



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINTS DAY



At Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we joyfully celebrate that every person is a beloved child of God. No matter who you are, where you come from, or what your story is, you are welcome here. We are committed to breaking down barriers, embracing diversity, and building a community rooted in love, equality, and grace. Whatever your race, background, identity, or circumstance, you are safe, valued, and cherished among us. Thank you for joining us in this experience of discovering the boundless love of God while building a welcoming, inclusive, and affirming faith community. You have a place here!



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Today's 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.

NOV
14

Property Work Day

Come help spruce up our Holy Cross property! No experience necessary - just bring yourself and a willingness to help.

NOV
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Annual Congregation Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend Holy Cross' annual meeting at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided after worship.

Weekly Update

1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, VA 20170
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Sunday, November 1, 2026

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. To learn more, please fill out a connection card (available in the pews or narthex) or speak to an usher.

FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joel Flegal
Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Lori Manzel | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller
Craig Reichow | Sarah Schulmeyer | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Art Anselene (friend of the Wolfes and Director of Parks & Recreation)
Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Nancy Barrett (sister of Nan and aunt of Jared Lem)
Carmen Burton (mother of Bonnie Burton)
Joana Cherry (mother of Jo Roe)
Karen Davidson (grandmother-in-law of Jared Lem)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Ingrid Hanrahan (mother of best friend of Jane Flegal)
Jeff Harwood (friend of Craig Reichow)
Miguel Jechuna and Leydii Silva (ELL students)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)
Brian McCagh (cousin of Helen Wolfe)
Stanley Musack (brother of Nan and uncle of Jared Lem)
Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Tate Preston (brother of Tibbie Preston)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
Bruce Reichow (brother of Craig Reichow)
Stephen (family of Joe & Kathy Makowski)
Jerry Schrager (friend of Dick Krapf)
Thirza (Rusty) Shilket (friend of Lynn Russo)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)
Dianna Tilton (family friend of Jared Lem)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

THOSE IN MOURNING

Kristin Andersen upon the passing of her sister
Friends & family of Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: The Rev. Eric Randolph
Director of Music and Liturgy: Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician: Bob Thompson
Livestream Coordinator: Sylvia Moran

Serving November 1st: All Saints Day

Assisting Minister: Kathy Makowski
Reader: Catherine Taylor
Acolyte: Diana Virgo
Greeter: Joana Roe
Ushers: Joe Makowski

Serving November 8th: 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Andy Krueger
Reader: Vivian Jefferson
Acolyte: Sarah Moran
Greeter: Beatty family
Ushers: Nelson family, Mark Roe

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: NOV 1 – 8

SU 1	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – All Saints Day
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:45 am	Word & Life Group
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
W 4	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL Fall Classes ~ Education Wing
TH 5	9:30 am	Bldg. Use: Study Group ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Quilting ~ Rm 202
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 7	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	10:00 am	Quilting ~ Rm 202
	11:30 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist ~ FH
SU 8	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Worship – 24 th Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	11:30 am	HUGS Group ~ Conference Rm
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

VBS 2027

Get on the List! VBS Dates Drop Soon—Be the First to Know!

We're excited to start planning this summer's Vacation Bible School (grades K-5), and we want to know if your family would like to join the fun! While exact dates haven't been finalized yet, we anticipate VBS will take place in late June or early-to-mid July.

By filling out this brief interest form, you'll be among the first to know once dates are confirmed—we'll send registration information directly to you so you don't miss out!

This form is not an official registration—it simply helps us gauge interest and plan for an amazing week of faith, friendship, games, music, and fun!

Questions? Contact us at the church office—we'd love to hear from you!



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LUNCH FOR THE SOUL – NOVEMBER 4TH

We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on **Wednesday, November 4**. Please consider joining us! To sign up, scan the QR code or visit the event page on Church Center.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to all who have dedicated beautiful Sanctuary flowers each week. They are an incredible reminder of God's faithfulness.

There are still plenty of slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



Save the Date **Annual Meeting** **Sunday, November 15**

WORD & LIFE GROUP – TODAY @ 11:45 AM

Join us **today, Sunday November 1, at 11:45 am**, for the first gathering of Word & Life!

Word & Life is a monthly gathering for adults who want to explore Scripture through conversation, curiosity, and connection. Together, we'll reflect on the day's readings or other texts from the church's lectionary and consider how God's Word speaks into our lives, our relationships, our community, and the world around us.

You don't need to be a Bible expert—or have all the answers. Bring your questions, your coffee, your experiences, and your perspective. Come as you are, listen to others, and join the conversation as we discover together how the ancient words of Scripture continue to speak into our lives today.

PROPERTY WORKDAY – FIX IT & FELLOWSHIP

Our next property workday will be **Saturday, November 14**, from **8:00 AM–12:00 PM**. Join us on as we spruce up our Holy Cross property! No experience necessary—just bring yourself and a willingness to help.

Come meet fellow members, enjoy some fun and fellowship, and help keep our church grounds looking fresh, welcoming, and beautiful. **Many hands make light work!**

Welcome to Holy Cross

Whether you're faith-forward, spiritual-but-not-religious, or just exploring, you are seen and valued here. In a world that often feels divided, our congregation is a place where every generation can find belonging, be genuinely listened to, and help shape something new. Join us as we create a community where your questions, your gifts, and your story matter.

You have a place here

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children, working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.

We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
Whatever your relationship status;
We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation,
or gender expression;
Whatever your socio-economic status;
We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
Whatever your physical and mental ability.
You are a beloved child of God, you are valued,
and you are welcome here.

What to Expect

Whether this is your first time at Holy Cross or you have worshiped here for years, you are welcome. There is no expectation that you know what to say or do. This bulletin will guide you, and you are welcome to participate, listen, or simply observe. If you need help, please ask an usher or someone nearby.

About Our Worship | Our worship follows the Lutheran tradition and moves through four main parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending. Brief notes throughout the bulletin explain parts of the service that may be unfamiliar.

Holy Communion | We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday. This is Christ's table, and all are welcome. You do not need to be Lutheran or a church member to receive Communion. The pastor and this bulletin will provide directions when it is time.

The Church Year | Throughout the year, our prayers, music, words, and colors change with the seasons of the Church. These seasons help us experience the story of God's love and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Come as you are—with faith or questions, joy or weariness, confidence or curiosity. There is a place for you here.

Accessibility | Holy Cross' sanctuary is equipped with a hearing-assistance system (induction loop) for those with hearing impairments. Please ask an usher for instructions.

As part of our continued efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, please refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.



The Holy Eucharist

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026 • 10:00 AM

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The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructions were always written in red.

WELCOME

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Joel Raney

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The people may stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Presiding Minister Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations whose compassion never slumbers.

People **Amen.**

Presiding Minister Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Presiding Minister Holy God,
People we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. **Amen.**

Presiding Minister Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

People **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

We greet one another with words drawn from Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth, this greeting reminds us that we gather by God's grace, surrounded by God's love, and united in fellowship by the Holy Spirit.

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

People And also with you.

KYRIE

(Mass of St. Kilian)

Drawn from the ancient prayer, "Lord, have mercy," and rooted throughout Scripture, the Kyrie gives voice to the needs of the Church and the world. We call upon Christ in confidence, trusting in God's mercy, compassion, and peace.



Cantor Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. **All** Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

Cantor All Cantor

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i -

All

-son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(Mass of St. Kilian)

Drawn from the songs of praise in Revelation 5 and 19, we join the whole Church in praising God for the victory and new life we receive through Christ.

Intro

All: Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy

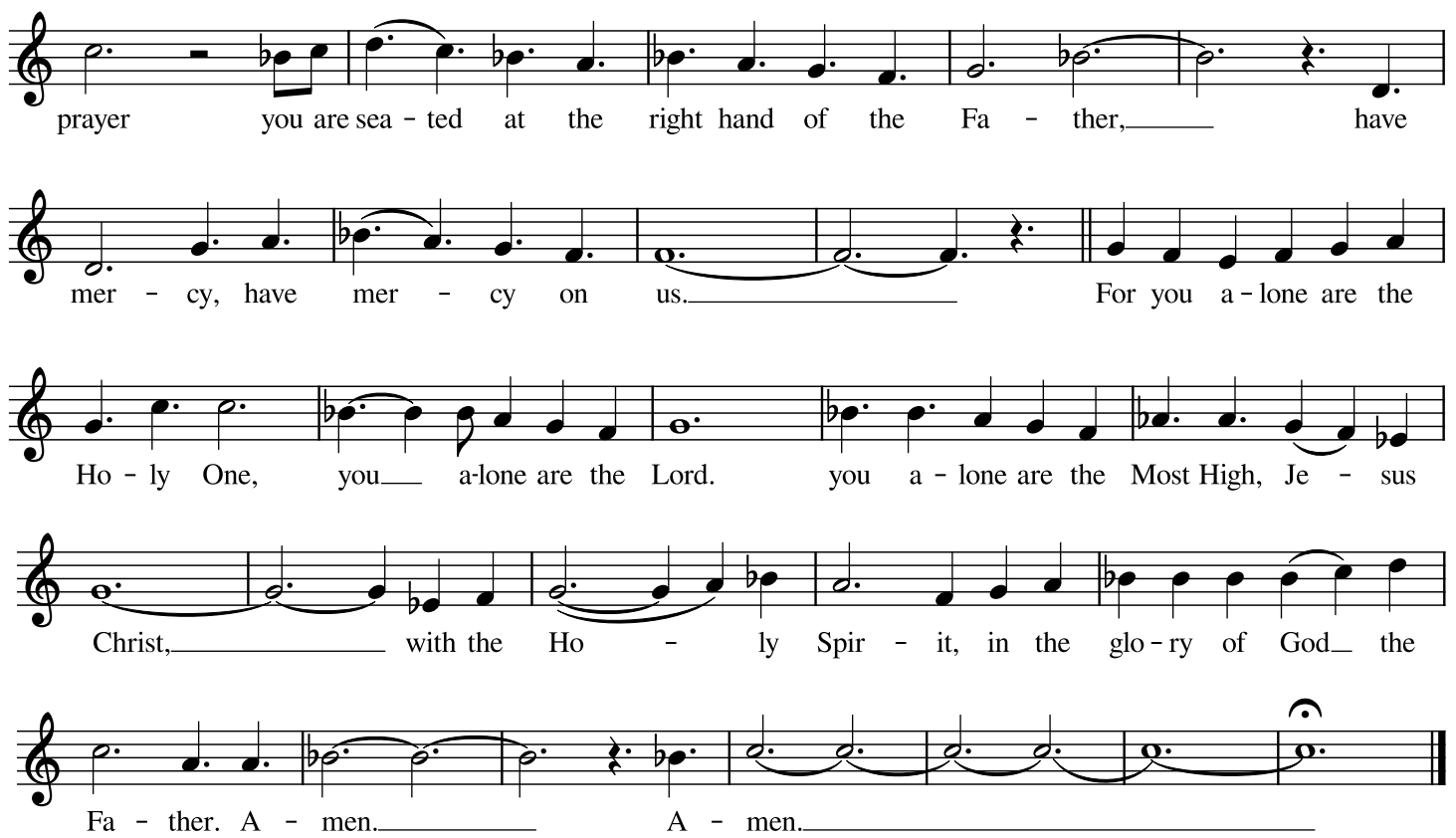
you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry. Lord God, heav-en - ly

King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the

Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The prayer of the day is inspired by one composed by John Wesley, the eighteenth-century Anglican founder of Methodism. Describing God in royal terms, we pray to live in honor of God's gracious sovereignty.

Presiding Minister

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.

People

Amen.

The people are seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SEEDS OF FAITH

Young ones are invited to come forward for a special time together. Through stories, conversation, and wonder, we explore God's abundant love in ways that connect with young hearts and minds.

THE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader

A reading from the book of Revelation.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

Reader

Word of God, word of life.

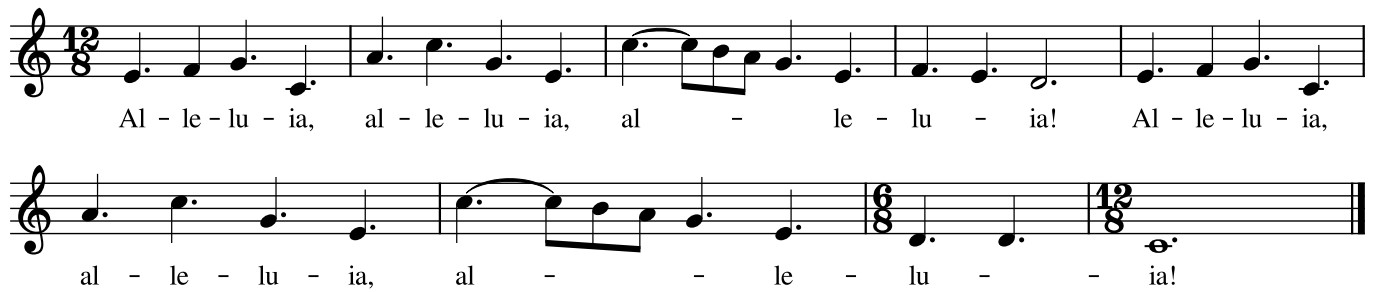
People

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Mass of St. Kilian)

The people may stand. We stand and sing as we prepare to hear the Holy Gospel, the story of Jesus' life and teachings. Our song welcomes Christ among us and opens our hearts to hear God's word.



Cantor

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Assembly

(Alleluias repeated)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People

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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

For All the Saints

The sermon reflects on the day's Scripture readings, proclaiming God's grace and connecting God's Word with our lives and the world today.

The people may stand.

For All the Saints

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Those who wish to remember loved ones are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and present the names of loved ones on the index card provided, light a candle from the torches, and place it on the table in remembrance.

APOSTLES' CREED AND INTERCESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

With Christians across generations and around the world, we proclaim our shared faith in the Triune God and remember the promises of our Baptism. In Lutheran worship, it is an optional gesture of reverence for a profound bow at the words concerning the incarnation: "who was conceived ... born of the Virgin Mary," after-which the assembly returns to normal posture. This gesture honors the mystery of the incarnation.

Presiding Minister On this All Saints Day, we join our voices with the saints of every time and place. Trusting in the God who creates, redeems, and makes all things new, we confess our faith through prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

People Do you believe in God, the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Assisting Minister God of all creation, you have called the earth good and entrusted its care to us. Restore lands and waters wounded by neglect and greed. Teach us to live gently upon the earth, honoring the sacred worth of all you have made. Where nations are divided, inspire leaders with wisdom, humility, and courage to seek justice and peace. Guide our communities and our elections toward the common good, that all your children may flourish.

If We Live



Text: Rolf Vegdahl, b. 1955, based on Romans 14:8, Psalm 103
Music: IF WE LIVE, Rolf Vegdahl
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Presiding Minister Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Assisting Minister

Jesus Christ, companion in suffering and hope of the world, you entered fully into our human lives, even into death itself. Draw near to all who grieve, especially those who mourn beloved saints this day. Comfort the lonely, sustain those living with illness, and strengthen all who are weary. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice workers whose tenderness bears witness to your love. Through your resurrection, assure us that neither death nor anything in all creation can separate us from your love.



Presiding Minister
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,**

Assisting Minister

Holy Spirit, breath of life, gather your church across every boundary of time and place. Fill us with mercy and humility, that our preaching, teaching, and service may proclaim your expansive grace. Bind us together in the communion of saints: those who have gone before us, those who walk beside us, and those yet to come. Nurture our ministries with elders and those who are homebound. Where relationships are broken, kindle forgiveness; where people are excluded, open our hearts and doors; where hope has grown dim, renew us in love.



Presiding Minister
People

Do you believe that death does not have the final word, and that God promises us life everlasting?
I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Assisting Minister

God of resurrection, with grateful hearts we remember those who have died, especially those we named before you today. We give you thanks for their lives, their love, and the ways your light shone through them. As we remember their witness, give us courage to live as your saints here and now. Hold us in the promise that death is not the end, that love endures, and that one day all creation will be made whole in you.



Assisting Minister Into your steadfast love, O God, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in the promise of life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

We share Christ's peace with one another as a sign of reconciliation, unity, and the peace God calls us to carry into the world. This ancient ritual can be set before or within the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Presiding Minister The peace of Christ be with you always.

People And also with you.

The people are seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND OFFERING

We are invited to respond to God's generosity by sharing our gifts to support the church's ministry, care for our neighbors, and serve God's world. To make an electronic offering, tap or scan the blue disk by the pew rack.

Assisting Minister The Holy One gives gifts freely and abundantly so that all will be well and whole. God provides and empowers us to participate in providing for one another. There is enough for all. Let us join in the Creator's holy, wondrous, and abundant generosity in sharing the gifts we have claimed.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Be Not Afraid
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

The people may stand.

OFFERTORY





OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister
People

Let us pray together. God of creation,
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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At Christ's table, we give thanks and share the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Lutherans trust Christ's promise that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, offering us forgiveness, grace, and new life.

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant

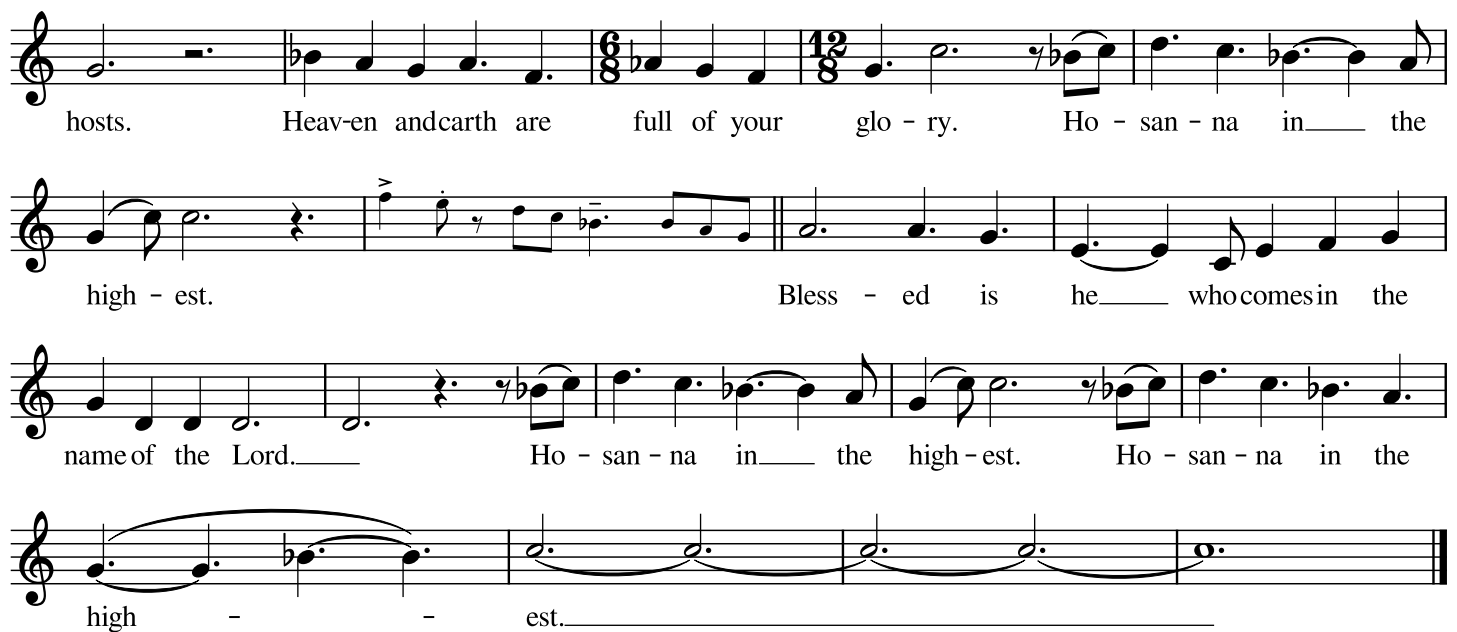
It is indeed right our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

(Mass of St. Kilian)

Drawn from Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9, we join the praise of heaven and earth, welcoming Christ as we prepare to share the holy meal of Communion.





EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

During the Words of Institution, the people may make a profound bow at the words "Do this in remembrance of me" as a gesture of reverence for Christ's true presence in the consecrated bread and wine. You are welcome to participate according to your own practice and ability.

Celebrant

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 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.

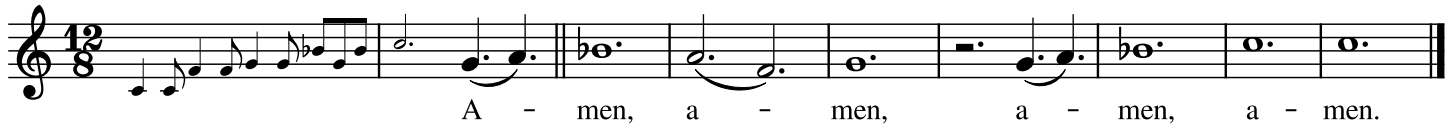
People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, joining our voices with Christians throughout the world and across generations. Within the Eucharistic liturgy, we pray for "our daily bread" as we prepare to receive Christ in Holy Communion. Together we trust in God's abundant provision, forgiveness, and deliverance as we come to Christ's table.

Celebrant
People

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught:
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 FRACTION

The celebrant breaks the bread in preparation for sharing Holy Communion, recalling Christ's self-giving love and the one bread shared among many. We use words from the ancient Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, connecting our worship with our Orthodox siblings and the wider Church.

Celebrant

The Lamb of God is broken and distributed; broken but never divided;
forever eaten, and yet never consumed, but sanctifying those who partake.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love God
and for those who want to love God more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is God's will that those who want
God should meet here at Christ's table.

Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Taste and know that God is good to all.
Thanks be to God.

People

The people are seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites all who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet.

Instructions: The ushers will invite each row forward. Communion is distributed by station: The celebrant will meet you at the center with bread. On either side of the celebrant, trays of red wine and white grape juice are distributed. Please place your empty cups in the baskets at the side aisles. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms at your chest. If you have mobility limitations, let an usher know and the sacrament will be brought to you.

AGNUS DEI

(Mass of St. Kilian)

As the bread is broken and Communion is prepared, we sing Christ, the Lamb of God, asking for mercy and peace. Drawn from John 1:29, this ancient song directs us to Christ, who gives himself for the life of the world.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy, have

mer - cy on us. us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world, grant us peace.

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By All Your Saints

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
Insert appointed stanza or this general stanza 2:
 2 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron -
Last Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,

your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
 who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song -
 and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,

For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
 for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
 till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
 and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 13, 16, 18
 Music: Finnish folk tune

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Alternate tune: KING'S LYNN

Andrew, Apostle + November 30

- 3 All praise, O Lord, for Andrew,
the first to welcome you,
whose witness to his brother
named you Messiah true.
May we, with hearts kept open
to you throughout the year,
proclaim to friend and neighbor
your advent ever near.

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr + December 26

- 4 All praise for Stephen, martyr,
who saw you ready stand
to help in time of torment,
to plead at God's right hand.
O Jesus, born to save us,
grant us discerning sight,
that true till death we serve you
and witness to your light.

John, Apostle and Evangelist + December 27

- 5 For John, belov'd disciple,
exiled on Patmos' shore,
and for John's holy gospel,
we praise you evermore.
Praise for the mystic vision
these words to us unfold.
Instill in us the longing
your glory to behold.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs + December 28

- 6 All praise for infant martyrs,
whom you with tend'rest love
received from Herod's bloodshed
to share your home above.
O Rachel, cease your weeping;
they rest from earthbound cares.
Lord, grant us hearts as guileless
and crowns as bright as theirs.

Confession of Peter + January 18

- 7 We praise you, Lord, for Peter,
so eager and so bold,
thrice falling, yet repentant,
thrice charged to feed your fold.
Lord, make your pastors faithful
to guard your flock from harm,
and hold them when they waver
with your almighty arm.

Conversion of Paul + January 25

- 8 Praise for the light from heaven,
praise for the voice of awe,
praise for the glorious vision
the persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's enlight'ning
we bless your name today;
come, shine within our darkness,
and guide us on our way.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus + March 19

- 9 We sing our praise for Joseph,
your guardian, dearest Lord;
who, list'ning to the angel,
once saved you from the sword.
In temple, home, and workshop,
he led you, honed your skill.
So teach us, Christ our brother,
to do our Father's will.

Mark, Evangelist + April 25

- 10 For Mark, O Lord, we praise you,
whose fainting heart, made strong,
poured forth the faithful gospel
to animate our song.
May we, in all our weakness,
receive your pow'r divine,
and all, as fruitful branches,
grow strong in you, the vine.

Philip and James, Apostles + May 1

- 11 We praise your name for Philip,
blest guide to Greek and Jew,
and for young James, the faithful
who heard and followed you.
Oh, grant us grace to know you,
the way, the truth, the life,
and wrestle with temptation
till victors in the strife.

Matthias, Apostle + May 14

- 12 Lord, your abiding presence
directs the wondrous choice;
the lot falls to Matthias,
the faithful now rejoice.
May we as true apostles
your holy church defend,
and by your parting promise
be with us to the end.

Barnabas, Apostle + June 11

- 13 For Barnabas we praise you,
appointed by your call,
who, filled with faith and Spirit,
proclaimed your word with Paul.
Give us your grace, O Savior,
that we become the same:
companions in your mission,
who bear the Christian name.

John the Baptist + June 24

- 14 We praise you for the Baptist,
forerunner of the Word,
our true Elijah, making
a highway for the Lord.
The last and greatest prophet,
he saw the dawning ray
of light that grows in splendor
until the perfect day.

Thomas, Apostle + July 3

- 15 All praise to you for Thomas,
whose short-lived doubtings prove
your perfect two-fold nature,
and all your depth of love.
May all who live with questions
have faith in you restored;
grant us the grace to know you,
to say, "My God and Lord."

Mary Magdalene, Apostle + July 22

- 16 For Magdalene we praise you,
steadfast at cross and tomb.
Your "Mary!" in the garden
dispelled her tears and gloom.
Apostle to the apostles,
she ran to spread the word;
send us to shout the good news
that we have seen the Lord.

James, Apostle + July 25

- 17 For James, O Lord, we praise you,
who fell to Herod's sword,
who drank your cup of suff'ring
and thus fulfilled your word.
Lord, curb our vain impatience
for glory and for gain,
and nerve us for such suff'rings
as glorify your name.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord + August 15

- 18 Oh, magnify with Mary
the God whom we adore;
rejoice in Christ our Savior,
true God whom Mary bore;
and praise the holy Power
in her made manifest.
With all the generations
acclaim this woman blest.

Bartholomew, Apostle + August 24

- 19 All praise for him whose candor
through all his doubt you saw
when Philip at the fig tree
disclosed you in the law.
Discern, beneath our surface,
O Lord, what we can be,
that by your truth made guileless,
your glory we may see.

Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist + September 21

- 20 For Matthew, Lord, whose gospel
your human life declared,
who, worldly gain forsaking,
your path of suff'ring shared.
From wealth that dulls and chains us,
oh, raise our eyes anew,
that we, whate'er our calling,
may rise and follow you.

Luke, Evangelist + October 18

- 21 For Luke, belov'd physician,
all praise, whose gospel shows
the healer of the nations,
the one who shares our woes.
Your wine and oil, O Savior,
upon our spirits pour,
and with true balm of Gilead
anoint us evermore.

Simon and Jude, Apostles + October 28

- 22 All praise for Jude and Simon,
who sealed their faith today;
one love, one hope impelled them
to tread the sacred way.
May we with zeal as earnest
the faith of Christ maintain,
and foll'wing these our brothers,
at length your rest attain.

The people may stand.

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

After Communion, we receive a blessing that assures us of Christ's grace and abiding presence. Having shared Christ's true body and blood, we are strengthened and sustained as we return to our daily lives.

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

People Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister Let us pray together. Holy God,
People 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

As our worship concludes, we receive God's blessing and are reminded that God's grace and peace go with us. Blessed by the Triune God, we are sent to carry Christ's love into our daily lives and the world.

Presiding Minister The holy Trinity, Creator, ☩ Christ, and Holy Ghost, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

We are sent from worship into the world to live out our faith through love and service. Martin Luther retained the word "Mass" to preserve continuity with the historic worship of the Church. He emphasized Holy Communion not as a repeated sacrifice, but as Christ's true presence and gracious gift of forgiveness. The term also reminds us that God is present among us through the Means of Grace—the Word and Sacraments.

Assisting Minister The Mass has ended, now our service begins.
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

by J.S. Bach

You are invited to remain in the sanctuary until the conclusion of the postlude.

As part of our continued efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, please refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

On All Saints Sunday, our music reminds us that the Church is larger than any one congregation, generation, or lifetime. Today's readings offer two beautiful visions of the communion of saints. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus pronounces blessings upon those whom the world so often overlooks: the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. In Revelation, we encounter an innumerable multitude gathered before God's throne, representing every nation, tribe, people, and language. Together, these readings remind us that sainthood is not reserved for a select few who lived extraordinary lives. It belongs to all whom God has claimed in baptism, whose lives bear witness to God's grace, and whose hope rests in Christ's promise that death will never have the final word.

Our prelude, Joel Raney's *Toccata on Shall We Gather at the River*, introduces one of the most enduring images of Christian hope: the faithful gathered beside the river of life. The familiar hymn draws its imagery from Revelation, where the redeemed stand in God's presence and are led to the springs of the water of life. Raney's energetic setting transforms this vision into a jubilant celebration, reminding us that All Saints Sunday is not simply an occasion for mourning those who have died, but also a festival of the resurrection and the life that God promises to all.

Throughout today's service, we return three times to *For All the Saints*, singing its seven stanzas in three separate places in our liturgy. This is an intentional choice, allowing the hymn to become a thread that connects our gathering, our response to the Word, and our sending into the world. We begin with thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, remembering their faithful witness

and the rest they now enjoy in Christ. Following the Gospel, we continue with stanzas that acknowledge the struggles, perseverance, and courage of those who have lived their faith amid the challenges of this world. Finally, we conclude our worship with the hymn's magnificent vision of the saints gathered in glory, joining in the unending song of praise. By spreading the hymn throughout our service, we experience its message not as a single moment of remembrance, but as a journey from gratitude, through faithful living, toward the promise of resurrection.

Our Sanctuary Choir's anthem, *Be Not Afraid*, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner, speaks directly to the promises found in today's readings. Jesus does not promise that the faithful will be spared sorrow, suffering, or hardship. Rather, the Beatitudes proclaim that God's blessing is present even in the midst of these experiences. The words "Be not afraid" remind us that faith does not eliminate fear or grief, but offers us the assurance that we do not face them alone. On a Sunday when we remember those we have loved and lost, this message carries particular tenderness. We grieve because we love, yet we trust that God's presence accompanies us through the deepest valleys of life and into the hope of resurrection.

During Communion, we sing *By All Your Saints*, one of the most versatile hymns in our hymnal. The hymn was designed to honor different saints throughout the church year, with a common opening and closing stanza surrounding verses dedicated to particular figures in the history of the Church. Ordinarily, a congregation sings only the stanza appropriate to the saint being commemorated. Today, however, we sing all of them, creating a remarkable musical procession through the history of Christian faith.

Across its many stanzas, we encounter patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, martyrs and

reformers, and faithful witnesses whose lives helped shape the Church across centuries. We remember figures such as Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, Stephen, and Mary the mother of our Lord, alongside others whose courage, teaching, service, and devotion helped carry the gospel into new places and generations. Their stories are wonderfully varied, reminding us that there has never been just one way to live a faithful life. Some proclaimed the gospel publicly; others served quietly. Some challenged injustice and confronted powerful institutions; others offered compassion, hospitality, and care to those around them. Together, they reflect the extraordinary breadth of the communion of saints.

Singing all these stanzas also gives us an opportunity to consider who is included in this great company. Revelation's vision is not of a uniform gathering, but of a multitude drawn from every people and language. The saints are not united by having shared the same experiences, cultures, or circumstances, but by the grace of God that holds them together. And the communion of saints is not confined to the famous names recorded in the Church's history. It includes the people whose faith shaped our own lives: parents and grandparents, teachers and friends, mentors and neighbors, and countless others whose names may never appear on a church calendar. It includes us, too, as we continue the work of loving, serving, and bearing witness to Christ in our own time.

As we sing the final stanzas of *For All the Saints* and depart from worship, we are reminded that the communion of saints is both a promise and a calling. We give thanks for those who have finished their earthly journey, but we also recognize that our own witness is still unfolding. The blessings Jesus proclaims in the Beatitudes are not merely descriptions of a distant heavenly future; they are invitations to participate in God's kingdom here and now, through mercy, peacemaking, justice, and

love. Today we sing with gratitude for those who have gone before us, with tenderness for those we miss, and with hope for the day when every tear will be wiped away and all God's children will be gathered together in the joy of the resurrection.

All shall be amen and alleluia!

Jeremy Shoop, Director of Music and Liturgy

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saits triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

For All the Saints
Evangelical Lutheran Worship #422



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