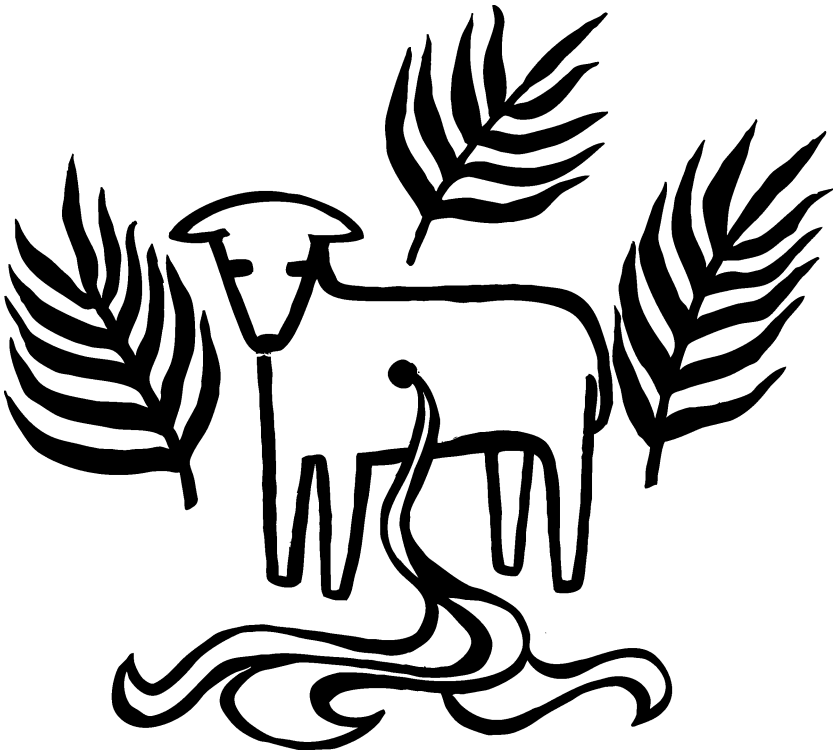
MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MADISON, ALABAMA

November 1, 2026
All Saints 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.

Good Morning and Welcome!

If you are an online worshiper or guest today, please leave a record of your time with us online. Thank you!

Online Guest Form

ORDER OF WORSHIP ALL SAINTS DAY

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting One

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE "Wenn wir in Nöten Höchsten Sein" (J. S. Bach) Melanie Payne, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

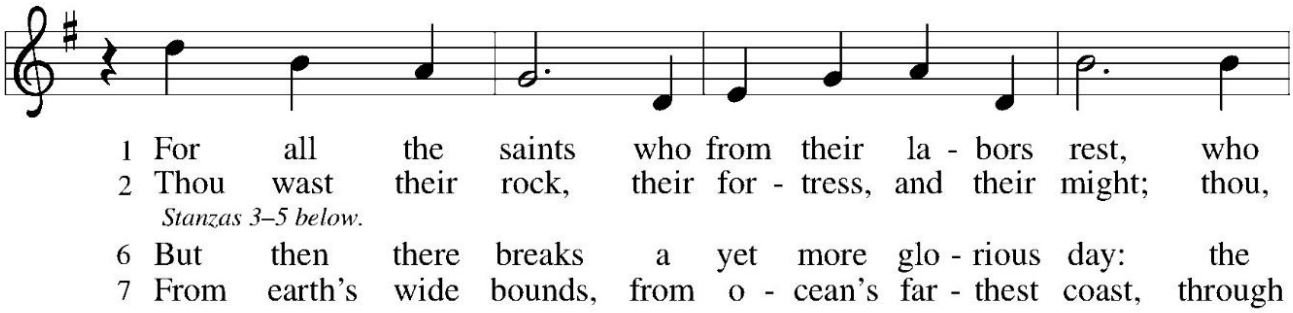
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

***REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

***GATHERING SONG** "For All the Saints" ELW 422



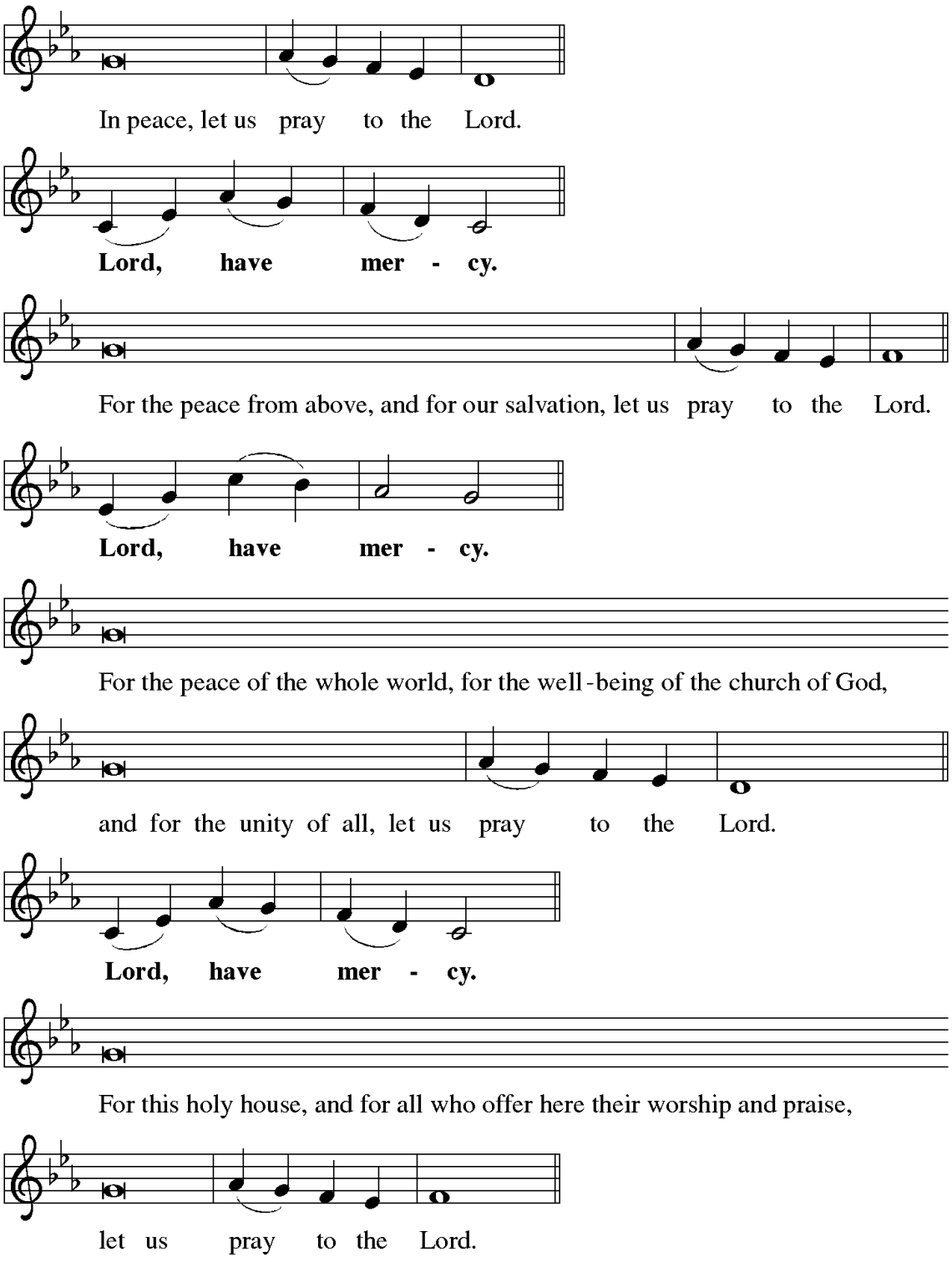


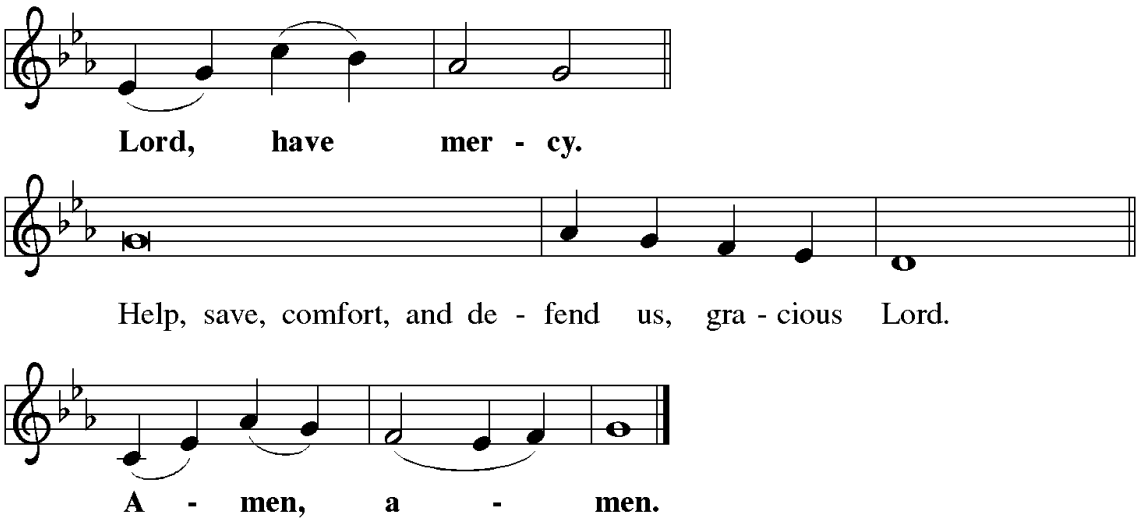
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***GREETING**

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.**

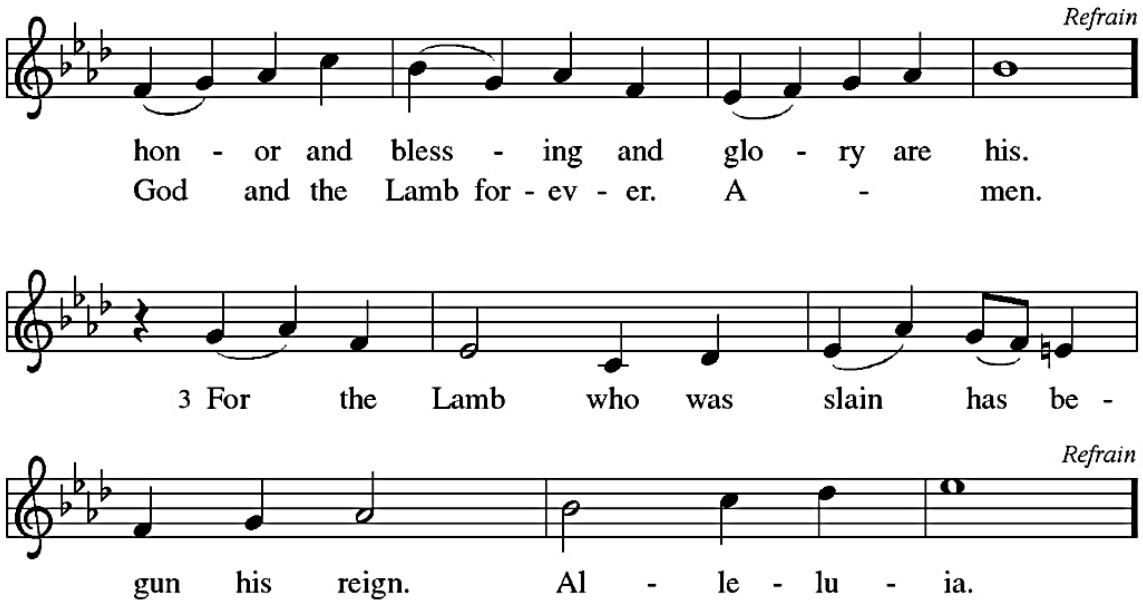
***KYRIE**





***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** "This is the Feast"





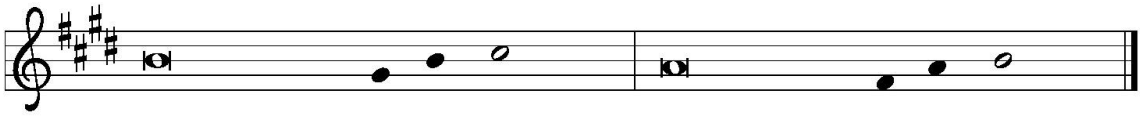
***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17-34

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 word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22



1 I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and 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

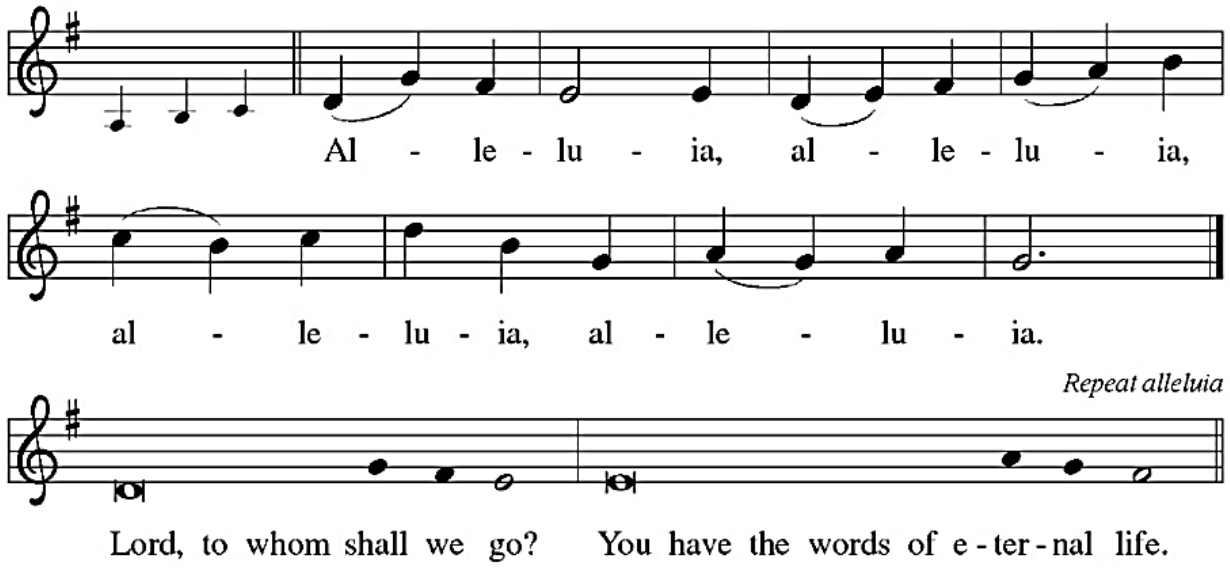
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:30) Lisa Bartel

GOSPEL FANFARE

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*** GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Kris Schroeder

***HYMN OF THE DAY** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" ELW 414



***NICENE CREED**

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**

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

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

OFFERING ANTHEM "Verleih uns Freiden" (Mendelssohn) Choir

Mercifully grant us peace, Lord God in our time.
For there is no other who could fight for us but you alone.

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS** "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689 (*verses 1 and 4*)



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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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.

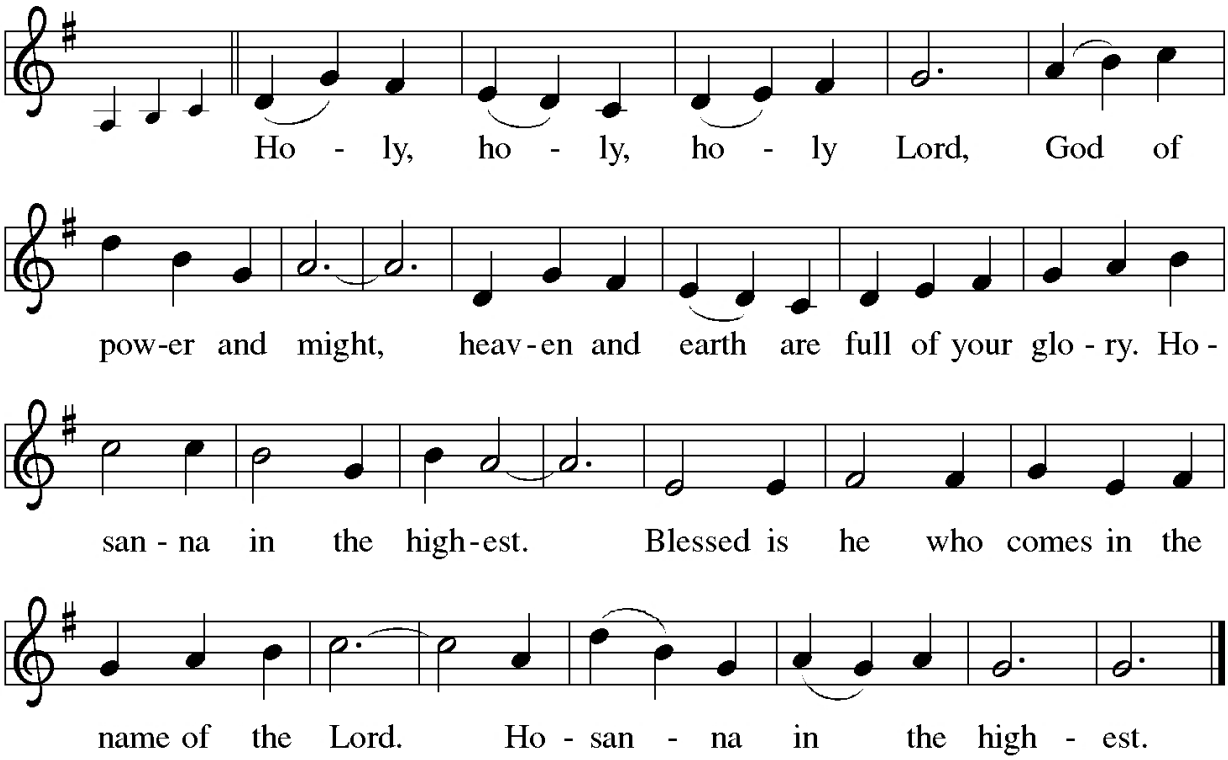
***GREAT THANKSGIVING & PREFACE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



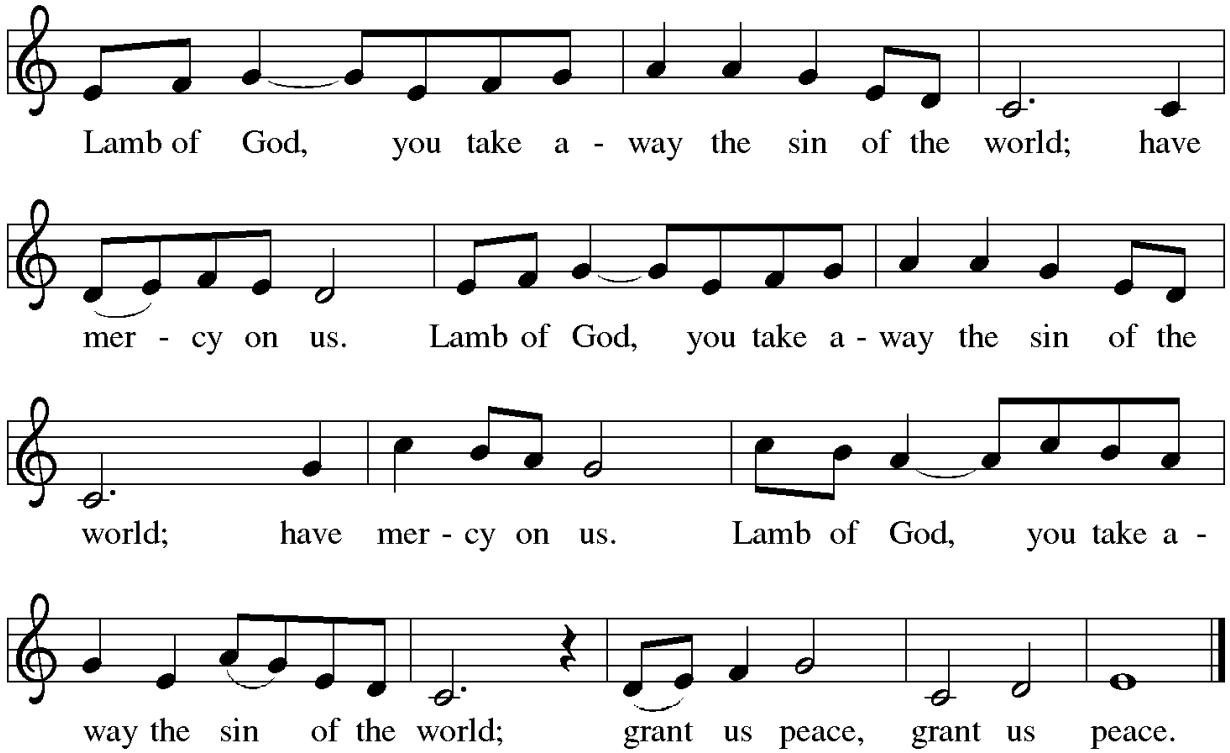
***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

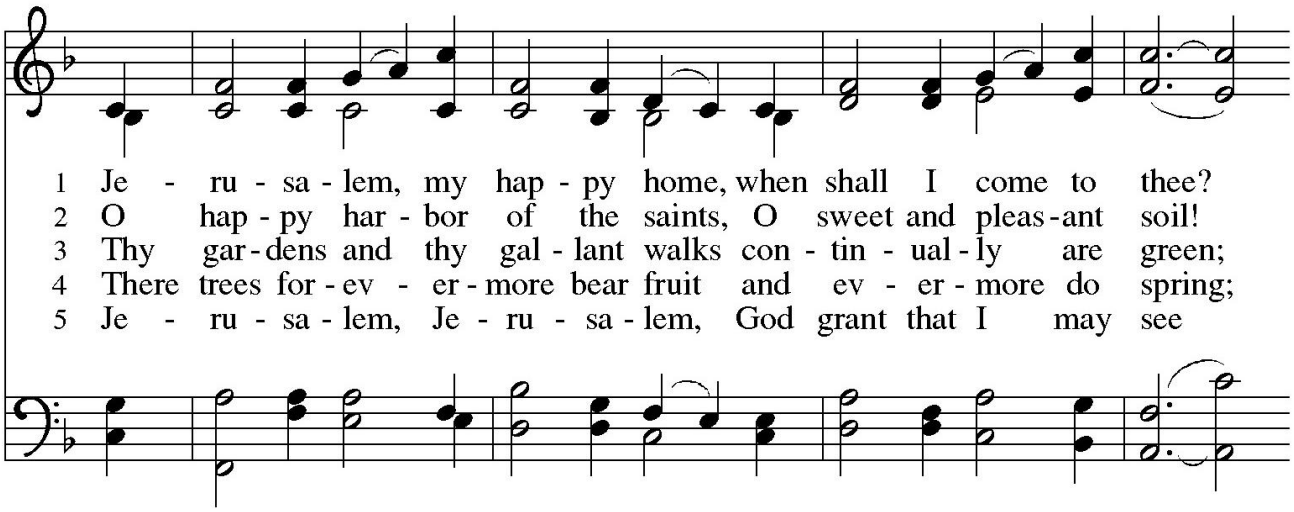
***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

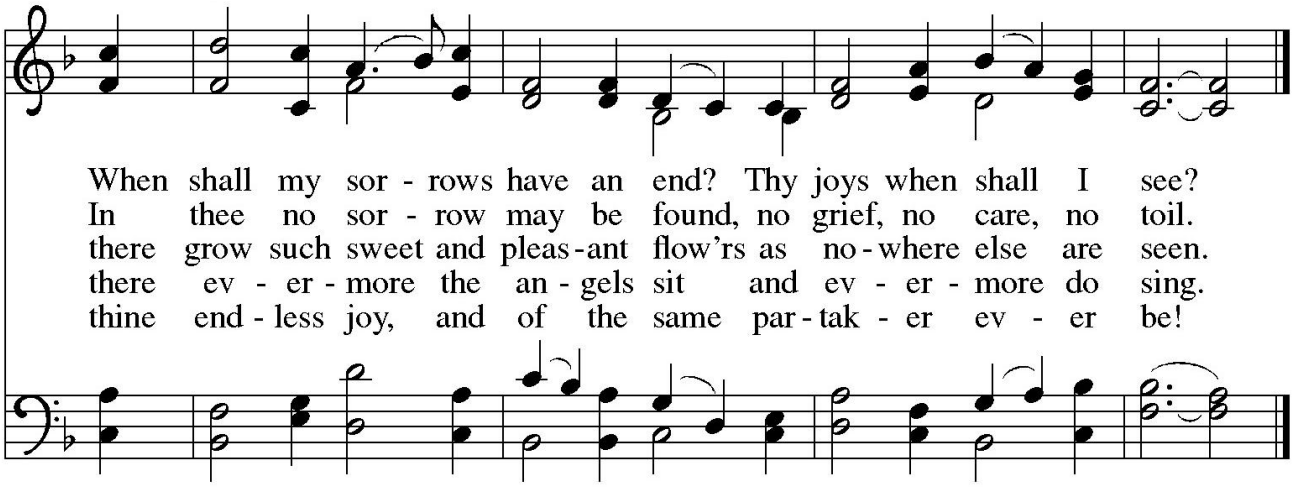
COMMUNION SONG "Lamb of God"



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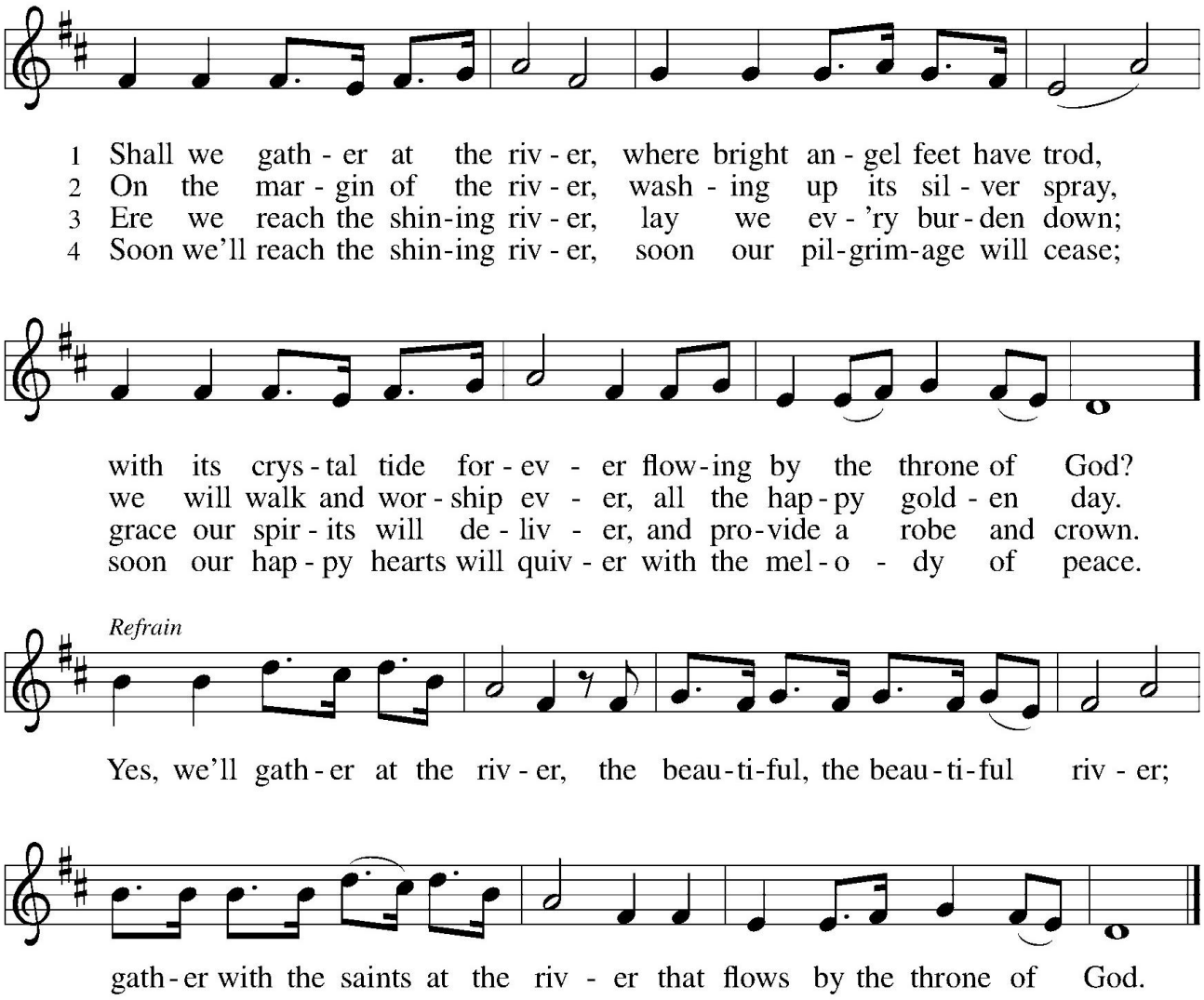
HYMN "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" ELW 628





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Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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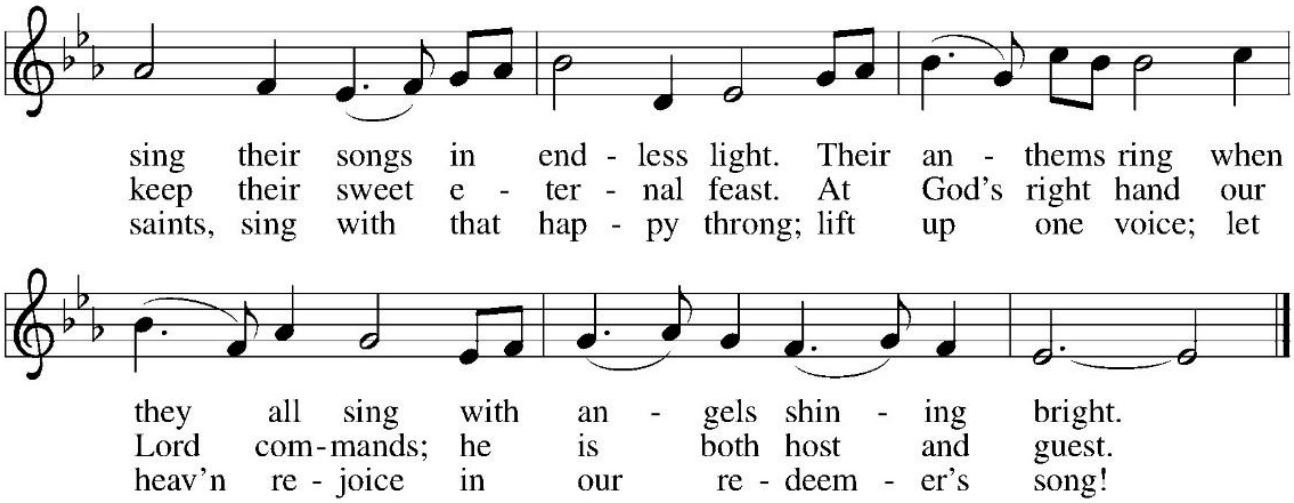
HYMN "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

HYMN "Behold the Host Arrayed in White" ELW 425





Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.
Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907
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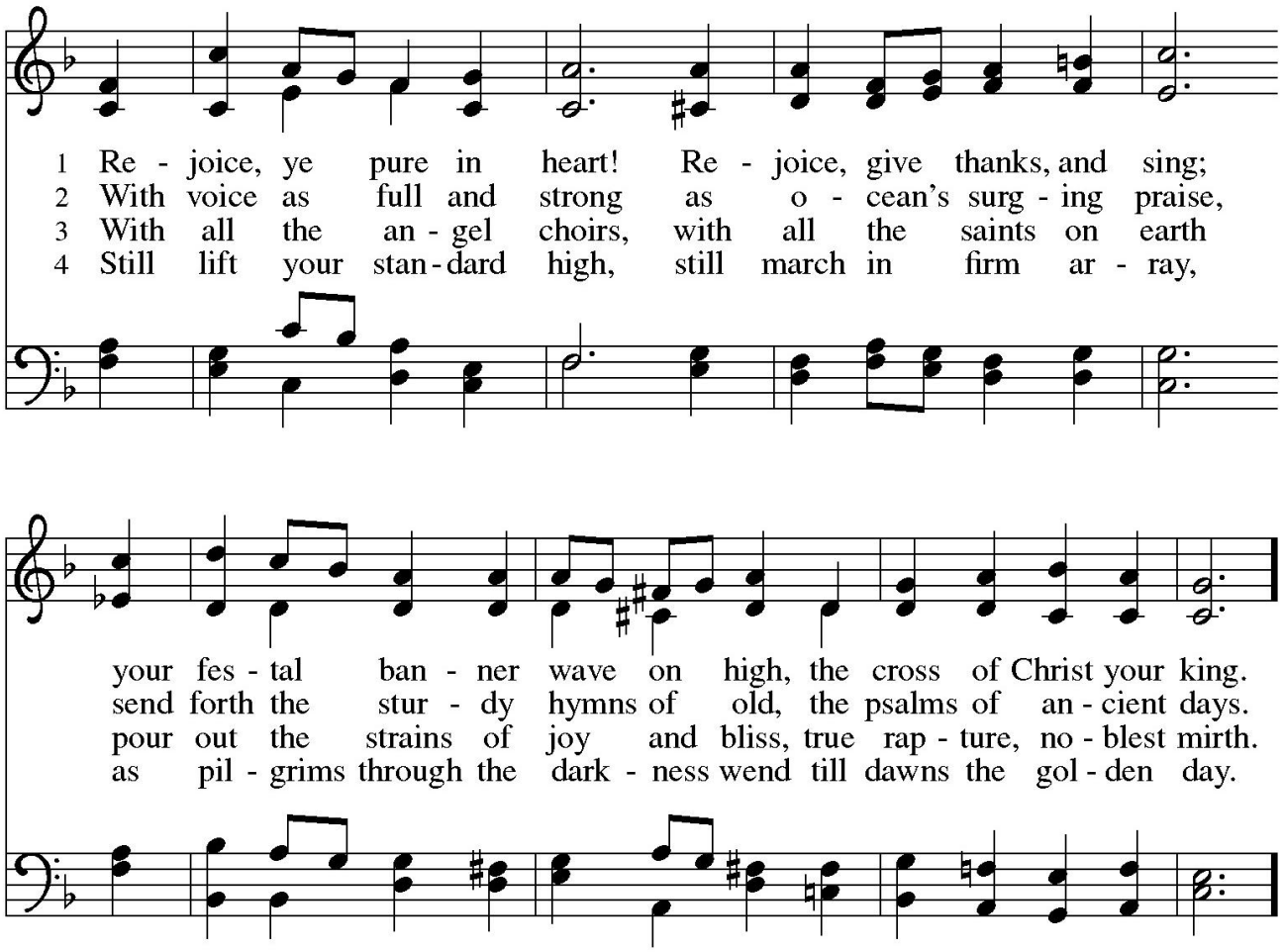
***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG** "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" ELW 873



***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Toccata in F" (Buxtehude)

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Lindsey and the Porter Family
Kevin
Leighann
Connie Stanger
David
Rich
Bob and Audrey Gustafson
Steven Fesler
Glen and Amelia Harper
Scheurich Family
Duane Manthe and Family
Brian Christian
Charlie and Missy Aslund
Paula
Eric

THE FLOWERS today are given by all of us to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our departed family members and loved ones.

A NURSERY staffed by Hannah Seitz, is available through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

NOVEMBER IS QUILT SALE MONTH. Browse early to get first dibs on the beautiful handiwork of our talented Messiah Comforters. Shop in the Fellowship Hall or online. Proceeds support Lutheran World Relief.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TOWN HALL, NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026. Council members will be available between services in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the 2027 budget proposal, constitution updates and Synod Assembly voting members ahead of the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2026. If you're interested in being a voting member at the 2027 Synod Assembly (6/3/2027 - 6/5/2027), please let Andrew King or a member of Council know.

HOLIDAY THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT + SILENT AUCTION! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 5-8 P.M., PARISH HALL Kick off the holiday season with our youth hosted holiday trivia game night. Enjoy rattling your noggin while supporting our youth's desires to attend the 2027 National Youth Gathering. Form a team of 8 and register between services in the Fellowship Hall or contact the office. Tables of 8 are $160, Single Admission is $25. Contact Dorothy Seitz for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE MLC'S 2027 BUDGET, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 AT NOON. Please plan to attend so that we reach a quorum. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Your input is welcomed and valued as we discern God's plan for MLC in the coming year.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD BAG COLLECTION. Once again, Messiah is joining other local Lutheran churches to collect and assemble meals for families in our community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Our goal is 100 boxes or bags of stuffing mix and 100 cans of cranberry sauce. Drop off is at Mission Control in the Narthex. Thank you all for your continued generosity!

WINTER GEAR COLLECTION. We are collecting new and gently used cold weather gear to keep the homeless in our area warm this winter. Sweaters, sweatpants/sweatshirts, gloves, scarves, outerwear, blankets and sleeping bags or similar items are welcomed. Deliveries will be made to North Alabama Coalition for the Homeless through February. Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex.

COUNCIL NEEDS YOU. Prayerfully consider serving our church community. We have an opening on the Personnel Committee and for a Messiah Mugs Coordinator. Do you enjoy coffee on Sundays? Let's keep that going! Contact Andrew King for details.

KIT MINISTRY – 4 oz. Bars of Soap **PANTRY – Diapers / Wipes**

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day
8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School /Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship ELW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group
6:00 p.m. - Notabella Rehearsal

Monday, November 2
6:30 p.m. - Weekend Food Program Packing

Tuesday, November 3
9:00 a.m. - Comforters
6:30 a.m. - Pub Theology

Wednesday, November 4
5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry
7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
11:00 a.m. - ArtReach

Sunday, November 8
8:30 a.m. – *Service of Worship ELW 4 Setting with the Lord's Supper
9:45 a.m. - Congregational Meeting Town Hall
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School /Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. - Service of Worship ELW 4 Setting with the Lord's Supper
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LOOKING AHEAD

November – Quilt Sale all month
November 14 - Holiday Themed Trivia Night
November 15 - Congregational Meeting
November 29 - Advent Begins
December 2 - Hanging of the Greens
December 6 - Advent Music Service
December 13 - Worship Schedule Change: One 9:30 a.m. Service Begins
December 13 - Children's Christmas Presentation

ATTENDANCE October 18 Online: 78 October 25: 8:30 – 92 11:00 – 48

8:30 Worship	
Greeters	Janet Smith
Lector	Meredith Kilby
Ushers	Bruce Peter, Mark Zesinger
Altar Guild	LeeLinda Baggett
Stream Team	Stephen Strand, Glen Long
Flower Guild	Linda Heideman

11:00 Worship	
Lector	Jutta DeMarsh
Ushers	Bill Holbrook, Tom McNamara
Altar Guild	Debbie Neely
Stream Team	Lee Seitz
Flower Guild	Linda Heideman