# Saint Luke Lutheran Church
# *Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost*
# *All Saints Day*
## Sunday, November 1, 2026
### *The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer, Interim Pastor*




**SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!**

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship. Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed! In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

~ Members and visitors ~
Kindly remember to sign in using the friendship binders in your pew.

In reflection of Psalm 23 and the green pastures of God's eternal care, the altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gail Tomson and Egil Tomson. They are placed with hearts full of love and gratitude by Carlo & Janice Digioia, celebrating a lifetime of goodness and mercy.

Welcome to All Saints Sunday as we gather to the glory of God, celebrating His enduring grace and the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..." ~Hebrews 12:1*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**
All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**
"Grand Isle" ("I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"), John Hopkins, arr. Bob Moore. Bud Esper, piano.
"Komt nu met zang" ("What is This Place"), (Netherlands,) A. Valerius, arr. Nancy Raabe.
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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (Nettleton), arr. Robert Lau. Bud Esper, organ.
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*Congregation stands*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR All SAINTS DAY**

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

**C Amen.**

*Silence for reflection*

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

**C Amen. Thanks be to God!**

P 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** "For All the Saints", #422 (all verses)

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

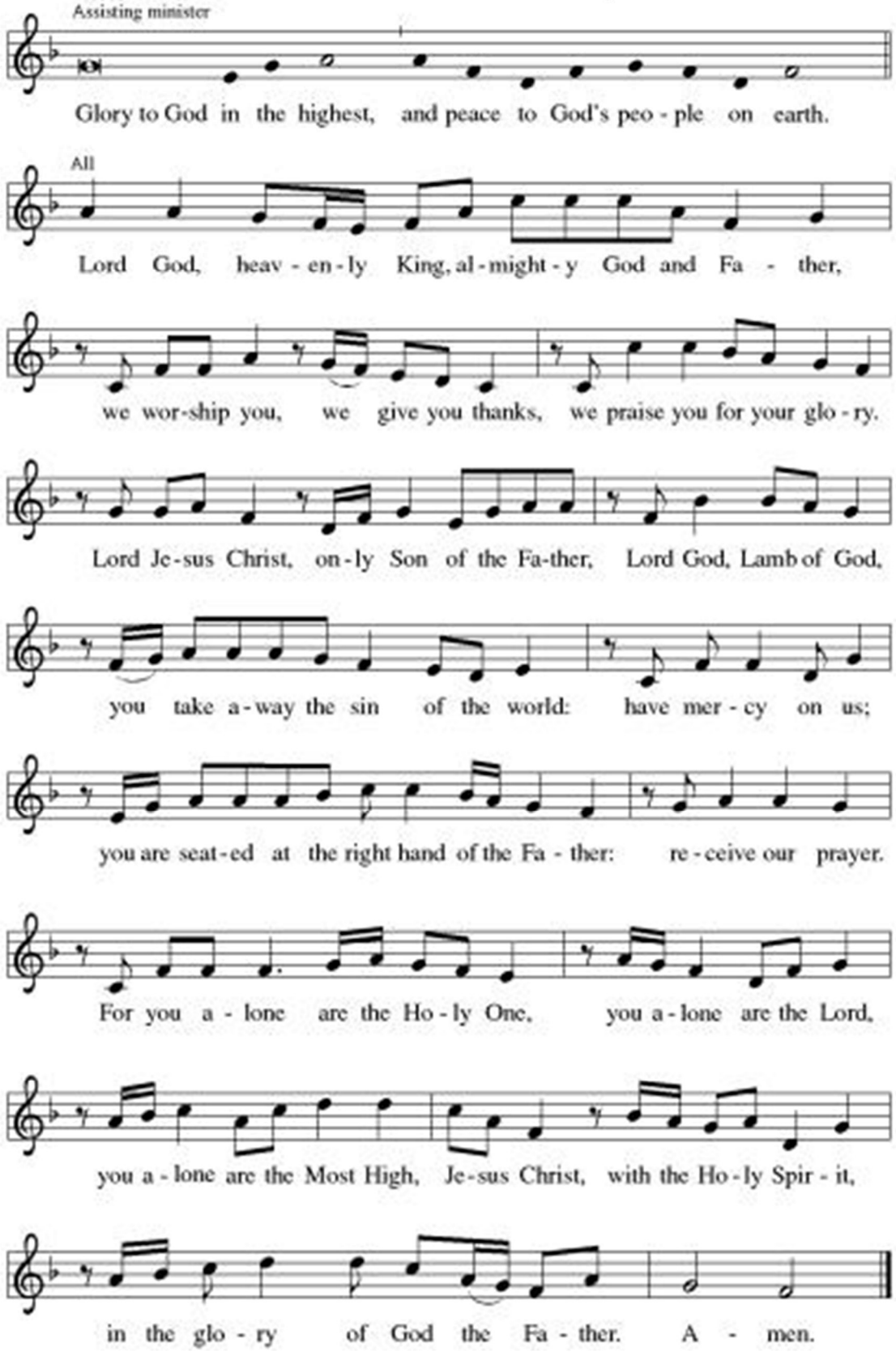
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: "Gloria" S-139** *(front of hymnal)*

*(Music on next page)*

## Queue Lectern mic (Cantor will sing)



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WA Let us pray.

**C 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.**

*Congregation sits*

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

L 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.**

**PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

L [1] I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**C [2] I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

L [3] Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

**C [4] I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

L [5] Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

**C [6] I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

L [7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

**C [8] Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

L [9] Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

**C [10] The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

L [22] O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will [l] not be punished.

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

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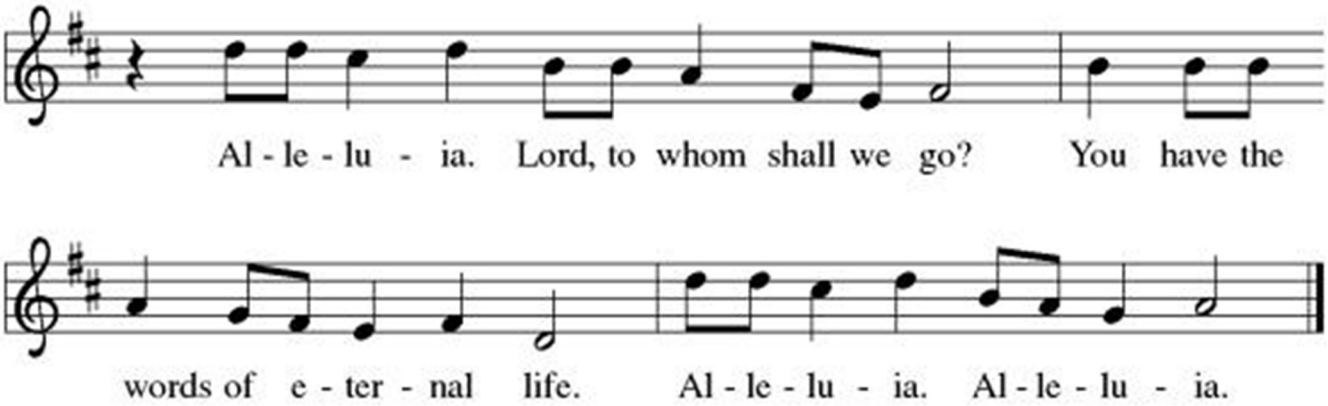
reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just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

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation stands*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Alleluia" S-142a




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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

P [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 the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation sits*

**✢ SERMON ✢ Putting the "All" in All Saints**

✢ The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer, Interim Pastor

*Silence for reflection*

*Congregation stands*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "Rise Up O Saints of God", #669

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED S-105** (*front of hymnal, page #105)*

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

**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**

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

WA 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.**

WA 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,

**C hear our prayer.**

WA 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.**

WA 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 Maria Wheatley, Gail Olsson, a request came in for 'my daughter, Jody", and the family of Sheila Schmidt*). God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

WA 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.**

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

**C Amen.**

**REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS AT REST**

P Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communication with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We remember especially those beloved to us who were part of our congregation and died in the last year and others who have shaped our faith.

**Members**

Dale Berkheimer, Eike Grabowski, Preston Huffman, Steve Jewell, Vincent "Chuck" Johnson, Doris Peterson, Joyce Rivenburgh, and Sheila Schmidt.

**Others carried and named silently in our hearts**

P We thank you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of times past: for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and David, for Isaiah and the prophets; for Mary, mother of our Lord, for Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul and for all the apostles, for Stephen and Phoebe, and for Augustine and Francis; Martin and Johann; Dietrich and Martin Luther King, Jr.; Theresa and Dolly; and for all the martyrs and saints in every time and in every land. In your mercy, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

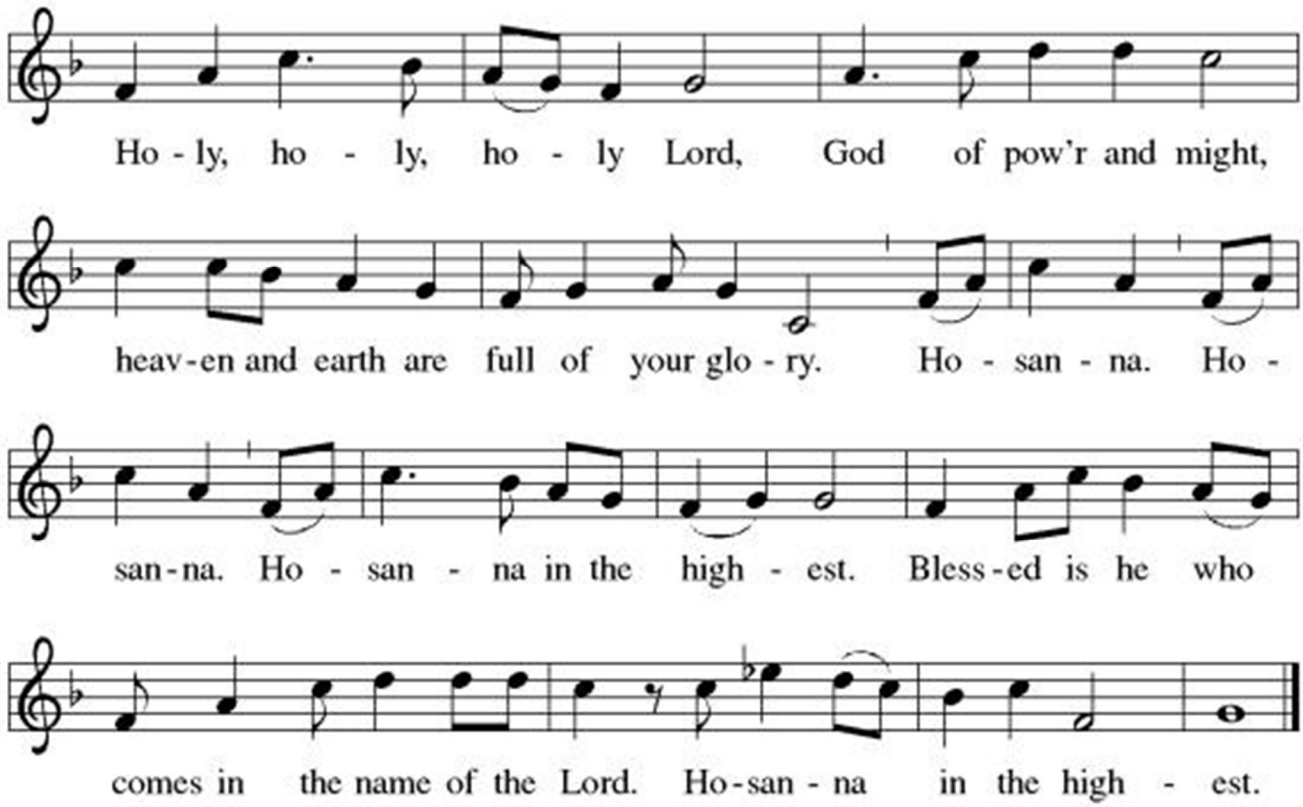
**C And also with you.**

*Congregation sits*
**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Jesus Still Lead On", music Adam Drese, text N. von Zinzendorf. St. Luke Voice Choir. Public Domain.

*Congregation stands*
**OFFERING HYMN** "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful", #184

**OFFERING PRAYER**
WA Let us pray.
**C 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.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** S-144a *(front of hymnal)*
P The Lord be with you.
**C And also with you.**
P Life 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.**
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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-144b (music on next page)




P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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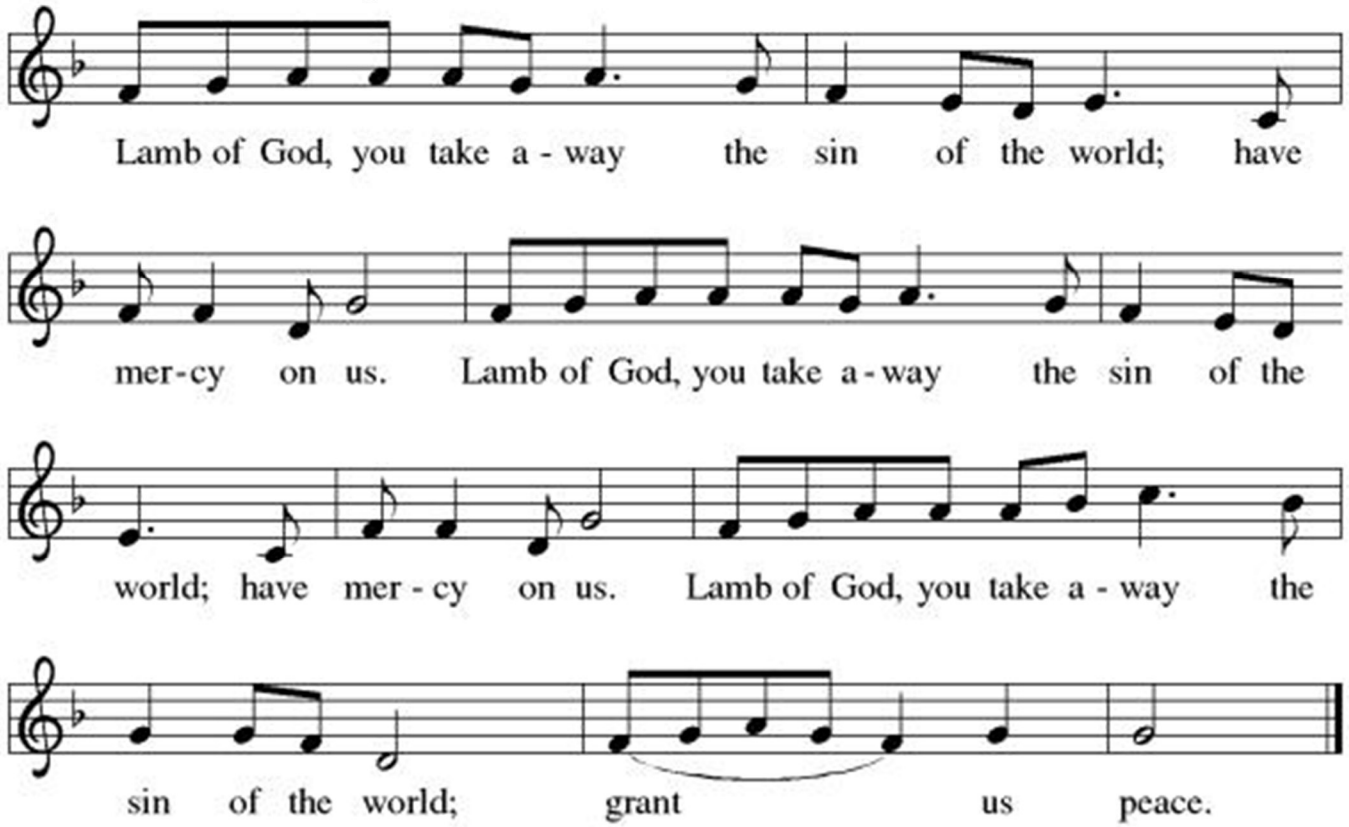
P In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation sits*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE** Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians who receive Communion in their home church. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

**LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)** S-146 *(front of hymnal)*




**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Remember and Rejoice", #454
"Will You Let me Be Your Servant", #659

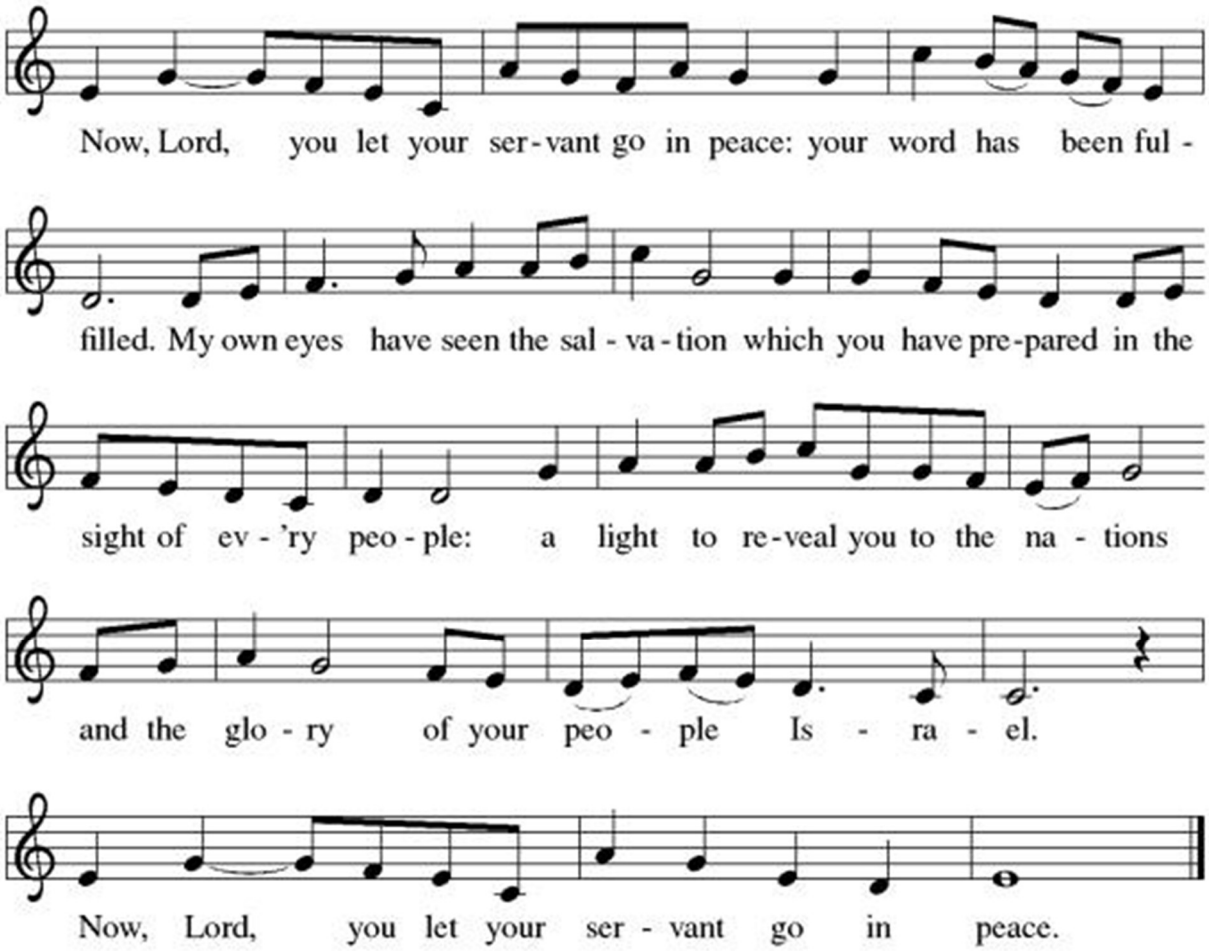
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**TABLE BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE S-113** *(front of hymnal)*




**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

WA 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.**

**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** "Sing With All the Saints in Glory", #426
sung to the tune of "Hymn to Joy", #836

## DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

***--Thank you for worshiping with us today—***

The following members assisted with today's worship service with live streaming:
Altar Guild: Sharon Tulio, Sue Dompkowski | AV Team: Ed & Marie Keating
Cantor: Joan Eccard | Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins, Conductor, St. Luke Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir
Communion Assistants: Elaine Kirby, Marie Keating | Crucifer: Jim Drake
Eucharistic Minister: Marie Keating | Greeters: Faye Arvonio, Cindy Hathaway
Lector: Emil Gnam | Ushers: Ron & Karen Clark, Chris Hawkins
Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran

**NEW MEMBERS**

Are you looking for a new church family? We'd love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact r the Church office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.
Upcoming availability: November 8, 22, 29

**PRAYER LIST November 1, 2026**

Maria Wheatley, Gail Olsson, a request for 'my daughter, Jody',
and the family of Sheila Schmidt

**LUTHERAN LIFE**

**WELCOME VISITORS ~** We are delighted you chose to worship with us at St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall right after worship. We look forward to saying hello!

**Happy 75th Wedding Anniversary** ~ We offer our joyful congratulations and brightest blessings to **Jim & Pat Meyer**, who will celebrate their milestone 75th wedding anniversary today! We praise God for the beautiful testament of their enduring love and faithfulness through the years, and we pray for God's continued peace, health, and joy to surround them in the days ahead.

**SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES**

- **Crop Walk TODAY:** See you this afternoon at **1pm at Mulberry Park, Shallotte**, for the Crop Walk!
- Thank you to everyone who gave blood at **SLLC's Blood Drive**, and a special thank you to our coordinators: **Cindy Hathaway, Faye Arvenio, Anne Morris, and Sue Heitmuller!**

- The Social Ministry group is holding our annual **coat collection** and donations are due in today or by Monday at the latest. Thank you for your continued warmth and generosity!
- **We have a quick update regarding our upcoming Prayer Meetings!** Prayer Meeting will permanently move to Tuesdays starting November 3. We will gather at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us, and we are especially excited to welcome our Listening Group ladies! We hope to see you there.
- **St. Luke Blood Drive!** Thank you to all those that gave!
- 🎄 **Annual Christmas Show Outing: "Christmas on Main"** Get into the holiday spirit with our annual Christmas show outing! This year, we are traveling to the Greg Rowles Legacy Theatre in North Myrtle Beach for the spectacular matinee performance of "Christmas on Main." Join us on Tuesday, December 8, for the 1:30 PM show, followed by a delicious dinner together at Carrabba's Italian Grill. Tickets for the theatre are $34 per person, and dinner will be self-pay at the restaurant. Because seats are limited, the hard deadline for both sign-up and payment is Sunday, November 29. Don't miss this wonderful afternoon of festive music, food, and fellowship! For more details or to secure your spot, please contact Karen Nelson at 910-269-3095.
- **BFA Christmas Gift Program-Fill the Sleigh Christmas gift program - Starts TODAY!** You may help make Christmas brighter for a senior or child by taking a tag from the tree in the fellowship lobby. RECORD YOUR NAME on the list of numbers by your tag number. RETURN THE TAG and the unwrapped gift(s) no later than Nov. 22 to the lobby. The social ministry committee will take them to Brunswick Family Assistance for distribution in December. Thank you for caring about others! Joan Eccard.
- **Help Us Extend Our Reach!** 💻 We are seeking volunteers to join a rotational team responsible for uploading our Sunday livestream service to the website. Other website maintenance tasks are also available. Basic laptop navigation skills are required. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact **Lori Schneider (910) 232-7558**.
- **Fall Clean Up Rescheduled for Saturday, November 7th, 9am – Noon.** Bring your gloves and your favorite hand tools.
- **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)** ~ Wreaths Across America honors fallen veterans by placing wreaths on their graves nationwide. The American Legion Auxiliary will again participate in WAA this year. Wreaths are $17/each. Please make your check payable to SLLC “memo line WAA” and turn into the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The deadline to purchase a wreath is Sunday, November 16. *~Thank you, Glenn Christiansen.*

## This Week at Saint Luke ~ November, 2026

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| **Sunday, November 1** | 9am | Adult Sunday School |
| **Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost** | 10am | Worship Service with live streaming |
| ***All Saints Day*** | 11am | Fellowship - All Are Welcome! |
| **Monday, November 2** | 2pm | German Club |
| | 3pm | MexTrain |
| **Tuesday, November 3** | 10am | Morning Prayer & Coffee – Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:30am | Listening Group |
| | 1pm | Bridge |
| **Wednesday, November 4** | 6pm | Handbells |
| | 7pm | Voice Choir |
| **Friday, November 6** | 4pm-7pm | Fellowship Hall Reserved – Jennifer Beckley |
| **Saturday, November 7** | 9am-Noon | Fall Church Clean Up Day |
| **Sunday, November 8** | 9am | Adult Sunday School |
| **Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** | 10am | Worship with live streaming |
| ***WOSL Bake Sale*** | 11am | Fellowship - All Are Welcome! |

**Scripture Readings ~ November 8, 2026 ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 5:18-24 | Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

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