United Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 2026

WORSHIP PREPARATION PRAYER

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

To all in attendance today:

- Please fill out the attendance form found as an insert in the Weekly Witness and place it in the woven basket in the Narthex as you leave.
- You may take your used bulletin and Weekly Witness with you or place them in the basket in the Narthex.
- If you are unable to come to the altar, please indicate your desire for communion to an usher.

♦ Congregation Stands P = Pastor A = Assistant C = Congregation

BLESSING OF QUILTS

♦ **GATHERED IN GRATITUDE**

C Baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ and Nourished by His Supper, we are United in Gratitude, Living Everywhere the Love of the Triune God.

P Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
For his wonderful works to humankind.

**C Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
And praise him in the assembly of the elders.**

Psalm 107:31-32

♦ **GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS**

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us share that greeting with one another.

♦ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, And of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P God of all mercy and consolation who sees us into our depths, reach into the depths of your people, turning us from our self-centered ways to live *from* you and *for* our neighbors. Enliven us with your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and live by the mercy and love by which you have created and redeemed us.

C Amen

P In the presence of God and of one another, let us confess our separation from God's mercy and love.

(silence for self-examination)

P God of mercy and love,

C We confess that we have turned our lives over to identities, authorities, and powers outside of Jesus Christ our Lord. Where you have called for love, we have expressed resentment; where you have called for mercy, we have desired revenge; where you have called for reconciliation, we have nurtured division. By your Spirit, animate us to serve the world as you have served us. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

P Through the Holy Spirit, the crucified and resurrected Jesus Christ breaks into our lives as the God of mercy and reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ – his ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and ascension – you are restored as a child of God to the Father's eternal community of mercy and abundant life. in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the + Holy Spirit.

C Amen

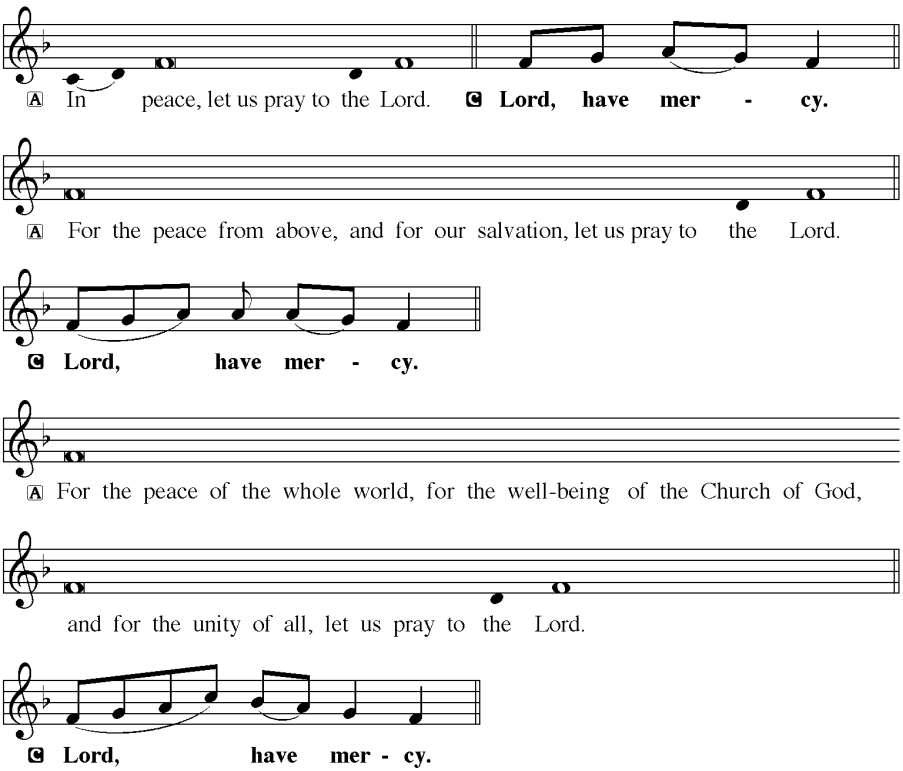
♦ **GATHERING HYMN** ***"For All Your Saints, O Lord"***
ELW #427

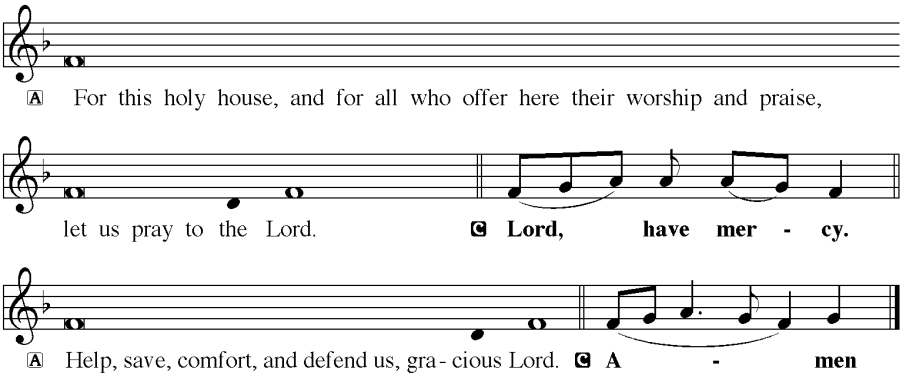
♦ **GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

♦ **KYRIE**





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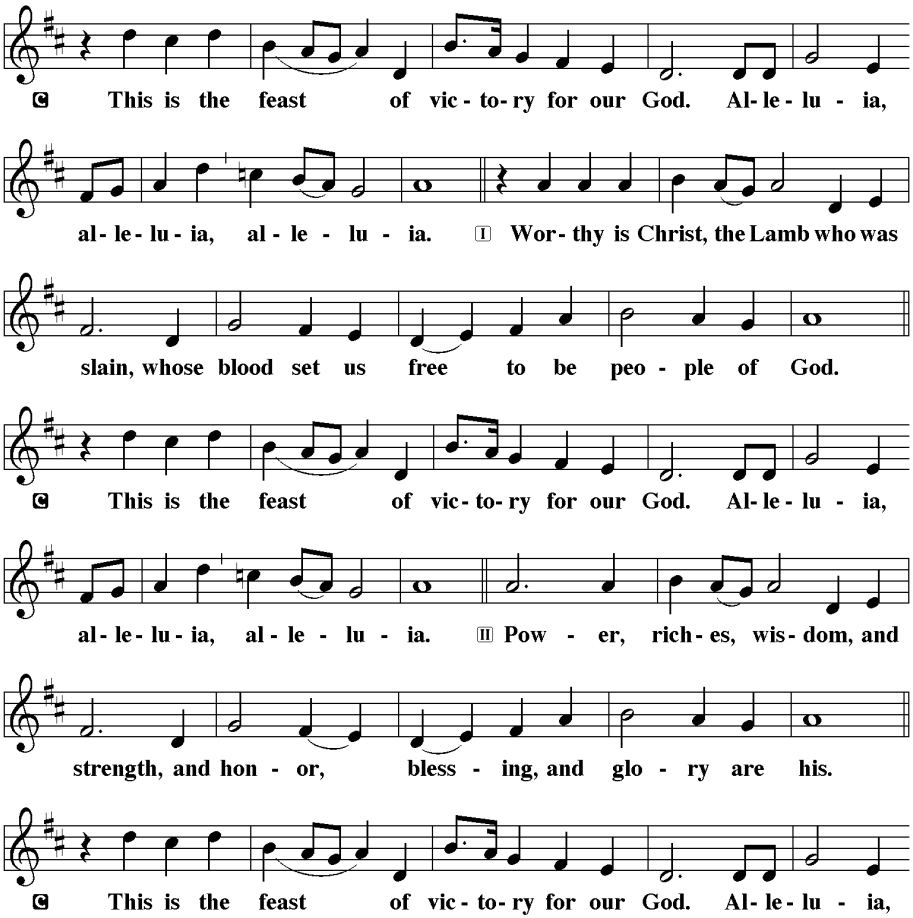
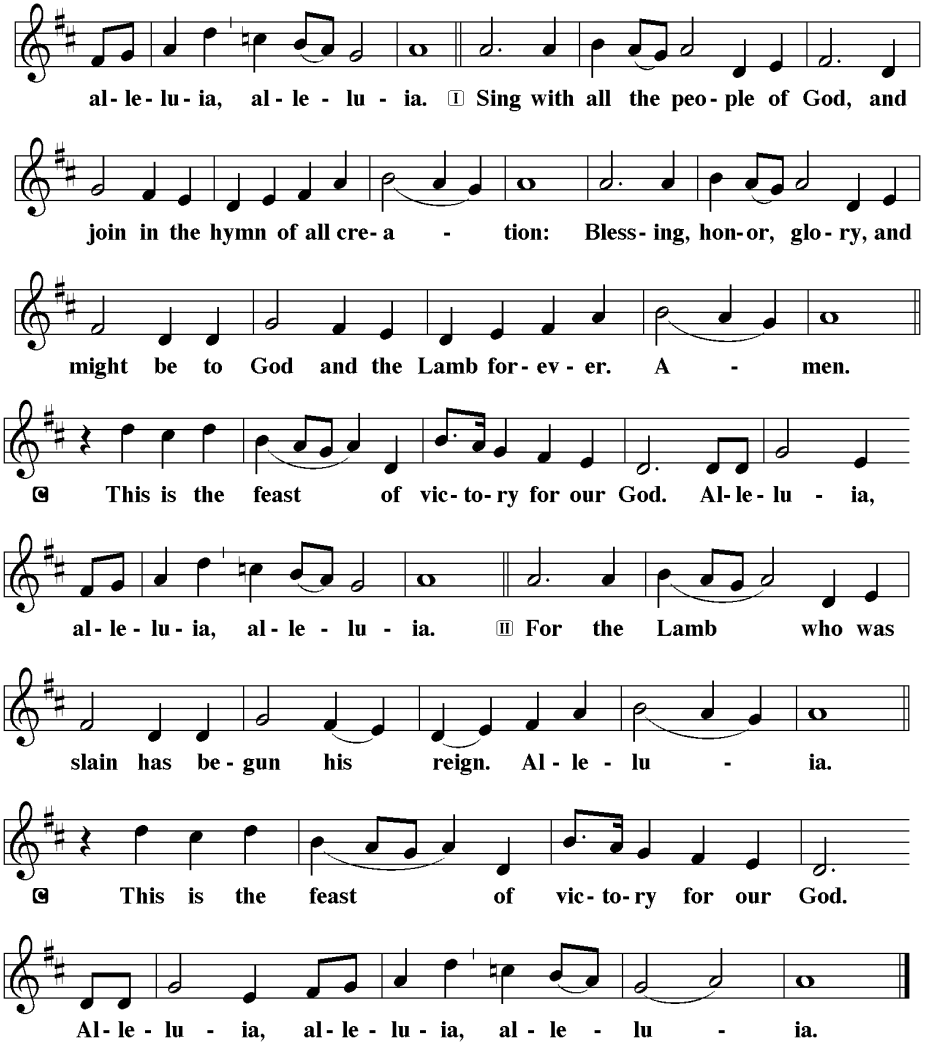

♦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God,

C through Baptism we are one in the body of Christ. 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.

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

[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."

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

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

Let us pray responsively, Psalm 34.
The Pastor will pray the fine-printed verses and the congregation will pray the bold-printed verses.

[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 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.

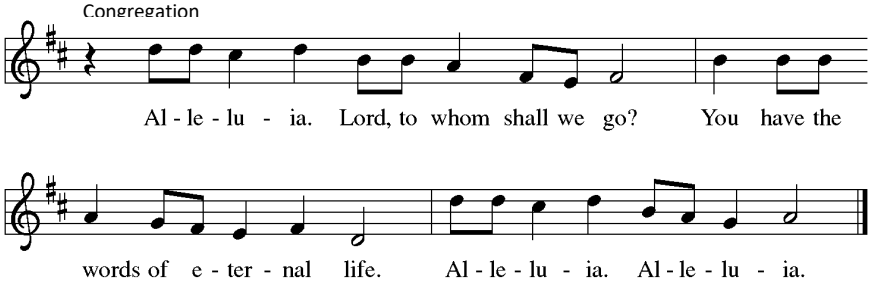
SECOND READING ***1 John 3:1-3***

[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.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

♦ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



♦ **GOSPEL** ***Matthew 5:1-12***

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

SERMON **Pastor Anthony**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***"Praise and Thanksgiving"***
ELW #689

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE CHURCH**

Each petition will end with the Pastor saying, "Lord, in your mercy."
The congregation responds with, "hear our prayer."

♦ **A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE**

P God of Life, nothing creates more anxiety than does the prospect of death, both the deaths of those we love, and our own deaths. We cannot escape the logic of death, a logic which expresses itself in our anxiety, in our insecurity, in our attempts to find comfort apart from your Word. We are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. By your Holy Spirit, grant us the grace to see in death your work of new creation through Jesus Christ.

C May we live by the Promise that death is the gate to the new creation in Jesus Christ.

P Our lives are beset on all sides by the suffering and dying of this old creation. By your Holy Spirit have us grasp your Promise of new creation, even when there is no evidence of its fulfillment.

C Through your ministry of Word and Sacrament restore us to a life lived completely by your Word, the Promise of new creation in Jesus Christ.

P Today we remember all whose Baptisms have come to fulfillment, all those who have died completely with Jesus Christ, this past year. We now recall their names.

Nancy A. Lind-Olson, November 21, 2025
Rebecca B. Rippe, December 13, 2025
Scott C. Behnken, December 22, 2025
Kenneth L. Koerner, January 9, 2026
Lloyd J. Thomsen, January 23, 2026
Byron E. Low, February 3, 2026
Victoria L. Miller, April 28, 2026
Donita L. Elrod, May 26, 2026
Barry L. Daffer, June 13, 2026
Gerald Van Amerongen, July 9, 2026
Diane L. Chrastil, August 15, 2026
Donna M. Gerken, September 12, 2026

As their names are read, a bell will toll for each of those memorialized.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHOIR "Sine Nomine"

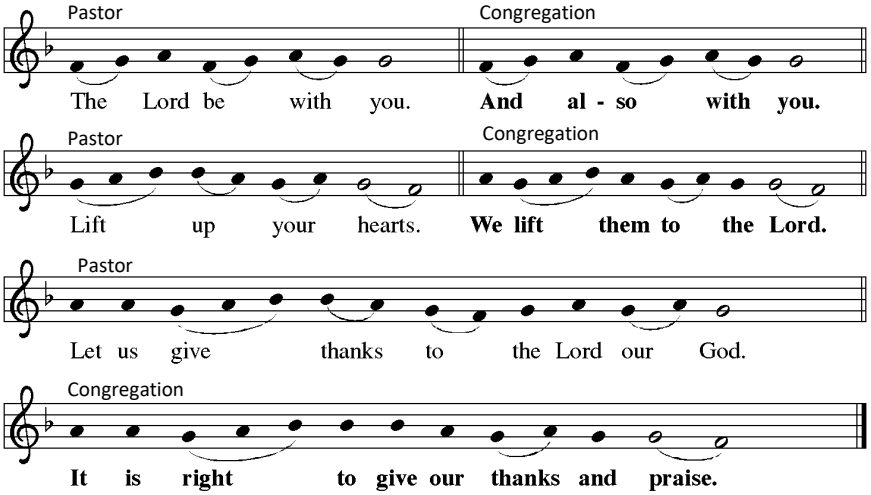
♦ **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

♦ **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Generous God,

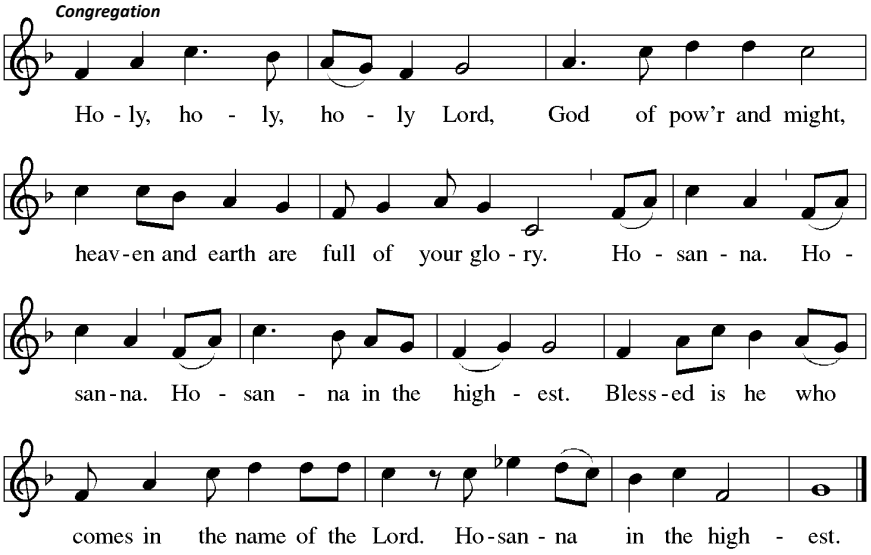
C we give thanks because we have first been given: our lives, our livelihoods, and our life together. Out of our Gratitude to the Triune God of Life flows our giving. May our gifts create, in turn, hearts of Gratitude for God's blessings across God's creation; through the One who has "blessed us to be a blessing unto others," Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

♦ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right, . . . join their unending hymn:

♦ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



♦ **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

♦ **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

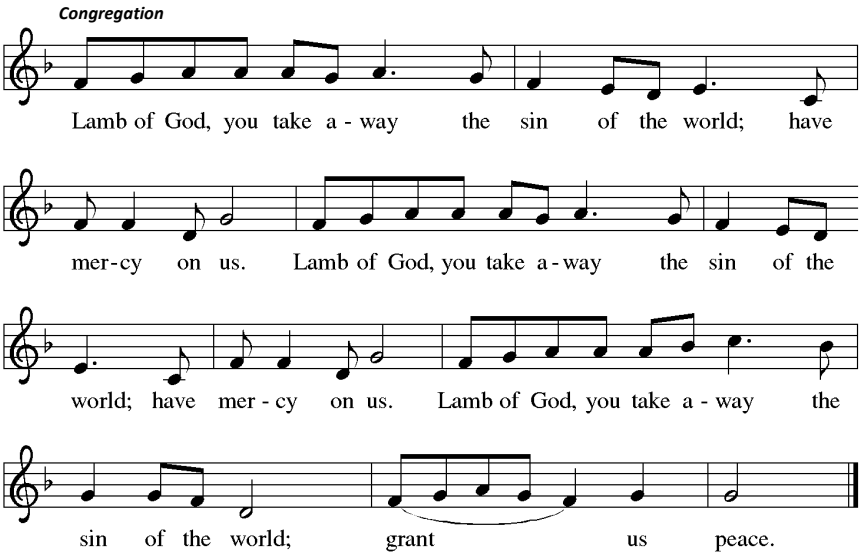
♦ **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Jesus Christ died and was raised for sinners. We qualify.

At United we practice Open Communion.
Those who will receive forgiveness of sins are welcome to the Table.
The dark colored liquid is wine, and the light-colored liquid is grape juice.
For those who need an alternative to wheat flour wafers, gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN ***"O Lamb of God"***



♦ **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthens you and keeps you in his grace.

C Amen

♦ **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Self-Giving God,

C in this Supper you have given your whole self to us. Recreate us through this Supper as brothers and sisters of gratitude who, in turn, give our whole selves to this world as we transform the world's "eye for an eye justice" into the justice born of the crucified Christ, a justice shaped by mercy and love; as we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, protect the vulnerable, visit the imprisoned, heal the wounded, comfort the dying, and seek to love our enemies as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ, our Grace and our Guide. Amen.

♦ **BENEDICTION**

P Now receive the Benediction.
(Congregation: Face your neighbor.)

C The Lord blesses you and keeps you;
The Lord's face shines upon you and is gracious to you;
The Lord looks upon you with favor and gives you peace.

♦ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord by taking care of one another.

C Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN REMEMBRANCE

As a way to express remembrance of the dearly departed . . .
as you leave the Sanctuary you may come forward to the pedestal.
Take one of the tapers and light ONE candle.
This symbolizes your remembrance of loved ones.

PLEASE BEGIN LIGHTING CANDLES IN THE TOP CENTER
AND WORK OUTWARD AND DOWN TO AVOID ACCIDENTAL BURNS.

SENDING PRAYER

Almighty God, grant that your holy word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world and to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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Altar Flowers

are provided today to the glory of God
by **Janette Roesler**
in loving memory of loved ones.

Worship Leaders for November 1	
Leadership Position	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Acolyte	George & Jo Hill
Organist	Denice Hoops
Choir Accompanist	Brandi Sestak
Lector	Linda Stubbendick
Communion Assistants	George & Jo Hill
Usher & Greeter	Petro & Mary Kot
Parking Lot Monitor	Dennis Heuke

Scriptures for November 8
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Office Hours
Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Guidelines for Wedding, Baptism, and Funeral Services

Before setting a date or making plans for a wedding, baptism, or funeral, please contact the church office to clear a date. This is to ensure the availability of the pastor and facility. Baptisms and weddings are not done during the church season of Lent. Additionally, weddings are not held during Holy Week or busy church seasons.