# NATIVITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Celebrating 60 years of Caring, Witnessing, Serving*

**All Saints Sunday** **10:15 a.m.** **November 1, 2026**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP — ELW - SETTING I

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## 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.*

P: = *Pastor* W: = *Worship Assistant* **A: = *All in Attendance***

**indicates congregation should stand if able.*

**PRELUDE** Prelude in D Major by JFK Fischer (1665-1738)

## GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship:

*(a moment of silence for reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)*

## *ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
**A: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
A: **Amen.**

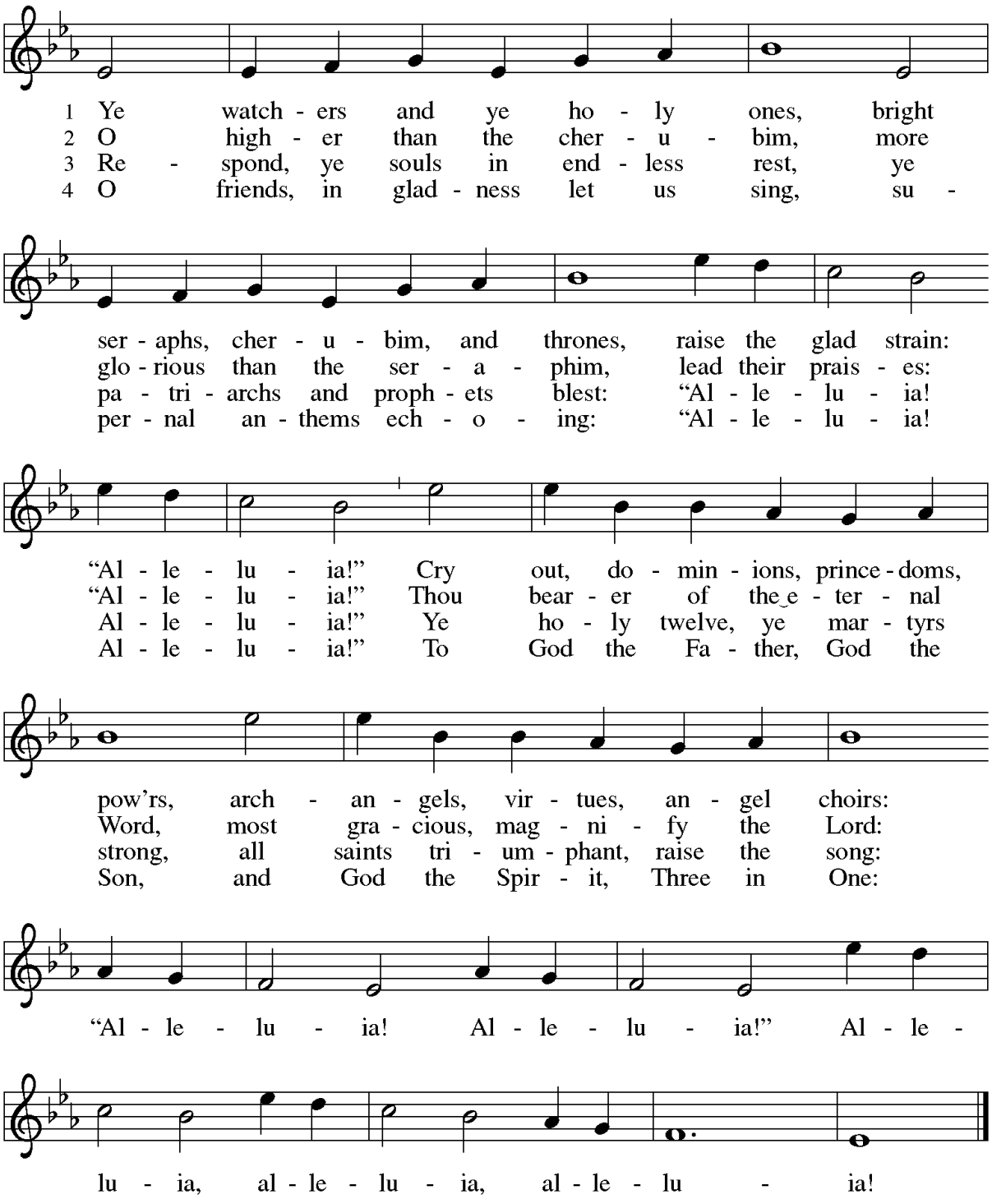
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,
**A: 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.
**A: Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN:** "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" **ELW #424**




Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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***GREETING**

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

**A: And also with you.**

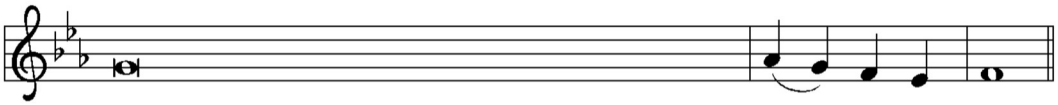
## *KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



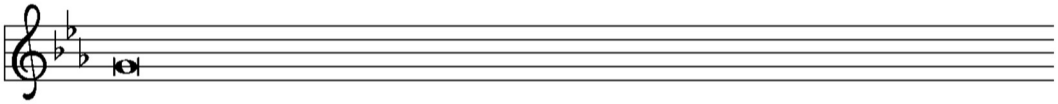
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



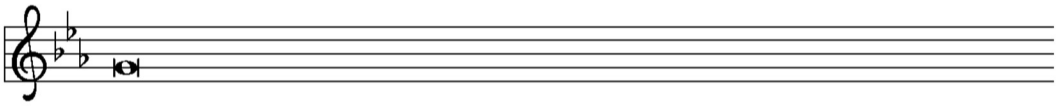
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



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

# *CANTICLE OF PRAISE



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. 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.

**A: Amen**

**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.*

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."

L: The Word of the Lord.
**A: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**
*Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)*

W: 1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
**A: 2 I will glory | in the LORD;**
**let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**
W: 3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
**A: 4 I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
**and delivered me from | all my terrors.**
W: 5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
**A: 6 I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
**and saved me from | all my troubles.**
W: 7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
**A: 8 Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
**happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**
W: 9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
**A: 10 The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
W: 22 O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

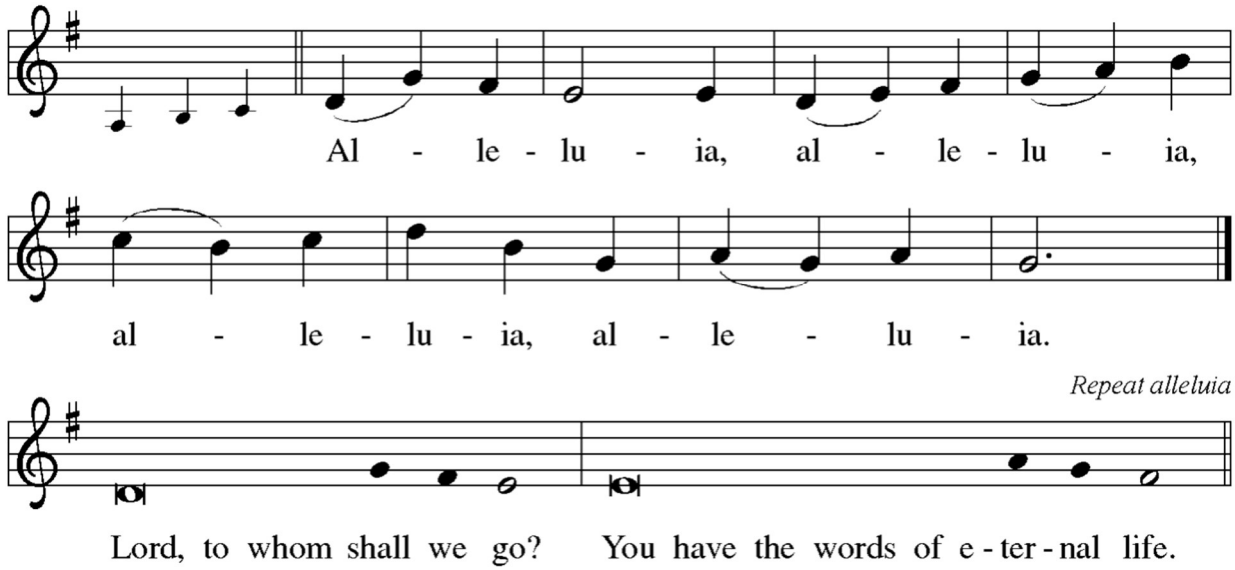
**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

*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.*

[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.

L: The Word of the Lord.
**A: Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**




P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

***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.*

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 the Lord.
**A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" **ELW#628**




Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
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P: Let us now confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

***THE NICENE CREED**

**A: We believe in one God,**
**the Father, the Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth,**
**of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**
**the only Son of God,**
**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**
**true God from true God,**
**begotten, not made,**
**of one Being with the Father;**
**through him all things were made.**
**For us and for our salvation**
**he came down from heaven,**
**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary**
**and became truly human.**
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**
**he suffered death and was buried.**
**On the third day he rose again**
**in accordance with the scriptures;**
**he ascended into heaven**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**
**and his kingdom will have no end.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,***
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**
**who has spoken through the prophets.**
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**
**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

W: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

W: 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,
**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
**A: hear our prayer.**

W: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. We pray for all those who witness and experience violence and those who live amongst the cruelty and chaos of war. God, in your mercy,
**A: hear our prayer.**

W: 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. Especially *Adam Brandt, Jeff Pietrusinski, Joan Gennarini, Carol Zimmerman, Dixie Sandbrook, Jim Coon* and all those whom we name in our hearts before you. God, in your mercy,
**A: hear our prayer.**

W: 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. God, in your mercy,
**A: hear our prayer.**

W: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
**A: hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. We give thanks for those we name who have died in the last year, we pray for people whose names we never knew or who have forgotten, and all those whom we've known in our lives that have gone before us. We

give thanks to you, O God, for all those who have showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in the past year from our earthly lives. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life...

We pray for:

**Charlene Ott**
**Peggy T Peirce**
**Roland Mellish**
**Paul Scalamonga**
**Richard Grance**
**Susan Thompson**
**Tony Romanoski**
**Joan Lippold**
**Diane McBurney**
**Tim Wargo**
**Lorraine Howell**
**Ed Yeager**
**Patricia Lane**
**Mary Agnes Birkholz**
**Pat Trudeau**
**Tim Ravotti**
**Ruth Kreitzburg**
**Allen Sharkins**
**Erma Stanar**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. God, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

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

**A: Amen.**

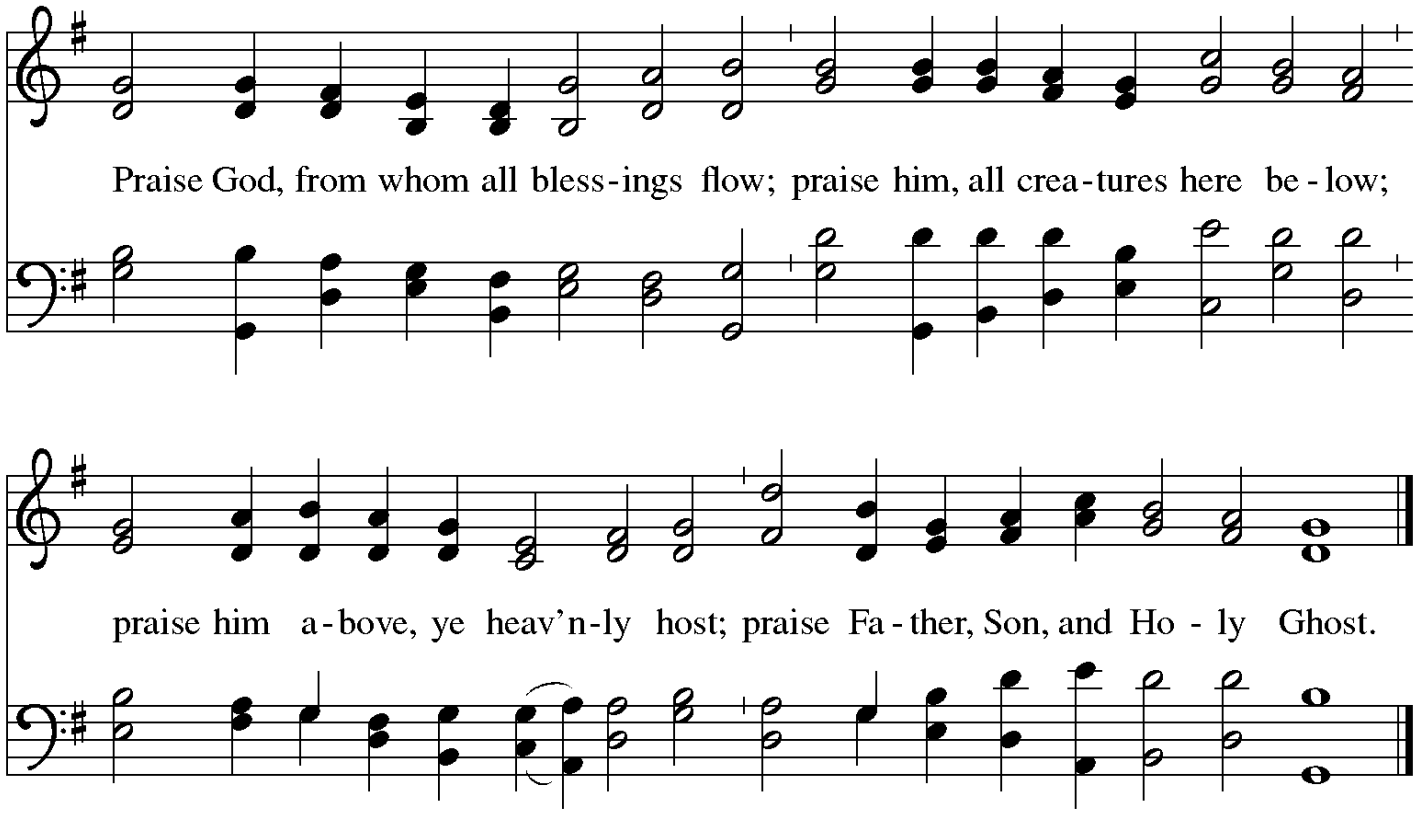
***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

***OFFERTORY** "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow" **ELW #884**



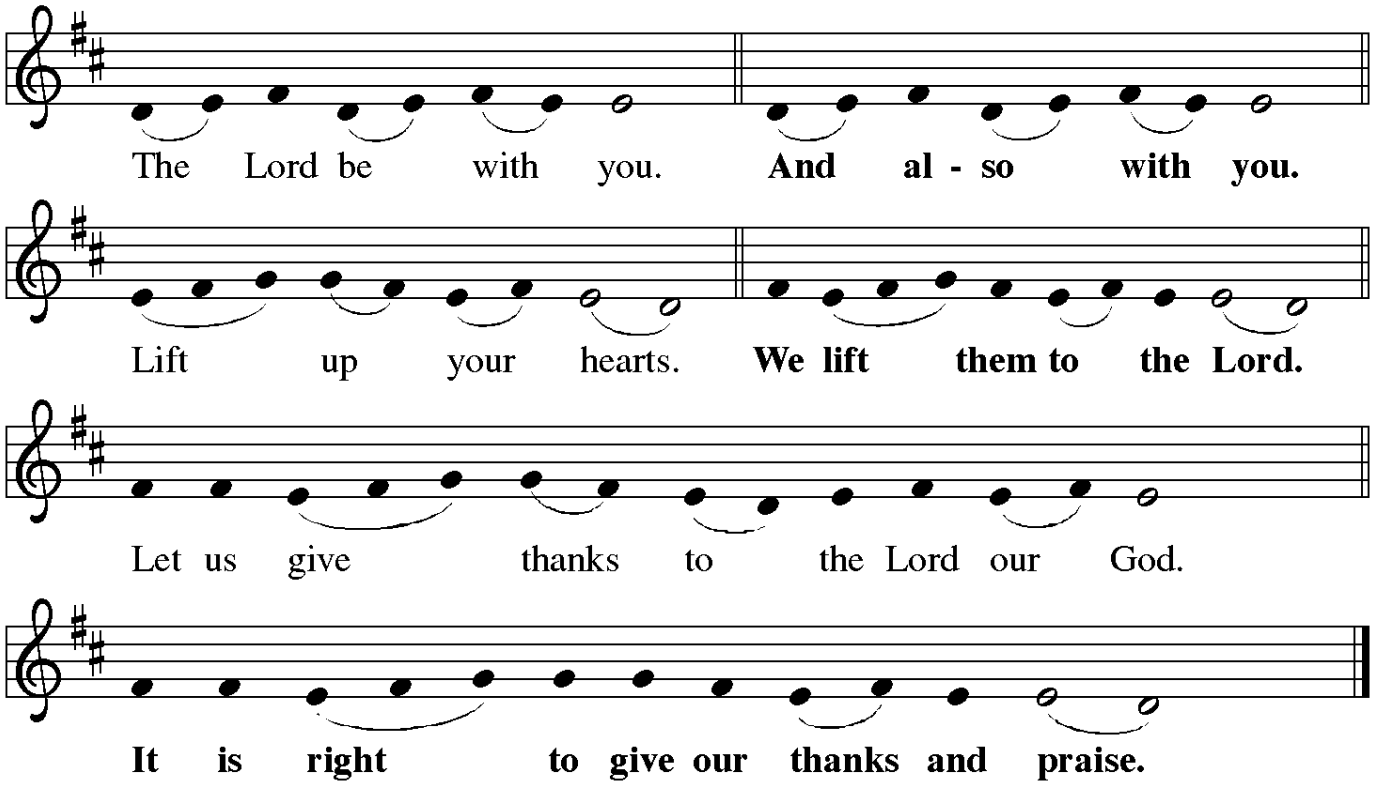

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

W: Let us pray together.

**A: 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. Amen.**

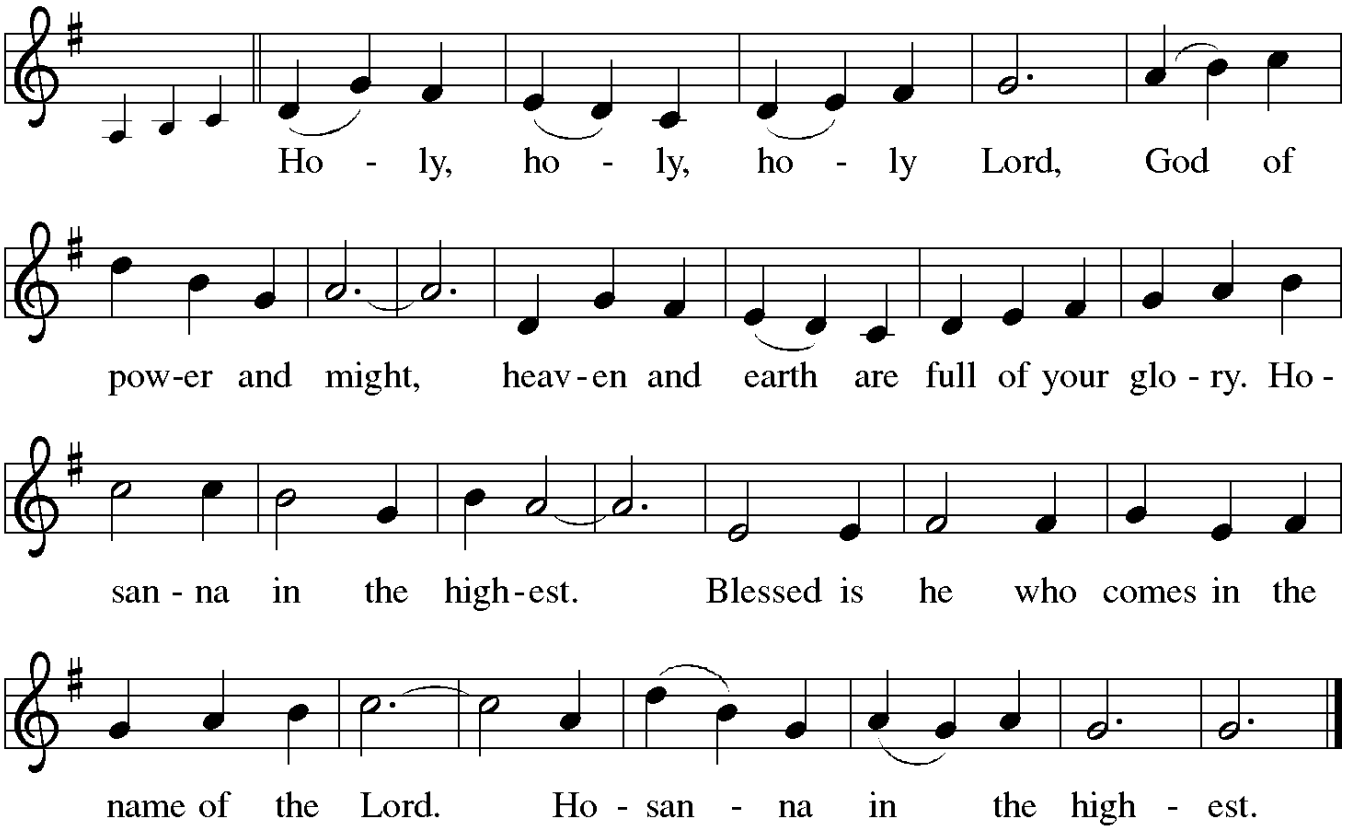
***GREAT THANKSGIVING**




***THE PREFACE**

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**




***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.

**A: 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.

**A: Amen.**

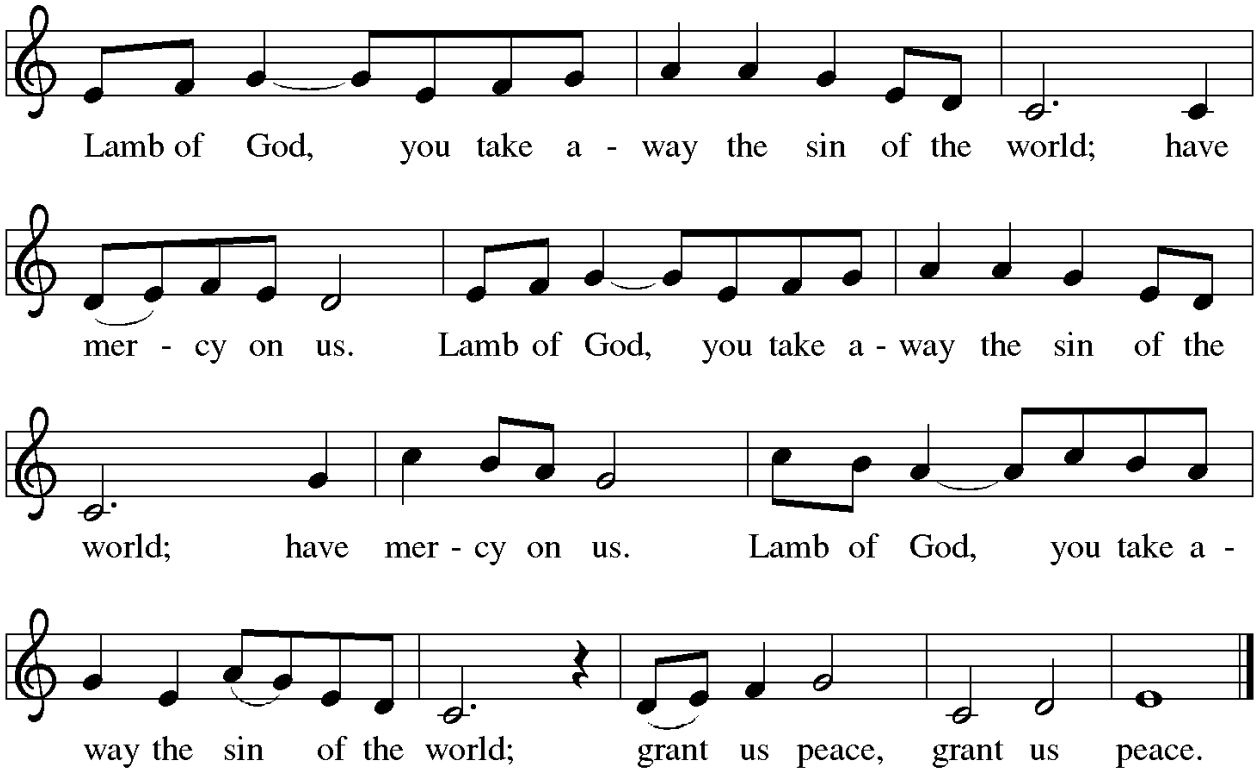
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**A: 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.**

***THE PRESENTATION:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

## LAMB OF GOD




## COMMUNION

*There is a grape juice option in cups located in the communion trays for those who wish to abstain from wine. If you desire a gluten free wafer in lieu of the bread for communion, please let Pastor know.*

**TABLE HYMN:** "Shall We Gather at the River" **ELW#423**



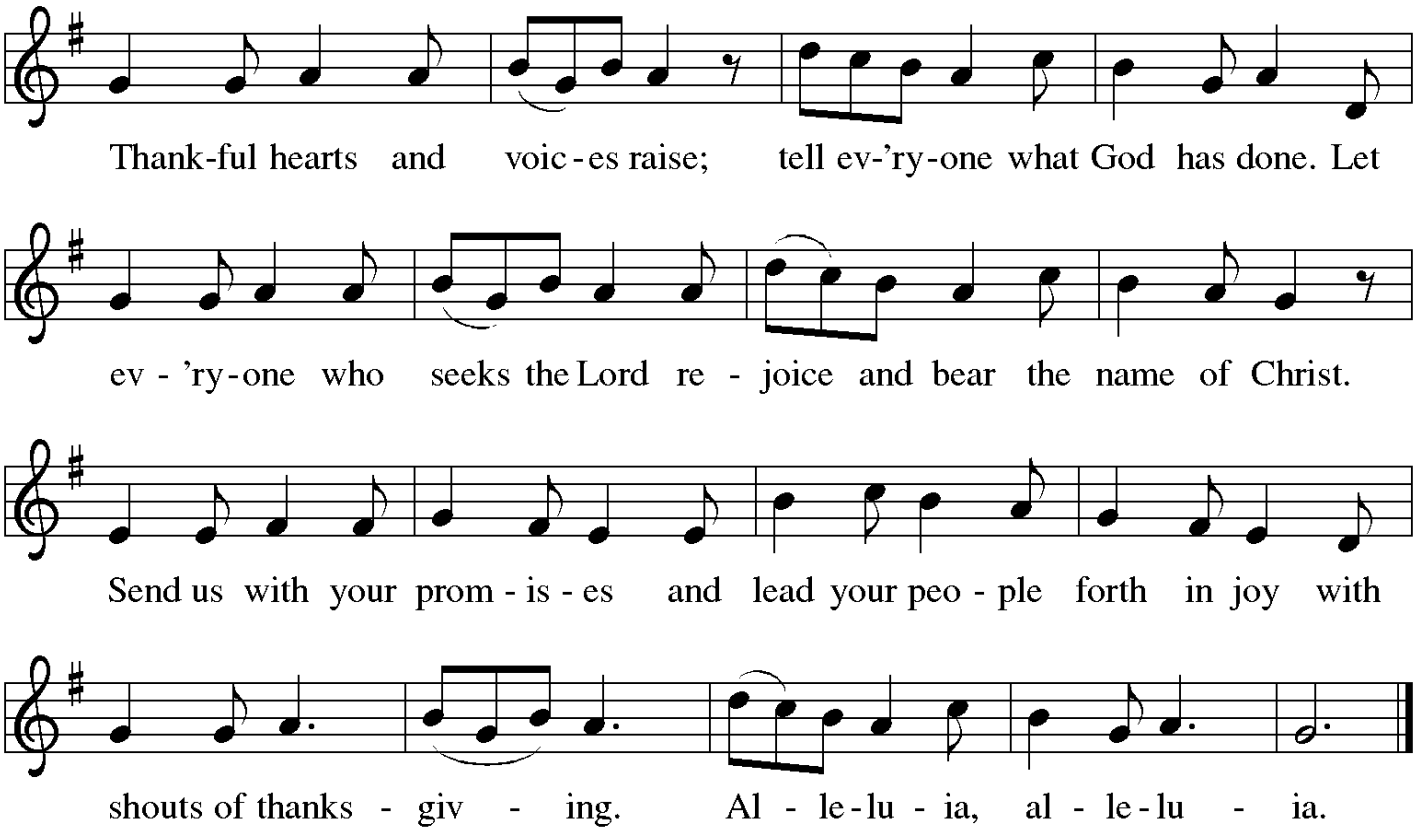

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

## *TABLE BLESSING

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

**A: Amen**

## *POST COMMUNION CANTICLE ELW#207




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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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## *POST COMMUNION PRAYER

W: Let us Pray. 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.

**A: Amen.**

*** 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.

**A: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN:** "For All the Saints" (stanzas 1-3, 6, 7) **ELW#422**



***SENDING HYMN:** "For All the Saints" (cont'd)




Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Fughetta in C by Buxtehude (1637-1707)

# * Announcements *

We welcome back and thank **Father Jim Dowds** for serving as our supply organist today.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 14** to attend our annual Friendsgiving Dinner. Please see the signups online and across from the kitchen to RSVP so we can plan for food. Hope to see you there!!

The **NHCO Sharing project "Thanksgiving on Every Table"** begins this week and will run through November 8. See shopping list on the table in the Narthex for specific items being collected.

**We are in need of worship helpers and offering tellers each week. Feel free to use either the paper signup sheet by the flower chart or the on-line signup genius to volunteer.**

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The Rev. Jennifer Soltis, Pastor

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| Organist: | Fr. James Dowds |
| Worship Assistant: | Alisa Michael |
| Lector: | Kim Brandt |
| Usher: | |
| Greeter: | Milan Glock |
| Videographer: | Heather Johnson |
| Altar Guild: | Kim Brandt |
| Offering Tellers: | Lori Coon & Diana Mitchell |

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The flowers in the sanctuary are presented by Joanne Smith in honor of Page Zomolsky's birthday

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**For the Week of November 1 - 7**

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| **MONDAY** | Art Group – 1p |
| | AA meeting – 7p |
| **TUESDAY** | WELCA – 10a |
| | NA meeting– 7p |

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**Pastor Jennifer's Office Hours This Week**

Wednesday 11-1 & Thursday 1-3

Or by appointment

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