

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

a service of remembrance

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Setting Four

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.

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

Donna Hanna, Guest Musician

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the
power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness
of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that
Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

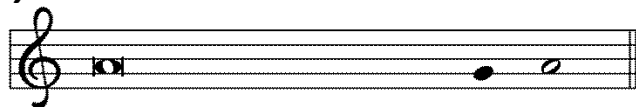
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P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.

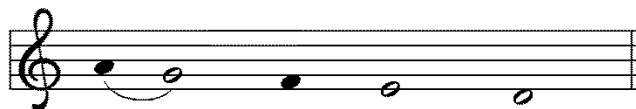
C. And also with you.

Kyrie

(Bold – Congregation)



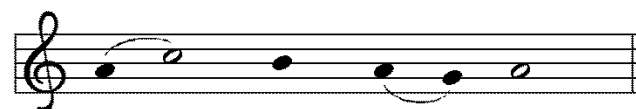
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



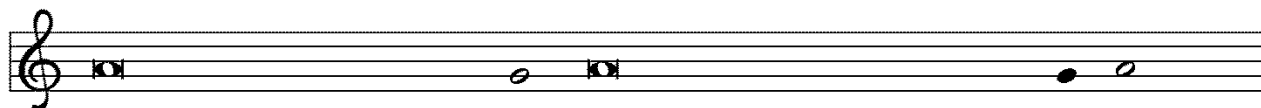
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



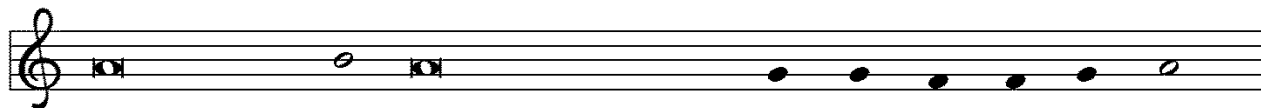
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



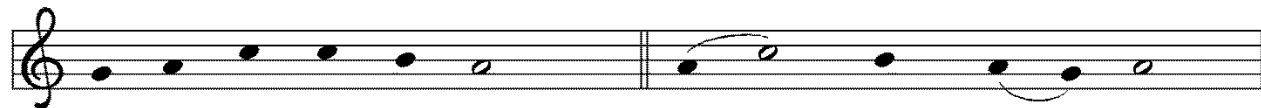
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

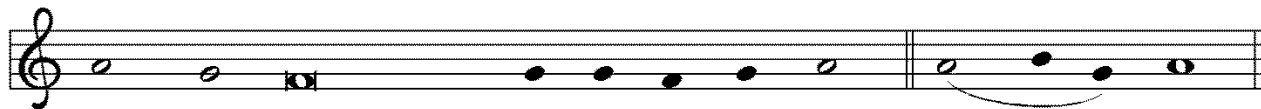


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

This is the Feast

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.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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A. Let us pray.



C. **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**

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

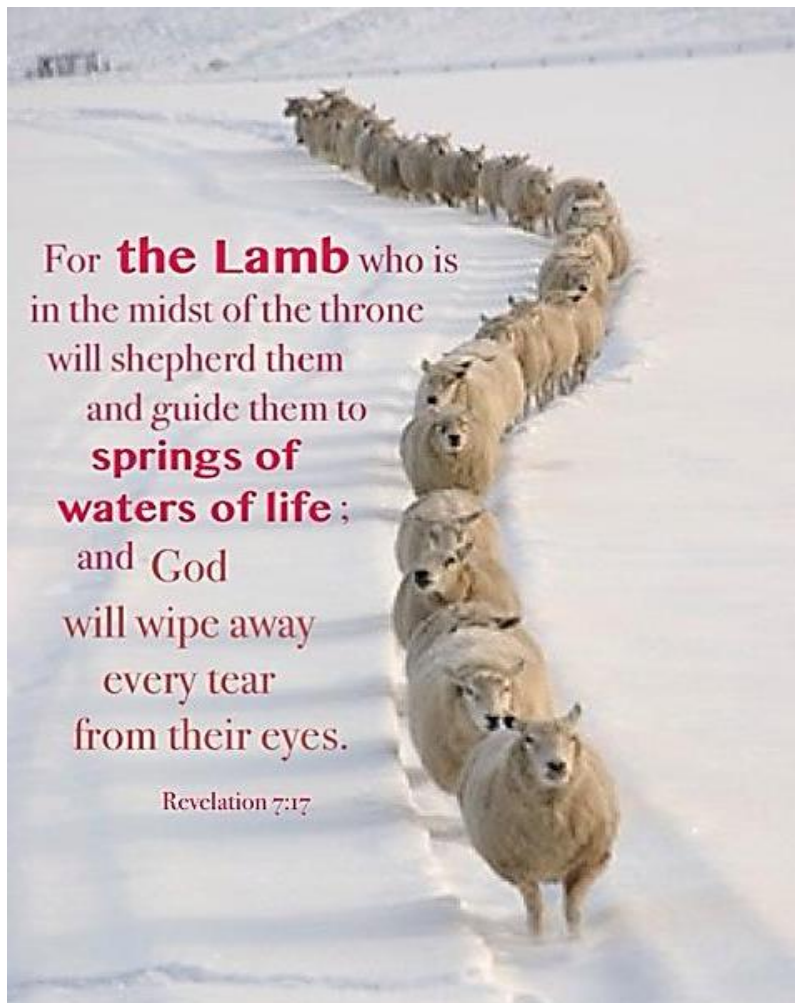
The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After 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."

L. Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

spoken responsively
(Bold – Congregation)

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

¹I will bless the Lord¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

**²I will glory¹ in the Lord;
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the Lord;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.

**⁴I sought the Lord, who¹ answered me
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the Lord¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

**⁶I called in my affliction, and¹ the Lord heard me
and saved me from¹ all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who¹ fear the Lord
and de-¹livers them.

**⁸Taste and see that the¹ Lord is good;
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!**

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints¹ of the Lord,
for those who fear the¹ Lord lack nothing.

**¹⁰The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing¹ that is good.**

²²O Lord, you redeem the life¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will¹ not be punished.



God's Unconditional Love!

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

1 John 3:1

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.

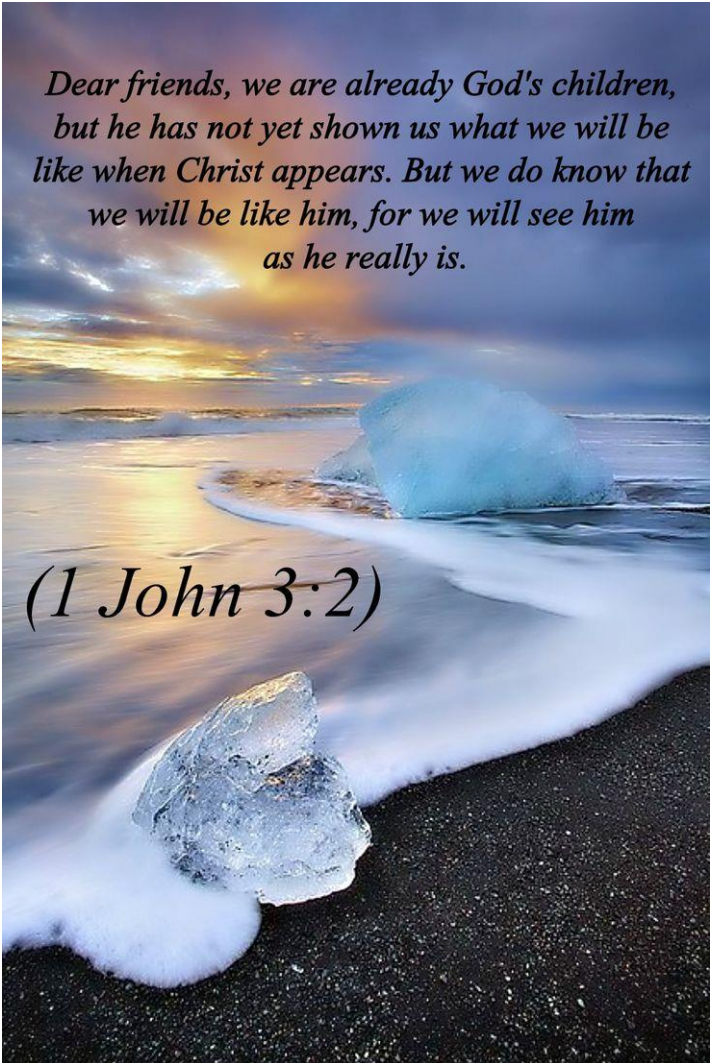
¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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.

C. Thanks be to God.

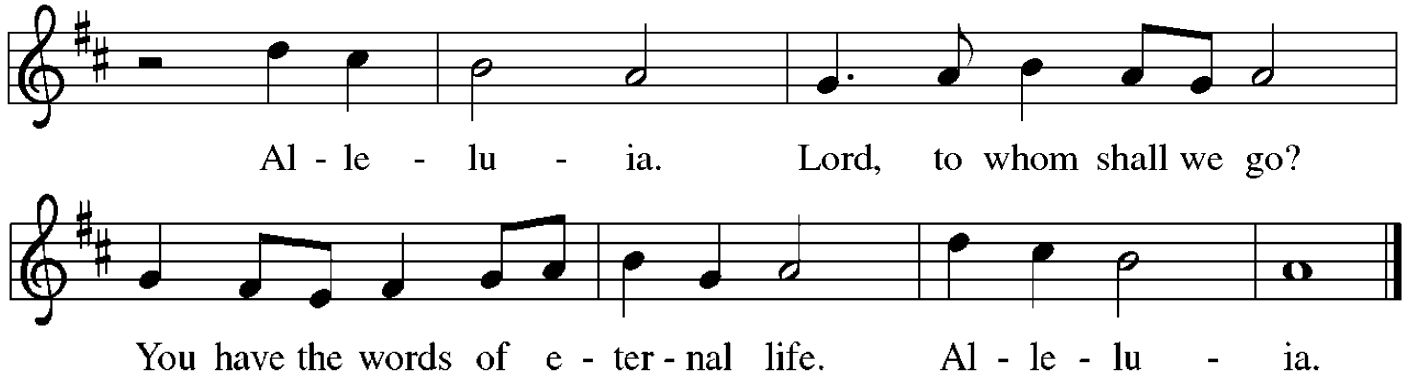


Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

(1 John 3:2)



Gospel Acclamation



P. The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C. **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.

¹When 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."

P. The gospel of the Lord.

C. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

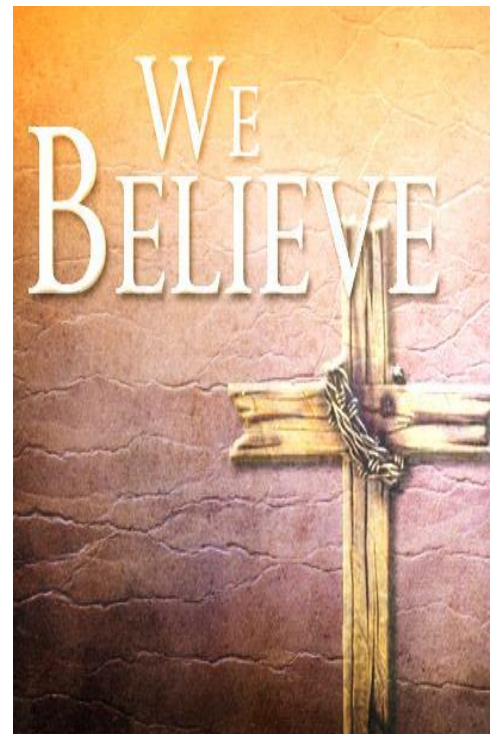
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
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 worshipped 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.



Remembrance of Saints and Gifting of Crosses

P. All Saints Day is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.

A. The custom of commemorating all the saints of the Church on a single day goes back to at least the third century. All Saints Day, November 1, celebrates not only the saints who have gone before us, but all the people of God living and dead, who together form the body of Christ.

As we read the names of members and friends of Lord of Life Lutheran who have gone before us, we light the Christ candle in their honor and remember them in our prayers today, giving thanks for their lives.

P. We remember them with joy and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints of all time who have died in the faith.

Ellis (Tony) Guedel
Luke Savolainen

Suzie Lowe
Tony Speight

Monna Stamm
Peg Stamp

Prayers of Intercession – Let Us Pray:

A. Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

A. Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C. Your mercy is great.

Other prayers

P. We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

All Saints Day



They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God
of their salvation. Psalm 24.5

The Peace

- P. Jesus said: Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled.
May His peace be with you always.
- C. And also with you.



The Offering

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Choir

Let the Vineyards...

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

- A. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
- C. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

(Bold – Congregation)

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 music 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.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

P. It is indeed.....

The Sanctus

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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Eucharistic Prayer



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

P. There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table. Everyone is invited, no exceptions.

C. Amen.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Remember Me (3 times) ELW 616

Abide With Me ELW 629



Post Communion Blessing

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

C. Amen

Post Communion Cantic

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A. 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.

C. Amen.

Blessing

P. 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.

C. Amen.

Sending Hymn

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

Dismissal

A. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Servers for Sunday, November 5th

Assisting Minister..... Julie Bogle
Reader Gale Isaacs
Altar Guild Sarah Watkins
Greeters/Counters Tess Andrews/Sylvia Lambert
Guest Musician Donna Hanna

Sign-up sheets for the various worship assistant slots are on the board in the hallway. Please consider spending time giving glory to God by filling one of these positions on a Sunday.

serve
ONE ANOTHER IN
love 
galatians 5:13



Flowers this week are provided by
Tim & Rita Clark in memory
of their parents.

Candles for November are provided
by Ginny King
in memory of Dennis' Birthday.



Honor a loved one by making a donation for the candles in the sanctuary for the month or the flowers that beautify the church each Sunday. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the hallway.



*Pray for your
Call Committee*

Family of Peg Stamp

Family of Ellis (Tony) Guedel

Family of Tomma Hargraves

Family of Monna Stamm

Hannah Kestner Bockover – still in ICU but improving. Long road of recovery ahead of her

Forrest Smith – recovering from ablation

Rita's co-worker, Elizabeth Alexander – colon cancer

Sylvia Lambert's grandson, Ian – deployment to Republic of Niger, West Africa

Kathy Hart's brother, Dan – recovering from a stroke

Tess Andrews' brother, David Van Benschoten

Wendy Casey's mom, Barbara – under hospice care

Sheila Dorey – recovering from angioplasty

Clyde Bogle's sister-in-law, Wanda - cancer

Mr. Smith, neighbor of Carolyn Watkins

Father of Julya Mirro - (Gale's friend)

Holly Hans' sister, Heather House & her family

Linda Hash's brother, Charles Barlow

Linda Hash's sister-in-law, Beth Hash Lennon

Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson – breast cancer

Rebecca Swanson's sister in PA – Post Polio Syndrome

Rebecca Swanson's nephew – Dr. David Shaefer

Diana Havenstein

Rob Havenstein

Donna Hannah – bad fall

Nick & Sharon Vietri

Mary Ann Jackson Dayshaun

Jonathan McCoy Jim Powers

Holly Han's mother, Carol Hardy

Andrew Avakian – MS

