



Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

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All Saints' Sunday November 1, 2026

* Indicates to stand as you are able. P=Pastor, C=Congregation, A=Assisting Minister, L=Lector

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

***C: Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

***C: 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.**

*P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✙ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

***C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather At The River

ELW 423

APOSTOLIC 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

ELW pp. 138-139

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW pp. 140-141

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: 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.

***C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

L: A reading from Revelation the 7th chapter.

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.”

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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.

Second Reading

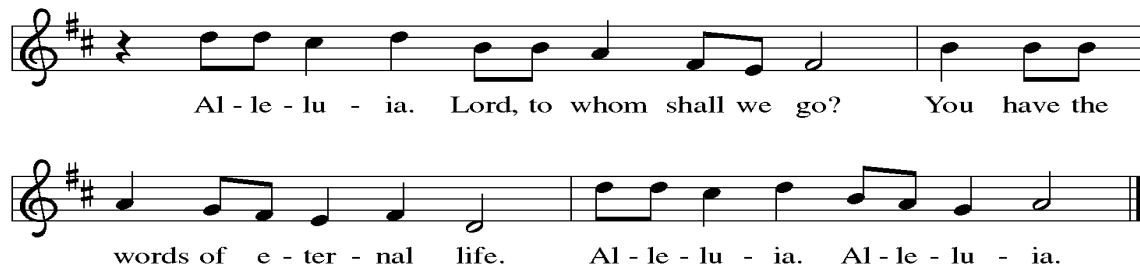
1 John 3:1-3

L: A reading from 1 John the 1st chapter

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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

***C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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."

*P: The Gospel of our Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ**

Children's Sermon

The Sermon

Pastor Sue Lynn White

*HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints

ELW 422

*APOSTLES' CREED

***A:** Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***C:** 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

***A:** 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. God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

***A:** Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways (*local places may be named*). Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

***A:** 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. God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

***A:** 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. We especially pray for Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry & Carolyn Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil &

Carol Boyette, George Lentz, Brenda H. Trexler, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Marcia Ritchie, Jean Holshouser, Sue Misenheimer, Thelma Barger, Buddy Waller, Ronnie Pierce, Bobby Lambirth, friends of St. Peter's, and those we hold in our hearts or speak aloud now... *(pause)*.

God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

*A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors: The Rev. Tommy Kale Beaver, Terry Wayne Trexler, The Rev. Gary Lyerly, Phyllis Trexler, Barbara Hawkins King. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

***C: hear our prayer.**

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

***C: Amen.**

PEACE

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always. ***C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us share the peace with one another.

THE OFFERING

Anthem

Offering Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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OFFERING PRAYER

***A:** Let us pray. 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.

***C:** Amen.

MEAL

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The musical notation for the Preface Dialogue consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words separated by lines to indicate breath or phrasing.

Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

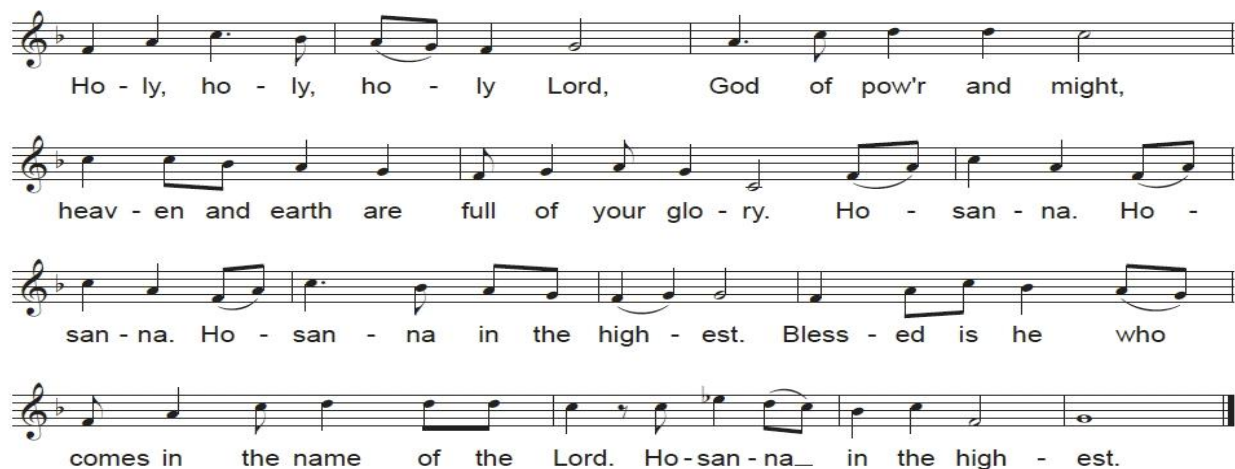
Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Staff 4: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***P:** 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 Pastor Tommy Beaver, Terry Trexler, Pastor Gary Lyerly, Phyllis Trexler, Barbara King *and* all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***C:** Holy, Holy, Holy



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

***P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

***C:** Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

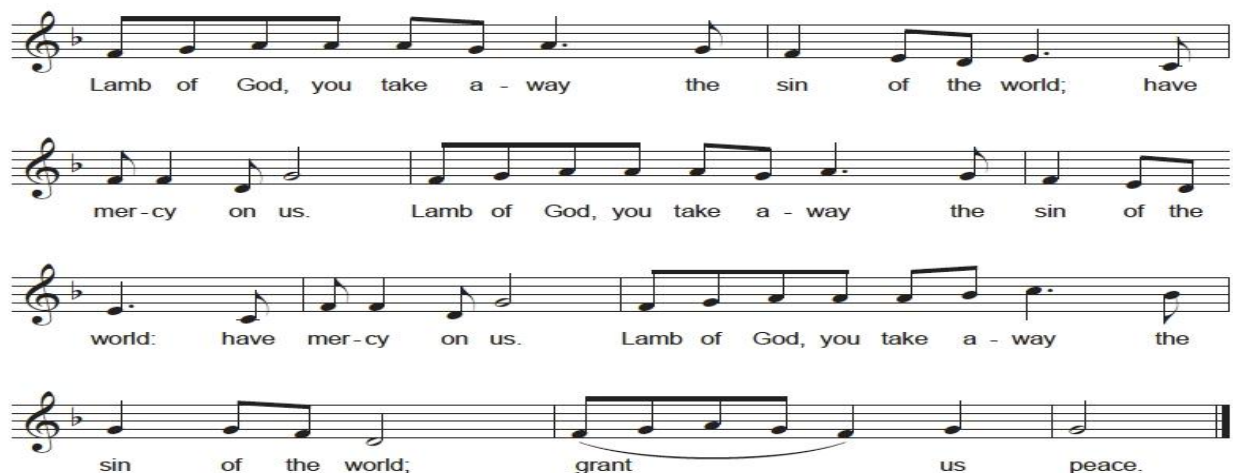
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***P:** In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A: 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.

***C: Amen.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

*P: The holy Trinity, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

***C: Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

THE DISMISSAL

*A: Rooted in the love of Christ;

***C: We grow in grace and joyfully branch into a broken world!**

*P: Go out in joy. Encourage one another.

***C: Thanks be to God.**