

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 2026



United in Christ
Lutheran Church

MORRISONVILLE, WI

Sharing the Hope of Jesus in a Troubled World

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar have been given by Paul and Rona Anderson in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary on October 29th.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Rev. Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, Bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

For the **people of United in Christ Lutheran Church**

Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe - continued health concerns

Geno Lainberger - at Madison Health & Rehab Center

Linda Peterson - at Waunakee Manor

Ron and Nola Nordeng - at Heritage House in Portage

Kathy Olsen - sister-in-law of Ann Olsen - continued health concerns

Trey Tollefson - grand nephew of Chet Gabris - continued health concerns

Sharon Gust - continued health concerns

Donna Colby's family and friends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HAPPY BIRTHDAYS - Kim Eighmy on Friday the 6th.
- PASSING - Donna Colby passed away Friday, October 23rd.

NEXT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8TH

- Ushers - Karen and Ron Millard
- Reader - Thomas Smith
- Communion Assistant - Chet Gabris
- Altar Guild - Bev Harris
- Head Usher - Norm Harris

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Welcome to Worship!

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.

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

(Please stand as you are able.)

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

A single candle is lit as a symbol of Christ's presence in and among us as we gather together in remembrance of all saints who have gone before us.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy One. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them in love and anticipation of an eternal reunion.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C: **and you will find rest for your souls.**

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C: **and you will find rest for your souls.**

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 456

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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GREETING

- P: Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
C: **"Let there be light!"**
- P: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
C: **"I am the Light of the world."**
- P: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
C: **The ones in whom God's light shines.**
- P: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
C: **And let us worship God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray,
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.
- C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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

(Please read the bold text responsively)

- 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 delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge 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

John 3:1-3

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.

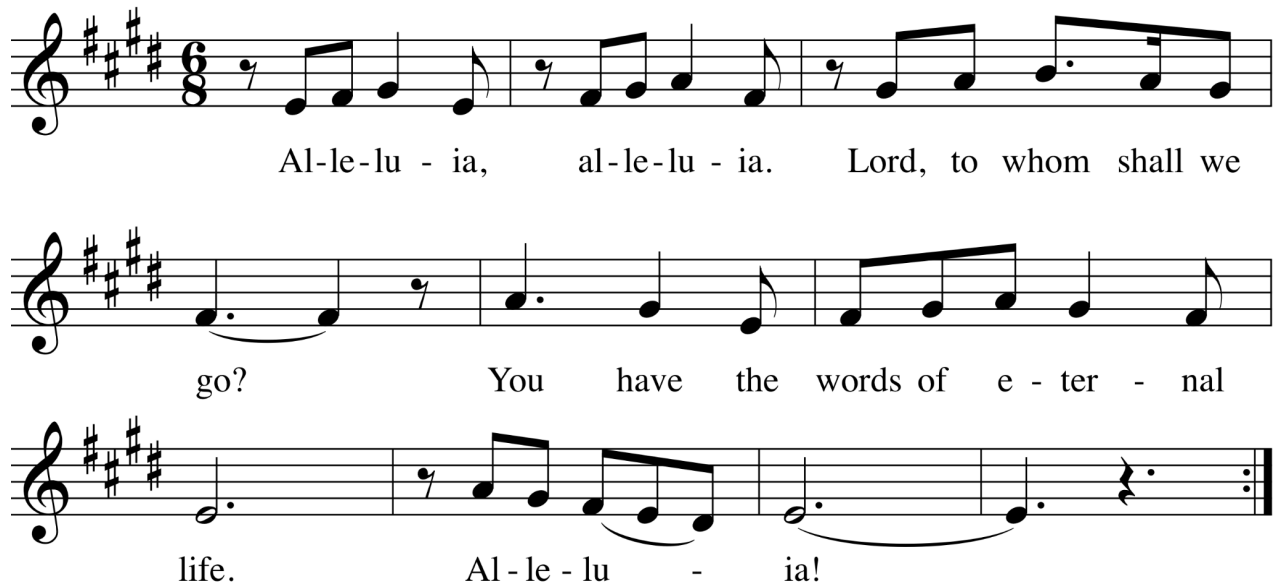
¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed,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

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *Now the Feast & Celebration*



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And 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. ¹²Rejoice 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.**

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & REMEMBRANCE

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

 *Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 1-2 (See Next Page)*

P: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of the good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: O God of heaven, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember those from this congregation for their witness of faithfulness and love:

Bob Harm Alice Lainberger Rev. Chuck Peterson Donna Colby

We Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ.
Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

 *Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 3-5 (See Next Page)*

P: O God, Alpha and Omega, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember those on the hearts and minds of those gathered here in community...

Rev. O Rolf Olsen Trudy Olsen Bill Sorenson

...We Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ.
Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

 *Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 6-7 (See Next Page)*

P: O God of healing, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you... Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

 *All are welcome, as you feel called, to light a candle as an act of personal prayer.*

P: O God of welcome, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for those in our community not yet here, that families and friends seeking your love find it here with us. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

 *Hymn of Prayer: "For All The Saints", vs. 1 (See Next Page)*

For All the Saints



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:



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.

(Please stand as you are able.)

APOSTLES CREED

P: Together with the whole body of Christ gathered around the world,
let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed:

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.**

(Please be seated.)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

P: 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.**

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY – ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat

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.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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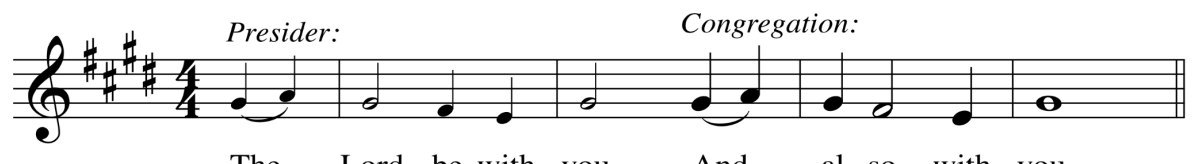
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: 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.
today and always.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (May be spoken or sung.)

Presider: *Congregation:*



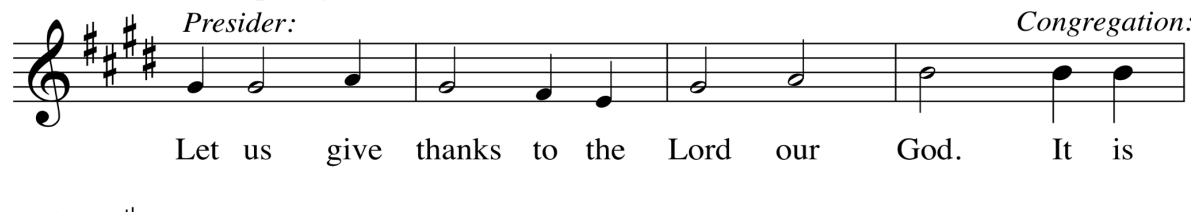
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

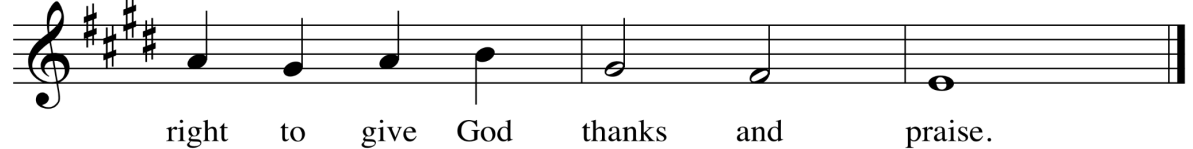


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

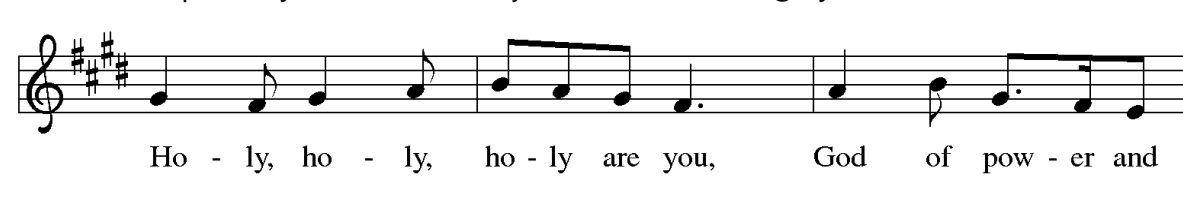


right to give God thanks and praise.

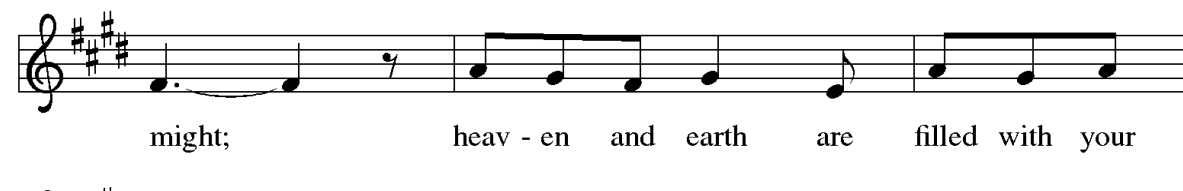
PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

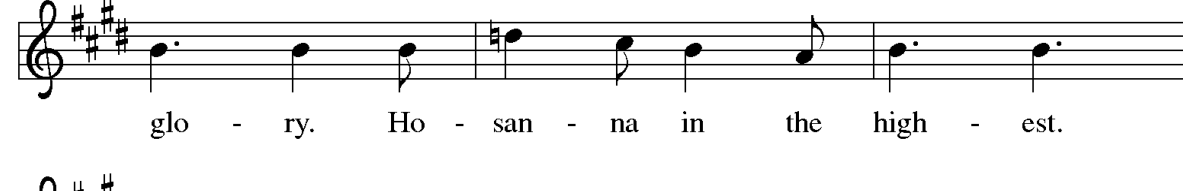
C:



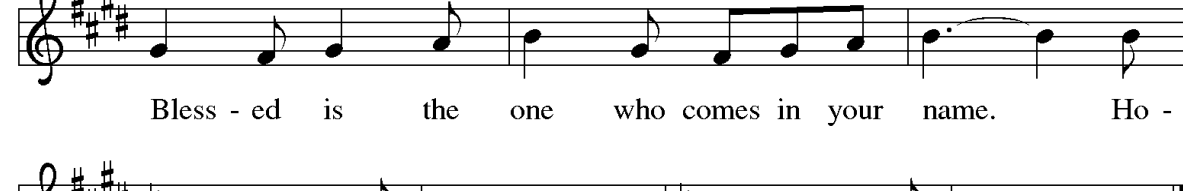
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...
...be all honor and glory, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

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: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion. The Presiding Pastor will provide verbal instructions for communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring communion to you. Gluten free bread is available. Children or those who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN – ELW464 – Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

(Hymn is played while congregation takes communion)

(Please stand as you are able.)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.**

SENDING

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.**

For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a-dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count-ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister – Rev. Mikayla Kopp

Music – Thomas Smith – Pre-recorded by Ivy McLaughlin

Reader – Rona Anderson

Communion Assistant – Karen Millard

Ushers – Rona and Paul Anderson

Altar Guild – Bev Harris

Head Usher – Norm Harris

OFFERING

Any offerings (financial gifts) may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship space anytime before or after the service. Your contributions to the congregation help us make a difference in our community by enabling us to share the Gospel and serve in areas of need. You may also make a donation online on our website or by scanning the QR code on the right.



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