

All Saints' Day

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

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Focus on the Future

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don't worry; most of those worshiping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children's Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

LARGE PRINT copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Aaron Winkelman
Organist	David Porth

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953

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.

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!"

3 All apostles join the strain
as your sacred name they 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.

4 You are King of glory, Christ,
Son of God, yet born of Mary,
for us sinners sacrificed,
on the cross our sins did carry;
first to break the bars of death,
you have opened heav'n to faith.

5 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.

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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
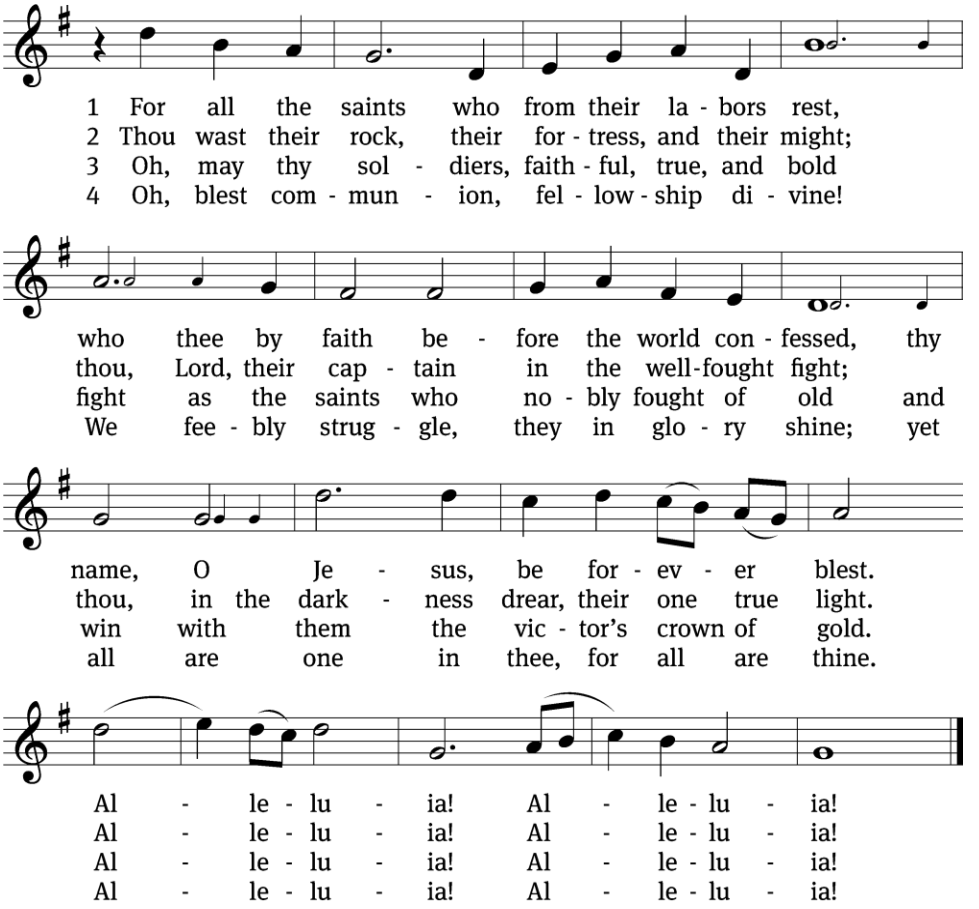
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1–4



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in
their hands. 10And they cried out in a loud voice:

> "Salvation belongs to our God,
> who sits on the throne,
> and to the Lamb."

11All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
12saying:

> "Amen!
> Praise and glory
> and wisdom and thanks and honor
> and power and strength
> be to our God for ever and ever.
> Amen!"

13Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where
did they come from?"

[14]I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
[16]'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Angel Band

Sung by the Adult and Junior Choirs

The latest sun is sinking fast, my race is almost run.
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.

Refrain:
O come, angel band, come and around me stand,
O bear me away on your snow-white wings to my eternal home.

I know I'm near the holy ranks of friends and kindred dear;
I've brushed the dew on Jordan's banks, the crossing must be near.

I've almost gained my heavenly home — my spirit loudly sings.
The Holy Ones, behold, they come — I hear the noise of wings.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

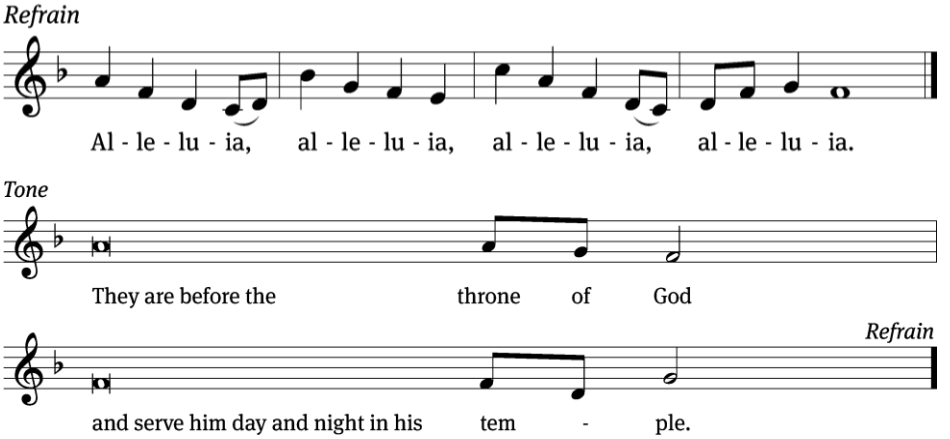
[1]See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children
of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did
not know him. [2]Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not
yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for
we shall see him as he is. [3]All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is
pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15



Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

[1]Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, [2]and he began to teach them.

He said:

[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 be shown 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 because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

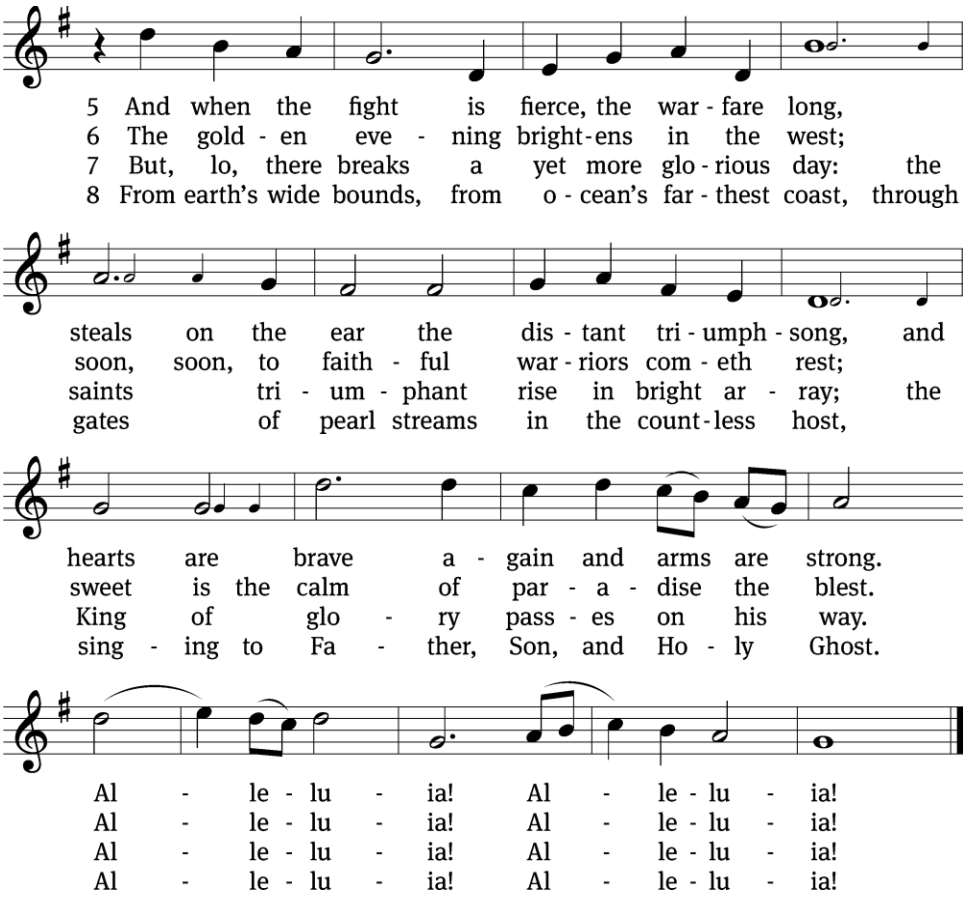
[11]"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12]Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 5–8



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Sermon

Stand

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,
We remember before you this day…
That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.
Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,
We remember before you this day…
The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.
Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,
We remember before you this day…
Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.
Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,
We remember before you this day…
Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.
Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,
We remember before you this day…
Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.
Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy. **Amen**.

Rite of Saints Triumphant

November 2025– October 2026

Eugene Magnuson November 6, 2025
My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life,
And I will raise him up at the last day *(John 6:40)*

Grace Magnuson November 6, 2025
God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. *(Revelation 21:3-4)*

Dorothy Gorke November 12, 2025
For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far *(Philippians 1:21,23)*

Marion Wolff June 18, 2026
I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. *(John 11:25-26)*

Thomas Warner July 4, 2026
I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God. *(Job 19:25-26)*

Laurie Heckendorf September 1, 2026
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. *(2 Timothy 4:7-8)*

Betty Johnson October 6, 2026
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. *(Luke 23:42-43)*
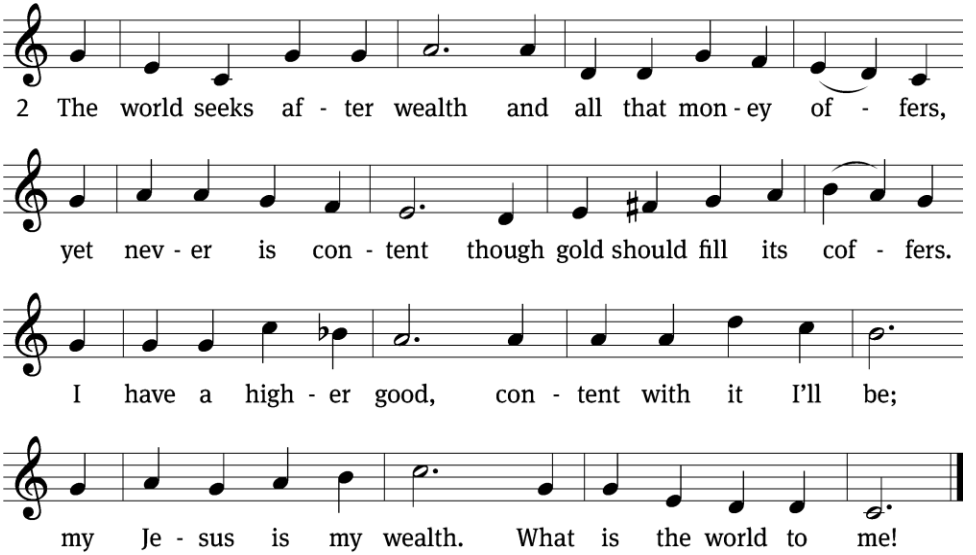
Alan Haefer October 8, 2026
Be faithful, even to the point of death.
And I will give you the crown of life. *(Revelation 2:10)*

Offering

Offering boxes are available in the back of church. If you wish to give an electronic offering, you may use the QR code located at the end of the bulletin or you may go to pilgrimcares.org/giving. We present the offerings before the altar as a reminder that our giving overflows out of the Gospel and is itself an act of worship.

Offering Hymn

CW 717 st. 2



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The Sacrament

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Because of the Bible's teaching regarding altar fellowship, our congregation practices close communion. We welcome communicant members of WELS and ELS congregations to receive the Sacrament today as an expression of our shared confession of faith.

As you prepare to receive our Savior's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, we encourage you to review the Christian Questions on pages 295–296 of the blue hymnal as a devotional preparation.

If you would like to learn more about our beliefs and practices, we invite you to speak with our pastor, who would be happy to visit with you.

Stand

Preface

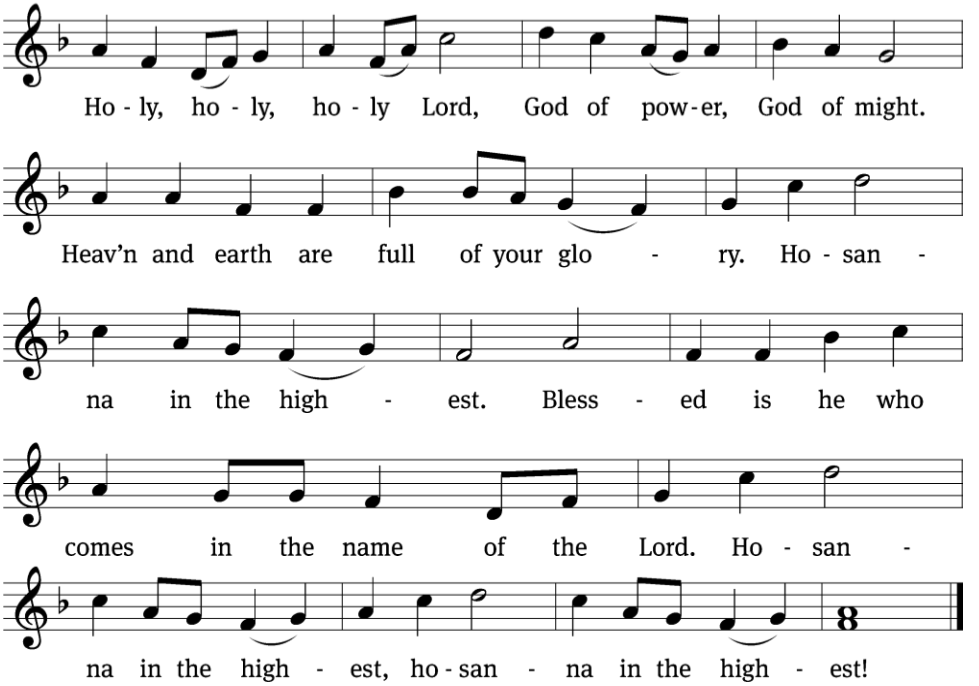
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.
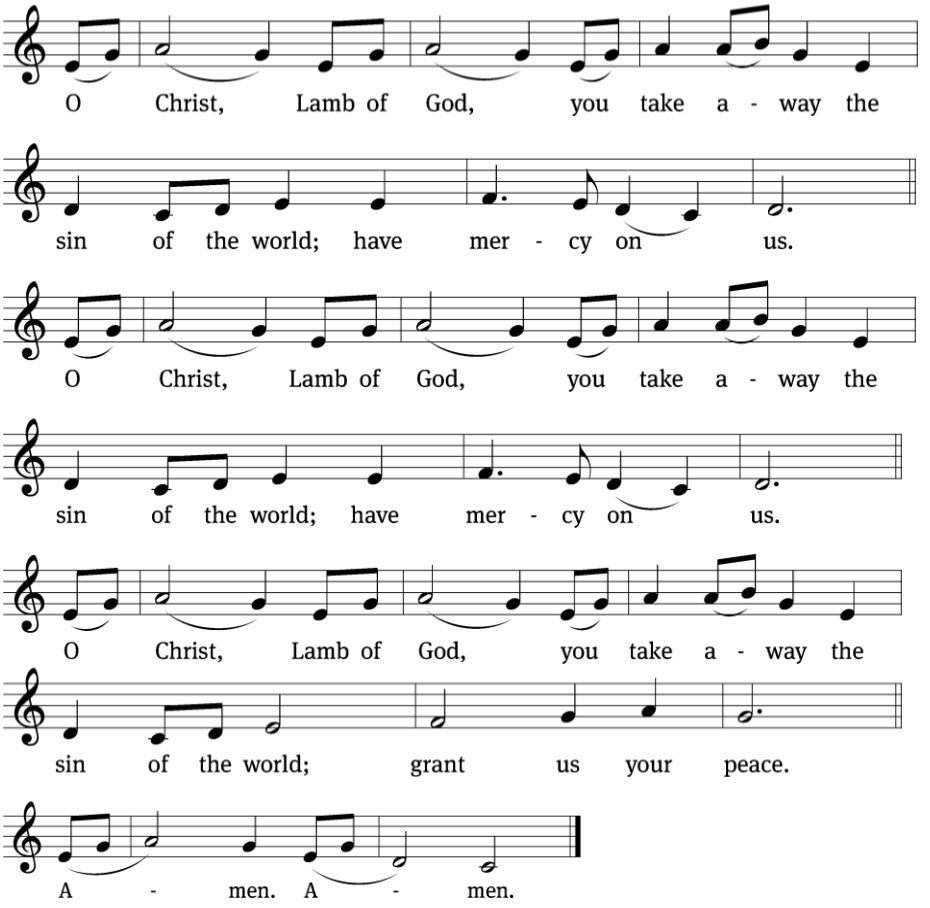
Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Be seated

Distribution

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

CW 883

1 Behold a host, arrayed in white,
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!
With palms they stand;
who is this band
before the throne of light?
These are the saints of glorious fame,
who from the great affliction came
and in the flood
of Jesus' blood
are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
their voices they in worship raise;
their anthems rise
where God resides,
mid angels' songs of praise.

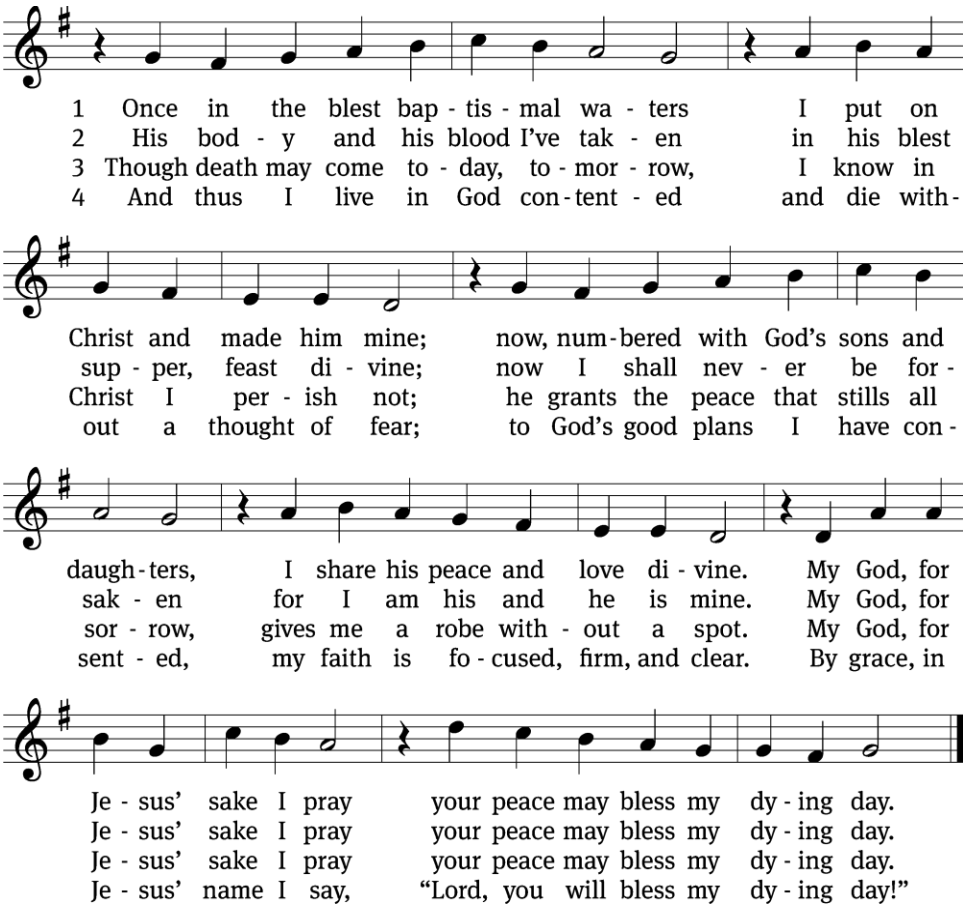
2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
but now, how glorious they appear!
Those martyrs stand,
a priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by,
in anguish they would weep and sigh;
at home above
the God of love
fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
the heav'nly banquet of the blest;
the Lamb, their Lord,
at festive board
himself is host and guest.

3 O blessèd saints in bright array,
now safely home in endless day,
extol the Lord,
who with his Word
sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
you toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
rejoice and bring
your fruits and sing
before the throne of God.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring—
to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!

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Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters

CW 678



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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
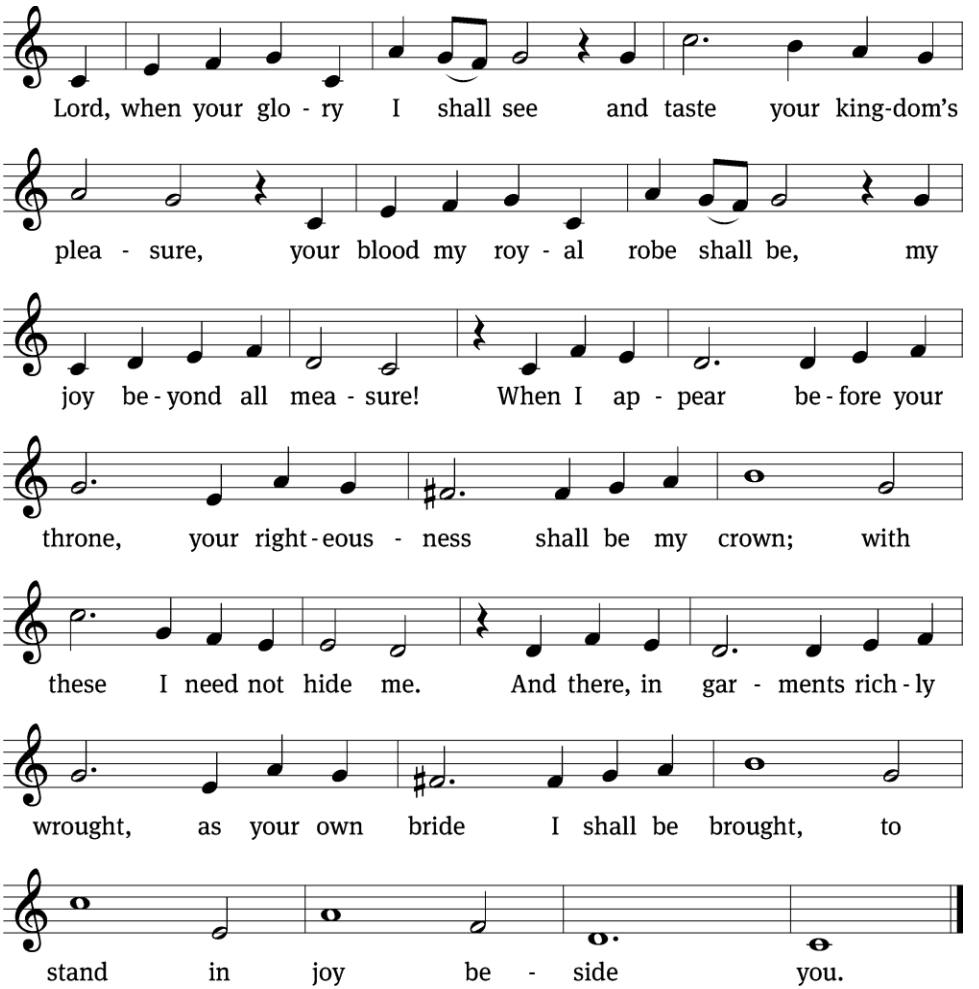
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884



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Weekly Parish Calendar

November 1 - November 8

TODAY (1)	**8:00 & 10:30 AM**	**Divine Services w/ Holy Communion**
	9:15 AM	**Bible Class & Sunday School**
MONDAY (2)	**6:00 PM**	**Board of Education Meeting**
TUESDAY (3)	**6:00 PM**	**Pickleball**
WEDNESDAY (4)	**8:15 AM**	**School Chapel Service**
	6:30 PM	**Divine Service**
	7:30 PM	**Adult Choir Rehearsal**
THURSDAY (5)	**1:30 - 3:00 PM**	**Tabitha (School Conference Room)**
SATURDAY (7)	**7:30 - 9:00 AM**	**Men's Breakfast & Bible Study**
SUNDAY (8)	**8:00 & 10:30 AM**	**Divine Services**
	9:15 AM	**Bible Class & Sunday School**

Readings for Next Sunday, November 8

First Reading: Isaiah 52:1-6
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Pilgrim Lutheran Church can receive offerings electronically through a secure website. Scan the QR code with your smart phone (you might need to download a free QR scanning app) to be directed to Pilgrim's giving page or visit pilgrimcares.org/giving. Save the check – give online!

News & Notes

Share comfort, one pair of socks at a time! Help us put our best foot forward for our community this November! For this semester's service project, we are collecting brand-new packaged socks from November 1-November 8 to support individuals and families in need. We are especially seeking new socks for toddlers, elementary-aged children, men, and women. Donation bins will be located throughout the school and church beginning November 1. The two organizations we will support are Chosen in Love, which supports foster and adoptive families in Waukesha, and Community Advocates, which supports those in need in Milwaukee. Thank you for helping our school and church community step up, give back, and make a difference!

Tabitha News At the November 5th meeting of the Tabitha Society we will learn the answer to the question "Who Is Mr. Higgins?" Pilgrim's new 7th and 8th grade teacher will answer the question himself! All women of the congregation (and guests) are encouraged to join us in the conference room at school at 1:30 in the afternoon. Carol Hermanson and Judy Mayer will provide refreshments.

Welcome, Pilgrim moms! We (GEMS) meet for Bible study on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Little ones are welcome to join as we gather to study God's Word and leave feeling built up by a group of sisters in Jesus. Please see the qr code for information about where the group will meet.

You are invited to the presentation "Mental Health and School Ministry in Central Africa" by Dr. Michael & Amanda Berg on Thursday, November 19 at 6:00pm at Pilgrim. Pastor Berg and Amanda joined Dr. Stephen Saunders (Marquette) on a trip to Malawi and Zambia sponsored by The Meros Center of Kingdom Workers. Pastor Berg helped train mental health care workers and Amanda visited the medical mission and schools in Zambia. In this lecture, they will share their experience.

Chili Cookoff - Get ready to bring the heat! Our Chili Cook-Off is coming up on **Wednesday, November 25** following the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, and we can't wait to see (and taste!) what everyone brings to the table. Whether you're a fan of classic chili, spicy creations, white chicken chili, or something unique, there's a bowl for everyone! Join us for some friendly competition, great food, and fellowship. Scan the QR Code for more details and to sign up!

Save the date for Advent by Candlelight! Join us on Sunday, November 29. Doors open at 6, dessert at 6:30, program at 7. This year we will focus on "Gifts from the Manger." All women and girls of Pilgrim and their guests are welcome! Watch for further announcements with more information.

Veterans Day at Wisco - Wisconsin Lutheran High School invites veterans and their families to its Annual Veterans Day Observance on Wednesday, November 11. Please RSVP by Monday, November 2, by registering at https://tinyurl.com/yc7eptsp or call Ms. Rasmussen at 414-453-4567, ext. 2291.

Camp Phillip is so excited to host their first-ever Women's Night Out on November 12 and YOU are invited! This will take place at Saint Lucas in Milwaukee from 6-9pm. The evening will start with a Bible study, followed by a stained-glass craft. Snacks will be provided, and you are free to leave when you are done with your craft, or hang out until 9pm. The cost is $25 per participant. Bring a friend! To register, go to: campphillip.com/womensnight.

LOVE IS Healthy Relationships Retreat in Waukesha offered by Kingdom Workers Through devotions, discussion, and hands-on activities, participants will explore God's design for love and intimacy, understand more about themselves and what they bring to relationships, and learn practical ways to strengthen healthy connections. We'll also explore attachment styles and how our brains influence the ways we respond and connect with others. Friday, November 20: 4:00–9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21**:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. at Kingdom Workers, Waukesha. Registered participants will receive the exact address and arrival details. There is no registration cost. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. It is designed for adults, though mature teens ages 16–17 are welcome. The sexual intimacy lesson includes open, respectful, non-explicit discussion of sex.

Luther Prep Open House & Band Concert - Sunday, November 8, 5:00pm Parents of 5th - 8th grade students are invited to Luther Prep's Open House. Have a complimentary dinner in the Caf, get a campus tour & enjoy our Fall Band Concert. Go to lps.wels.net/visit to get details and RSVP by Tues, Nov. 3.

You're cordially invited to *Give Me Jesus,* an evening of sacred music featuring singers from area congregations. Be assured that through life's joys and challenges, Jesus offers the comfort, hope, and peace our hearts need. **Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.** St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 1650 Brown Street, Oconomowoc. A freewill offering will be received.

	8:00am	10:30am
Ushers		
11-1	Josh Weber	Jim Prekop
	Scott Tyriver	Andy Steeno
11-8	Matt Lawonn	Bryan Giesenschlag
	Tony Jackson	Mark Murphy
Worship Hosts		
11-1	Jennifer Piper	Paul & Kathy Arnhold
11-8	Josh & Sarah Bauer	Ann Wood

Attendance

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