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All Saints' Day (observed)

3 November A✠D 2024

Divine Service, Setting III

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Festival of All Saints' Day. On this day, we rejoice in the eternal rest that is ours in Christ, and remember all who have now entered that rest. Indeed, on account of sin, this life is a life of tribulation. However, we Christians know that one day we will enter God's presence and be reunited with the faithful who have gone before. This is our hope in Christ, and today we set our eyes upon it in all gratitude and joy.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus' body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled "On the Sacrament of Holy Communion," printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that when we receive Holy Communion together, we are publicly declaring both our unity in Christ and our agreement in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God's judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Processional Hymn: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

During the Procession, the ancient and laudable custom is to **bow your head** in reverence to Christ our King as the processional cross passes by your pew.



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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Service of the Word

Introit (spoken responsively)

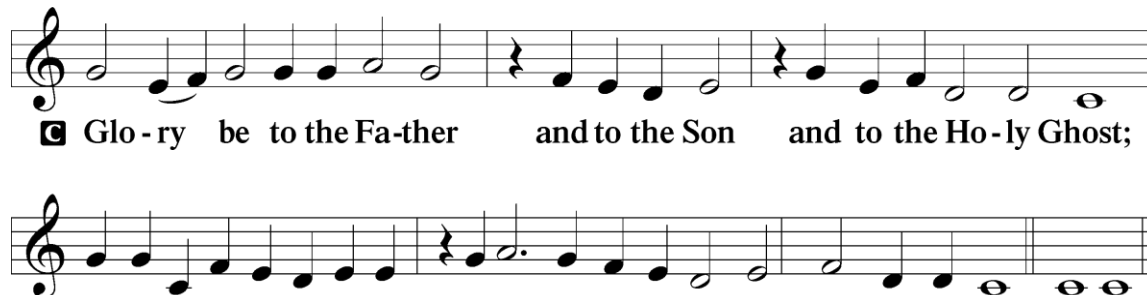
Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- C** **For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**
- P** Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Gloria Patri



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

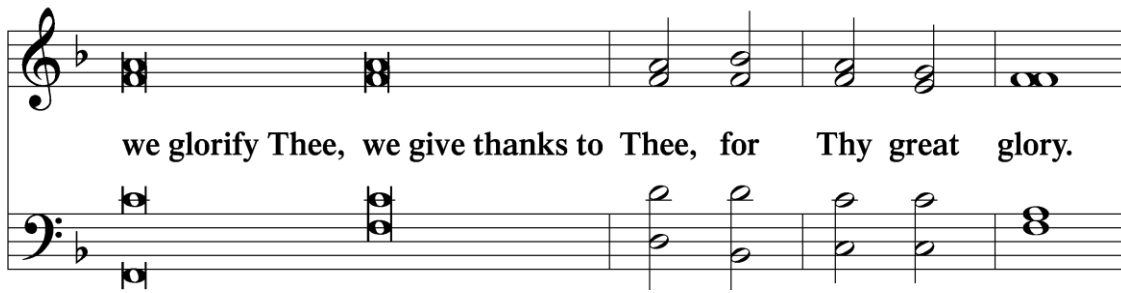


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



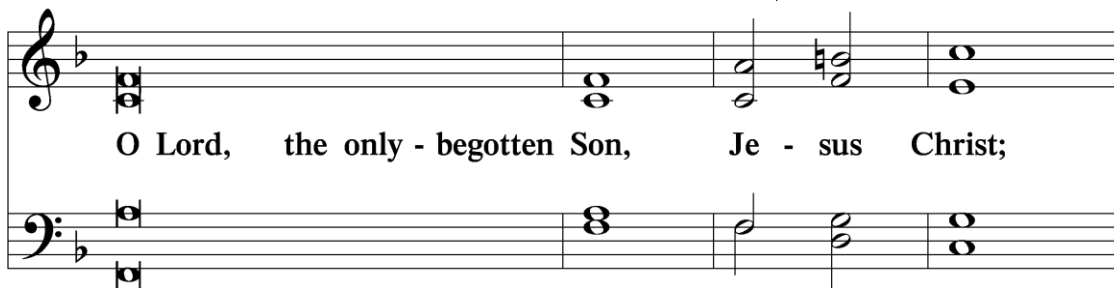
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



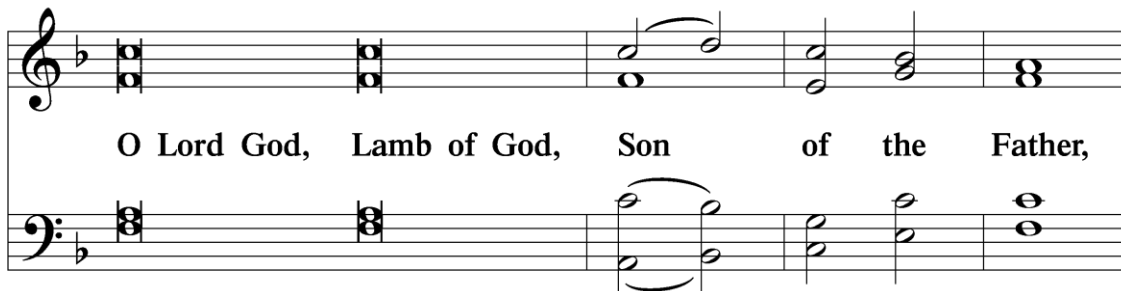
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



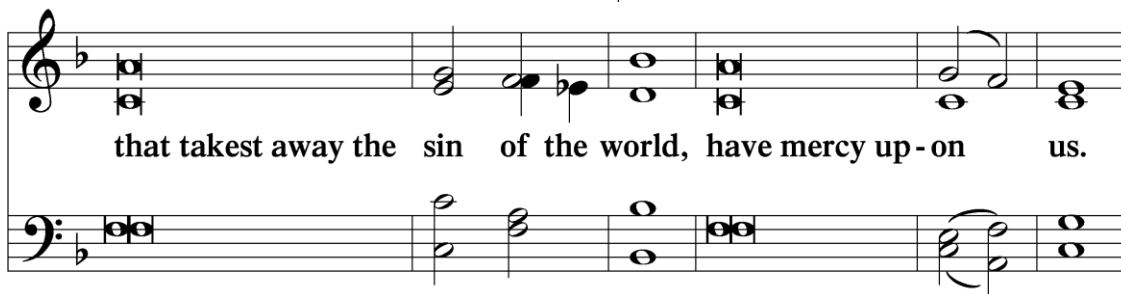
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



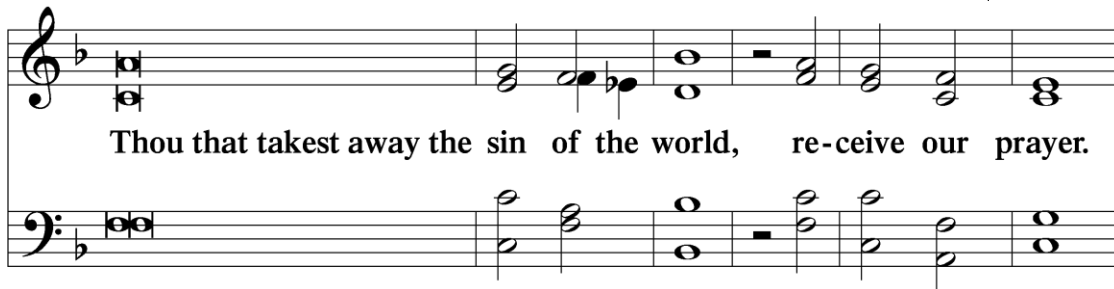
O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

C **Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession

Please stand and turn in the direction of the Processional Cross and the reader as they move into the center of the nave. The Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation to symbolize the risen Christ's abiding presence among us and to mark the high point of the Service of the Word.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Recession

As the Gospel Procession returns to the chancel, the congregation repeats the "Alleluia" found on the previous page.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 677 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Stanza 8, see next page)

△8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the poor in spirit, who gather this day to receive God's grace and steadfast love by which we are made rich in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all God's people, washed in the blood of the Lamb, that we may be restored daily through repentance and forgiveness and renewed in holiness, righteousness and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care, that they may proclaim the comfort of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For fathers and mothers, that they would be strengthened to raise their children in the faith; for those who long for families, that their prayers would be answered; and for expectant mothers and their little ones, that they would be preserve and protected, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all civil authorities, that our Father would look on them kindly and give them wisdom, courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, the aged and infirm, the dying, the grieving, and all the afflicted, [*especially* _____,] that God would grant healing according to His will and comfort them with the certain hope of the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that in the blessed Sacrament they may gather with joy around the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, whom saints and angels adore around His eternal throne, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P “I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were redeemed by God. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy and wisdom, He summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may rest in His blissful peace forever.

Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

❖ *Helga Gonzalez 1/31/2024*

Sit

Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so

great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (Spoken together)

Matthew 6:9-13

**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 Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Visitors – Please see the note on the inside front cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

Distribution Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Distribution Hymn: 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
 Still march in firm array,
 As pilgrims through the darkness wend
 Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

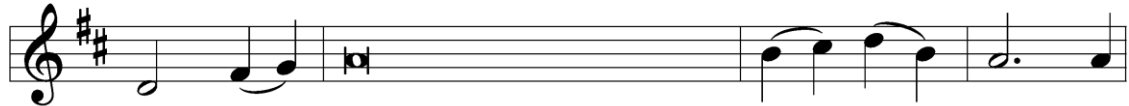
6 At last the march shall end;
 The wearied ones shall rest;
 The pilgrims find their home at last,
 Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
 The Lord whom we adore:
 The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 One God forevermore. Refrain

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Stand
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32




C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



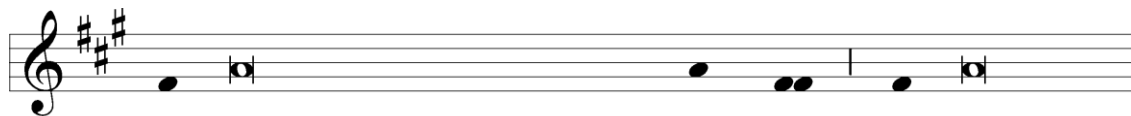
A Bless we the Lord.



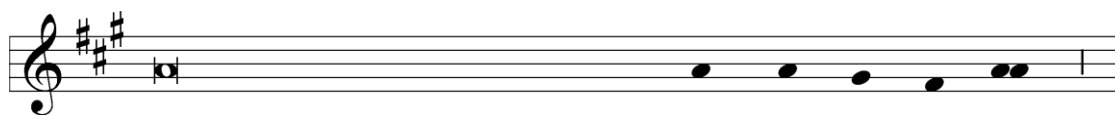
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

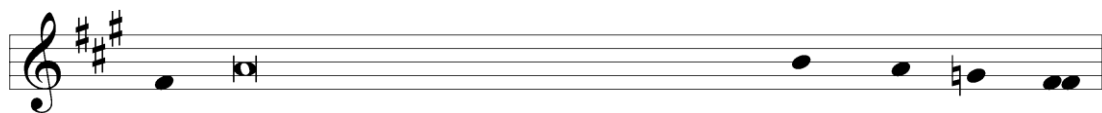
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Recessional Hymn: 673: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*During the Recession, the ancient and laudable custom is to **bow your head** in reverence to Christ our King as the processional cross passes by your pew.*



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ
below
Will join the glorious band.

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6 O Christ, do Thou my soul
prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 11/3** All Saints' Day (observed)
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- **Divine Service with Communion** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Study** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tue. 11/5** Election Day
Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Thu. 11/07** Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m., Youth Room
- Sun. 11/10** The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity
- **Divine Service (No Communion)** 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Study** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Our Sunday Adult Bible Study takes place **each Sunday morning after the Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.)** in the basement fellowship hall, and all are welcome to attend!

DIVINE SERVICE CHANGES: Starts today, our congregation will make the following changes. 1. We will begin celebrating the Lord's Supper using Divine Setting 3 on the first and third Sundays of each month, with additional communion services on major festival services (e.g. Christmas Day). 2 on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays we will be Divine setting 3 without communion. We decided it best to make this change rather than wait until the new church year arrives on December 1st. This first change is a work in progress - we may adjust as needed.

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 BOARD/OFFICER POSITIONS - Would you like to serve at St. Mark's in an official capacity? Do you know of anyone whom you think would be well-suited to serve? We are now accepting nominations for our elected positions. This year, we are accepting nominations for the following Officers:

- Congregational Vice-President
- Human Resources Director
- Public Relations Director

Additionally, we're accepting nominations for all six congregational Boards:

- Human Care
- Gospel Outreach
- Parish Fellowship & Support
- Assimilation & Stewardship
- Family & Youth
- Properties

Each elected term is for three years. Responsibilities for each Board/Position can be found in our Bylaws. Please call the church office with any questions. Nomination forms are now located on the back table in the sanctuary. You can nominate yourself, or someone else! Please consider serving the Lord in this special way! May He bless our congregation in the year ahead!

FLOWER FUND: The Flower fund is just about depleted. We need your help to replenish it. Any amount would be appreciated. Please help keep our Altar beautiful on Sundays not only during advent, but during the upcoming year. Please place your donations in envelope labeled flower fund. Thank you.

LWML MULTI-LAKES ZONE RALLY –All ladies are invited to the Multi-Lakes Zone LWML Fall Rally on Saturday, **November 9th** from 9 am – 1 pm. This will be held at: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 1950 S. Baldwin Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360. A Luncheon will be served.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE – We will not be having Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service here but if you are so moved, you can still worship at: Shepherd of the King, 5300 West Maple Rd., West Bloomfield 48322. Service time 7 p.m.

DECORATE ST. MARK'S FOR CHRISTMAS - This Year's Decorate the Church event will be held on **Saturday, November 30** starting at 10 a.m. We hope that those of you who will still be in town that weekend will consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help put up decorations. Thanks in advance for your help!

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING – On **Sunday, December 1**, following the Divine Service, we will be holding our Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting in the basement Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include board reports, board/officer elections, and discussion/approval of a budget for 2025. All church members are encouraged to attend! Please mark this important date on your calendars now and plan to attend, if possible.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼" of the envelope paper around the stamp.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend in their store(s) to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. We then use this money to help with building maintenance/improvements. If interested, please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

THE FATHER'S HANDS FOOD PANTRY AND CLOTHING Our Food pantry served over 450 people in September and the shelves are very empty. We are in dire need of the following items:

Here are our food locker needs:

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, pasta mac and cheese boxes, tuna, canned chicken or any canned meat, protein beans, canned pasta dinners, Rice, canned vegetables, both starchy and non-starchy, canned or dried fruit, soups, Raman noodles, protein bars, dried potatoes

For large family supplement bags:

large cans of canned meat, dried milk, fruits and veggies, large family dried soups, large family sized baked beans, large family sized spaghetti sauce, large family sized spaghetti noodles; family sized shampoo and conditioner

For personal bags:

toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, hand sanitizer
Diapers - size 4,5 & 6 and newborns. And wipes

We are open for drop off on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-4:30 and Wednesdays from Noon - 5pm. We greatly appreciate any and all donations. Address:
1133 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

THE LUTHERAN CENTER ASSOCIATION OF DETROIT invites you to their annual Lutherfest Concert, which will take place at:
Guardian Lutheran Church 24544Cherry Hill St., Dearborn, MI 48124
on Sunday, November 3 at 3pm.

The Michigan – Ohio Chorale: With Erwin Aufdemberge, Charles Russell on Organ, Brass Quartet, Flute, Oboe, Cello and Bass

A Concert of Sacred Choral Music: * Advent Good * Friday * Christmas * Pentecost * Lent * Epiphany * Easter

The Church Year In Song; All About JESUS; **Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, 3:00 pm**
St. Peter Lutheran Church 23000 Gratiot Ave. Eastpointe, MI 48021

Greetings, fellow Lutheran choral music aficionado!
*My name is Bob Alexander. I've been the Director of Worship and Choral director for **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills** for many decades now. For the past two years, our congregation has presented, as one of our Advent evenings, a colorful program we call “**An Evening of Carols and Stories**”. This year the event will take place on **December 11th** at 7:00pm. This year, we are reaching out you, one of our sister Lutheran congregations in the area in the hopes that you might be interested in joining the choir we assemble for this one-night event. The evening features a number of heartwarming Christmas reminiscences (usually pre-recorded and projected on our large LED screens), a small, but stunning, Christmas organ medley by Mr. Lance Luce, our organist (and, as it happens, the primary organist for The Detroit Red Wings), a selection of familiar carols sung by the congregation, a brief Christmas homily by our pastor, and, as you can imagine, three choral songs presented by a Christmas choir assembled just for the evening's performance. The choir is drawn from congregation members as well as friends, family and community members who simply love to sing. **If any of your members who may be interested in joining in on this charming evening. We will be rehearsing the three pieces of choral music on most Wednesday evenings beginning November 6th at 7pm, affording us plenty of opportunities to learn the parts. As is our***

practice, we will have SATB rehearsal tracks available in CD format or online as MP3s for choir members to access. We will, naturally, issue sheet music (and have printed PDF music available on line) for choir members to use and reference. We will also be open to making music and accompaniment tracks of the songs we will perform available to your congregation in the event you would like to use the music for your own Christmas season performances. Choir members for “An Evening of Carols and Stories” do not need to be especially proficient – we have found the skills needed follow the enthusiasm of the vocalists. We also encourage participation by members of all ages from teens to seniors.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE HANDS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY WORKSHOP, a part of the Faith at Home Milestones. **Sunday, November 17th at Christ Lutheran, Milford, from 4:00—7:00 pm.** Dinner will be provided. Please **RSVP** on Christ's website or with Lisa Moyer, Director of Youth and Family Life familylife@christlutheranmilford.org

MARRIAGE RETREAT AT CHRIST LUTHERAN MILFORD

Sponsored by the Board of Stewardship.

Dates: Friday, November 22, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm and Saturday, November 23, 8:30 – 3:30

Facilitator: Robin and Cheryl Spaulding from Morningstar Ministries

Cost: \$50 per couple (includes breakfast, lunch & materials) Email Kay Barlow to

RSVP treasurer@christlutheranmilford.org



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Arendell, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman

SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Emeritus
Altar Guild	Jennie Kaufman
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Ellen Rentola
Offering Counters	Jennie & Karen Kaufman
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Trent Johnson