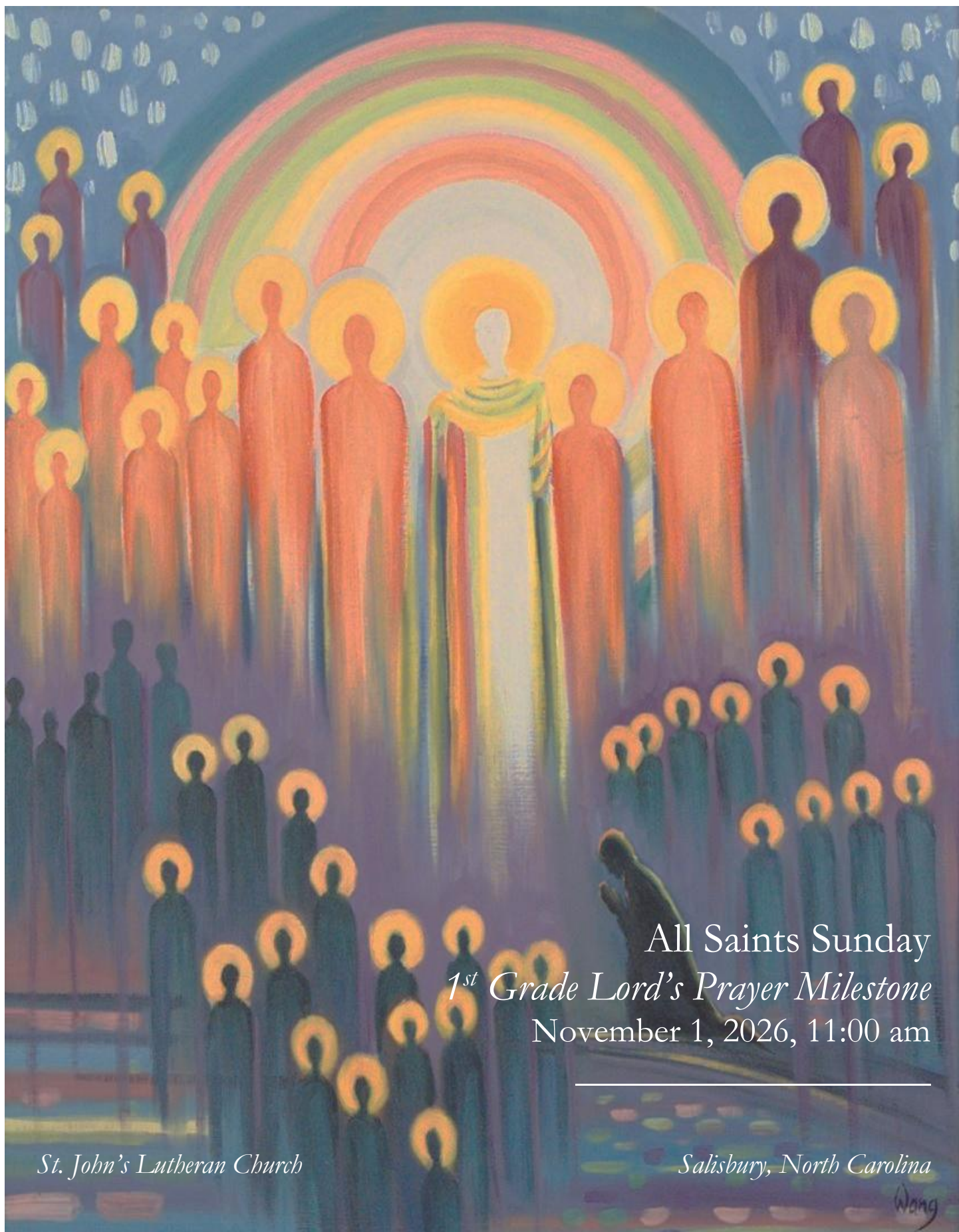




All Saints Sunday
1st Grade Lord's Prayer Milestone
November 1, 2026, 11:00 am

St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina

Wang

Title: All Saints. Artist: Elizabeth Wang.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are glad God has brought you here!

Buck-a-Meal – Every one-dollar bill placed in the offering boxes this morning goes to purchase a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

All Saints Sunday & Columbarium Dedication – Today. Immediately following the 11 am service we will meet at the Columbarium for a brief service of dedication.

Serenity Sisters – Nov. 12, 6 pm – Arandas Grill & Bar, 127 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC. RSVP encouraged to Penny Moss at pmoss@salisburyacademy.org.

Thomas Keesecker Concert – Nov. 13 at 6 pm in the Faith Center. Join us for a live music concert with Thomas Keesecker, a choral music award winner, organist and composer.

Kindergarten Milestone “Seasons of the Church Year” – Nov. 15 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP to Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org, by Nov. 11.

Christmas Traditions - Join us **Nov. 22, 5-7 pm**, at The Vista at Walnut Hill for our annual Christmas Traditions event. You'll enjoy Advent wreath making and more! Sign up by scanning the QR code below, via FaithLife or on our website.

Angel Tree Sponsors – Beginning today, Angel Tree tags are available on the tree in Peeler Hall by the Front Desk and on the tree in the Sanctuary narthex. **Unwrapped Items are due back by Dec. 3** and should be brought either to Peeler Hall or dropped off at the Salvation Army.

Altar Flowers – Given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Linda Bethea Bost, by Pastor Larry Bost.

Baptismal Font Flowers – Given to the Glory of God with lasting thanks
for 65 years of faithful love and partnership, by Donna and Willi Beilfuss.

EVENT SIGN-UPS AND MORE ARE NOW IN ONE LOCATION – By scanning the QR code here, it will give you instant access to our giving portals, digital connect cards, enter prayer requests and various event sign-ups. Try it now!





*The congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.
Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.*

PRELUDE

We rise and face the cross.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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.**



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,



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

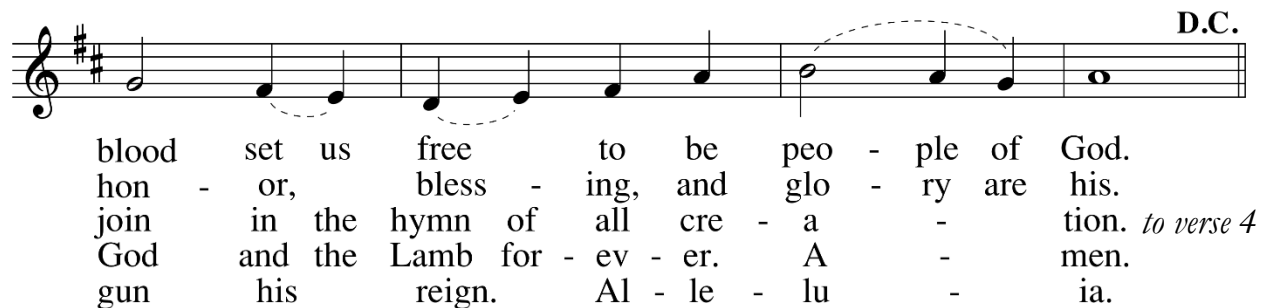
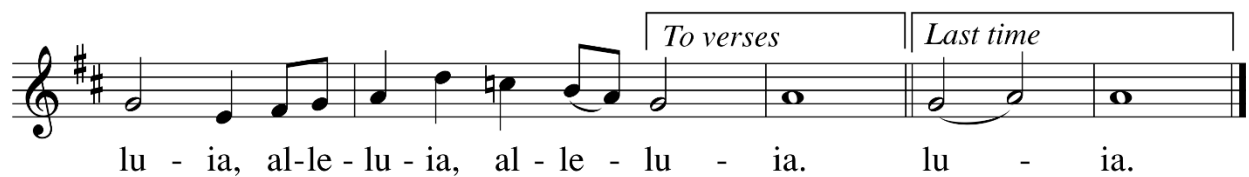


thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC 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.

THIS IS THE FEAST



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We 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. **Amen.**

Be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*There will be no Kingdom Kids today.
Children remain in the sanctuary.*

WORD

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



READING

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation, the 7th chapter.

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.

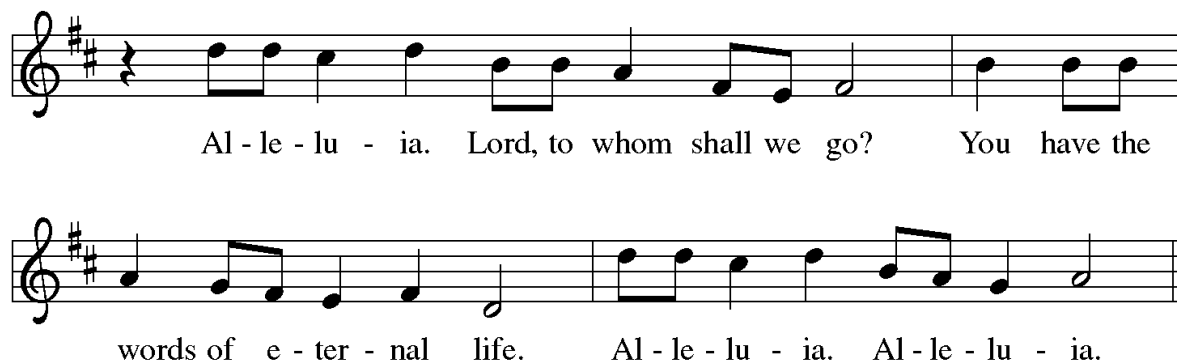
¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne 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.**

We rise.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12



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

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing

bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low

morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain

Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,
saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS AND PRAYERS

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we gather today at the river of our baptism, celebrating the eternal life that God has promised all the saints. We give thanks for their lives and we give thanks for their presence today in our hearts and minds. As we remember them in prayer, I invite you to remember them in spoken word as well, whispering “present” at the sound of each name.

We pray: Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne, kneeling as one at your table. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord Jesus Christ, through water and the Spirit you have escorted these saints into eternal rest:

*As each name is read, a candle is lit,
a handbell is rung and the congregation responds "present."*

Rosalie Adams
Kent Brown
Larry Cesario
Harold Deal
Loyd Hill
Debbie Hoffman
Judy Johnson
Mary Lou Lentz

John Myers
Harold Overcash
Ron Raper
Sarah Roberts
Anne Steele
Emily Stirewalt
Jim Whitton
Lisa Woodke

And for all loved ones who have died whom we name on our lips or in the silence of our hearts.

(a final candle is lit)

We pray: Lord God, as we celebrate the saints of old, we look to the day when our journeys will be complete. Prepare for us, Lord, a heavenly home, a new Jerusalem, at which time we, too, will be reunited with those we love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

And for all the needs of this world ... our community ... our homes ... for those who are sick ... those in transition ... those who struggle with despair ... and those who themselves are preparing for their eternal rest. Grant to each a measure of your grace and peace, that all may be nourished by your Word and promise. For we rejoice in your love, O Lord, knowing with confidence that You have blessed us with grace and given to all your faithful servants the gift of your heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, we confess 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.**

PEACE

Share the 'peace' of Christ with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Be seated.

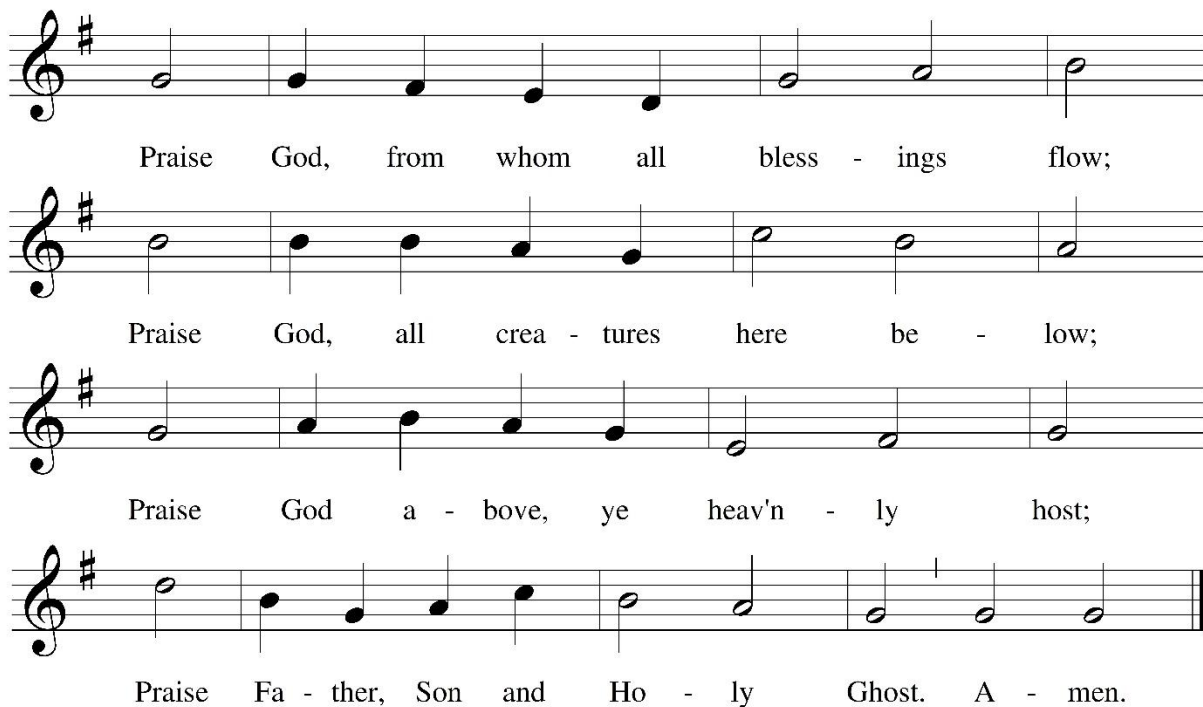
OFFERING AND ANTHEM

'Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
by Neil Harmon

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb. Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansion of the blest.*

We rise.

RESPONSE AND PRAYER



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

We pray: 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.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE AND HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

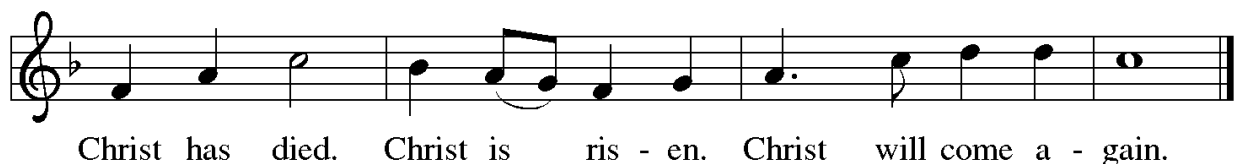
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

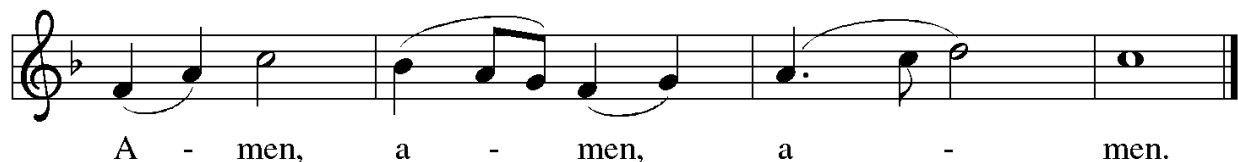
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER AND 1ST LORD'S PRAYER MILESTONE

The Lord's Prayer will be led by our first graders.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as 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

Come, Christ invites you to this table. **Thanks be to God.**

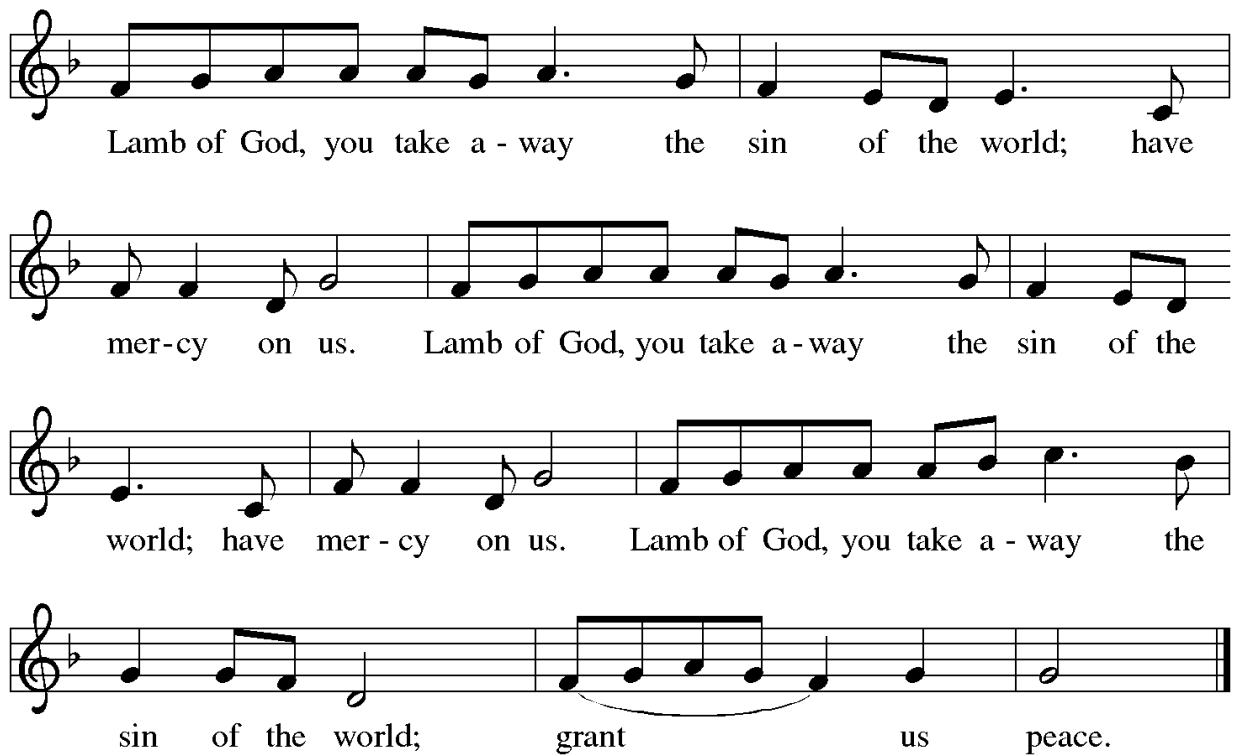
Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at the altar. Please follow the usher's guidance. At the altar, bread is served (gluten-free by request), followed by wine (grape juice by request). Those not receiving Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing (crossing your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor). If you need Communion brought to you, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.

***After communion, you are invited to light a candle
in memory of someone as you return to your seat.***

COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

‘Children of the Heavenly Father’
Janie Rollins (piano), Rosemary Kinard (flute)

arr. Mark Albrecht



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

We rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
 and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

We pray: 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. **Amen.**



BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

'By All Your Saints'

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1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 A - pos-tles, proph-ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throng
3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease-less song—
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new
till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Reader.....Stacey Shafer
Preacher.....Pastor Dan Joyner Miller
Presider.....Pastor James Demmel

ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

Acolytes.....Maddi Payonk and Jackson Williams
Crucifer.....Ashton Williams
Banner Bearer.....Balian Witt

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November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026

All Saints Sunday November 1, 2026

*O blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia!*



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