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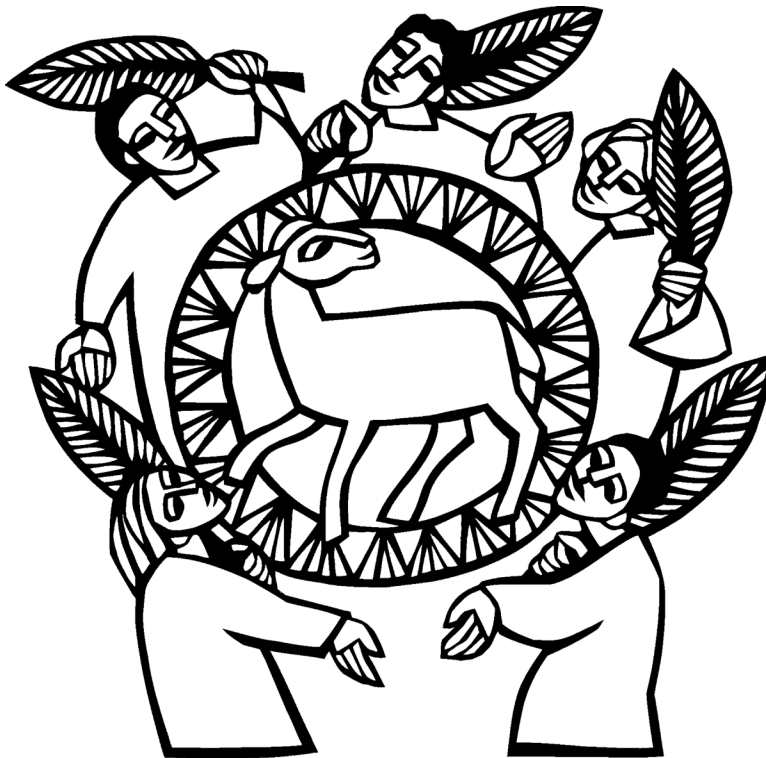
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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Darci Gamerl, *oboe*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

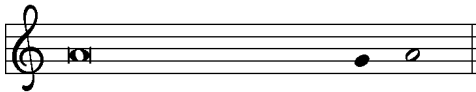
C Amen.

- 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!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



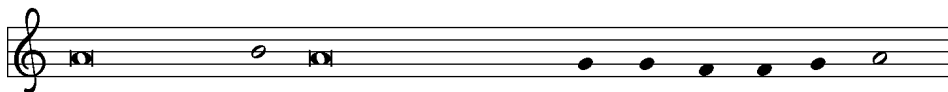
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ✠ 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. Amen

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
 and thanksgiving and honor
 and power and might
 be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22 (*read responsively*)

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

²I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

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

²²O 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

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

G Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

G Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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.

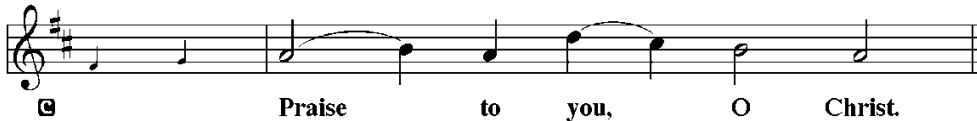
⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, 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. ¹²Rejoice 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.



(sit)

CHILDREN’S BLESSING 9:00 AM

Children (aged 3 years through 6th grade) are invited to come forward for a blessing. Then, they may either return to their seat and use the Spark Bible and/or activity bags during the regular sermon, or follow Ms. Boe upstairs for an activity in the Sunday School room.

(sit)

SERMON

Pastor Hall

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

stanzas 1 & 4

**1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.**

**4 Praise and honor to the Father,
praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Leader

Assembly

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Be gra - cious to us:
De - liv - er your people:

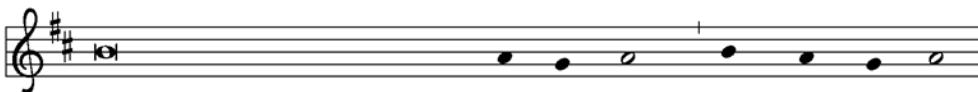
Hear us, O God.
Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made: Hear us, O God.
You rescued the people of your promise: Hear us, O God.
You spoke through your prophets: Hear us, O God.
You gave your only Son for the life of the world: Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: Great is your love.
and was born of the vir - gin Mary: Great is your love.
who by his cross and suffering re - deemed the world: Great is your love.
and has washed us from our sins: Great is your love.
who on the third day rose from the dead: Great is your love.
and has given us the vic - to - ry: Great is your love.
who ascend - ed on high: Great is your love.
and intercedes for us at the right hand of God: Great is your love.

For the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: Thanks be to God.
For the one holy catholic and apos - tol - ic church: Thanks be to God.
For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are bap - tized: Thanks be to God.

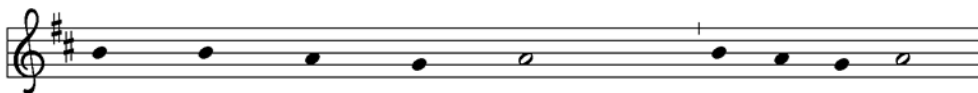
For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Re - bekah: Thanks be to God.
For Gideon and Deborah, Da - vid and Esther: Thanks be to God.
For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremi - ah and Daniel: Thanks be to God.
For Miriam and Rahab, Abi - gail and Ruth: Thanks be to God.



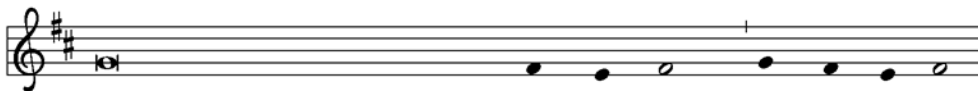
For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Ma-ry and Martha: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Pe - ter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For Paul and Apollos, Ste - phen and Phoebe: **Thanks be to God.**



For all holy men and women,
our mothers and fa - thers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the a - postles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white-robed ar - my of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim,
Michael and the ho - ly angels: **Thanks be to God.**



Be gra - cious to us: **Hear us, O God.**
De - liv - er your people: **Hear us, O God.**



Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**
Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**
Clothe us in compas - sion and love: **Hear us, O God.**
Bring us with all your saints to the riv - er of life: **Hear us, O God.**



Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(sit)

**REMEMBERING THE SAINTS OF GOD,
JOINED TO CHRIST THROUGH THE GIFT OF BAPTISM**

Darci Gamerl, oboe

We give thanks for the life and witness of those saints who have gone before us and now rest with God. Today we remember those saints of our own faith community who entered the church triumphant since All Saints' Day last year.

Jerry E. Weible
Rev. Robert Johnson
Bud Gogetap
Deborah "Annie" Kuehn
Carol Lynn Duncan
Gretchen "Peggy" Mackinzie-
Hesse
Darrell Wesley Vaught
Marvin D. Andersen
Lucile Krisor
Patricia Lemke
Marge Grabow
Jason Keogh

Betty Louise Myers
Patty J. Baker
Margaret Johnson
Gerald Klonglan
Wilma Wallin Sagers
Marlys Bergjord
Bessie Swanson
Sandra Rychly
Dean Anderson
Lou Ann Weber
Lois Lepper
Eugene Buchholz
Paul Morse

Ryan Toenjes
James Tunzer
Bill Booten
Debbie Donahoe
Rev. DeeDee Lundahl
Robert Thomas Chrisman, Jr.
Judith Ryan
Lois Andresen
Linda Filbrandt
Barbara Andersen
Marjorie Bock
Steven Dragon
Rev. Thomas Holcombe

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*We give thanks for those who have been welcomed in the Body of Christ
and into the mission we share since All Saints' Day last year.*

Hollis Opal Fischer
Dietrich Alastair Brown
Edmund Theodor Brown
Giada Marisol Valquier

Greyson Joseph Bailes
Ayce Michael Svacina
Kambry Rae Marie Svacina
Lincoln Alexander Mirch

Jair Antonio Corona
Noa Corinne Arnio
Harrison Gray Kreiser
Titus Rodwin Andronicus Pummer

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **P** Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Prayers This Week: Ellie Carlson, Diane Rasmussen, Jim West, Gary Westerman

On-going Care: Cheri Biggs, John & Jane Bodnar, Don Burton, Shirley Dietrich, Mike Edris, Jessica Hannon, Richard & Betty Holzer, Jim Hopkins, Joan Jacobson-Trotter, Jason Klonglan, Rosanne Klug, Orville & Julie Knapp, Julie King, Ruth & Charles Martis, Lara McCormick, Linda Peltz, Kathy Preininger, Darlene White, Deb Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military*— Wyatt Johnson, Tyler Johnston, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission*— Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Katie Larson, Colombia; Rev. Bridget Gautieri, Wittenburg Center, Germany; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators; our sister congregation, the American Church in Berlin, as they assist refugees from the war in Ukraine

Other Prayers: *Seminarians*— James Holzer, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks

THE PEACE IS SHARED

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

(sit)

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

We glorify God in our giving. Our offering is an act of worship that makes the ministries of this church possible. We encourage everyone to give. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate in this portion of worship. If you would like, use the QR code scanner on your smart phone to give online or place your offering in the plates that are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary. For those of you watching through our media outlets, if you are able, please mail in your offering or donate online. Thank you!



THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Richard Horn

(stand)

OFFERTORY HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

stanzas 1 & 3

**1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

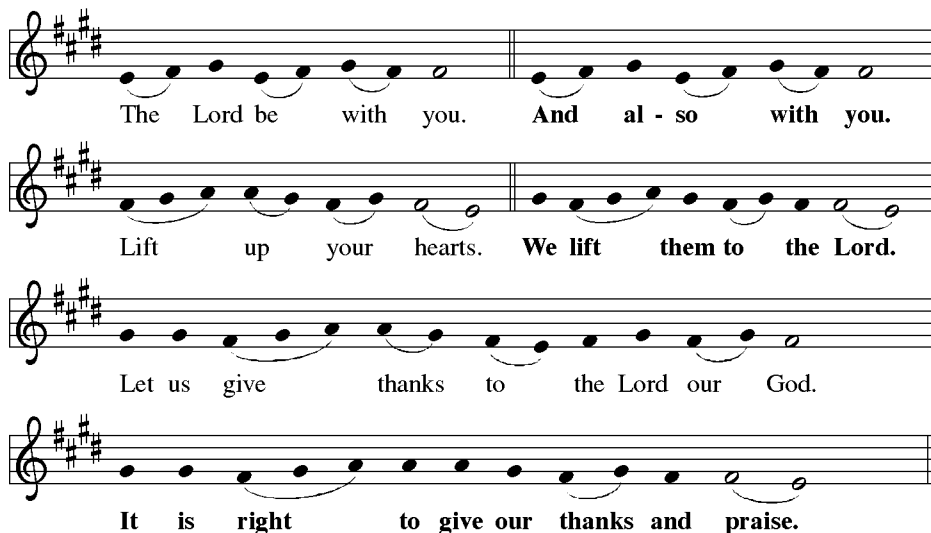
**3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☞** God of all goodness,
☞ generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts from your abundance and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

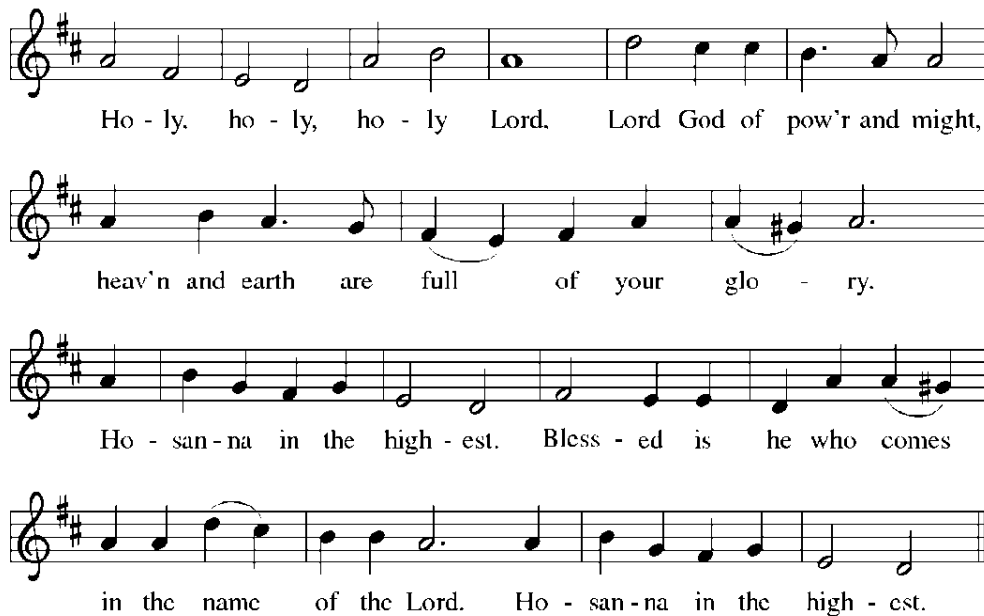
Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has the lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has the lyrics: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE FOR SUNDAYS

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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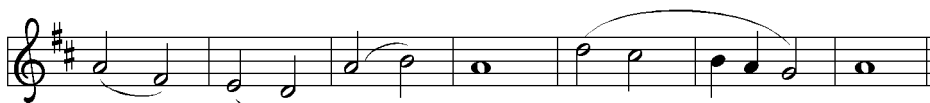
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 . . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

- P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

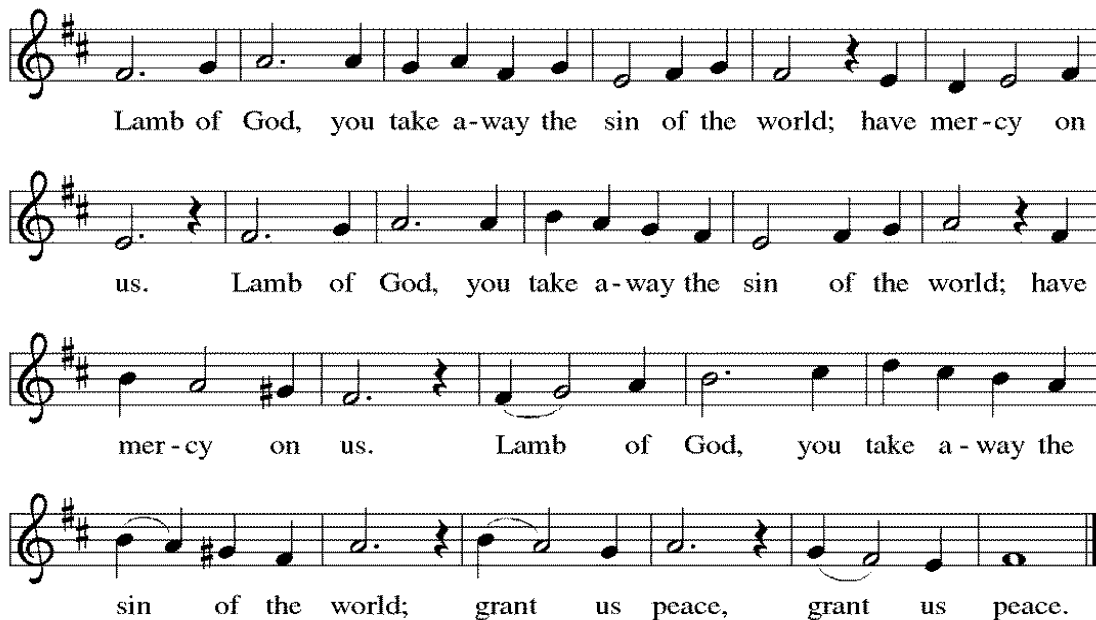
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ Come and feast at Jesus' table.
- ☑ There is a place for all at the banquet.

(sit)

THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and his Real Presence in, with and under the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We believe that this is the Lord's table and is he who invites you. So you who are strong in faith, come with gratitude. You who feel weak in faith, come to be strengthened. And you who feel you have no faith, come so that the God of steadfast love will touch your heart with hope and joy. The form of distribution is intinction: you will receive the consecrated bread and then you may dip the bread into the wine. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.;
tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

1 Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
everlasting is your reign.

3 Lo, the apostolic train
join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun
through the church the song goes on.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

4 Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

(stand)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ Lord Jesus,

☞ in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

BLESSING

- ☞ May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

RECESSIONAL HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW 422

stanzas 5-7

- 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

DISMISSAL

- ☞ Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Darci Gamerl, *oboe*



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KOUNTZE

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November 4 & 5, 2023

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church is a vibrant, historic faith community that welcomes all and provides ministries for all ages and walks of life. We are a "City-wide Church with a World-wide Ministry" and have been worshiping, growing, and serving in downtown Omaha for over 160 years. If you are new to Kountze Memorial, we invite you to visit the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall for more information about who we are and what we do.

Holy Communion

All who are baptized and trust in Christ's presence in Holy Communion are invited to commune at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing will receive a blessing. It is the understanding of the universal Church that those who wish to commune with bread only (especially for health reasons) have communed fully. Our form of distribution is Intinction. You will receive the wafer in your hand and then dip into the wine.

Children in Worship

We believe that all are welcome in worship and encourage families to worship together. Activity bags, children's bibles, and bulletins are available, as well as a room just off the west side of the main sanctuary, that includes a TV and a variety of toys, games, and books for young children.

Nursery

Our nursery is available from 8:45 AM—noon for children 0—2 years. Please ask an usher if you are unsure as to where our nursery is and would like to use it.

Attendance Cards

All those attending worship are encouraged to fill out the card included in your bulletin and place in the offering plate. Offering plates are located by the doors in the Nave.

Large Print Bulletins and Listening Devices

Please speak to an usher if you would like a large print bulletin or an assisted listening device.

E-news & Social Media

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news and monthly e-newsletter, add your e-mail address to the attendance card in your bulletin.

Thank you for supporting the ministries of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church.



Today at Kountze Memorial

ELCA National Youth Summit

We give thanks for the opportunity of Mia Valquier and Lilly Kassel being the two representatives of the Nebraska Synod to the ELCA National Youth Summit from November 2—5 in Chicago.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Jane Kidder's 18th birthday; in memory of Marvin Andersen by Kay, Erik and Kathe

Kountze Café

9:30—11:00 AM

Join us each Sunday for breakfast. The suggested donation is \$5 adults, \$2.50 children 12 and younger for the hot breakfast and a free-will donation for the continental breakfast.

Faith Formation

Children's Choir

9:15 AM (following 9:00 AM Children's Blessing)

Grades K-6

Join Barb Carlsen on the 2nd floor in the Sunday School Music Room

Sunday School

10:10 AM

Ages 2 years-6th Grade

Join us in the 2nd Floor Sunday School Rooms where the children will see how Jesus taught his followers to live in God's word and spread that message to others through art, games, science, storytelling, cooking, and missions.

Youth Forum

Lower Level Youth Room

This week: Exploring Faith and Current Events

Next Week: Exploring a Spiritual Practices

Today at Kountze Memorial, *continued*

Adult Forum

Join us at 10:10 AM on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. **This week:** A Lutheran Perspective on All Saints and All Souls **Next week:** What is the "Communion of Saints"?

Grief Seminar

Sunday, November 5

12:15—1:30 PM

Fellowship Lounge

We will join with The Rev. Ruth Tomlinson, a trained facilitator of Walking The Mourner's Path. She will assist us in claiming the story of the ones who have died. A light meal will be served.

This Week at Kountze Memorial

November 5 Sunday

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings—fall back 1 hour
Homebound Communion
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Grief Seminar

November 6 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

November 7 Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

November 8 Wednesday

9:00 AM Sewing Group
12:15 PM Worship
1:00 PM Devotions @ deFreese Manor
6:00 PM Confirmation @ St. Timothy

November 9 Thursday

9:30 AM WELCA Board
11:30 AM Property Committee
4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic
5:00 PM Project Everlast
Thanksgiving Dinner

November 10 Friday

Nov 10 - Nov 12 Middle School Retreat
(gr 6-8) Camp CJH
5:00 PM Pantry

November 11 Saturday

Veterans Day
11:00 AM Tom Holcombe Memorial Service
5:00 PM Worship

November 12 Sunday

Pentecost 24
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Worship
9:00 AM Nursery (0-2 yrs)
9:15 AM Children's Choir (K-5)
9:30 AM Kountze Cafe - Breakfast
10:10 AM Faith Formation Hour
12:15 PM Book Group
5:00 PM Friendsgiving (High School, College, & Young Adults (22-35 yrs))

For Your Calendar/News & Notes

Thanksgiving Bags

Help the youth put together Thanksgiving Bags for the Pantry on November 19. Please bring the following and put in Sunday School Thanksgiving Box located in the Narthex **by November 12.** We are collecting the following items:

Stuffing Mix	Mashed Potato Mix
Turkey Gravy	Canned Yams
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Pumpkin

Middle School Retreat

November 10-12, 2023

Grades 6-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp

This retreat will serve as a good reminder to campers who attended camp about the things they learned during their time there and how they can continue to implement those lessons into their lives. For campers who may not have been able to attend camp, this retreat will serve as a way for them to experience camp in a condensed and meaningful way. Along with the lessons we will learn about God's love

and faithfulness, we will also be experiencing some favorite camp activities, God's creation, and of course, fellowship! Cost is \$100.00. Register at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/ms-retreat>

Friendsgiving

Sunday, November 12

5:00 PM

In the KMLC Fellowship Hall

All High School, College Youth, and Young Adults (22-35 year olds)

You are invited to attend a Friendsgiving at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Bring a favorite dish to share. Invite your friends. Please consider allergies such as peanuts/nuts, gluten, etc. and those who might be vegan and vegetarian. It is our hope that through this time together of meal and conversation we can explore our gratitude for what friendships bring to our life and how God is a very best friend throughout life.

Project Everlast Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 9
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Project Everlast is a dedicated organization that serves the vital needs (housing, education, employment, finances, etc.) of unconnected youth ages 14 -26 that may have experiences in some of the following areas: aging out of foster care, homelessness, human trafficking, juvenile justice. Project Everlast is hosting a Thanksgiving event on November 9 in the Kountze Memorial Fellowship Hall for these youth. The purpose of this event is to provide these deserving young individuals with a warm and meaningful celebration as they transition into independent living. This communal feast is to help foster a sense of family and belonging for participants in this program. They believe relationship building is an essential aspect in these youths' journey to stability in their transition to young adulthood.

Typically, volunteers sign up for food and bring the dishes. If anyone would want to volunteer for a meal donation you can sign up on their SignUp Genius at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44ADAC2FA1FBC34-44818883-project>

Men's Lunch
Thursday, November 16
11:30 AM

4th Annual Men's Chili Cookoff!

Suggested Donation: Pot of Chili or Stuffed Animal/ Toy for the Pantry

Come vote on your favorite chili, there will be prizes for the top three and a great time of fellowship. Call the church office or email jim@kmlchurch.org to sign up. Let us know if you will be entering a pot of chili or just attending. If you're entering a pot of chili the cost is free otherwise suggested donation for the event will be a new stuffed animal/ toy to be distributed by the Kountze food pantry as Christmas gifts for our young pantry guests.

54th Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah
Sunday, November 19, 2023
3:00 PM

Holland Performing Arts Center

Voices of Omaha presents an annual performance of Handel's Messiah without admission charge as a gift to the community. All are Welcome to Sing in the Chorus Chorus membership is open to all members of the community. No audition is required to participate. Early registration opens every August with rehearsals starting in October. Registration is now open!

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
113 N 18th St (corner of N 18th & Capitol)
Sunday, November 19

6:00 PM
Trinity Cathedral is excited to host this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Let's join our interfaith siblings and give thanks to God! Theme: Unity in a Time of Conflict Speaker: Mike Hornacek, Together, Inc. The offering goes to Together, Inc.

ELCA Young Adult Gathering
Young Adults (19-25-year-olds)
July 16-20, 2024, in New Orleans

An ELCA Young Adult Gathering will take place at the same time as the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Each group will have separate daytime offerings followed by a joint Evening Program. As this is a new event, plans are still being made. We hope you will consider attending this event. Please contact Pr. Shari or the church office if you are interested in attending. For more info or to register, go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/attend/young-adult-gathering>

Kountze Food Pantry

This month the Kountze Food Pantry is collecting toothpaste, toothbrushes and floss, or flossing picks. Please place donated items in the marked box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone for donating soup in October! We can always use more grocery bags. We use both plastic and paper. Please sign up with the link below if you would like to serve at the Kountze Food Pantry.

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Attendance & Giving

Saturday: 24
Sunday: 9:00: 152 11:00: 77
Wednesday: 12:15: 10 Conf: 5
Total: 278
Streaming: 59
Pantry Guests Served: 1,241 (inc. 364 children)
Medical Clinic Guests Served: 23
Offering:
\$14,323.11 (Regular) \$3,933.04 (Specials)
\$427.66 (Debt Reduction)

We are blessed by the saints we have known.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Wednesday	Romans 1:1-15	Prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	Psalms 16	Psalms of trust
Friday	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Paul's interest in the Colossians
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-10, 22	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids



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SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace and glory, you promise us a future filled with peace and joy; we thank you for giving us saints to bless us along our life's way through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food we taste and see that you are good. We give you thanks for this meal and all our blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit save you from every trouble through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 34:6)

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- In what ways do you feel you have been blessed?
- Is there someone you feel God has placed in your life to bless you? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 5:1-12.

The Beatitudes (meaning blessedness) listed in this reading are a series of blessings announced by Jesus. A blessing is defined as a gift or favor bestowed by God. Society often misinterprets a blessing as a possession of the wealthy, the healthy, and the assertive, but Jesus blesses the poor, the sick, and the meek and promises a reversal of fortune. The source of that reversal is God. This includes the work of saints called by God. The saints are the children of God sent to us to heal, to forgive, and to renew life in Jesus' name. As we remember those saints who have come before us, we give thanks that they have been the source of blessings to enrich us, comfort us, and be merciful to us. Their actions reflect the kingdom of God. We take time to give thanks for all the saints, especially those who have personally touched our lives with God's love in Christ. This divine love promises to reverse the way things are to make them consistent with the ways of God.

Discuss: Who are some of the saints who have touched your life?

Pray: **Eternal God, we thank you for your many blessings, especially those that have come to us through saints we have known and loved through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to bring comfort and hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of someone who has blessed your life. Light a candle and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the life of [name]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13