All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026



Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church

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To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you ***welcome****!*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT OFFERING – TO BENEFIT ALWAYS ON MISSION

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
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.
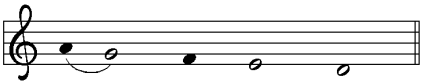
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.
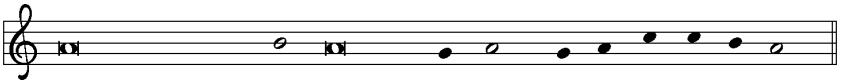
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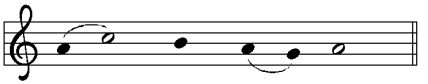
GREETING
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
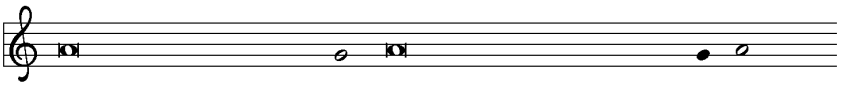
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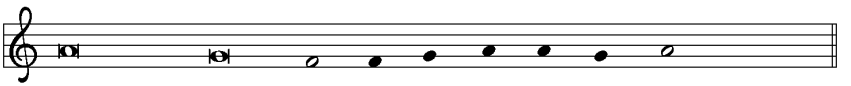

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
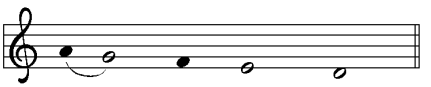

Lord, have mer - cy.

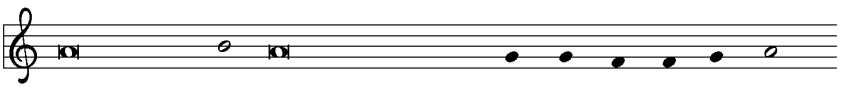

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
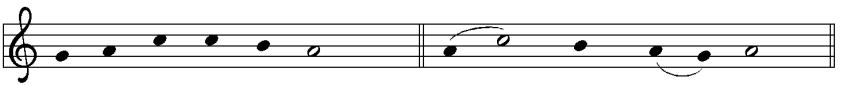

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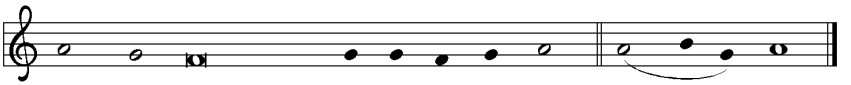

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,


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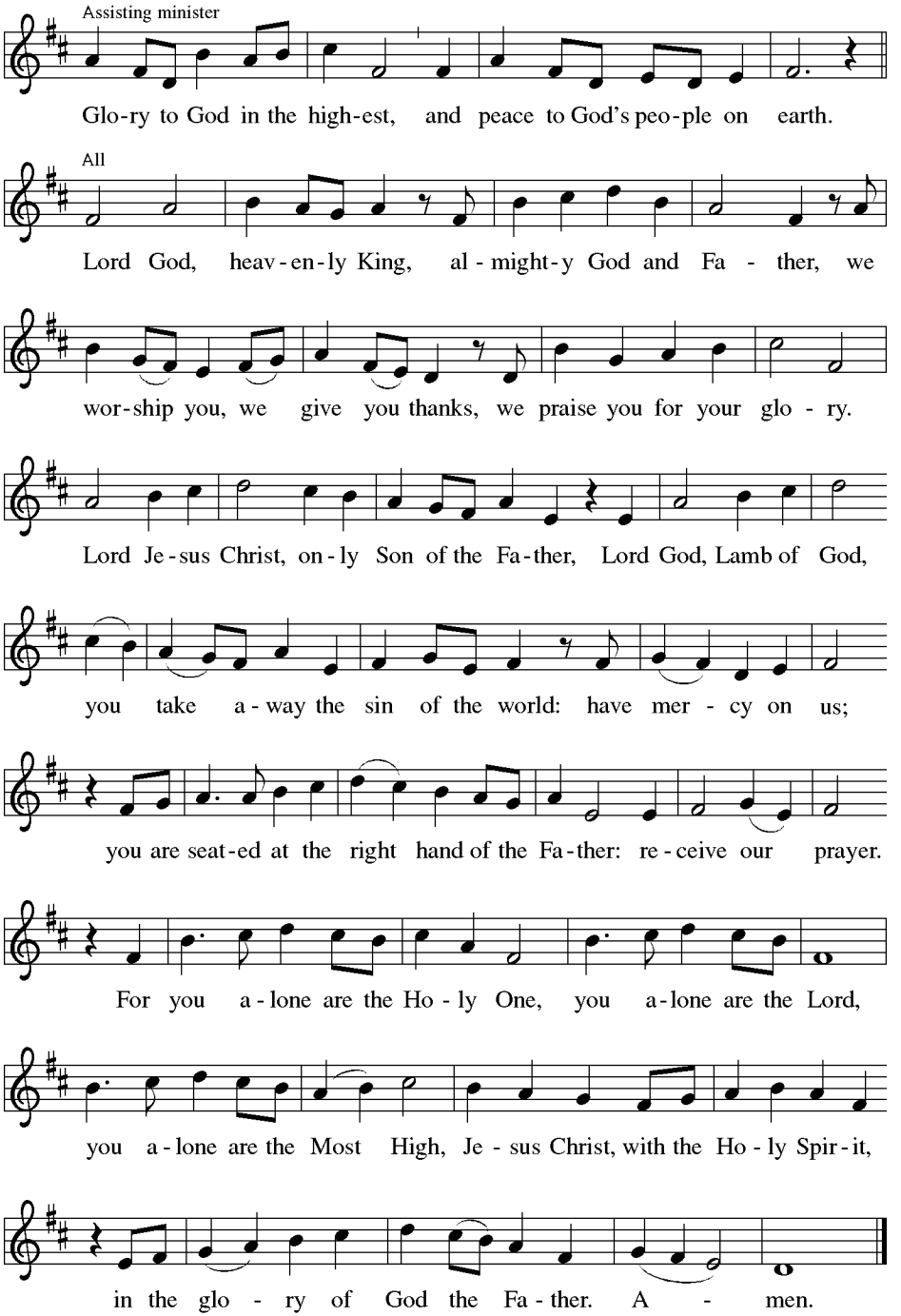

Lord, have mer - cy.


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


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.


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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

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

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 reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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

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. R
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. R
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge 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. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 John.

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

[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.

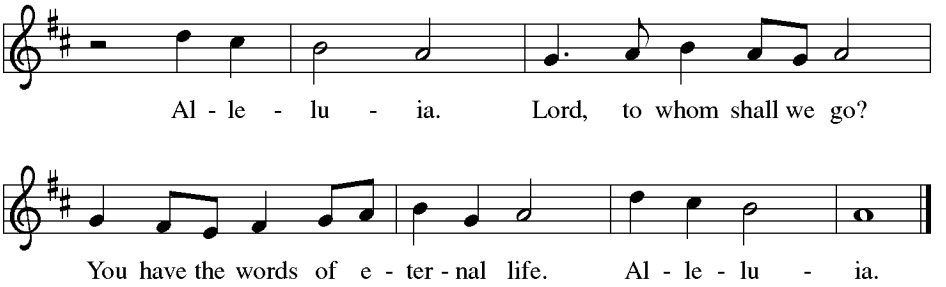
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

[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 concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints* (ELW 422; vs 1,3,5,7)

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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. 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. 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*). 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's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors.
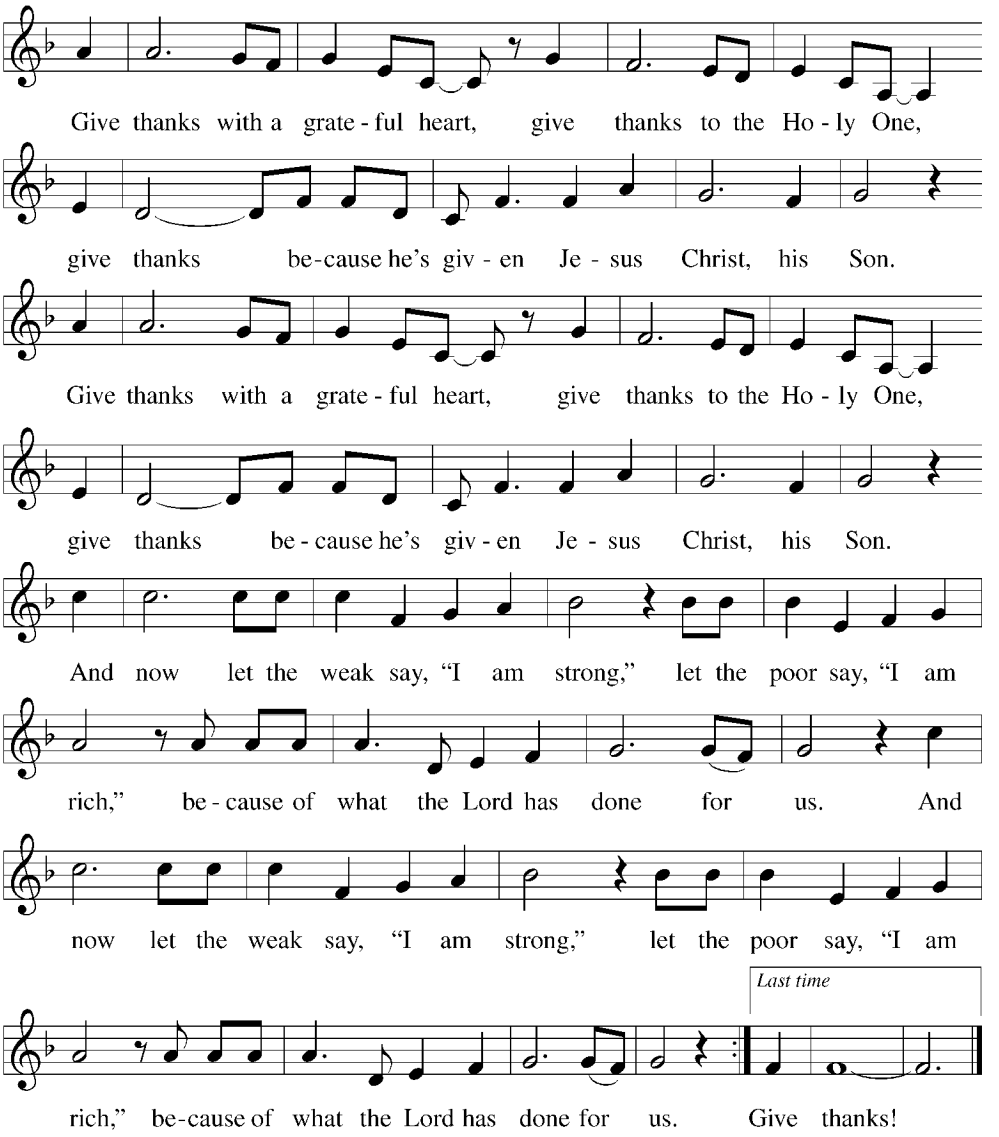
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Richard James Borger	December 21, 1943 – December 10, 2025
Victoria Evelyn Burkhardt	July 28, 1934 – December 26, 2025
Richard Joseph Flacco	July 02, 1950 – March 5, 2026
Walter Charles Gibbon	March 30, 1946 – April 23, 2026
Jack Kenyon Stranger	April 20, 1943 – May 25, 2026
Anna Shoemaker	August 10, 1926 – September 16, 2026
Sandra Loraine Breiner	March 09, 1943 – October 07, 2026

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Give Thanks



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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

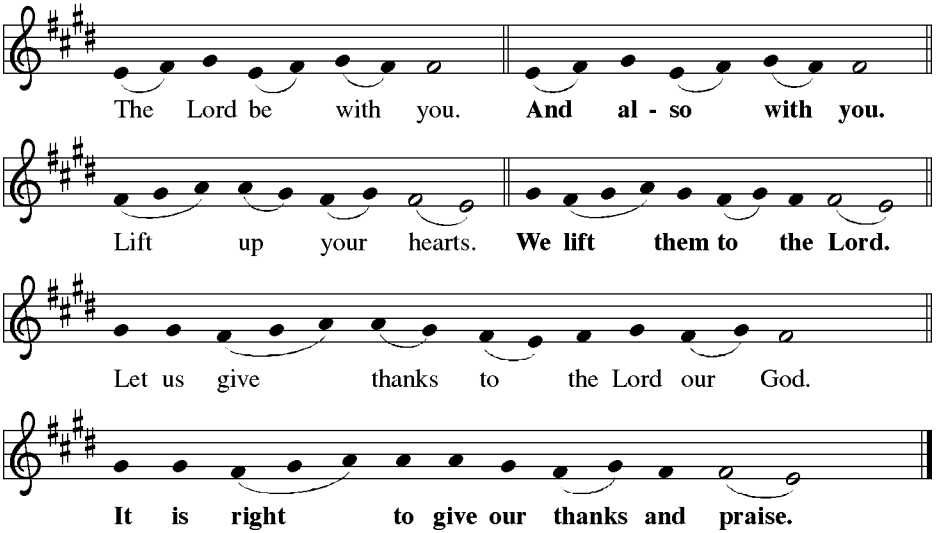
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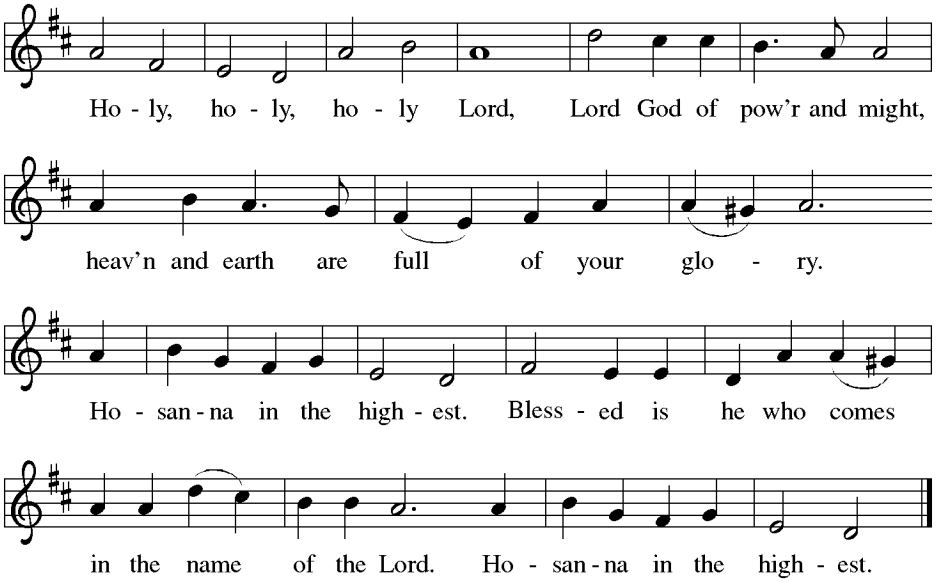
OFFERING PRAYER

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



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

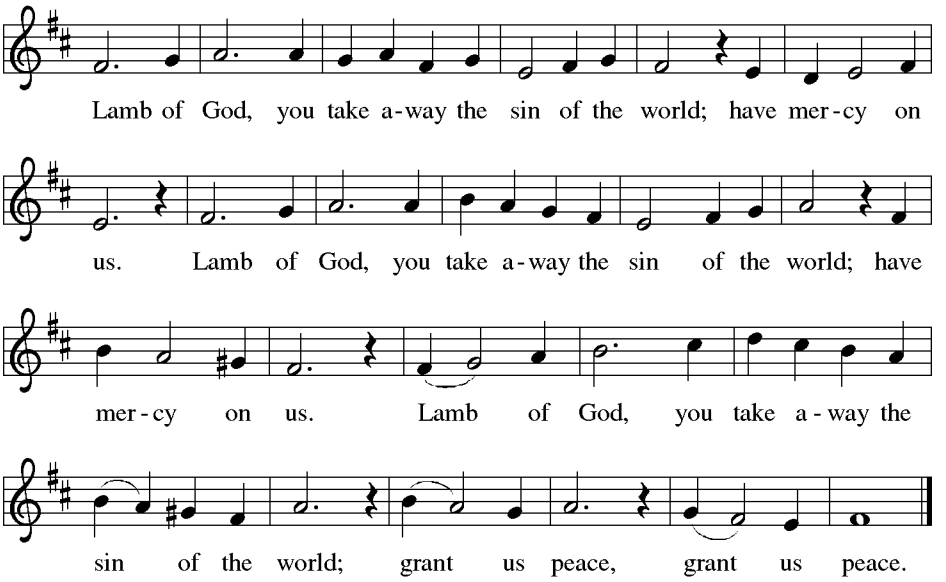
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

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.

LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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



COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.
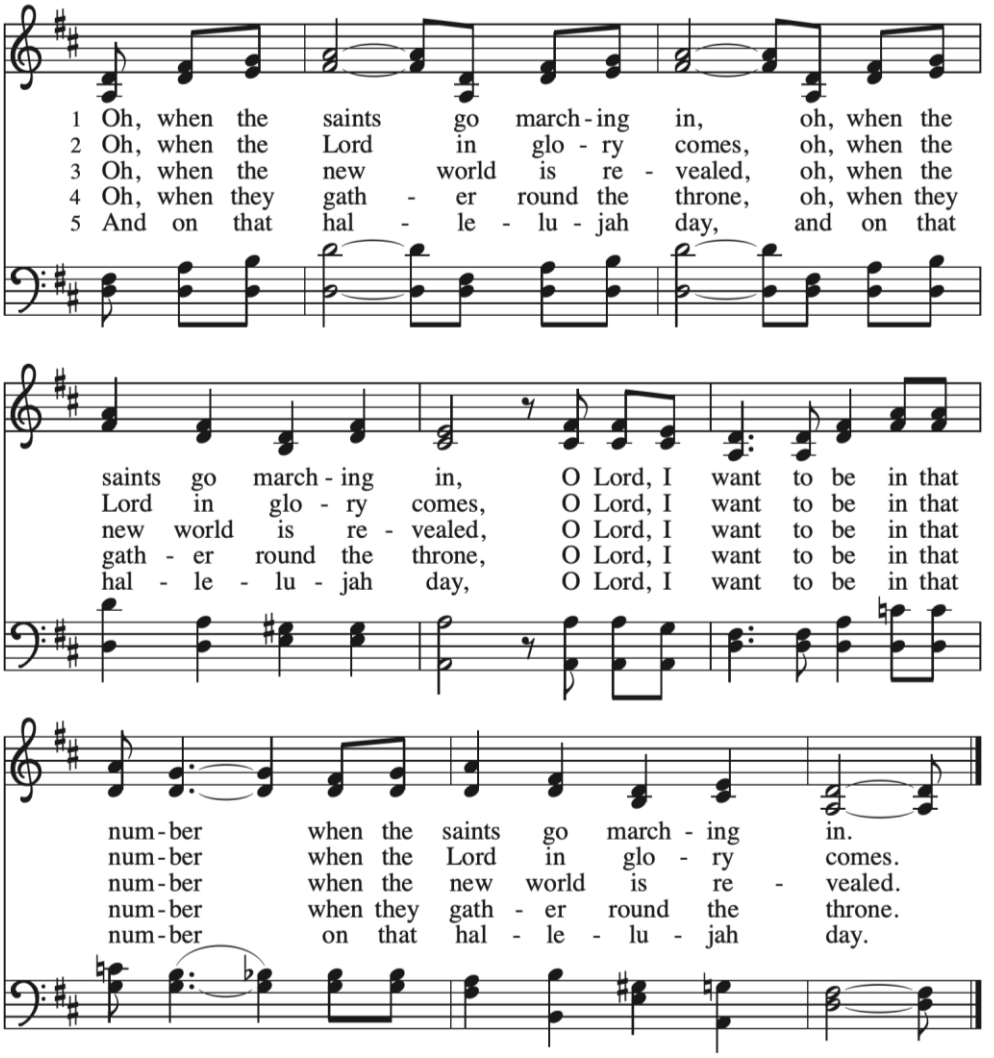
SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* – Special accompaniment by Bella Moyer and Elijah Pagotto

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL
The worship has ended. Let the service begin.
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 1, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen in memory of all we have lost.

The Bulletins are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen in memory of all we have lost.

Office Hours:

Monday , Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM
(610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	All Saints Sunday Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Tuesday	4-7 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
Sunday	9:00AM	24th Sunday after Pentecost Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! November 1 to November 7

11/01 Patricia Hudson
11/02 Jamie Albert
11/03 Peggy Borger
11/03 Remington Frame
11/04 Wendy Kunkel
11/05 Bonnie Kenny
11/05 Cara McMichael
11/05 Eleanor Szacska
11/06 Grace Dech
11/06 Chelsea Smith
11/07 Kathy Koch

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; $5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, $15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Spaghetti Dinner: Dinkey will be having a spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 from 4 PM to 7PM. Adults are $12, children 5 to 12 are $8, 4 and under are free.

Dylan and Gavin's Rainbow is pleased to announce that we will once again host a special **2026 Children's Remembrance Candle Lighting and Dinner** on Sunday, December 13, 2026. This will once again be held in Luther Hall, Trinity Lutheran Church, 3rd and Iron Streets in Lehighton. Doors will open at 2:30 and dinner will be served at 3:00 p.m. The candle lighting ceremony and slideshow will follow immediately after dinner.

Free Thanksgiving Meal: Dinkey, St John's, Zion Stone, St Peter's and Ben Salem are sponsoring a free Thanksgiving meal on Saturday, November 21, 2026, with drive thru pick up at Ben Salem Lehighton from 1:00-3:00 PM. You must pre-register by calling Nancy Meiser at (570)205-9267 between November 2nd and November 16th.

Fundraising: Dinkey will be selling filling; $9 a quart, $35 a pan. Orders due by November 3, 2026. Please call Linda (484)464-3705 or the church office (610)377-4242. Pick up is Monday, November 23, 2026 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM and Tuesday, November 24, 2026 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM OR ASSOCIATED WITH DINKEY MEMORIAL

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Brendan Schleicher 11611 Dyer Street, Apt 1026 El Paso, Texas 79934
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HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Darwin Berger	Tess Hinger	Debbie Meckel
Arlene Bisbing	Stephen Hoffman	Gordon Scherer
Sheila Flickinger	Linda Markell	Patty Schleicher

Alice Scitney	Darwin Strohl	Debra Strohl

SICK/HOSPITALIZED/SPECIAL NEEDS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Faith Beck	Madisynn Hawk	Emily Persinger
Sherri Bowman	Barbara Niehoff Janco	Barry Ruth
Lauren Degan	Sandy Keller	Kenny Schleicher
Candy Everett	Joe Kluk	Tanner Schleicher
Louise Everett	Deb Koch	Georgine Shupp
Ann German	Jim Koch	Carol Steber
Brenda German	Deb Lilly	Kathy Steigerwalt
Dick German	Robert Miller	Patti Walck
Joseph Gorman		Jason Wetzel

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers:	The Congregation
Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Licensed Lay Minister:	Kimberly Gerhard
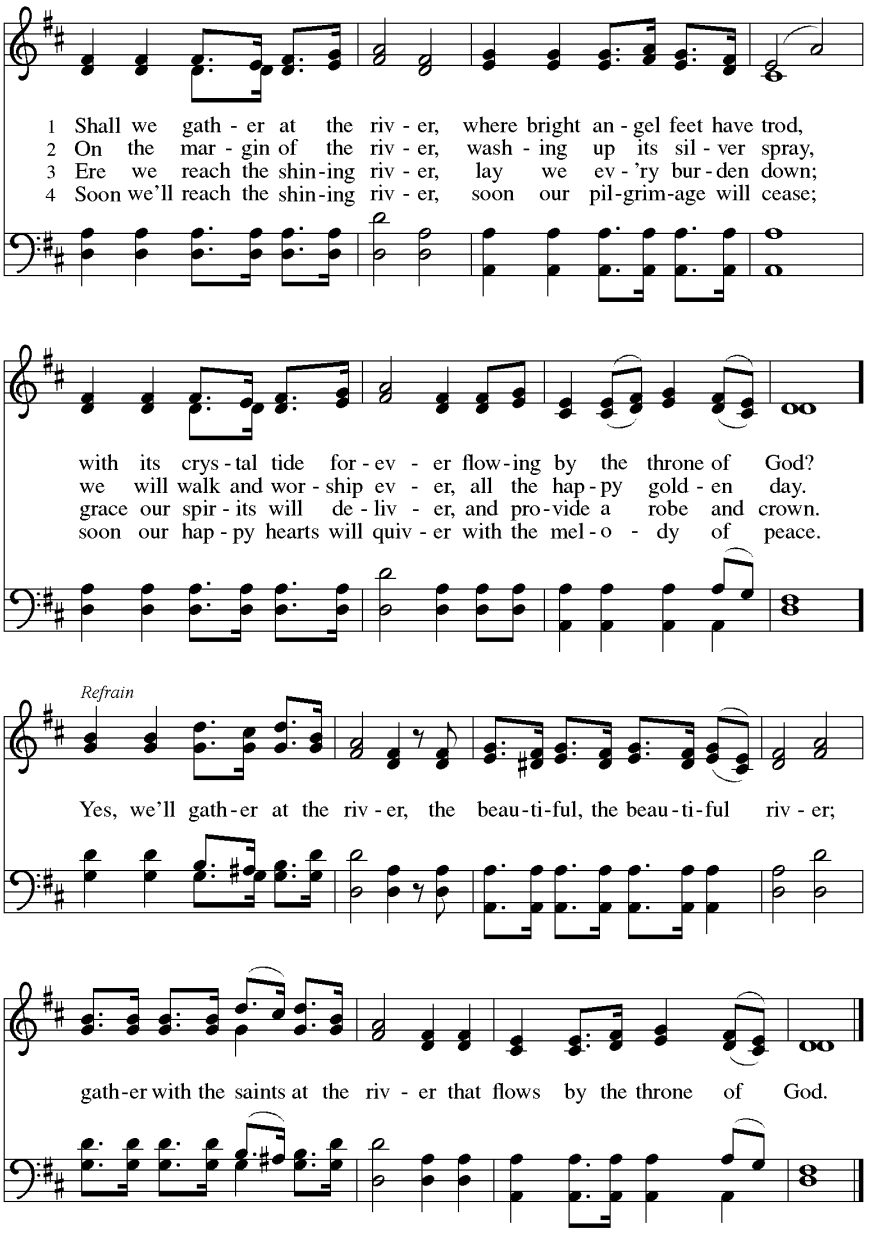
"Kimberly Gerhard, a Licensed Lay Minister, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation."

Music Director:	Colleen Rudelitsch
Greeters:	Bierman
Acolytes:	Jordyn Albert
	Blaine Blose
Lector:	Courtney Van Fossen
Communion Assistants:	Erica Pagotto
	Lavona Schleicher

Worship Participants for November 8, 2026:

Greeters:	Everett
Acolytes:	Alexis Keller
Lector:	Karen Wetzel
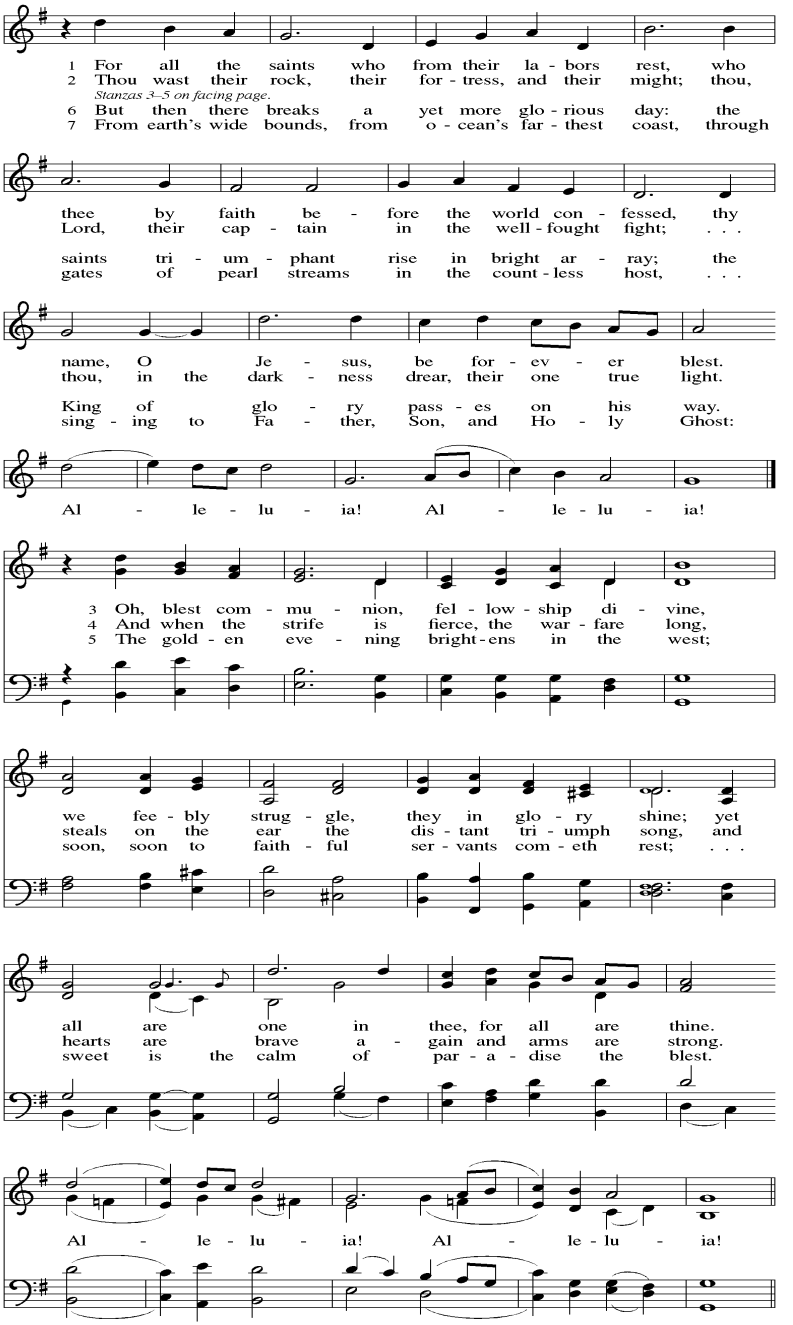
Shall We Gather at the River



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