ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Growing in faith. Growing in community.
Welcoming all in Jesus' name.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS
Sunday, November 1, 2026

10am Service of Holy Communion

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. 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.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
We believe all people are created in God's image.

Rooted in Jesus' ministry of liberation, unconditional love, and hospitality, we strive to welcome all into our community. This welcome explicitly includes those who have traditionally been marginalized in the church and society due to their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, racial and ethnic background, physical ability, developmental ability, citizenship/documentation status, and socio-economic status.

We hope that our young people experience God in our gathering together. Families, you are welcome to use the Prayground in the rear corner of the sanctuary if you want more space, and to use the Prayground in the narthex if you need a break from the activities in the sanctuary. Most of all, know that the joyful noise of young people in our worship is welcome!

Hearing assist devices are available in the narthex.
If you need any other help with worship,
please speak with an usher at the doors to the sanctuary.

✢ GATHERING ✢

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

Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.

PRELUDE Variations sur "Sine nomine" Denis Bédard

WELCOME

Please stand, as you are able.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

O God, we thank you for the many people throughout the ages
who have followed your way of life joyfully;
for the many saints and martyrs, men and women,
who have offered up their very lives,
so that your life abundant may become manifest.
For your love and faithfulness we praise you.
O God, we thank you for those who chose the way of Christ.
In the midst of trial, they held out hope;
in the midst of hatred, they kindled love;
in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power;
in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.
For your love and faithfulness we praise you.
O God, we thank you for the truth they passed on to us:
that it is by giving that we shall receive;
it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong;
it is by loving others that we shall be loved;
it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold;
it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting.
O God, give us courage to follow our way of life.
For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

Sing Verses 1 – 3 of "For All the Saints"

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

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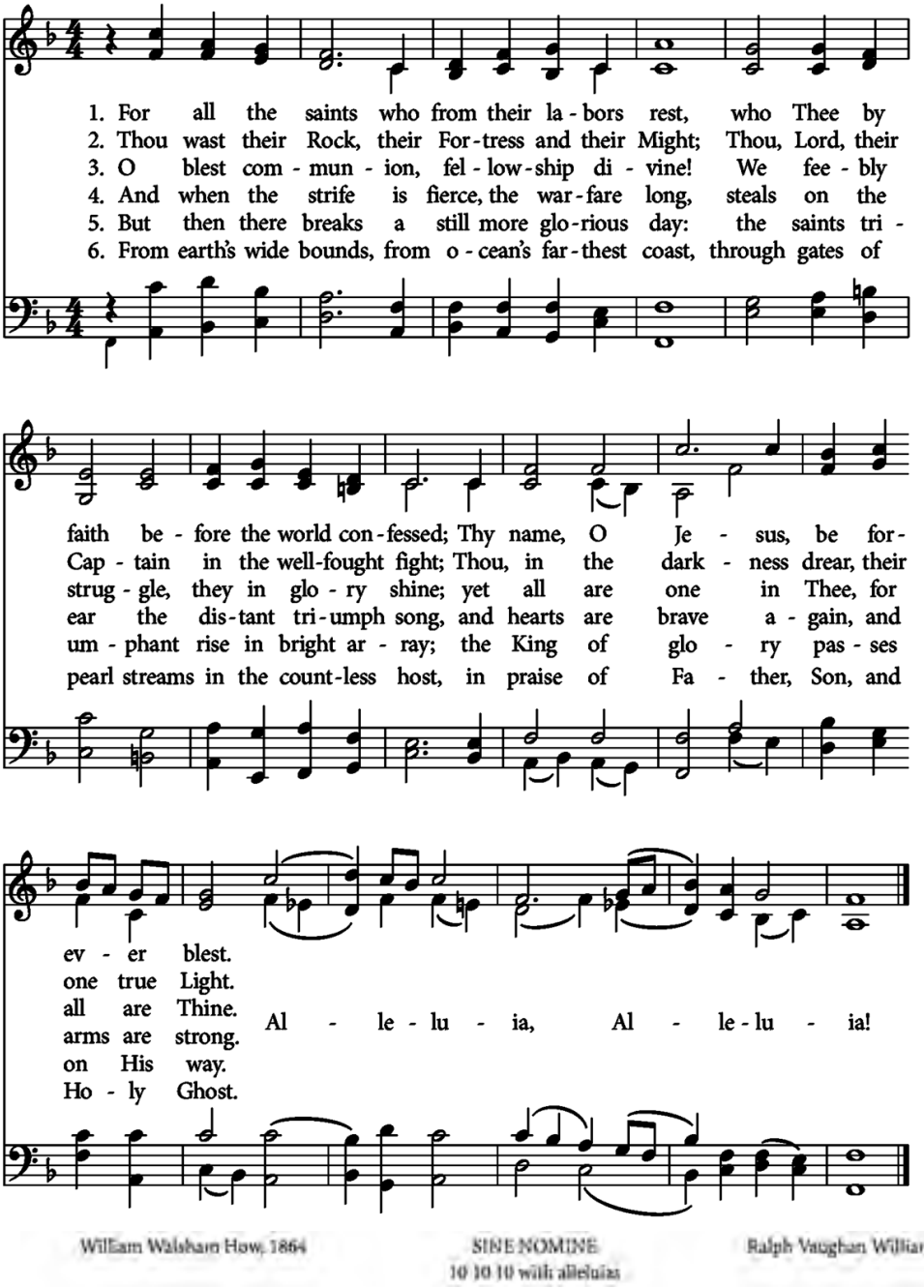

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REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Renew our communion and divine fellowship with all your saints,
especially those members, loved ones, and friends we name before you now…

Michael	Lewis	Janet
Father James	Michael	Ed
Susan	Tommy	Matthew
Rose	Tim	Arylene
Dean	Harry	Eric
Steven	Pat	Bob
Daniel	Chuck	William
Matthew	Lyndon	Bruce
Ann	Bob	Terri
Bella	Dot	Ed
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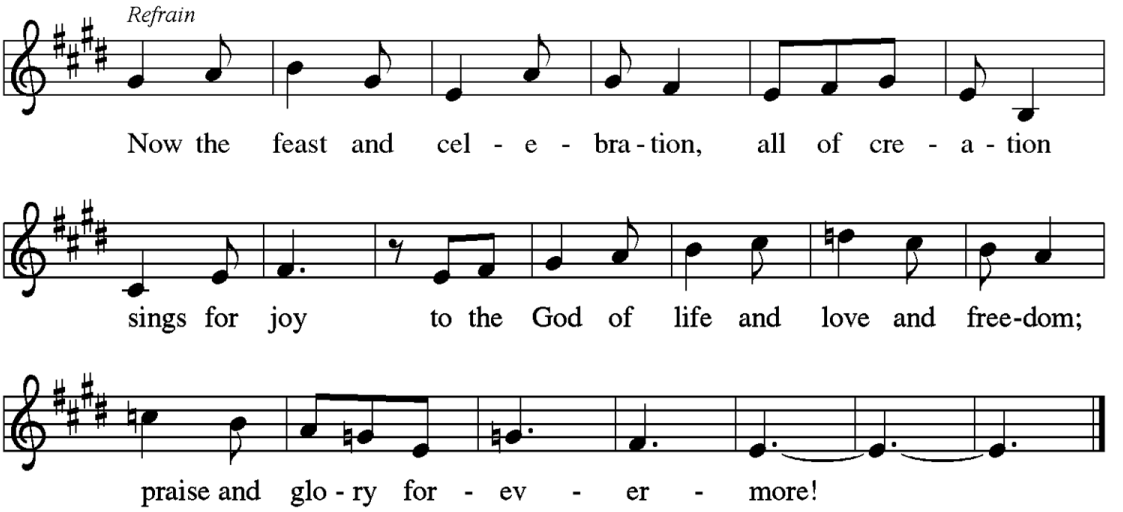
Sing Verses 4 -6 of "For All the Saints" (Found on p. 3)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we all feast together at his heavenly banquet.

HYMN OF PRAISE **Now the Feast and Celebration**
ELW 167



GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *1 Corinthians 1:2b-3*

To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace and peace be to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And also with you.

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.
Amen.

Be seated.

✢ WORD ✢

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

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb

A reading from Revelation:

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before
the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one
who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of
the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God

and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING **Psalm 34:1-10, 22** *Antiphon:* Ps. 34:9

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
6 I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

SECOND READING **1 John 3:1-3**

We are God's children

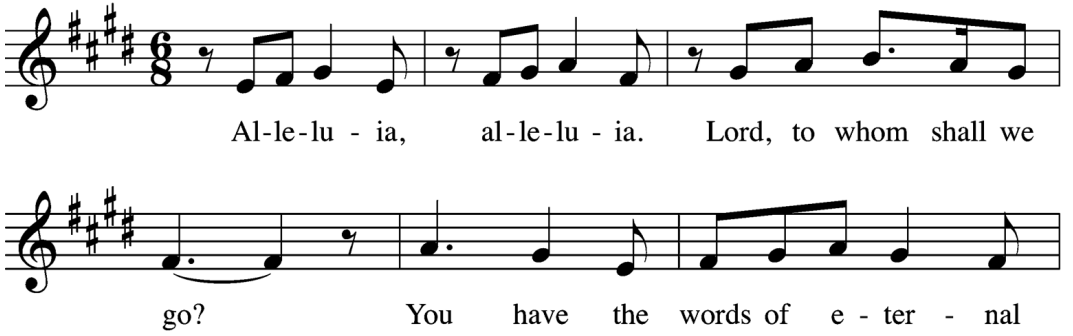
A reading from First John:

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet
been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like
him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

ACCLAMATION **Alleluia** *Now the Feast Setting*
Marty Haugen



HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

Blessed are the poor in spirit

The Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you."

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

Be seated.

SERMON Pastor Cris Frigm

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY **Rejoice in God's Saints**

ELW 418 (harmony)

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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Be seated.

Those being welcomed into the congregation remain standing along with their sponsors.

RITE OF WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation introduces each new member.

I present *name* who desires to become a member of our congregation.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

ADDRESS

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?
Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

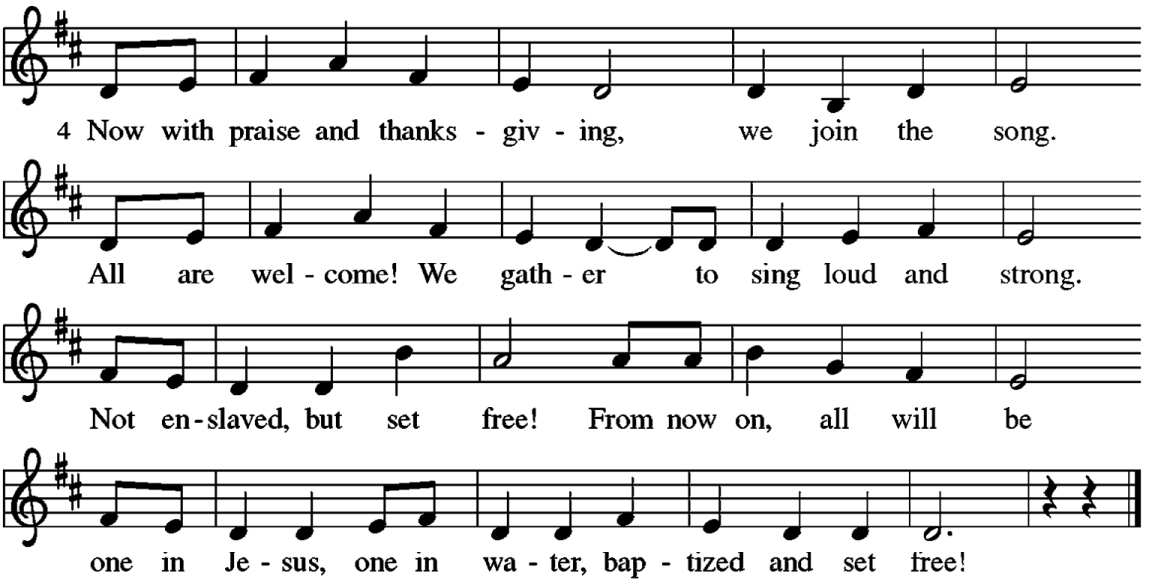
People of God, do you promise to support and pray
for these new members in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Please stand.

SONG OF WELCOME **Baptized and Set Free**
ELW 453; Vs. 4



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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. Strengthen the ministry of our partners, Faith Lutheran Church, Salisbury and St. Phillips, Wilmington. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. Bring peace to places of conflict, especially Ukraine, Southwest Asia, Haiti, and Sudan. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially Erminia, those on our prayer list, and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts…(*brief silence*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation in ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
We give you thanks for our new members, Dale, Sue, and Bruce, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

The assembly exchanges Christ's peace in word and gesture, while respecting the boundaries of those around us, saying, **Peace be with you.**

Be seated.

✢ MEAL ✢

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF GIFTS *As God calls us to cultivate the church, God asks us to share our time, talent, and treasures.*

At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad *(the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor and back again. We ask* ***visitors*** *to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask* ***members*** *to update any changes to their information so records are maintained.*

ANTHEM "His Church Shall Rest" Josh Hummel
Sanctuary Choir

Please stand and sing as the gifts are presented and the table is set.

OFFERTORY **As Saints of Old**
ELW 695, Verse 1

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996, alt.
Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

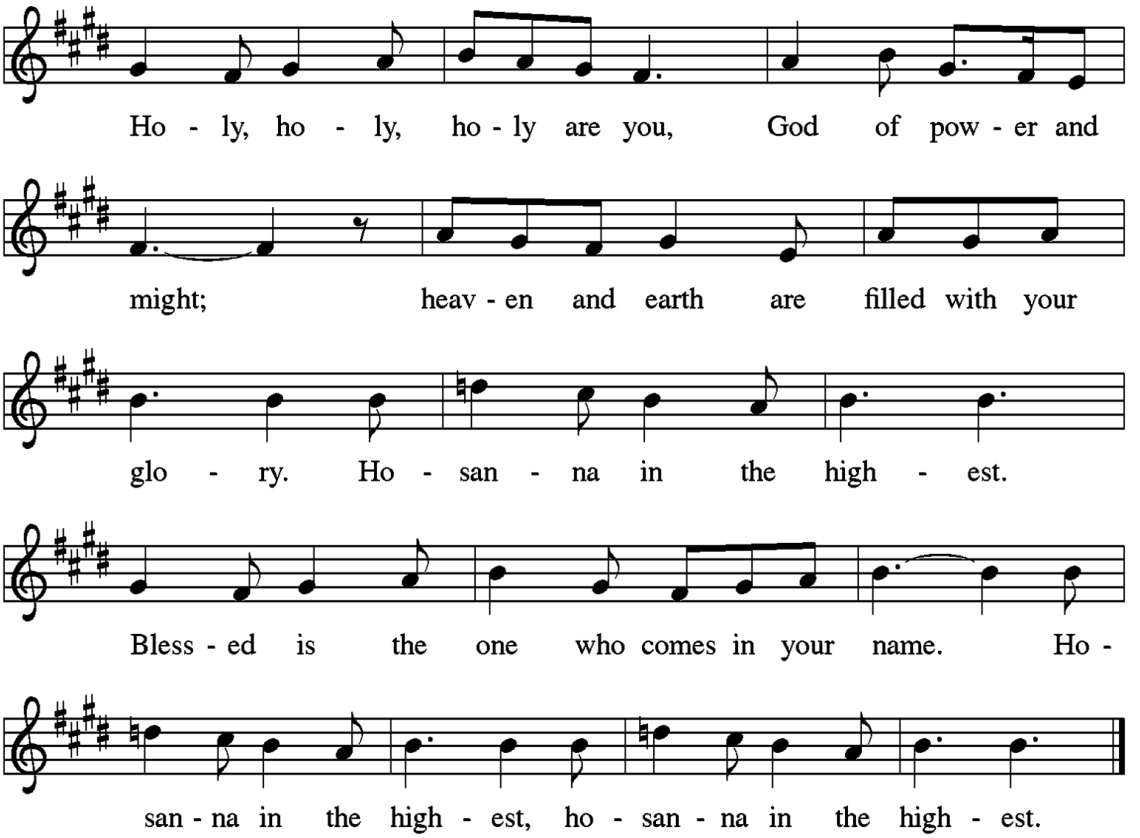
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the

choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Now the Feast Setting
Marty Haugen



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, Europe and the Americas, India, Australia, and the islands, we praise you, O God, for creating the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for providing mortals with food. With all the faithful in tents and mansions, cities and farms, past and present, we worship you, O God, for sheltering the generations. With all your holy people who minister in the church, who serve the poor, who walk the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for journeying with us in Jesus.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:
On the night before he died, he 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.

With Peter and all the martyrs,
we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.
Amen!
With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles,
we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.
Amen!
With John, the theologians, and the mystics,
we celebrate Christ present with us, exclaiming Amen.
Amen!

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Imbue this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the merciful body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, and independents, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to you, our God, as we pray with the words our Savior gave us…

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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
We come to receive what Christ has prepared.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Those who choose not to commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Our communion bread is gluten-free. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available upon request.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS — Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (ACS 977)

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Music: COPELAND, Michael Corzine, b. 1947
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Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

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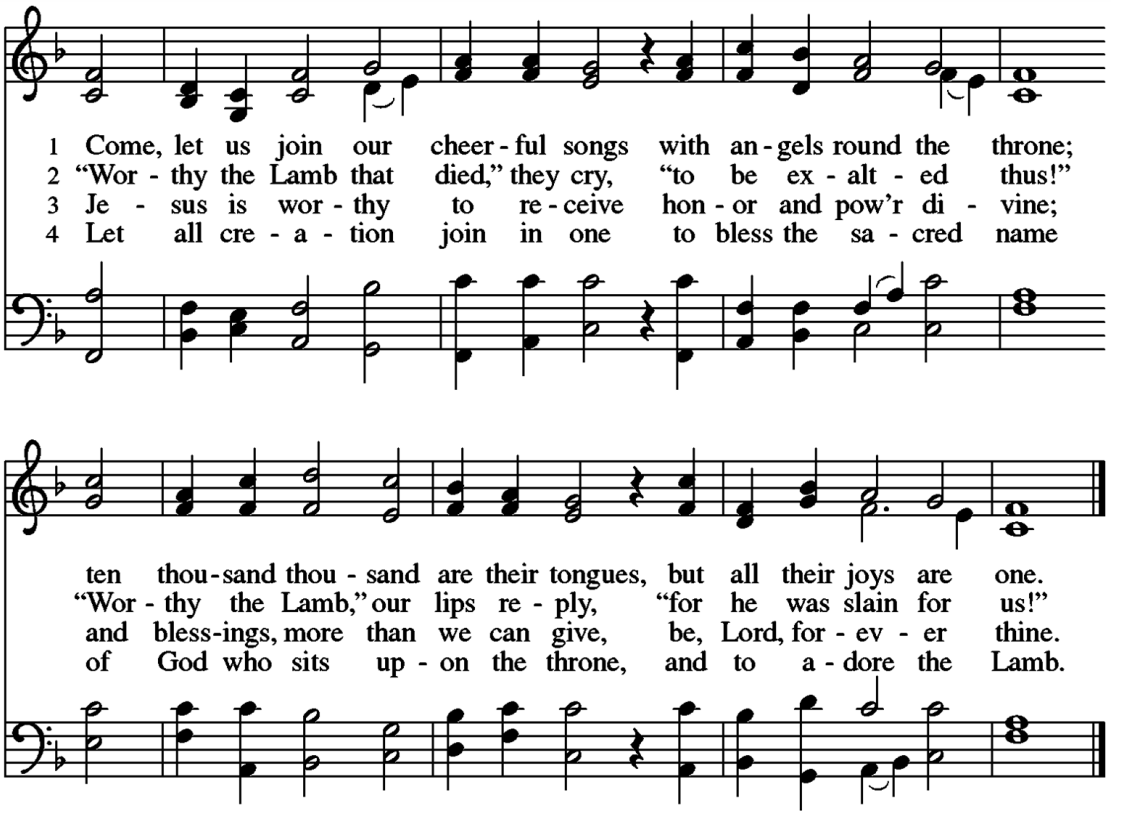

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

After all have communed and returned to their places, ***remain seated.***

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.
Let us pray.

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

✢ SENDING ✢

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH—ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

BENEDICTION

The holy Trinity, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN **Sing with All the Saints**

UMH 258

Found on p. 22

WORDS: William J. Irons, 1873
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. Edward Hodges, 1864

HYMN TO JOY
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Toccata in D minor" J. S . Bach

The custom of commemorating the saints of the church, especially martyrs, on a single day originated in the fourth century. By the eighth century, the festival commemorating all saints had been moved in England and Ireland to November 1 in order to Christianize the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain which marked the beginning of winter and communal attention to the dead. In current Christian use, the day is dedicated to thanksgiving for all the unnamed who died in the Lord. In many assemblies, the names of the local dead are read aloud, a focus originally associated with All Souls Day on November 2. The conflation of the two emphases fits with the Protestant belief that the all the Christian dead are saints and none needs release from purgatory.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory and praise of God by the Chisholm family and in memory of Ruth Ann's birthday.

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As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings call us to remember those who have died in Christ. As the church year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of life and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While we may face dying or death with fear, we are called to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death. Christ has claimed us in baptism. He nourishes us with his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully.

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Weekly Epistle/E-mail Blast – articles are due by Wednesday morning at 10am to office@stpaulsnewarkde.org. Late submissions will be shared the following week.

Worship Attendance

Prayer Requests

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