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“Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve”



A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

November 2, 2025, 9:30 AM
All Saints Sunday

Welcome !

Welcome

We welcome everyone to worship on this wonderful day. May God bless our time together in Worship with Word and Sacrament.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a *Welcome* card and place it in the offering plate. The reverse of this card can also be used for prayer requests, or other special needs.

Need Directions? Feel free to ask an usher if you need to find a restroom, or another particular room or group meeting here in the church building.

Cell phone off? – We respectfully ask that you silence your cell phone during worship this morning.

For hearing impaired: We now have four hearing receivers and two neck units. If you wish to use one, please see the person at the sound booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

THE LORD INVITES EVERYONE TO HIS TABLE

We Believe

Jesus Christ is present in the bread and wine.

We receive forgiveness of sins and strength for Christian living.

We are renewed in faith with the promise of salvation and eternal life.

We Offer

Wine and grape juice (light colored glasses in center of trays)

Bread (including gluten-free wafers)

Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good!

INTRODUCTION

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for he strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we lie with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 2, 2025, 9:30 AM

(Congregation please stand)

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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

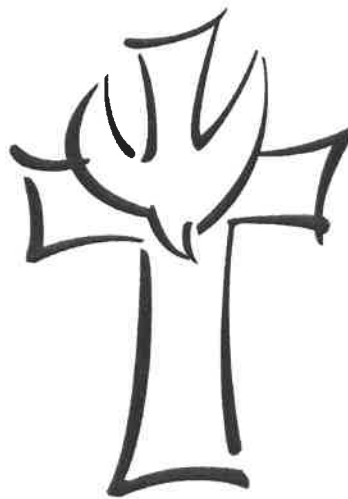
Silence for reflection

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 the 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

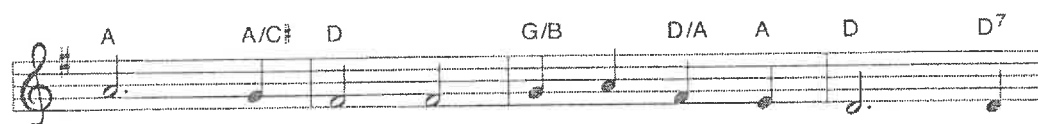
"For All the Saints"

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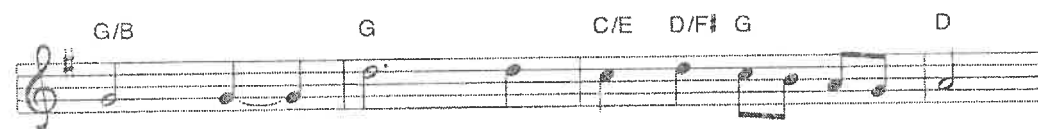
Verses 1, 3, 5, 7



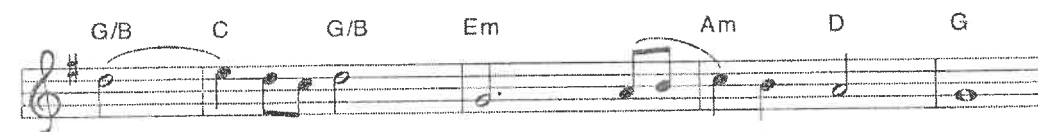
- 1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



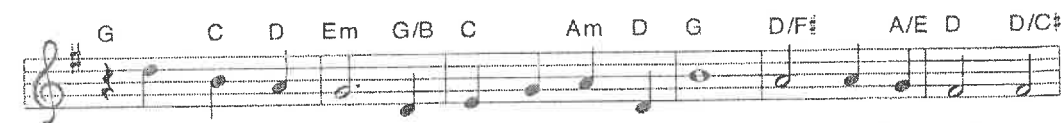
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; ..
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host. ..



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 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!



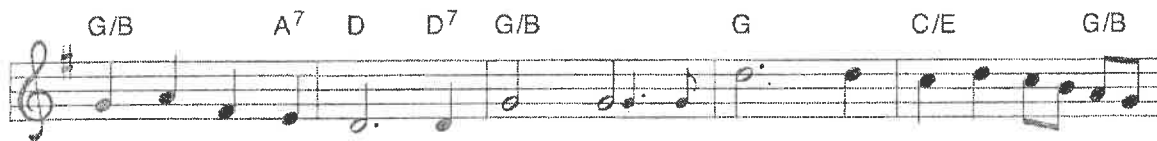
- 3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fec - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

GATHERING HYMN

"For All the Saints" - Continued

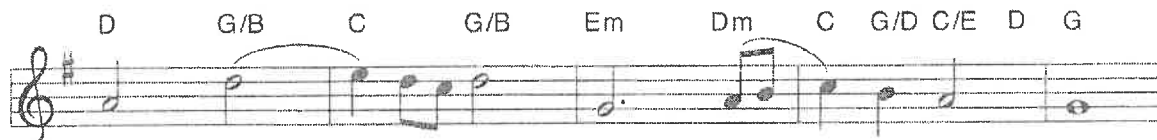
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G/B A⁷ D D⁷ G/B G C/E G/B



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

D G/B C G/B Em Dm C G/D C/E D G



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

GREETING

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

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .

so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.

Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .

so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on

dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

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“GLORY TO GOD”



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.



Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-que-llos que a-ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray, Almighty God,
C you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Congregation please be seated)

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C.E., when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

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: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

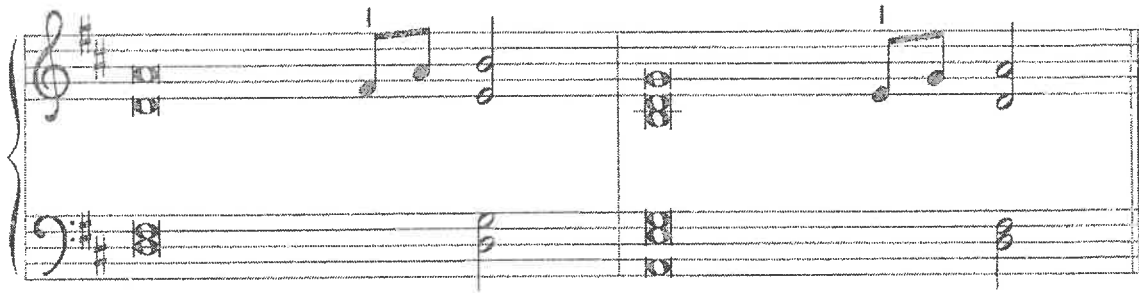
¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall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

P The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 *(Verses in bold are sung by the congregation)*

Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful. (Ps. 149:1)



- P** Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song, God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
- C** ²**Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**
- P** ³Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
- C** ⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory.**
- P** ⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds.
- C** ⁶**Let the praises of God be | in their throat and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**
- P** ⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples,
- C** ⁸**to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron,**
- P** ⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful people. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11–23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

(Congregation please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Singing, we rise to greet Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:20–31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Congregation please be seated)

SERMON

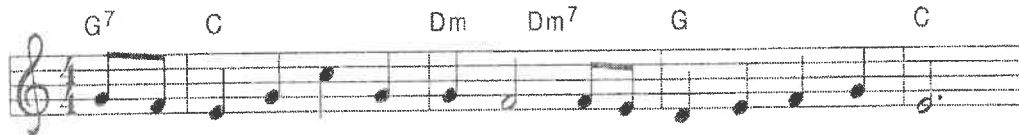
Pastor Matthew Larson

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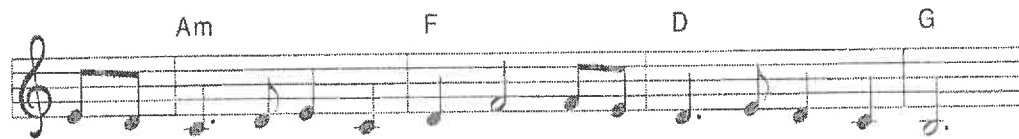
HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

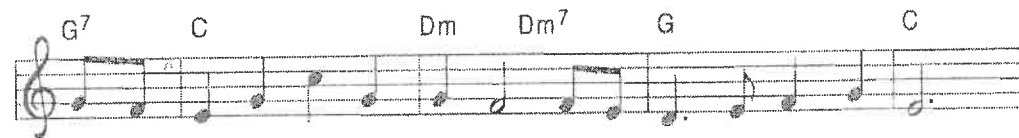
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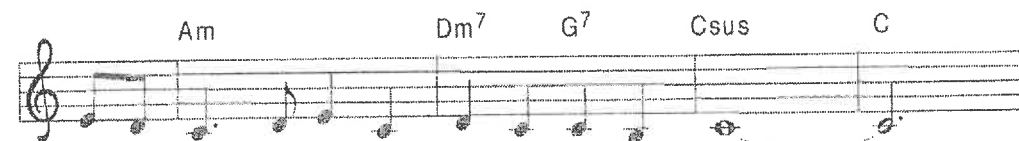
- 1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
- 2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
- 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait-ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win-ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end-ing. . . . A - men.

Congregation please be seated)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Evan E. Castillo

Sarabell N. Castillo

Briella Fricke

Teresa Fricke

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C **I renounce them.**

Apostles' Creed

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends, "Hear us, O God," to which the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."

After the concluding prayer, respond with:

C **Amen.**

BAPTISM

WELCOME (See screen)

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

After each name is read, a chime will be heard for each name. After all the names have been read, you will have an opportunity to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one.

Below are the names of the members (and friends) of Advent Lutheran Church who have died since All Saints' Day last year. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

Marian Moseman
Margot Wilson
Anthony Filardo
Anna Rector
Julie McMillan
Sharon Ahern
Tom Shirey
Ken Otteman
Ken Leonard



ALL SAINTS' DAY

(Congregation please stand)

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

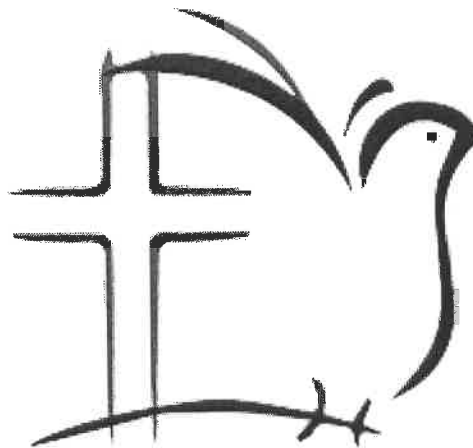
(Please be sensitive to those who wish to 'keep their hands to themselves.' Thank you.)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Share the peace of God with one another.

(Congregation please be seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(Congregation please stand)

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

#583

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

Verse 2: *Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.*

Refrain: *Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray, Jesus, Bread of life,
C you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C 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...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

The minister continues with the eucharistic prayer.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

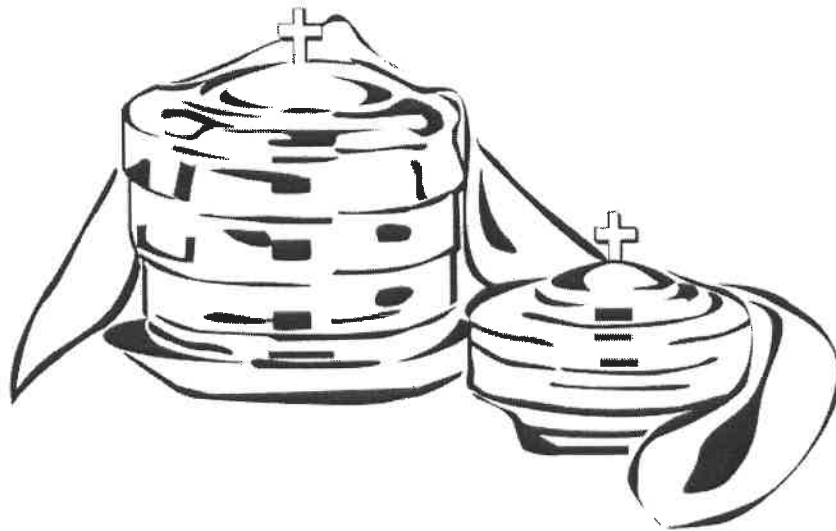
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

(Congregation please be seated)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

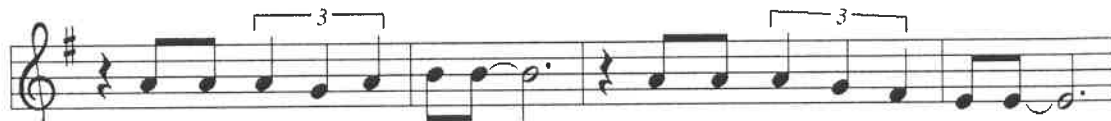
☐ Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!



LAMB OF GOD



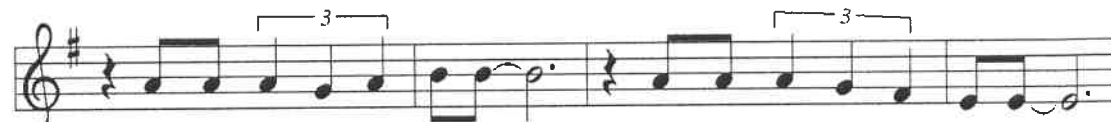
Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION - All who believe Jesus Christ is present in this meal, offering forgiveness and new life, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

Gluten-free wafers are also available. **PLEASE NOTE:** *If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please ask an usher to tell the pastor – Holy Communion can be brought to you.*

(Congregation please stand)

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

RECOGNITION OF PASTOR HOLLY GUNBY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF HER ORDINATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

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 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

- A** As people of God, this is our mission at Advent:
C “Called by God’s Grace to Love and Serve.”

DISMISSAL

(God sends us to live as Christ’s body in the world.)

- A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today-9:30 am

Presiding Minister	Pastor Matthew Larson
Preacher	Pastor Matthew Larson
Assisting Minister	Kara Wilson
Communion Assistants	Holly Gunby, Bonnie Rehn
Pianist	Shirley Roraback
Musician	Wes Todd
Cantor	Paula Kenney
Reader	Tom Sernka
Greeter	
Ushers	Bill Johnson, Linda Semmen
Audio/Video	Kate Larson
Fellowship Hosts	Missy Bliesner
Cookies	Missy Bliesner
Cake	Marilyn Keith
Tellers	Diehl

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CPT Ashley Allinger, Chaplain US Army, CPT Zane Allinger, USAF, CPL Damien Anderson, Major Ryan Baker, Majors Megan & Robert Barnwell, SGT Alex Baron, USAF, Capt. Jordon Bolster, SSgt. Andy Falk, Army, CPT Christopher Finch, Robert Guyton, CW2 Aaron Lang, Capt. Richard Luna III, USAF, MSgt. Duncan McFarlane, Bryan McGoon, SSG Aaron Moeller, Sam Nelson, Mst. Sgt. Alex Pohle, AF Staff Sgt. Garytt Shirey, Kurt Strigel, Colin Wells, U.S. Air Force, Ryan Wells, Master Sgt. AF Nat'l Guard Sarah Meddock, TSG Jason Wood, CPT Michael West, Staff SGT Jacob McKenzie, Major Stephen King, Airman Chase Strunk, U.S. Air Force, LCPL Jared Martin, Rafe Rector, USMC, Staff Sgt. Dan Zabriskie in the National Guard.

*If you have a **prayer request**, please send an email to the church office at **alcpokane@comcast.net** or call the church office at **(509) 928-7733**.*

Coming This Week: Sunday, November 2, 2025 - Sunday, November 9, 2025

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Worship: www.youtube.com/c/adventlutheranspokane

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Today is **All Saints Sunday**. It is the time to remember those who have died in the past year. We will be lighting pillar candles for those connected to Advent and then there will be a time for everyone to come up and light one or more candles to remember a family member, friend, etc.

ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Everyone is welcome to join us after worship **TODAY** as we celebrate the **25th anniversary of Holly Gunby's Ordination**. We will have a cake during coffee fellowship to celebrate and honor **Holly**.

MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Saturday, November 8th at 11:30 AM at IHOP**, by the Spokane Valley Mall. Questions? Please contact **Gerry O'Rourke at 509-893-0787**. The **sign-up sheet** is on the table in the Narthex or you may call the Church office at 509-928-7733. Thank you.

"COMPASSIONATE CURIOSITY"

Vicar Brendan and Heidi Perry will be leading discussions on **November 9th & November 16th** around better understanding and advocating for the queer community. The discussion on the 9th will focus on the call to be inclusive and welcoming of all God's children and then developing a better understanding of queer terminology we can use with our loved ones. On November 16th, we will turn to the more difficult examination and better understanding of those Biblical verses historically used to oppress and marginalize the queer community. We will meet in the classroom after worship. All those with a "compassionate curiosity" for an open conversation are welcome!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Mid-Week **Bible study** meets each **Thursday, at 10:00 am**. Everyone is welcome! We are currently studying the **Gospel of Luke**.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Prayer group continues to meet each **Friday morning at 6:30 am at Revel Community**, 16807 E. Mission Avenue, Spokane Valley. All men are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

'COME TO FRIDAY DINNER' AND ART SHOW

"Come to Friday Dinner and Art On Braodway" presenting **"Mini-Masters"** will take place on **November 21st from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy one of **Terry Powell's** meals and a chance to view artwork based on Master artists from our **Child Center** students. We encourage church members and Child Center families to "eat in" so we can socialize and show our appreciation for the student's artwork! The menu will be **turkey breast, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, and macaroni & cheese.** If you are interested, please call the church office at **509-928-7733** or place your name and the number of meals you wish on the **sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.** You are welcome to stay and enjoy your dinner in the Fellowship Hall or you may take it home to enjoy! **EVERYONE** is welcome!

BLESSING BAGS

The **Outreach Committee** has begun collecting hats, coats, and blankets to donate to **UGM and homeless youth.** Any winter item will be greatly appreciated and there will be a bin in the Narthex for donations. **Outreach** will also be collecting items for **Blessing Bags.** Blessing Bags are made to give out to the homeless and their pets. If you have extra bottled water, Band-aids, granola bars, toothbrushes, etc...please add to the Blessing Bags bin. We are planning to put together **Blessing Bags and oatmeal packets** before the new year. If you have any questions on what to donate or help with outreach please contact **Missy Bliesner** at **509-954-6406** or **mnurvis@hotmail.com.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Plan to stay for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 14th, immediately following the worship service. A quorum of **56 members** is needed. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2026 Church and Child Center Budgets and June 4th Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes.

ADVENT COOKBOOK

The **Social Committee** is now collecting recipes to get an **Advent cookbook** moving forward. Think about some special recipes you would like to share and email them to the church office at **alcspokane@comcast.net.** (or drop them off at the church office).

ANNOUNCEMENTS-Continued

TREE OF SHARING

If you are interested in providing a gift for someone less fortunate this Christmas season, we will once again have our **Tree of Sharing**. Our **Tree of Sharing** will be up the **Sunday before Thanksgiving**. This is an annual outreach activity of our church. For families, this can be an important way to teach children to provide for those in need. If you know of a child or a person in need, the deadline to provide their name to the church office is **Sunday, November 16**. **Request forms are now available on the table under the Sanctuary window in the Narthex**. You may also call/email the Church office and give the request over the phone. **Questions?** Contact the **Church office** at **928-7733**. **Marlene Diehl** is once again organizing our **Tree of Sharing** this year! Thank you **Marlene!**

PARTNERS INLAND NORTHWEST FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity in bringing your food donations for the **Partners Inland Northwest** (formally, Spokane Valley Partners) **Food Bank** as we continue to **"FILL THE SHELF"!!** ***You may place your food donations in the barrel in the Narthex. Thank you!*** With the holidays approaching, the need is even greater.

HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE

The **Happy Helpers** still have containers of their delicious homemade applesauce available for purchase. Suggested donation is **\$4 each**. **Thank you everyone** for supporting the **Happy Helpers breakfast** last Sunday. The Happy Helpers received a little over **\$1,200** which goes to fund projects for the church. Also as a reminder, the Happy Helpers continue to accept donations of **aluminum cans** (you may place your donations in the collection box next to the recycling bin in our back parking lot). Thank you.