Grace Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

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+ Those who are able please stand.

(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sisters and brothers, to give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

As a sign of us all being clothed with Christ in baptism, a pall is placed on the altar.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.
Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.
Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.
To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

ALL SAINTS LITANY

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:
Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.
We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God.
Teachers of faith, we remember you.
We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime.
Family of our faith, we remember you.
We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year, knowing that they are with your heart forever. As we read these names, we will pause after every name to remember, pray and give thanks for their life. A candle will be lit and a bell will toll.

Margie Weaver Martin, Victoria Grace Overcash

We also remember and give thanks for all the saints who have touched our lives and now rest in your eternal care, especially those whose names have been lifted up by this congregation:

Myra Bost, Bob Mills, Lynn Potter, Barbara Miller

We also remember those whose names we now speak aloud or hold in the silence of our hearts. (Time for Prayer)

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

Amen.

Candle lighting during the Gathering Hymn for all those who have entered the Church Triumphant.

+ GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints"

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 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!

8 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!

+ 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.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

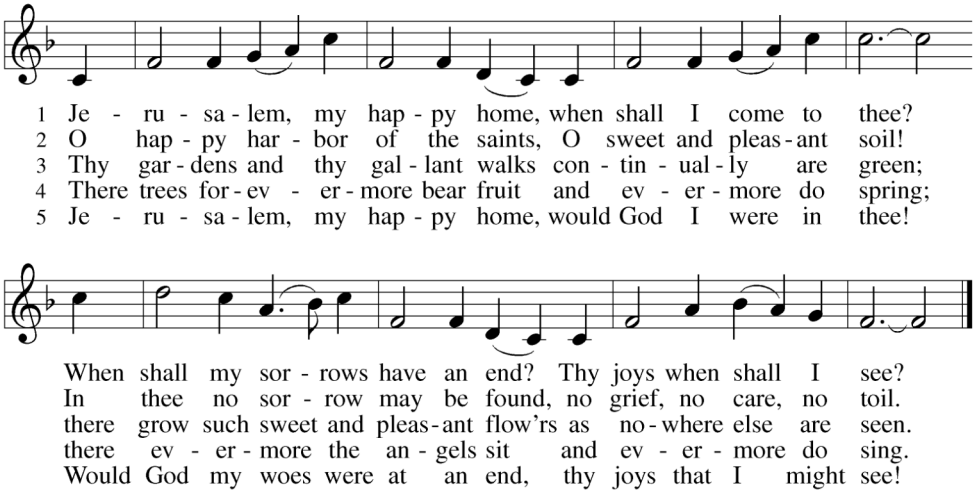
PSALM 34:1-10, 22

[1] I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2] **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
[3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.
[4] **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**
[5] Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6] **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
[9] Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
[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.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" verses 1-3



+ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

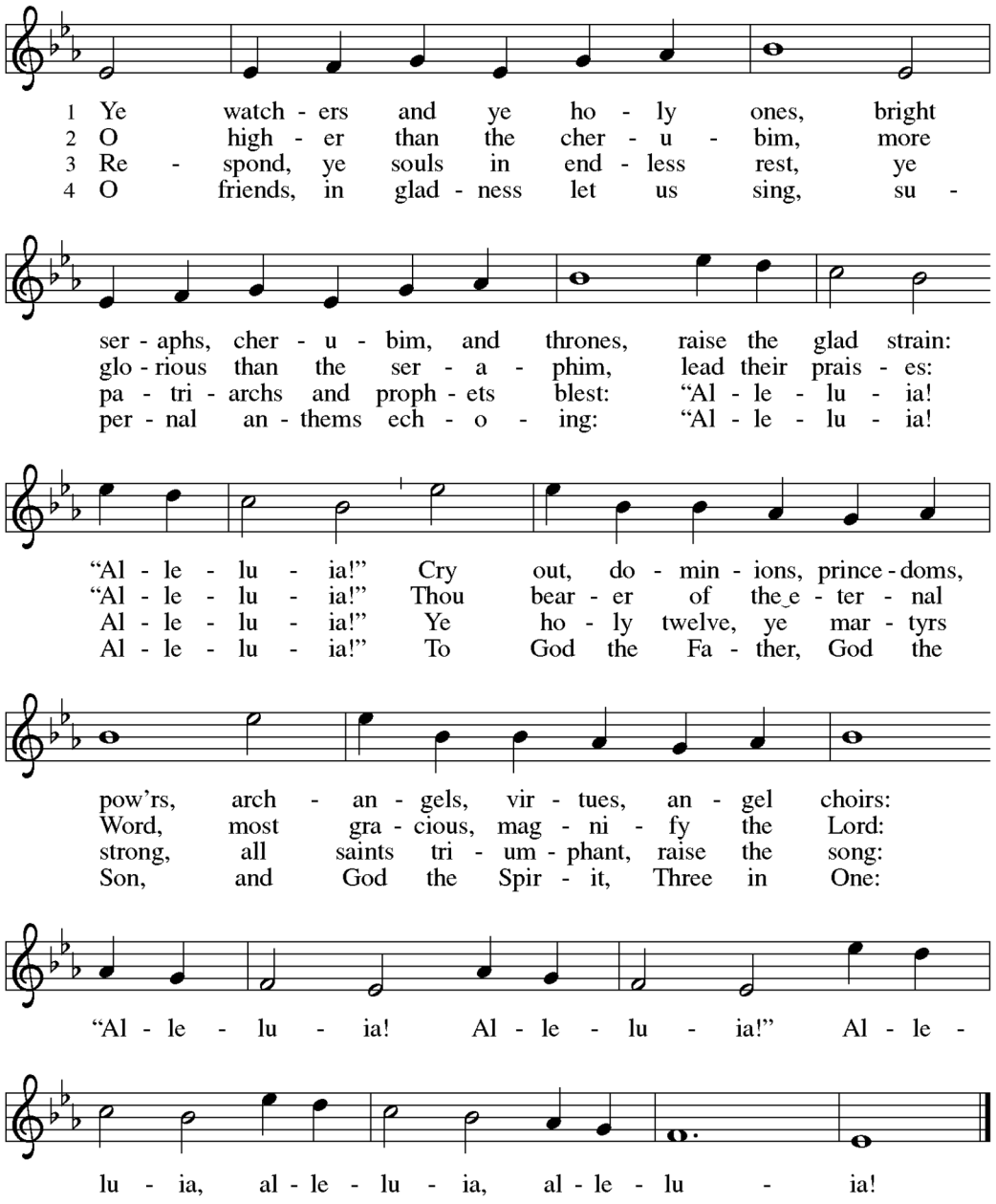
[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed 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.

+ GOSPEL RECESSIONAL "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" verses 4-5

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"



+ NICENE CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

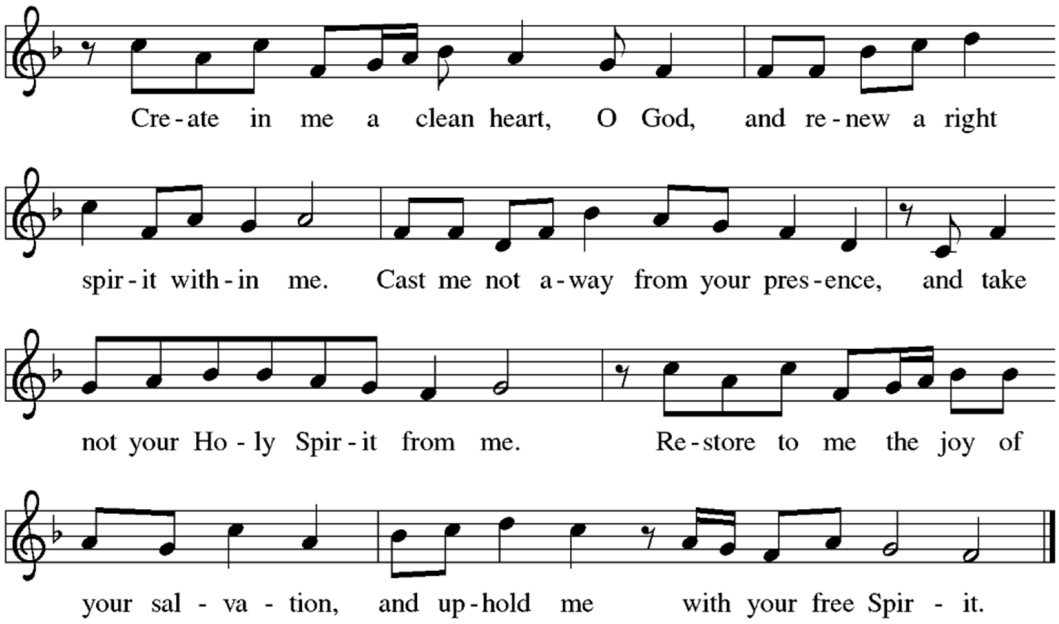
+ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

ANTHEM "I Remember Jesus" Chancel Choir

+ OFFERTORY SONG



+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

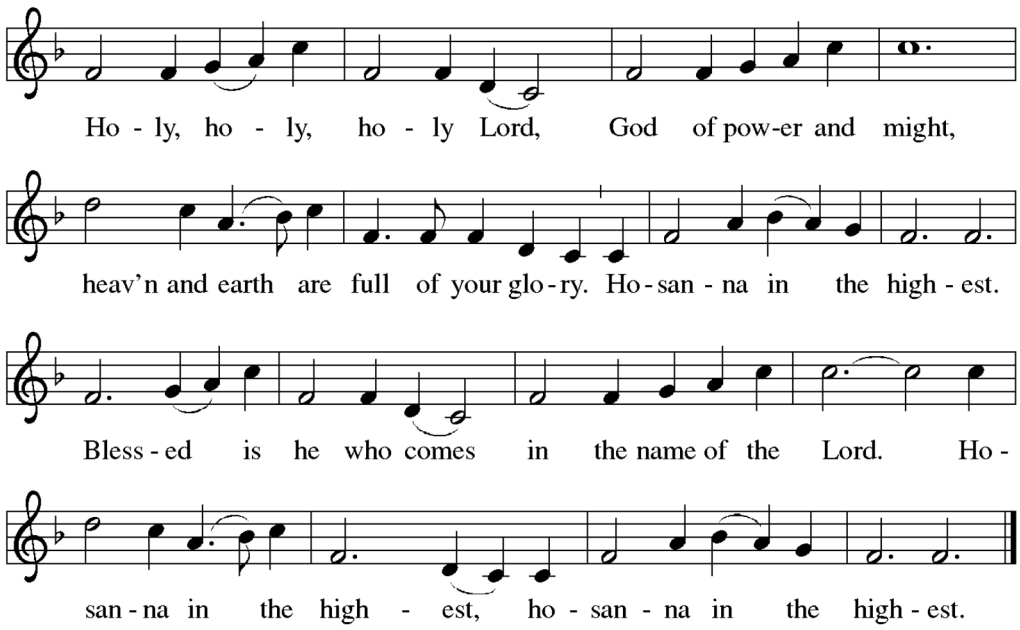
We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

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 Margie, Torie, Myra, Bob, Lynn and Barbara, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



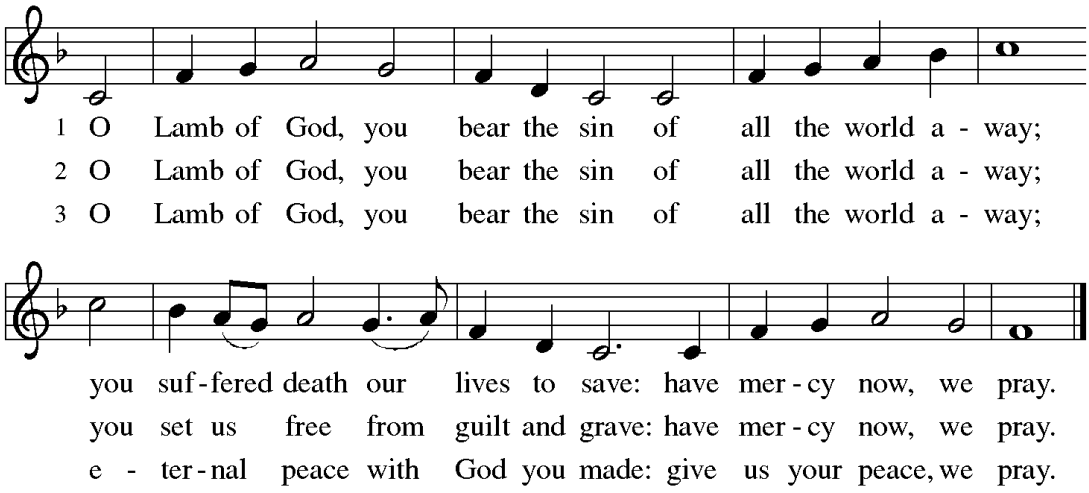
+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.

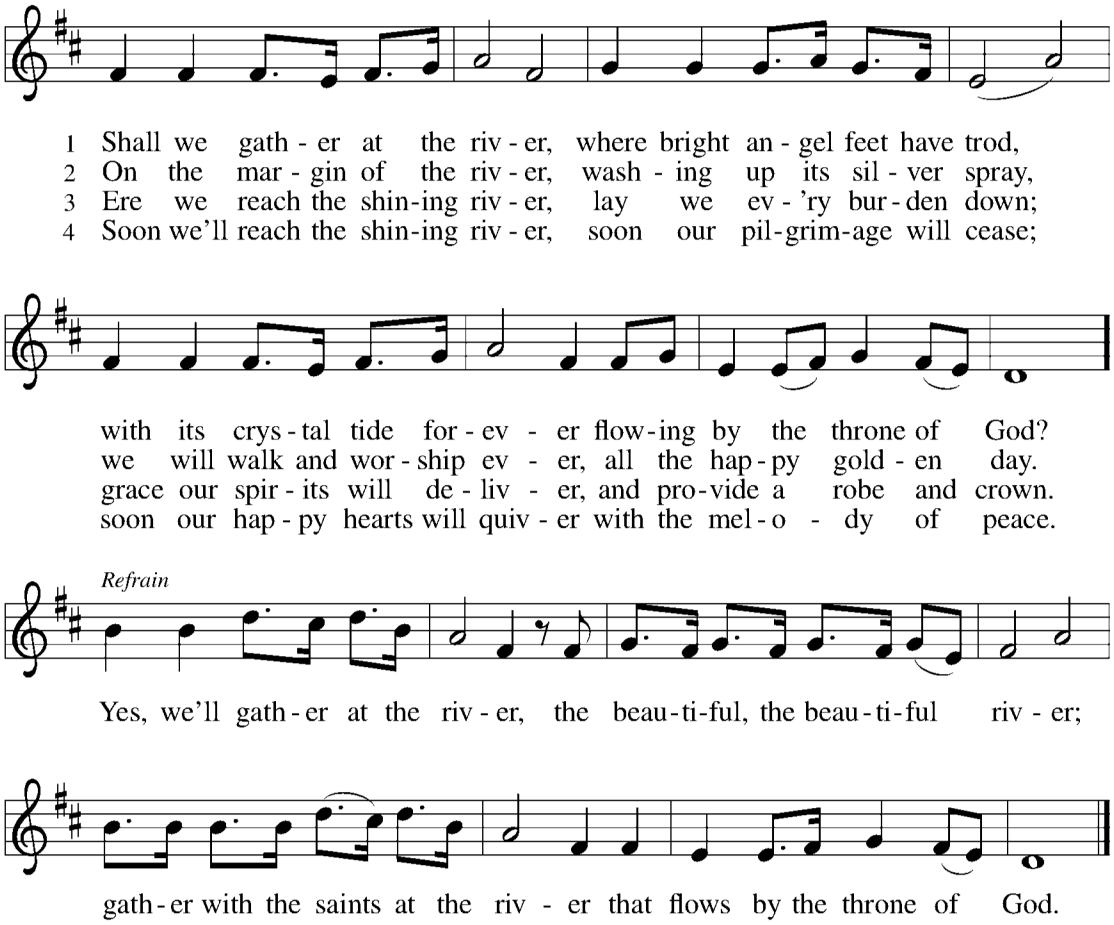
LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION – All of God's children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING
The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.
Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray together….
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. Amen.

+ BENEDICTION
May the God of love draw you into the body of Christ and grant you strength and joy in all circumstances and may God ☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

+SENDING HYMN **"Shall We Gather At the River"**



+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

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Serving 11/1/2026	
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Lynn Lippard
Lector	Shelly Hunter
Communion Assistants	Sarah Nolan S. Tim Sloop
Acolyte	Jemma Nolan
Crucifer	Audrey Bame
Torchbearers	Skylar Carter Maggie Stirewalt
Security Team	Chris Sloop Chris Kluttz
Sound System	Brody Linker
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Michael & Kristi Miller, Cooper & Olivia

Serving 11/8/2026	**Youth Sunday**
Organist	Becky Lippard
Children's Sermon	Youth
Lector	Youth
Communion Assistants	Ila Sechler, Ella Weddington, Eva Weddington
Acolyte	Cruz Beers
Security Team	Randall Miller Cody Ritchie
Sound System	Kurt Weddington
Teller Team	Alex Storey, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
Ushers	Carson Hurst, Audrey Bame, Charley Storey, Kelsey Sloop

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Janis Eury, Kelly Shores, Mel & Faye Heilig, Tara Mills, Robert Hunter, David Miller, Earl Thomas, Jeff Ritchie

Community Concerns:

Lily Gariepy *(Fish Fry Recipient),* David Stirewalt *(Gene Stirewalt),* Jerry Hurlbut *(Jackie Hurlbut),* Brian Collins *(Barbara Collins),* Georgia Flanagan *(Tara Mills),* Bobby Barringer *(Tara Mills),* Ruby Faith Tyer *(Shelly Hunter),* Frances Yost Basinger *(Cassandra Kluttz),* Danny Schenck *(Randy Basinger)*

Comfort:

Family and friends of Sarah Lyerly

Family and friends of Martha Lyerly

Family and friends of Don Hefner

Family and friends of Patsy Myers

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Joe Miller, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Emily Weddington, Monica Crossen, Mike Stout, Nancy Shue, Roy Morris, Rebekah Safriet, Kelly Shores, Mary Gentry, Gail Srednicki, Maribeth Baker

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; our school teachers, staff and administrators

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of John Parnell and All the Saints by Patsy Parnell.

PRAYERS & PRAISES baskets are located in the Narthex and at the front of the Sanctuary for anyone who would like to submit a Praise or Prayer to be read during the Prayers of the People. They will be taken to Pastor Josh at the Children's Sermon.

LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY will meet on Wednesday at Noon in the Parish Hall. Bring your lunch or email Pastor Josh for the link. Readings for next week are Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 25:1-13.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today for the purpose of nominating council persons for 2027. The following people are NOT eligible for nomination: **Randy Basinger, David Diggs, Gene Stirewalt, Donnie Stout, Monica Basinger, Shelly Hunter, Aaron Linker, Mike Stout, Nicole Ritchie, Michael Miller, Marcus Reynolds, Greg Hartsell, Kristina Martin, Duane Nolan, Sarah Nolan, Dan Roseman, Greta Elmore, Lynn Lippard, Alex Storey, Brent Yost**

CIRCLE OF HOPE will be serving at the homeless shelter on Wednesday, November 4. Please have your items in the FLC kitchen by 4:00pm and if helping serve please arrive by 6:30pm.

CLEAN WATER 5K will be held on Saturdat, November 14th at 8:30am. Early registration will be after church for the next two Sundays.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, November 15th for the purpose of voting on Congregation Council Members and the 2027 Proposed Spending Plan.

YOUTH SUNDAY will be next Sunday

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday, November 22 at 5:00pm at Salem Lutheran Church.

USHERS STILL NEEDED FOR 2027 - Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve our church family as an usher! Thirty of the 48 available spots have been filled, but we still need a few more helping hands.Would you prayerfully consider serving as an usher for one month in 2027? Please scan the QR code to sign up or contact Head Usher Gary Elmore if you are interested.

Week at a Glance

Tuesday	Election Day-voting in the FLC	
	Quilting in Parish Hall	10:00am
Wednesday	Children's Choir	6:00pm
	Chancel Choir	7:00pm