# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2025

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

# Weekly Update





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Sunday, November 2, 2025

**VISITORS:** It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



**FAMILIES:** Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

#### **WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

For additions/changes, email the office: <a href="mailto:admin@holycrossherndon.org">admin@holycrossherndon.org</a>
Names will be removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

#### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler
Joy Caveney | Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson
Jared Lem | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller | Craig Reichow
Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead
All Government Employees Affected by the Government Shutdown

#### **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow

#### RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Randy and Shirley Beamer (friends of Pam Darby)
Debbie Bowman (niece of Betty Skelton)
Joy Brown (friend of Kate Flegal)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Sharon Massen (friend of Jared Lem)

Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden) Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott) Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark and Jo Roe) John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)

Diane Stanley (friend of Cheryl Smith) Steven Swancutt (brother of Lynn Russo)

Diana Todd (friend of the Russos) Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal) Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family) Laizu Zaman (friend of Jared Lem)

#### THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Barbara Imill (mother of Nannette Lem and grandmother of Jared Lem)

#### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Supply Pastor:Rev. Pam MitchamDirector of Music and Liturgy:Jeremy ShoopSound Technician:Bob ThompsonVideo Technician:Sylvia Moran

#### Serving November 2nd: All Saints Sunday

Assisting Minister: Kathy Makowski Reader: Craig Swanson Torch Bearers: Andrew Barden/Diana Virgo Crucifer: Sarah Moran Greeter: Jo Roe

#### Serving November 9th: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Matthew Andersen
Reader: Kristin Andersen
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: TBD

**FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by Beverly Siecker in remembrance of her husband, Bruce.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: NOV 2 - NOV 9

SU 2	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	9:15 am	Evangelism Meeting ~ FH
	10:00 am	Worship – All Saints Sunday
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
TU 4	6:30 pm	Fiber Arts Group ~ Conference Rm
	6:30 pm	Bldg. Use: Boy Scouts Troop 12
W 5	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 6	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	Memorial for Bruce Siecker ~ FH
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA8	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 <sup>th</sup> Day Adventist
SU 9	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH



#### **2026 CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

It is time to start collecting nominations for HCLC's 2026 Church Council. There are many positions open. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of them. Speak with Jeremy Shoop (MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org) if you would like to place your name in nomination or if you have any questions.

Open positions
Stewardship

Open Positions with at least one nominee
Fellowship, Christian Education, Youth, Secretary, Treasurer,
Worship and Music, Personnel, Property

#### **FALL BACK!**

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 2. Be sure to move your clocks back an hour and enjoy the extra sleep before church that morning.



#### **LINK TOY DRIVE**

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting toys to support the LINK Holiday Toy Distribution and bring holiday joy to local families in need. To help make sure each child receives something special, we encourage you to consider purchasing some of these gift ideas for all ages:

Lego Sets; Board Games; Bluetooth Speakers; Soccer Balls/Footballs/Sport Equipment; Fun/Cozy Blankets; Craft Sets; Jewelry Making Sets; Art Sets; Baby Toys; Toddler Toys; Matchbox/Hot Wheels;

Gift Cards in \$10, \$15, \$20 or \$25 denominations to Target, Walmart, Chick Fil A, Starbucks, McDonalds, Chipotle, Cava, Subway - these are great for teens!

A festive Christmas tree will be displayed in the Narthex, decorated with tags containing information on needed items. Please take a tag and bring back an unwrapped gift. Everyone is also invited to bring a gift to our annual congregational meeting on November 16.

An Amazon Wish List is available to purchase from and have shipped directly to church: https://a.co/1feMnaU

# All Saints Sunday Nov. 2 - 10:00 AM As we celebrate the saints who have gone before us, we look at how we both stand on their faith as well as continue reforming God's church. Join us for a special time of prayer where names of loved ones who have passed will be read as you light candles in their memory. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. (Hebrews 12:1)

#### **LUNCH FOR THE SOUL - NOVEMBER 5**

We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please consider joining us! You can sign up at: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717

# PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS

Place in the offering plate during worship.

Scan the QR code to fill out electronically.

Your pledge IS ESSENTIAL

worship and music

FAITH FORMATION

- CARING MINISTRIES
- **OUTREACH**
- EVERYDAY EXPENSES

Help Holy Cross build a sound, responsible budget for 2026.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.





## **Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us... Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage; Whatever your relationship status; We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression; Whatever your socio-economic status; We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance; Whatever your physical and mental ability. You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

# What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.

## **All Saints Sunday**

November 2, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

The custom of commemorating on a single day all the saints of the church, especially the many unknown martyrs, originated in the fourth century. By the eighth century, the festival commemorating all saints had been moved in England and Ireland to November 1 in order to Christianize the Celtic harvest festival of Samhain which marked the beginning of winter and communal attention to the dead. In current Christian use, the day is dedicated to thanksgiving for all the unnamed who died in the Lord.



#### **GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**

For All the Saints

arr. Pepper Choplin

Please stand as you are able.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose

steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness

endures from generation to generation.

Assembly: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Reconciling God,

Assembly: we confess that we do not trust your

abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good

All Saints Sunday is never complete without singing "For All the Saints." While there are many hymns in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) about individuals we remember and commemorate, "For All the Saints" is just what the title suggests - for ALL the saints. The ELW uses 7 of the original 11 stanzas written by William W. How.

Based on a picture of a "cloud of witnesses," this hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, acknowledges the unity of the whole church in heaven and on earth,

creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Pastor:

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Assembly:** 

GATHERING HYMN

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship #422)

#### For All the Saints



and paints a picture of the victorious church in battle.

Vaughan Williams' magnificent tune pairs perfectly with How's text, making it a standard All Saints Sunday hymn in congregations of all faiths.



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Outside USA: Music from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

#### **GREETING**

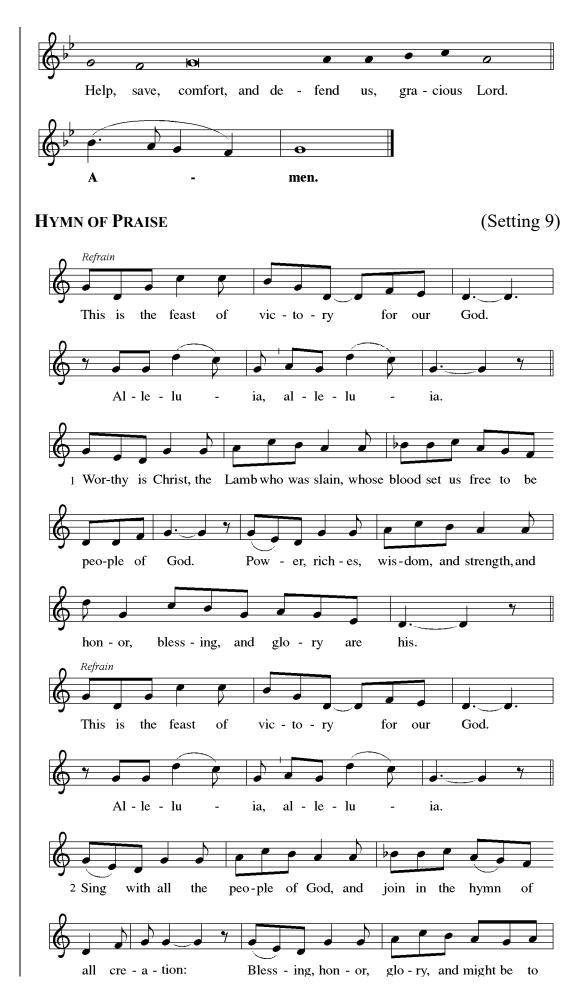
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of

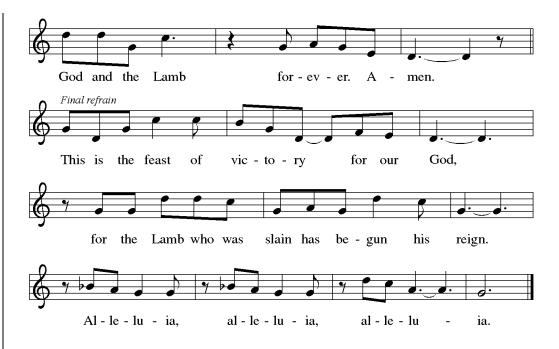
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be

with you all.

Assembly: And also with you.







The prayer of the day, inspired by one included in the 1549 Anglican Book of Common Prayer, praises God for the body of the church and asks for continued blessings. The prayer does not invoke the assistance of saints, but rather petitions for the grace to follow their lives of faith and commitment.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

Please sit.



#### LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EAR

#### LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Those who wish to remember loved ones are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers and present the names of loved ones on the index card provided, light a candle from the torches, and place it on the rail in remembrance.

#### ANTHEM

Shine Like the Sun Sanctuary Choir arr. Karen E. Black

Many saints in the past and the present experienced political oppression. Yet whatever are the "four beasts" that terrify believers, God promises that in the end the "holy ones," that is, the saints, will join with the Most High in the kingdom of God's holiness.

That Ephesians refers to all believers as "saints" makes this reading particularly appropriate for All Saints Day. We saints have heard the word and been enlightened in baptism and sealed with the Holy Spirit. We gather to praise God, and live in the hope of God's salvation and with the power of God among us. God has put Christ above whatever "rule and authority and power and dominion" work to limit us and restrict our ministry.

#### FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

Reader: A reading from the prophet Daniel.

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup> "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

**Assembly:** Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

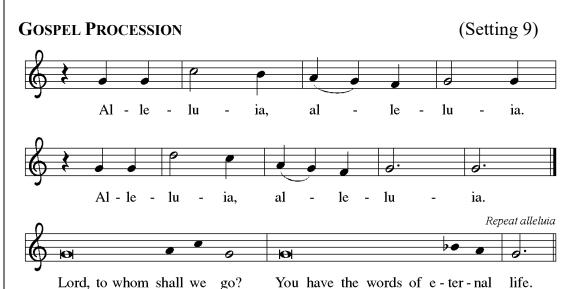
<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and

revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in a11.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

**Assembly:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The Gospel according to Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. Pastor:

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

for yours is the kingdom of God.

This version of the Beatitudes is especially appropriate for All Saints Day since it is addressed to "you," to all of us blessed by God. The extraordinary ethics described by Luke has inspired many *believers—for example* Martin of Tours and Francis of Assisi—to radical behavior and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Blessed are you who are poor,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now,

exceptional lifestyles. The final verse of this passage, usually called "the Golden Rule," expresses the ethic of reciprocity that was taught also by philosophers of antiquity and is perhaps the most famous dictum of the New Testament; its popularity might render it tame, less striking than the earlier sentences, such as "give to everyone who begs from you."

for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

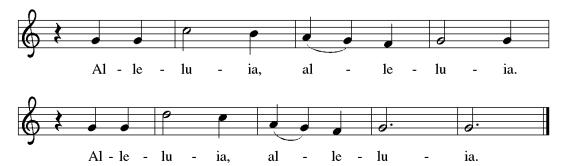
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

#### GOSPEL RECESSION



Please sit.

#### **SERMON**

Please stand as you are able.

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance and rejoicing, a day when the church gathers to give thanks for all the faithful who have gone before us and to affirm that, in Christ, death does not have the final word. "Death Be Never Last" sings this hope with quiet confidence. Its words proclaim the central promise of our faith: that through Christ's death and resurrection, life triumphs over death, light breaks through darkness, and love endures beyond the grave.

The hymn moves through the deep human emotions of grief and longing but refuses to end there. Each stanza lifts our eves from the shadow of loss toward the dawn of new life. It reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, saints whose lives bear witness to God's grace, and whose faith still strengthens our own. In singing this hymn, we join our voices with theirs across time and eternity, declaring together that death shall never be the last

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

(All Creation Sings #1030)

#### Death Be Never Last



Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943 Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever Text and music © 1993 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress



word, for Christ is risen and we shall rise with him

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**Assembly:** 

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith, 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

Assisting Minister:

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the greater church.

**Assisting Minister:** 

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear

us, O God.

**Assembly:** 

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation.

**Assisting Minister:** 

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing.

Hear us, O God.

Assembly:

Your mercy is great.

We pray for justice.

**Assisting Minister:** 

God of all our days, guide the leaders of

governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and

oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

**Assembly:** Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need

**Assisting Minister:** 

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, including those we name before you now (the assembly offers names). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace.

Hear us, O God.

**Assembly:** Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation.

Assisting Minister: God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire

those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran church and uplift your gospel. Hear us,

O God.

**Assembly:** 

Your mercy is great.

We remember the saints.

Assisting Minister: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially for Holy Cross members who have died in the past year: Sylvia

Schrader, Joyce Miller, Joe Baggett, and Gene Bain. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in

Christ. Hear us, O God.

**Assembly:** 

Your mercy is great.

Pastor:

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

**Assembly:** 

Amen.

THE PEACE

The sharing of THE PEACE is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors

before we offer our gifts

to God.

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

Assembly: And also with you.

Please sit.

#### **OFFERING**

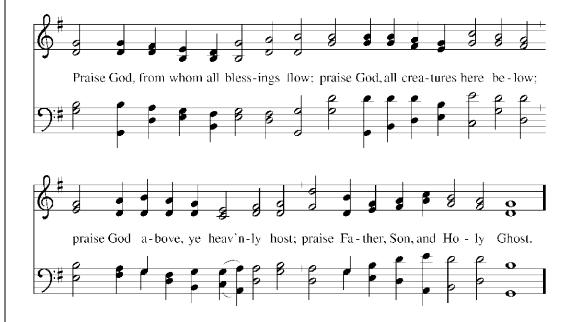
#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

Deep River with Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Sylvia Oines

Please stand as you are able.

#### **OFFERTORY**



#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,

that we may feed the hungry and welcome the

stranger, trusting in your name.

Assembly: Amen.







#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **Assembly:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

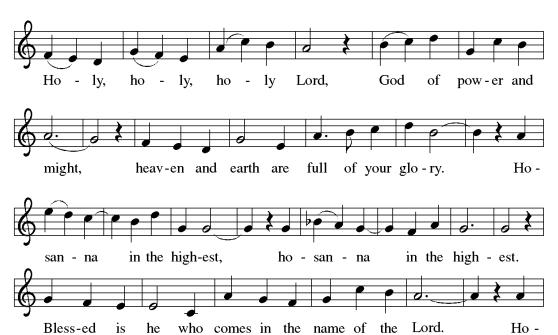
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, **Assembly:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**PREFACE** 

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS (Setting 9)





#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us

to pray.

Assembly: 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**

Pastor: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your

place in the new creation.

**Assembly:** Thanks be to God.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.

#### **AGNUS DEI** (Setting 9) of God, you take a - way the sin Lamb of the Lamb of God, world; have mer-cy us. on you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. of God, take a - way the Lamb you of the grant us peace, world; grant us peace.



"By All Your Saints" is one of the most versatile hymns in our hymnal, written so that congregations can honor specific saints throughout the church year. The first and last stanzas remain the same, praising Christ as "the Lord of all," while the middle stanza changes depending on the particular saint or occasion. Typically, on a saint's day, only the corresponding verse is sung in the middle.

Today, on All Saints Sunday, we sing all of the saintly stanzas together, a rare and joyful way to experience the great sweep of salvation history and the incredible variety of witnesses who have followed Christ. Across its 22 stanzas, the hymn honors patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament, apostles and evangelists of the New, and a host of faithful followers through the ages: John the Baptist, *Mary the mother of our* Lord, Peter and Paul, Mary Magdalene, Stephen the first martyr, and the great missionaries and reformers who carried



 $Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823-1913, alt.; hymnal version, sts. 13, 16, 18\\ Music: Finnish folk tune$ 

Text sts. 13, 16, 18 and arr. @ 2006 Augsburg Fortress

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Alternate tune: KING'S LYNN

the gospel to the world. We sing of martyrs and teachers, pastors and prophets, and those whose faith was lived out in daily acts of love and courage.

*By lifting all these* verses together, we catch a glimpse of the vast communion of saints—the "great cloud of witnesses" who surround and support us in faith. Their stories remind us that God's call comes in many forms, and that every life rooted in Christ contributes to the ongoing song of praise that never ends. Today, as we remember the saints known and unknown, we join our voices with theirs to proclaim that Christ is Lord of all, and that his victory over death binds us together in one eternal fellowship.

Andrew, Apostle + November 30

3 All praise, O Lord, for Andrew, the first to welcome you, whose witness to his brother named you Messiah true. May we, with hearts kept open to you throughout the year, proclaim to friend and neighbor your advent ever near.

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr + December 26

4 All praise for Stephen, martyr, who saw you ready stand to help in time of torment, to plead at God's right hand. O Jesus, born to save us, grant us discerning sight, that true till death we serve you and witness to your light.

John, Apostle and Evangelist + December 27

5 For John, belov'd disciple, exiled on Patmos' shore, and for John's holy gospel, we praise you evermore. Praise for the mystic vision these words to us unfold. Instill in us the longing your glory to behold.

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs + December 28

6 All praise for infant martyrs, whom you with tend'rest love received from Herod's bloodshed to share your home above.
O Rachel, cease your weeping; they rest from earthbound cares.
Lord, grant us hearts as guileless and crowns as bright as theirs.

Confession of Peter + January 18

We praise you, Lord, for Peter, so eager and so bold, thrice falling, yet repentant, thrice charged to feed your fold. Lord, make your pastors faithful to guard your flock from harm, and hold them when they waver with your almighty arm.

Conversion of Paul + January 25

8 Praise for the light from heaven, praise for the voice of awe, praise for the glorious vision the persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's enlight'ning we bless your name today; come, shine within our darkness, and guide us on our way.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus + March 19

We sing our praise for Joseph, your guardian, dearest Lord; who, list'ning to the angel, once saved you from the sword. In temple, home, and workshop, he led you, honed your skill. So teach us, Christ our brother, to do our Father's will.

Mark, Evangelist + April 25

10 For Mark, O Lord, we praise you, whose fainting heart, made strong, poured forth the faithful gospel to animate our song.
May we, in all our weakness, receive your pow'r divine, and all, as fruitful branches, grow strong in you, the vine.

Philip and James, Apostles + May 1

11 We praise your name for Philip, blest guide to Greek and Jew, and for young James, the faithful who heard and followed you. Oh, grant us grace to know you, the way, the truth, the life, and wrestle with temptation till victors in the strife.

Matthias, Apostle + May 14

12 Lord, your abiding presence directs the wondrous choice; the lot falls to Matthias, the faithful now rejoice. May we as true apostles your holy church defend, and by your parting promise be with us to the end. Barnabas, Apostle + June 11

13 For Barnabas we praise you, appointed by your call, who, filled with faith and Spirit, proclaimed your word with Paul. Give us your grace, O Savior, that we become the same: companions in your mission, who bear the Christian name.

John the Baptist + June 24

14 We praise you for the Baptist, forerunner of the Word, our true Elijah, making a highway for the Lord. The last and greatest prophet, he saw the dawning ray of light that grows in splendor until the perfect day.

Thomas, Apostle + July 3

15 All praise to you for Thomas, whose short-lived doubtings prove your perfect two-fold nature, and all your depth of love. May all who live with questions have faith in you restored; grant us the grace to know you, to say, "My God and Lord."

Mary Magdalene, Apostle + July 22
16 For Magdalene we praise you, steadfast at cross and tomb.
Your "Mary!" in the garden dispelled her tears and gloom.
Apostle to the apostles, she ran to spread the word; send us to shout the good news that we have seen the Lord.

James, Apostle + July 25

17 For James, O Lord, we praise you, who fell to Herod's sword, who drank your cup of suff'ring and thus fulfilled your word.

Lord, curb our vain impatience for glory and for gain, and nerve us for such suff'rings as glorify your name.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord + August 15
18 Oh, magnify with Mary
the God whom we adore;
rejoice in Christ our Savior,
true God whom Mary bore;

and praise the holy Power in her made manifest. With all the generations acclaim this woman blest.

Bartholomew, Apostle + August 24

19 All praise for him whose candor through all his doubt you saw when Philip at the fig tree disclosed you in the law.

Discern, beneath our surface,
O Lord, what we can be, that by your truth made guileless, your glory we may see.

Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist + September 21
20 For Matthew, Lord, whose gospel
your human life declared,
who, worldly gain forsaking,
your path of suff'ring shared.
From wealth that dulls and chains us,
oh, raise our eyes anew,
that we, whate'er our calling,
may rise and follow you.

Luke, Evangelist + October 18
21 For Luke, belov'd physician,

all praise, whose gospel shows the healer of the nations, the one who shares our woes. Your wine and oil, O Savior, upon our spirits pour, and with true balm of Gilead anoint us evermore.

Simon and Jude, Apostles + October 28

22 All praise for Jude and Simon, who sealed their faith today; one love, one hope impelled them to tread the sacred way. May we with zeal as earnest the faith of Christ maintain, and foll'wing these our brothers, at length your rest attain.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and

grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in

Christ's name.

Assembly: Amen.

#### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Pastor: Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,

offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus

Christ.

Assembly: Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

## WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



The early church's "Te Deum Laudamus" is one of the great hymns of praise, creed, and supplication. Written in 1774, Ignaz Franz's hymn." Holy God, We Praise Your Name," is a German paraphrase of the "Te Deum." the hymn was written for a Catholic hymnal and is equally loved and sung by Protestants to the German melody GROSSER GOTT. The hymn was played as President Kennedy's casket was carried out of St. Matthew's Cathedral in

While typically sung on Trinity Sunday, this hymn's portrayal of all the saints in heaven praising God makes it a welcome addition to our All Saints hymnody.

Washington, DC.

# (Evangelical Lutheran Worship #414)



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900 Music: GROSSER GOTT, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One,

now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, +

bless you now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

**DISMISSAL** 

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Assembly:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Paul Manz

Please refrain from applause after the postlude. As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship.

### THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

#### Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639 Sunday, November 3, 2024

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

# John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; Thursday, November 7, 2024

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

# **FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES**

Mourning is sorrow for the loss of those dear to us. Those who have turned to God lose the things they held dear in this world. For they no longer delight in the things they delighted in before. And until the love of eternal things is formed in them, they are stricken by a certain grief. They will therefore be comforted by the Holy Spirit, who especially because of this is called the Paraclete, the Comforter. Thus by letting go of temporal delight, they may enjoy what which is eternal.

—Augustine

[Augustine, in The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, IV, 465.]

El Greco made a famous sixteenth-century painting of Martin of Tours.
Originally a soldier, Martin of Tours cut his cloak in half to provide clothing for a beggar.
Later as bishop he was renowned for pleading mercy for prisoners and heretics. Martin Luther was named after this fourth-century saint.



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