All Saints Day

11/01/2026

Greg Fetzer, Pastor

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P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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 our sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#669 “Rise Up, O Saints of God”

P Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW#632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **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**

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

L 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."

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

L [1]I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
C [2]**I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

L [3]Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.
C [4]**I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

L [5]Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
C [6]**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

L [7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.
C [8]**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

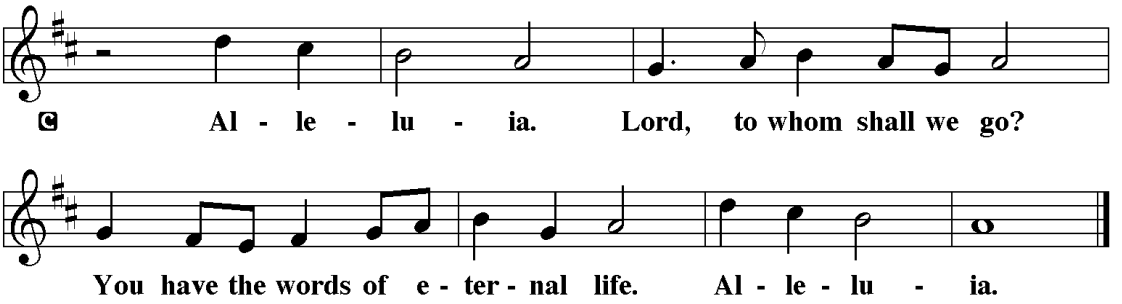
L [9]Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
C [10]**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

L [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

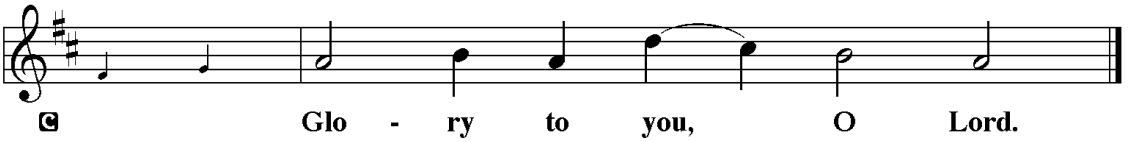
L A reading from First John: [1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know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

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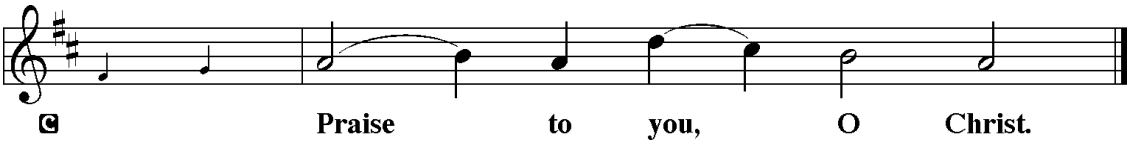
GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.



P [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.



HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#422 "For All the Saints"

SERMON: (Sermon Audio Link)

Please stand, as you are able.

P 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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

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

A brief silence.

L 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. We pray for Barbara Ash, Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, Charlotte Leer, John McCarthy, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Kessa Rome, Claudia Schober, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

L For whom or what else shall we pray?

- For all those affected by war and armed conflict around the world, especially in Iran, Gaza, Ethiopia, Syria, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Myanmar…
- For ongoing protests and demonstrations around the world…
- For flooding in southern California and all those impacted by coastal flooding…
- For those impacted by the Jordan church attack and all impacted by religious violence….
- For those injured in the shooting at Florida A&M, and for an end to gun violence…
- For victims of the high-speed train crash in Spain…
- For free and fair elections around the world…

L 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

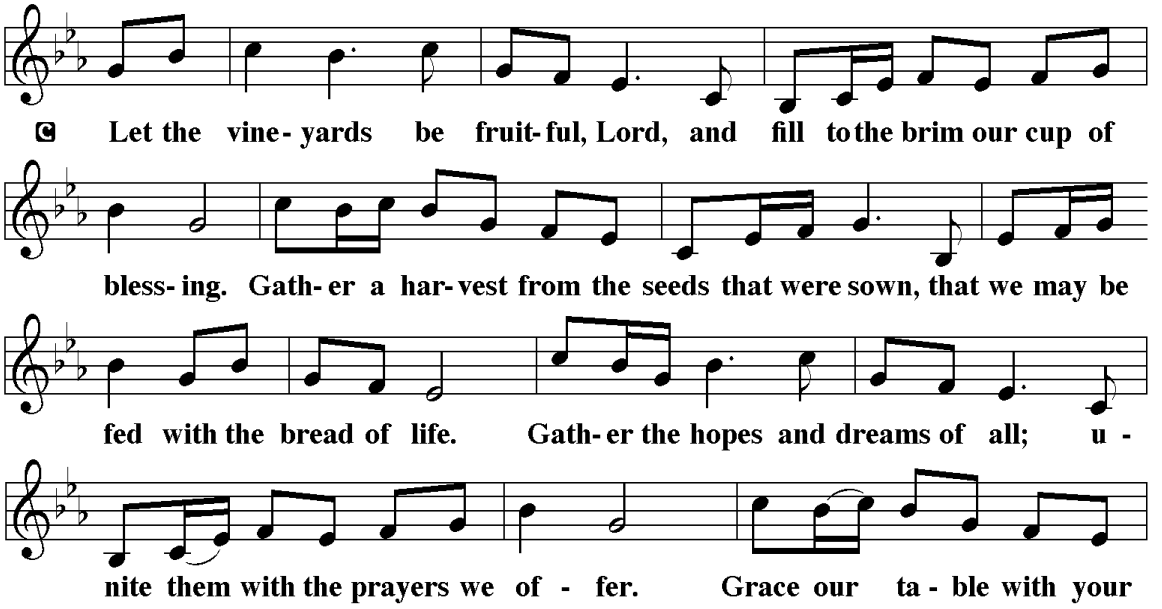
C Amen

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING*: (On-Line giving Link)

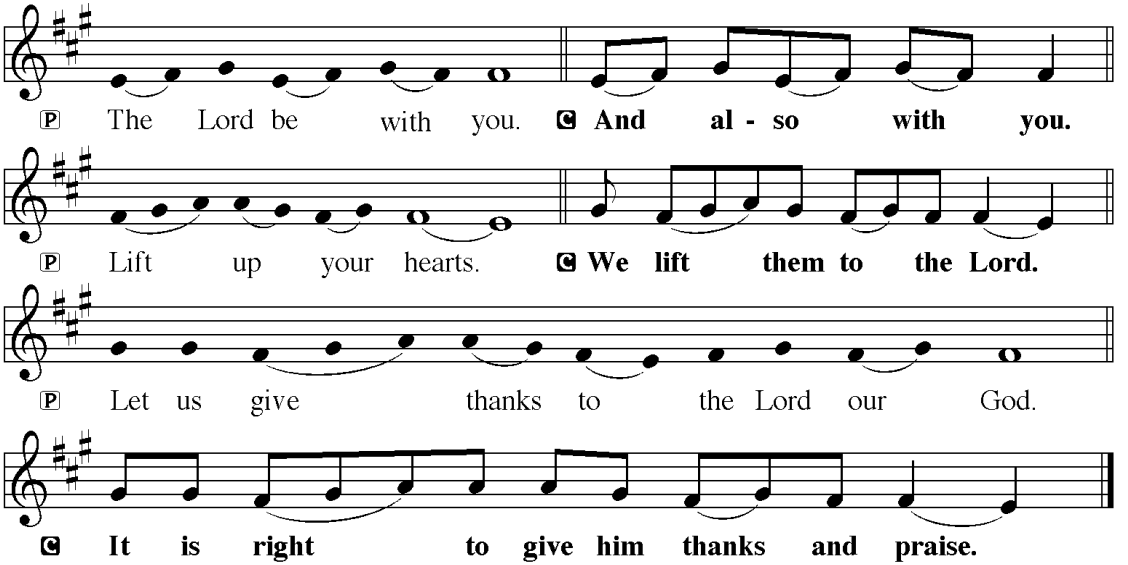
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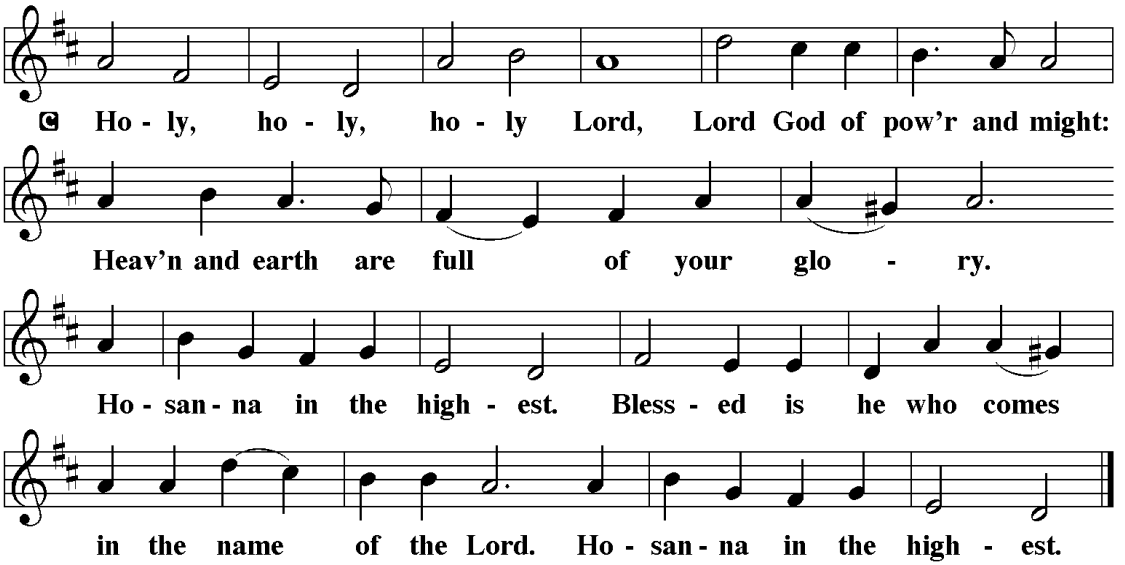


P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



P Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

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

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.

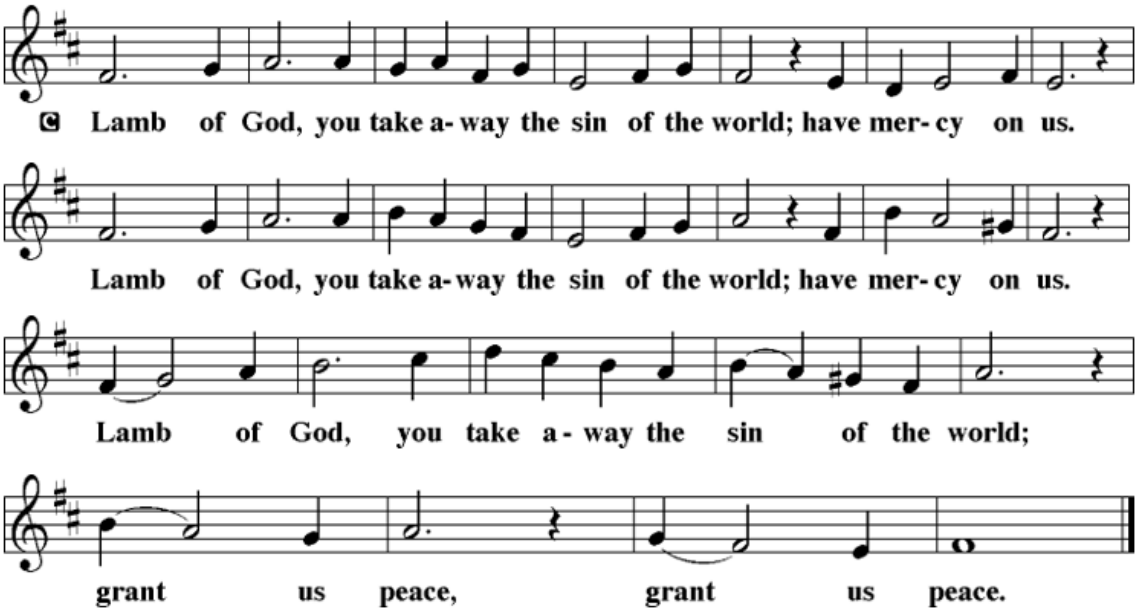
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.

C Thanks be to God.

After all have communed, the following is sung:

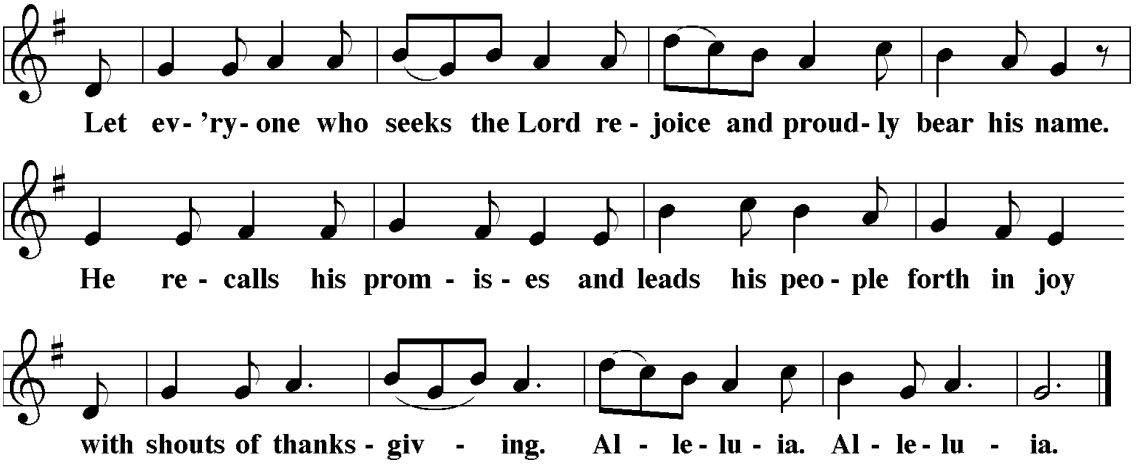


Please stand, as you are able.

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

C Amen





P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN ELW#427 "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

P Go in peace. Love and serve God and neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Nov 22, World Hunger Sunday and Annual Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, Nov 29, Opening of the Fontanini Nativity Village
- Saturday, Dec 5, 3:30 pm – Putting up the greens
- Saturday, Dec 5, 5 pm – Family Craft Night
- Sunday, Dec 20, 6 pm – Chocolate and Carols
- Thursday, Dec 25, 7:30 pm – Christmas Even Service

READER SCHEDULE

First Sunday	Heidi and Bob
Second Sunday	Julie and Dave
Third Sunday	Ron

Fourth & Fifth Sunday	Greg

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