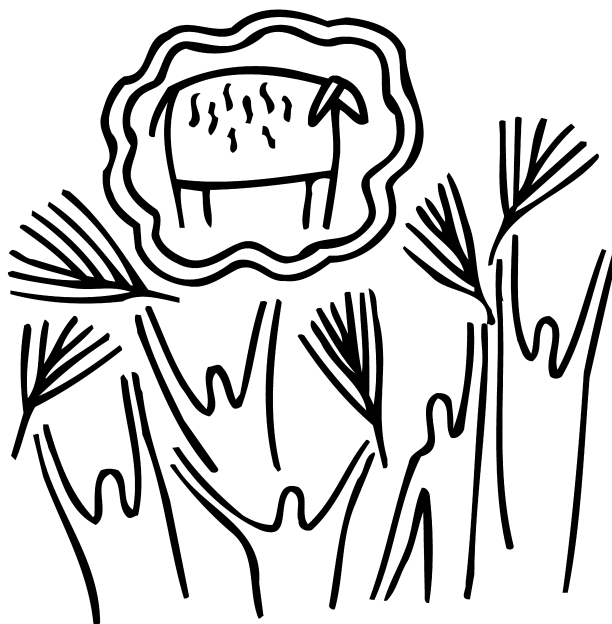




ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

CROSS

Cross Lutheran Church

1945 Prosperity Road, Maplewood, Minnesota 55109

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Reverend Scott Simmons, Pastor

*Indicates
congregation to stand
as comfortable.

Preaching/Presiding:
Rev. Stephen Sylvester

Director of Music:
Kenneth Kusiak

Livestream Producer:
Jamie Gudknecht

Lay Minister:
11/1 Sherry Batterman
11/8 Carolyn Border

Assisting Minister:
11/1 Carolyn Border
11/8 Phyllis Moser

Psalm:
11/1 Duane Gudknecht
11/8 Katie Erickson

Ushers:
11/1 Nic Villodres and
Carolyn Border
11/8 Marilee and Dave
Pfefferle

Coffee:
Phyllis Moser

Altar Guild:
Sharon Crist and Jamie
Gudknecht

Counters:
Sherry Batterman and
Diana Border

If you are interested in
serving coffee following
worship, please sign-up
on the bulletin board

If you would like to
provide flowers for
Sunday Worship, sign
up on the bulletin board
in the back of the
narthex, or contact the
office.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name [CORONATION] Jean Langlais

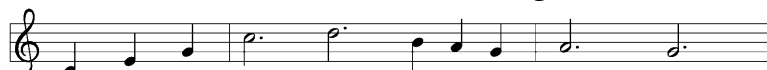
I Love To Tell the Story
Shall We Gather At the River

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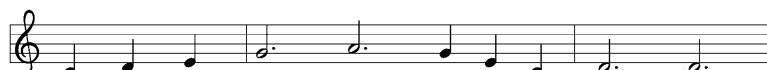
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***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Morning Has Broken

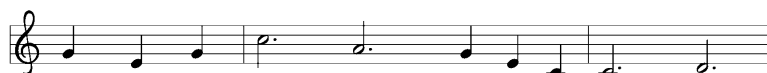
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1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing.



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.**

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones who now rest from their
labors. Please proceed down the center aisle, light a candle and return down the side aisles.*

*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.**



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

ANTHEM

By All Your Saints

Finnish Folk Tune, 19th c.

setting, Joel Martinson

text, Horatio Bolton Nelson

CROSS CHOIR

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

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, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
 and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
 be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

*We gather around the
WORD in reading,
 preaching, and song, as
 we enter into the
 steadfast love of God
 as proclaimed through
 Holy Scripture.*

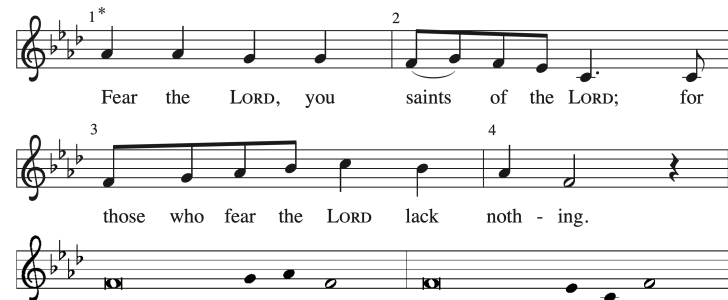
Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹I 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.

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. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 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 34:1-10, 22



I will bless the LORD ¹at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹in my mouth.

**I will glory ¹in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹and rejoice. R**

Proclaim with me the greatness ¹of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹name together.

**I sought the LORD, who ¹answered me
and delivered me from ¹all my terrors. R**

Look upon the LORD ¹and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction, and ¹the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹all my troubles. R**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹fear the LORD
and de- ¹livers them.

**Taste and see that the ¹LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- ¹uge in God!**

Fear the LORD, you saints ¹of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹LORD lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and ¹suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹that is good.**

O LORD, you redeem the life ¹of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ¹not be punished. R

SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

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. 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

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

him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

***ALLELUIA**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you."**

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

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



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead,
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

*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 THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer

PEACE

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

Let us share with each other a sign of God's peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW779



1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*DIALOGUE

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:
Marv, Nancy, Ray and
Clara, Sheree, Lisa, Marya,
Marie, Janice, Bob and
Pru, Niki, Gabby, Creed
and baby Ryker, Brady,
Judy, Dottie, BettyLu,
Bruce, Laura, Kelly, Trudy
and Murlyn, Pastor Brian,
Nick, Joshua, Rose, Dean
and Shirley, MaryJo, Barb,
Lindsay, Molly, Bob,
Raphael, Niki, Jodi,
Phyllis, Luther, Ostby
Family, Tim, Allison and
the Rick Novak family.

We offer continued
prayers for family and
friends of Mary Vatne and
Bob Brynildson

If you have a name
to add or remove from this
prayer list, please contact
Jamie Gudknecht or
Pastor Scott.

OFFERING

We bring our offerings
to God with grateful
hearts, in confidence
they will be used to
support the work of the
church both here and
throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the
Offering is set within
the context of the Meal,
for it is here that we set
the table with the fruits
of our hands—
financial offerings, yes,
but also bread and
wine which are
products of human
effort and gifts of our
gracious God. It is from
this table of blessing
that God feeds us with
the presence of Christ

In Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table

We remember God's faithfulness to God's people and God's purposes.

All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.

We give thanks and offer praise for the gifts of new life and redemption in the body

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW671

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell;
with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**
Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future. **We bless you, O God.**
We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor;
with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember the gift of your presence through Christ, by the Spirit, as we share in this sacred story:
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.

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

Remembering Christ's love for us on the way,
at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church without end. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI

Just As I Am without One Plea

ELW592



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

DISTRIBUTION

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

and blood of Christ —
which we receive in,
with, and under the
bread and wine of Holy
Communion.

Today we practice
continuous communion
using a pouring chalice
as a common cup.
Ushers will invite you to
proceed up the aisle
towards the pastor.
Please offer cupped
hands to receive the
bread. Proceed to the
cupbearer, select an
empty cup and hold it
for the lay minister to
fill. Please recycle your
cup in the basket
provided and return via
the side aisle.

If you require a gluten
free wafer, please tell
the pastor when you
approach to receive the
bread. Pre-filled juice
cups are available in
the silver tray.

Children who are not
yet communing and
others wishing not to
commune may receive
a blessing from the
pastor. Please indicate
by crossing your arms
over your chest.

Individual sealed
communion sets are
also available at the
sanctuary entrance.

ANOINTING After
communing, you may
receive prayer and
anointing with oil in the
narthex

As the Grains of Wheat ELW465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

God bless you and keep you.

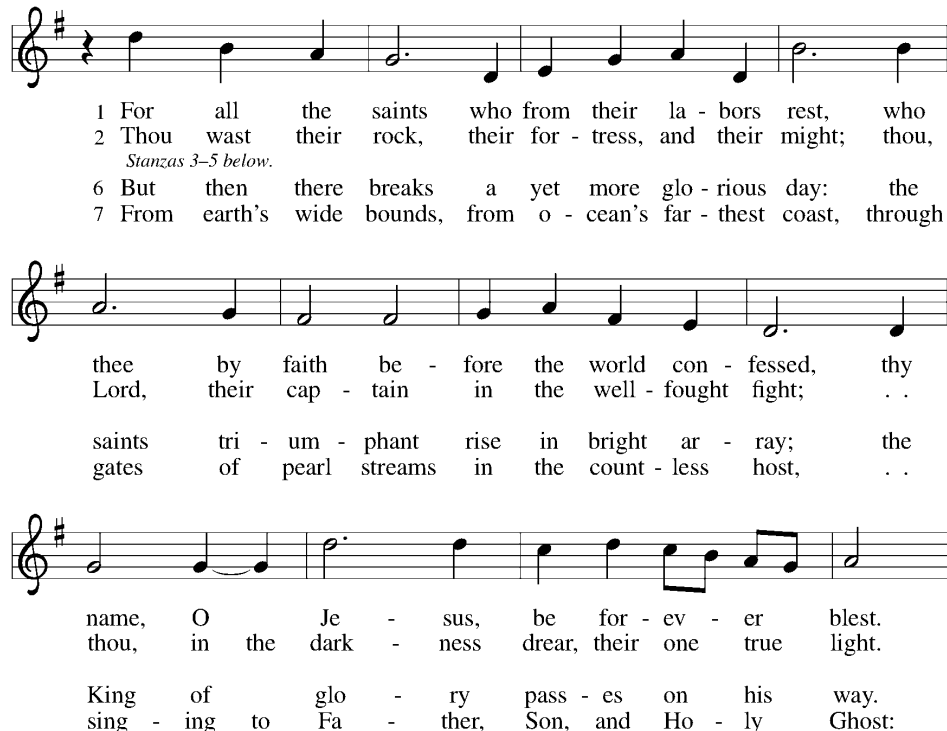
God shine on you with mercy and grace.

God look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

For All the Saints

ELW422



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

The Holy Spirit **SENDS**
us, restored and
refreshed in the Word
and the Meal, to share
the Good



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



3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,

4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the

5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are

ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

strong.
blest.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Minuet

Georg Philipp Telemann

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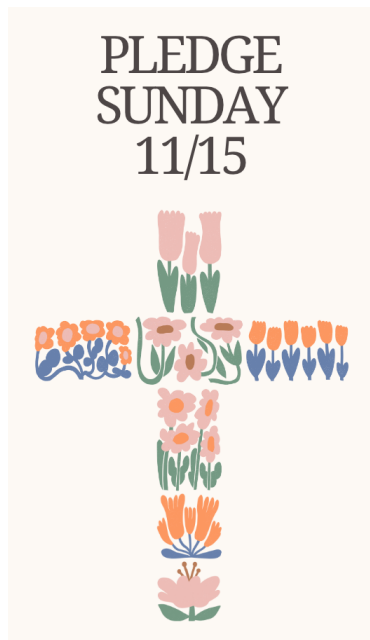
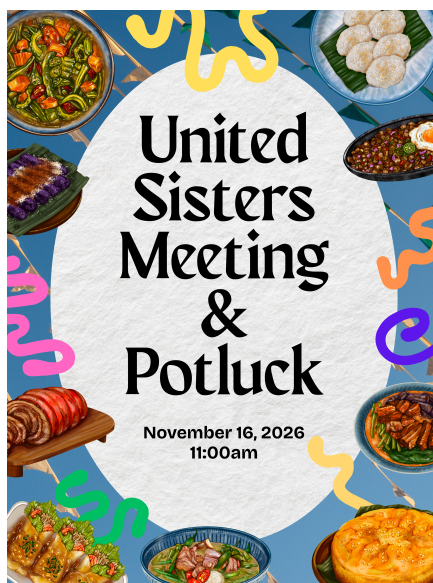
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP Join us after worship in the community room for fellowship and coffee. All are invited.

BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY meets Tuesday at 6:00pm

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY is on a temporary hiatus. Stay tuned for updates.

BELL CHOIR—Next bell choir rehearsal will be Thursday, November 5th from 5-6pm. Anyone interested in ringing or has questions please contact Ken.

CROSS CHOIR—Next Cross Choir rehearsal will be Thursday, November 5th from 6-7pm. Anyone interested in singing or has questions please contact Ken.



Sweatpants
Sizes: Kids L, XL
Adults: S - XXL
Fem. Hygiene Products
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THIS WEEK AT CROSS Sunday, November 1

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

1:00-5:00

Promesa De Dios

5:00 – 9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Monday, November 2

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 3

6:00pm

Lay Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, November 4

7:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, November 5

1:00-2:00pm

Worship at the Shores

Friday, November 6

7:00pm – 10:00pm

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Saturday, November 7

9:00am – 1:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Cross Organ Practice

5:00 – 7:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Sunday, November 8

9:30am

Sunday Worship

10:30am

Coffee and fellowship

1:00-5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

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