

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

All Saints Sunday, November 1st, 2026

GATHERING

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

Prelude *Alle Menschen müssen sterben BWV 643* by J. S. Bach
Andante Tranquilo from Sonata III by F. Mendelssohn

Welcome

Invitation to Pledge: Jill Kaiser

Announcements

Musical Note: *In Matthew 5, Jesus calls those who mourn blessed and promises that they will be comforted. Today, we sing "rejoice and be glad" in thanksgiving for the saints who have shaped our lives, trusting that God holds us together in Christ through life, death, and resurrection.*

***Gathering Acclamation** Blest Are They #728 v. 1

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.
Rejoice and be glad,
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad,
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. We praise you for our local waters: Lester River, Amity Creek, Tischer Creek, the St. Louis River, and Lake Superior.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



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 dread, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle.



they in glory shine: yet all are one in thee, for all are



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

***Prayer of the Day**

God, we give you thanks for the lives of all the saints honored and remembered here this day. We give thanks for the things they give to us, show us, and teach us. Help us to honor them as we live each day with gratitude, grace, and joy. Give us the faith to trust that you hold together those who have died, those who are living, and those who are yet to come in one beautiful community in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

Children's Sermon - Katie

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation:

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.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* ELW 424

O friends, in gladness let us sing,

supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,

and God the Spirit, Three in One:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

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

Hymn of the Day *Blest are They* ELW 728 v. 2-5 (LCGS Favorite)

Thanksgiving for the Saints

Let us give thanks to God for all the saints of our lives
and the witness they have shared with us
even as we continue to walk the journey of faith
and make our way to the glory that God is preparing for all of us.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,

our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
we praise you for the saints of all times and places
who have walked the road of faith before us and beside us.
For their witness to your love
and their commitment to your justice,
for their trust in your mercy regardless of the circumstance,
we give you thanks and praise.

God of all creation,
we praise you for all your servants
who have witnessed to your truth,
who have shown us your love,
who have inspired us to have hope.

By their example of faith, hope, and love,
remind us of your calling
to join in making your new creation real
in this world and the next.

God of grace and peace,
we praise you for people, young and old,
who reflect your love into our world.
Guide us to continue their faithful work
as we too walk in the light of your love.

God of all saints,
today we especially give thanks for the newly baptized
whom you have made your saints in the waters of baptism.
We thank you for

Juniper Grace Blenkush

June Marie Kleven

We thank you for your promise to walk with them through this life and
bring them into new life with you.

God of all saints,
today we especially remember
the saints from among this community
who have departed our company over the past year.

We thank you for

Roger Munson

Sue Gruwell

Marina Vork

Calvin Loken

William (Buzz) Palmer

We thank you for their faithful witness,
for their courage amidst strife
and their hope in the face of death.
We remember so many other saints
who have walked this road with us,
And we give thanks for them.

Eternal God,
as we walk this pilgrim way,
make our faith firm,
our hope clear,
and our love pure,
that we might join the saints of all the ages
in praise eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

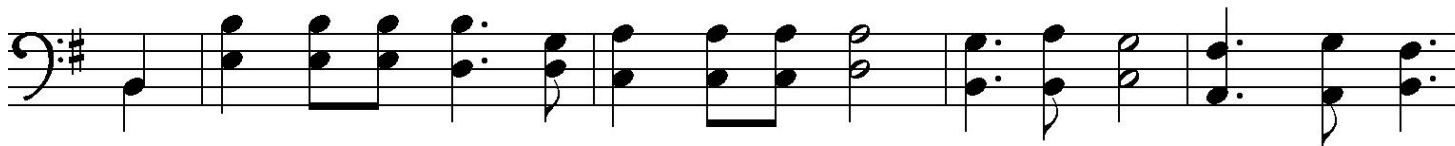
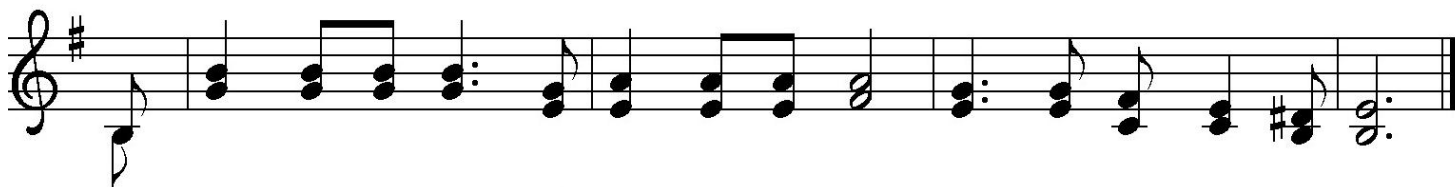
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Invitation to Prayer Stations

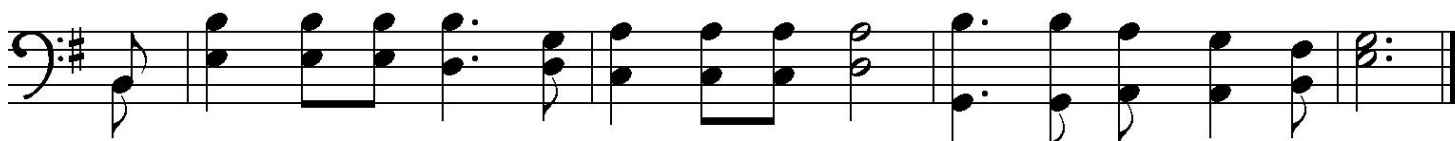
Chant During Prayer Stations: O Lord, Hear My Prayer ELW 751



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



Culminating Prayer at Stations

God of all saints,
Of all who are certain in their faith, all who are seeking, and all who do not know yet for whom they reach. You know each one of us and name us your beloved child. You know all that we carry in our hearts. Answer our prayers. Comfort, heal, and inspire. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of all saints,
Of those washed in these waters and those nourished by waters flowing through all lands. You number us among your saints. Help us remember that we belong, we belong in this whole community, we belong in your family. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of all saints,
of those living among us and those held in your promise of resurrection, inspire us by their faithful witness, that we too might join in bringing your justice, mercy, and peace to our world. Lord, in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

***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.***

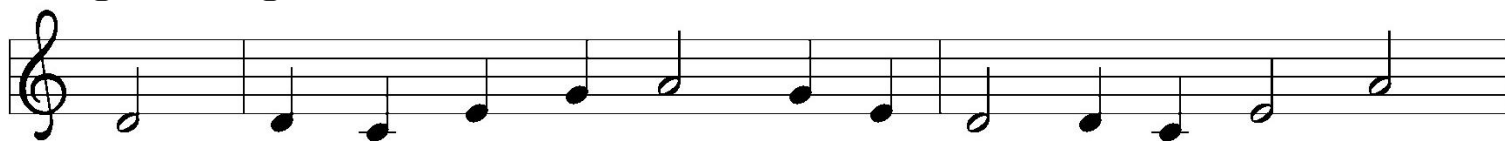
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In communion, we experience Jesus for us. The simple elements of bread and wine/juice convey Jesus' love, forgiveness, and grace. All are welcome to

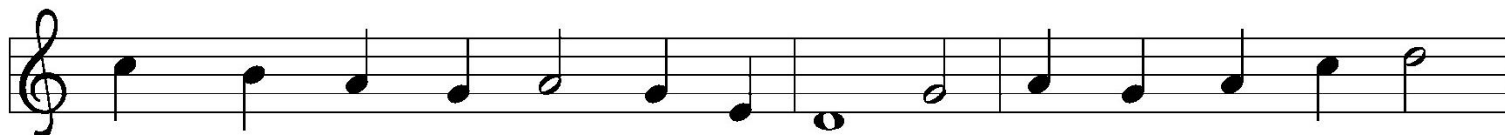
receive communion or a blessing. Ushers will invite your pew; continue forward to the communion server on your side of the sanctuary. Please put a hand over your heart for a blessing only. If you wish to receive communion, hold open your hand to receive a wafer. Please tell the server if you need a gluten-free wafer. Dip the wafer in the wine (red) or juice (clear). You may immediately eat the wafer. Continue along the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

Songs during Communion: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

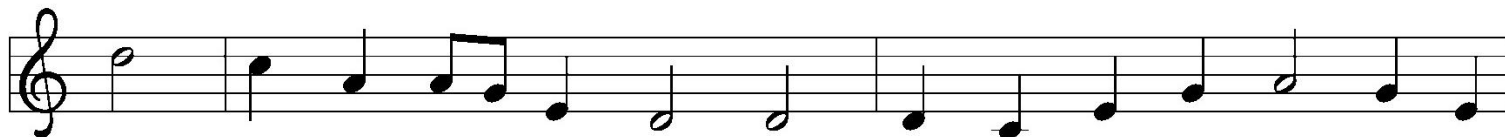
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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Eat This Bread

ELW 472 (repeat in prayer.)

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Choral Benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Lowell Mason

Dismissal:

At this time, you are welcome to stay and continue in prayer, or to go out into the world remembering that God is always with you, and holds you together with all the saints forever in life. When you go, go in peace, Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

**Thank you all our volunteers who signed up this morning
and the following who prepared ahead!**

Altar Guild Eric and Amy Kaiser

Projections Preparer Julie Seidelmann

Projectionist Julie Seidelmann

Streaming Brian Fischer

Hospitality Lois Opseth

Next Week: Susan Sage

This Week at LCGS

Nov 1, All Saints Sunday

8:45AM Sunday School

8:45AM Choir rehearsal

9:30AM Congregation meeting/
Worship

10:30AM Coffee Fellowship

Nov 2, Monday

9:00AM –3:30:00PM Quilters

11:15AM Meet Pastor Liz at Ritual
Salad

6:00PM Austin Story Project

Nov 3, Tuesday

Election Day

Nov 4, Wednesday

7:00AM Men's Bible Study

11:30AM Staff Meeting

6:00PM ALL SAINTS SPAGHETTI
DINNER -Welcome everyone!

Nov 5, Thursday

7:45AM Morning Prayer -Everyone
Welcome!

9:30AM Women's Faith Study

Nov 6, Friday

8:00AM Women's "Son"rise Bible
Conversation (ZOOM)

Nov 7, Saturday

Nov 8, Wrapped in God's Love Sunday

8:45AM Choir Rehearsal

8:45AM Sunday School

9:30AM Worship

10:30AM Fellowship: Bring Muffins!

11:15AM Meet Pastor Liz at Mount
Royal for coffee

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