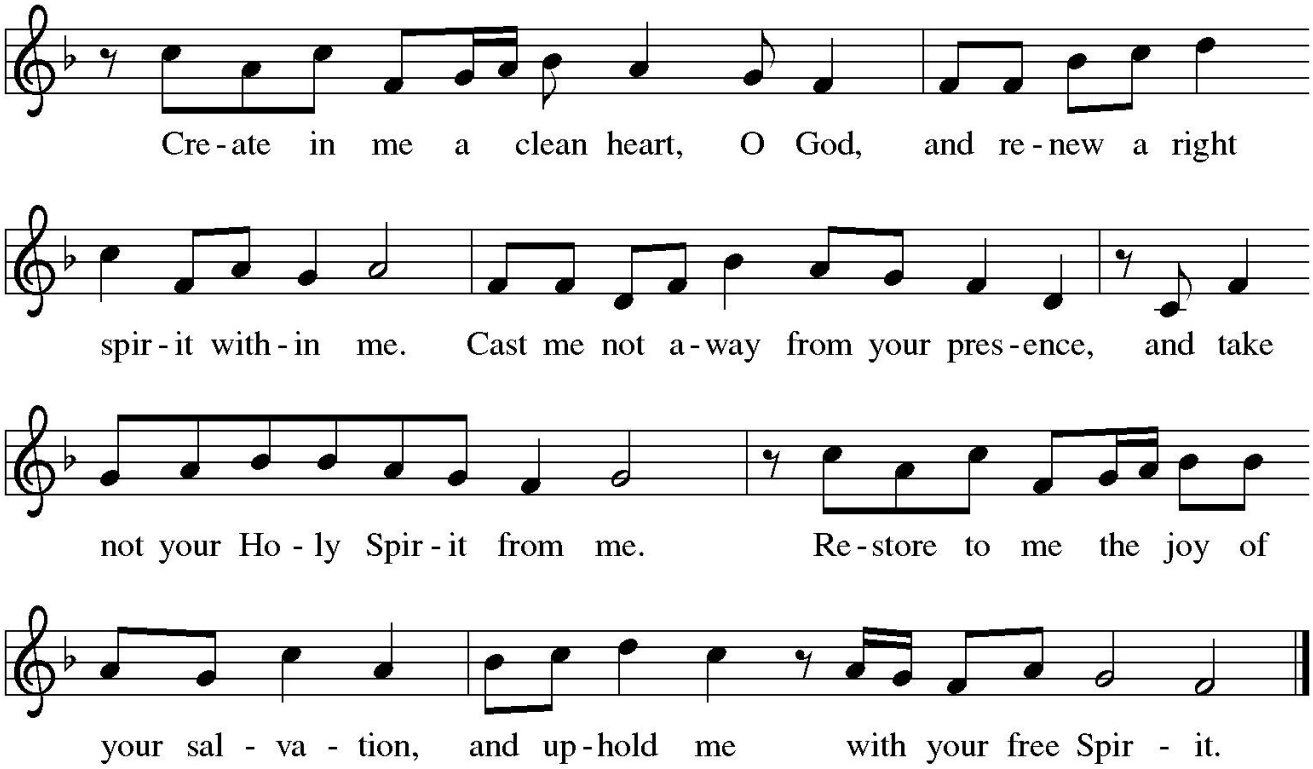
MEAL

Offering Anthem **"I've Got a Robe"** **arr. Aaron David Miller**

Sunday Morning Choir

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

Offering Song



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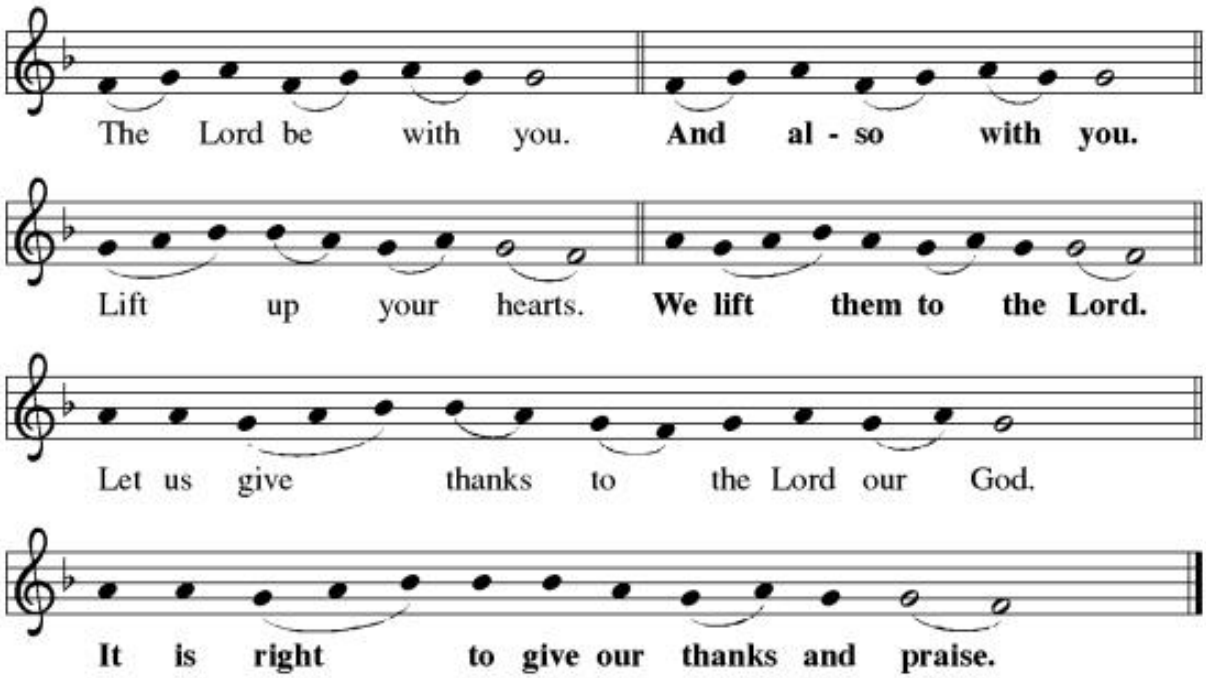
Offering Prayer

P: 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.

All: Amen.

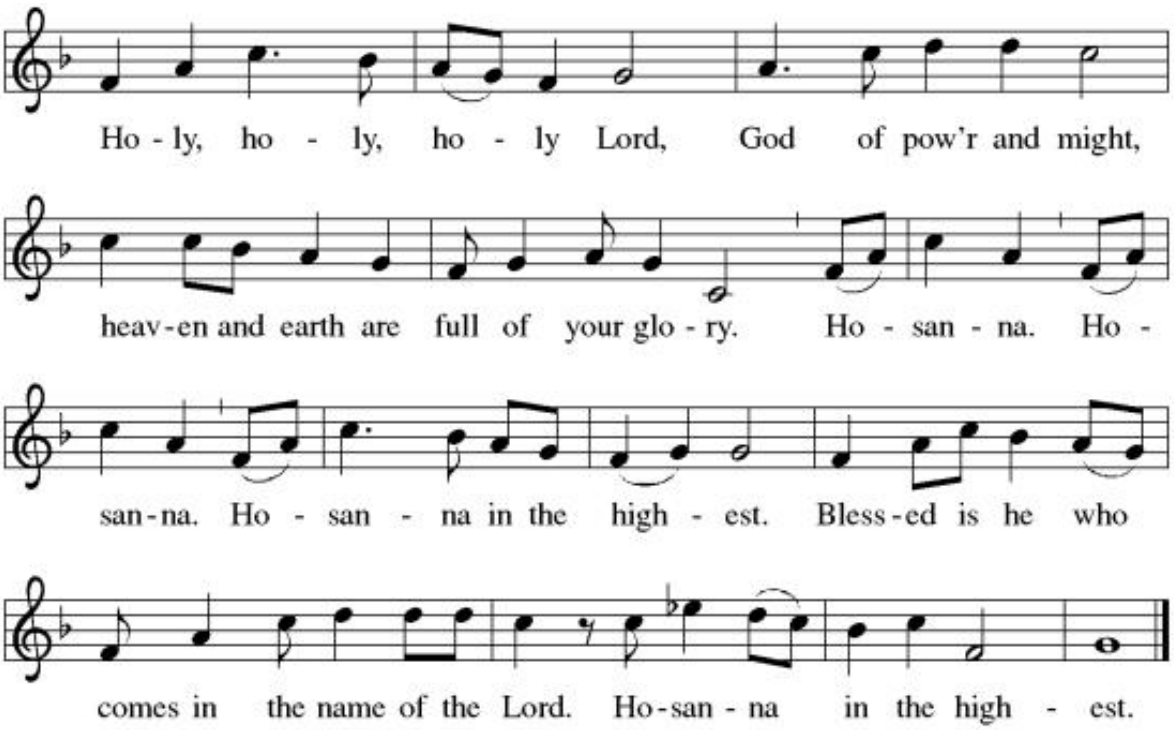
Please be seated.

Great Thanksgiving



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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

All: Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

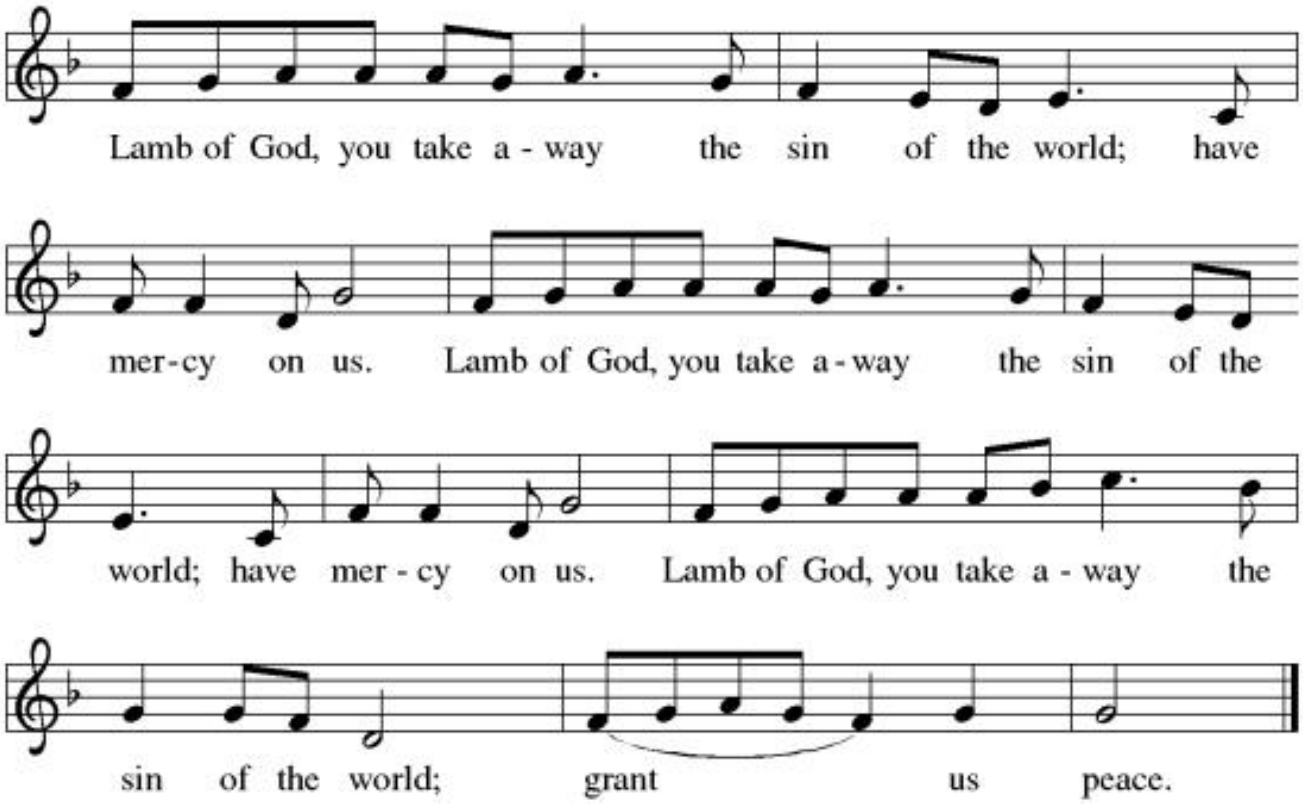
Communion

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.

When you come forward for communion,
We invite you to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Lamb of God



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, 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.

All: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn **"Soon and Very Soon"** **ELW# 439**

Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 **-** Large print words found on page 28

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

Postlude "Behold the Host Arrayed in White" arr. Edwin T. Childs

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Walter Still
Music: Barbara Rossow, Organist/Choir Director
Assisting Ministers: Dennis Rasmusson and Mary Kowitz
Communion Assistants: Dana Nelson and Janine Almquist
Song Leaders: Janine Almquist, Paul Kowitz or Linda Strohkirch
Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic, Jim Persoon and or Ryan Henk
Ushers: Tom Brackey and David Almquist
Hospitality: Sally Keller and Cindy Schreiber

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Next Sunday, November 8th – Following the Worship Service

There will be a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, November 8th following the Worship Service to vote on the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that: We the members of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN, declare our intention to discontinue ministry and authorize the Congregation Council and its Authority Team to take whatever steps necessary for the wind-up and dissolution of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church. The Church will hold its last worship service on Saturday, November 21, 2026, followed by a banquet.

Be it further resolved that we approve the proposed Legacy Plan of the distribution of assets of this congregation according to the procedures prescribed by the St. Paul Area Synod, the ELCA and the Minnesota Statutes.

Be it further resolved that we approve the proposed Authority Team and authorize them to conduct the legal business of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, until such time as the Church is wound up and dissolved, in accordance with the foregoing resolutions as approved by the Congregation herein."

The Legacy Plan adopted by the council on October 27, 2026, will be distributed at the forum following this service.

Today we will honor those that have passed since All Saints Day last year.
We also celebrate and honor the baptism of Owen Dean Svendsen
who was baptized here on July 19, 2026.

All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1, 2026

Joan Peterson
April 23, 1935
November 18, 2025

Jeffrey Young
May 18, 1951
November 19, 2025

Reverend
William Eisenmann
May 29, 1942
January 1, 2026

Doris Wiehe
September 23, 1936
January 12, 2026

Betty Swanson
October 15, 1928
January 17, 2026

Ron Hanson
July 11, 1941
January 21, 2026

Virginia Iverson
October 15, 1928
February 4, 2026

Priscilla Reeve
May 1, 1932
June 7, 2026

Myrl Vietor
March 25, 1959
July 27, 2026

Roger Hallman
December 16, 1940
August 16, 2026

Tim Lundgren
December 11, 2026
August 28, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday Services – 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Mondays – Alley Shoppe Volunteers
9:00 a.m. - noon
Tuesdays - Alley Shoppe – Volunteers - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Alley Shoppe Clients - 9:30 a.m. – 1:30
Please, No Donations this fall.
Wednesday – ROMEO's Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Perkins

November 1 – TODAY - Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary – **All Saints Sunday** - Followed by a forum
November 3 – Election Day – We pray for this important date.
November 8 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary – Special music by Elizabeth Spang

We will take a photo of the members in the Sanctuary, followed by a Special Congregation Meeting in the Reception Room.

November 11th – Veterans Day – We give thanks for all those who have served or are serving for our country.

November 15 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary – Reception thanking Pastor Walter and staff.
Saturday – November 21 – Holy Closure Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.
Celebration at Keller Park Golf Course at 12:30 p.m. arrival- meal served at 1:00 p.m.

Holy Closure Worship and the Celebration luncheon at Keller – invites have been mailed. Sorry to those that may not have received it yet, we've heard the USPS has been slow to deliver some. If you have not received your invite, please contact the office and I can get your dinner requests over the phone, or send you a new invite out.

Returns are coming in at a good rate. **They are due to the office by October 30th, but I will take them on Sunday November 1st.** Registration is required as we will have seating for only 220. We are excited that several former pastors are coming to celebrate with us. Bishop Justin Grimm will be preaching.

Membership Transfer Information also went out just this past week. We are hoping to receive those **forms back by November 10th**. I will have forms available in the Reception Room today.

We are asking four things:

1. Name(s):

_____

2. If you know which church you would like your membership transferred to?

3. If not, we will transfer them to the Saint Paul Area Synod and when you make the decision they will transfer the records to your new church.

4. If you would like your name to be included in the Final Church directory. Yes _____ No _____
   The categories that we would include would be:
   Name _____
   Address _____
   Phone _____
   Email _____

Gathering Hymn: For All the Saints

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!

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

Hymn of the Day: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
no grief, no care, no toil.

4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
and evermore do spring;
there evermore the angels sit
and evermore do sing.

5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.

Sending Hymn: Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King

Refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there We are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there We are goin' to see the King
Refrain

3 No more dyin' there We are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there We are goin' to see the King
No more cryin' there We are goin' to see the King
Refrain

4 Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King
Soon and very soon We are goin' to see the King
Final Refrain:
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, halleluiah

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Our Vision

"Arlington Hills Lutheran Church Community,
A Beacon for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Our Mission

"To Spread the Good News of
Jesus Christ to all in word and deed."