

CROSS OF GLORY

Lutheran Church & School



ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1, 2026

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Pastor Zachary Pudlo
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

Sunday 9am Worship

GROWING IN FAITH — LIVING IN GRACE — SHARING HIS GLORY

Welcome to our Worship Center

*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament.
As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

WORSHIP FOCUS



The cartoon character holds a sign saying, "The End Is Near." For Christians, this is not a message of fear. Instead, it is a message of watchful hope. Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end. Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the Word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready. **"The Beginning of the End"** reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and toward Christ's return. For believers, that end is truly a beginning. Our path through the last weeks of the church year is:

Oct 4	Speak Truth to Power	Nov 1	Focus on the Future
Oct 11	Invite the Unworthy	Nov 8	Watch for the Final Events
Oct 18	Give to God What is God's	Nov 15	Put Your Affairs in Order
Oct 25	Stay Steadfast	Nov 22	Hope for the best

Childbearing is excruciating. Yet each day countless women willingly become pregnant. They know that pain can be endured if it is temporary, with happier times coming immediately after. Likewise, the time between Christ's first and second coming is full of hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? We remember that it is temporary. Happier times are coming! That truth is crystal clear on All Saints' Day. On this day we remember every saint who has gone before us. We have in mind all those who had faith in Jesus, both the heroes of faith in Scripture and all faithful Christian family members. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. It's the beginning of the end, and we endure by remembering all the saints, focusing on the future glory that awaits us.

VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

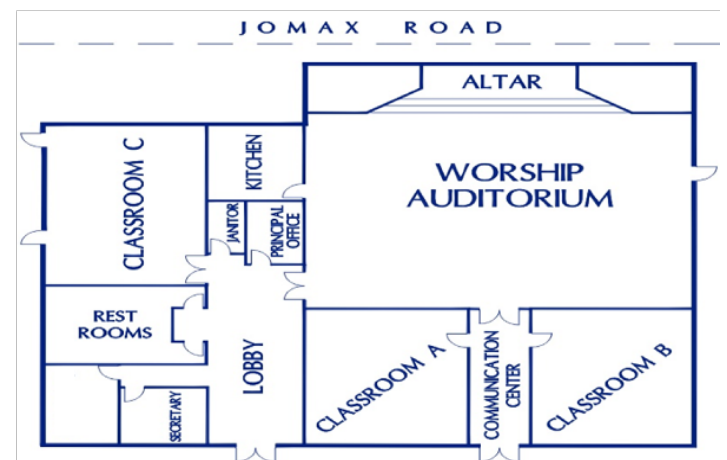


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CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- Children in Church Program: Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

IN MEMORIAL

REMEMBERING CROSS OF GLORY MEMBERS CALLED TO HEAVEN

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Faye Kennedy

M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

Phil Fidel

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

C: it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (Lamentations 3:25-26)

William Brooks

M: For the LORD will ransom Jacob

C: and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. (Jeremiah 31:11)

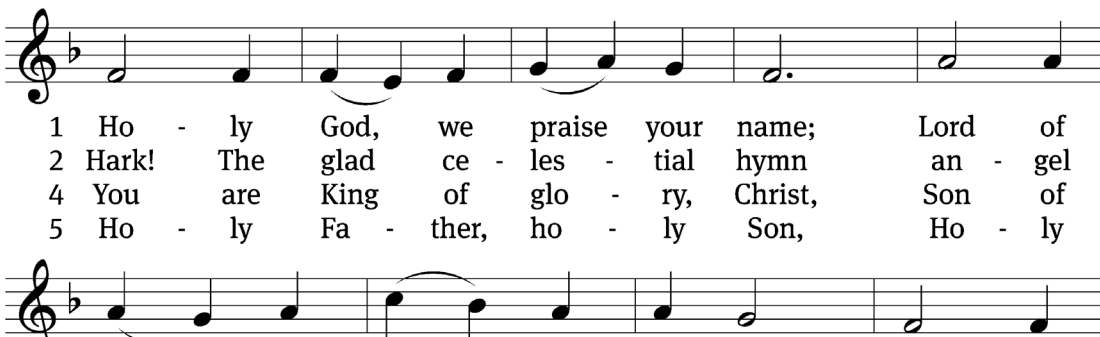
Juanita Word

M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

OPENING HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

CWH 953



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel
4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
Spir - it, three we name you, though in



We begin Memorial Services recalling members called to heaven this past year now living in the glory of Christ's light.



Hymn of praise, prayer, or reflection on the season of the church year.

We follow the advice of the Apostle Paul to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

(Colossians 3:16)

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing
sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt. Tune: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, alt. Text and tune: Public domain



The order of service for Christian Funeral begins with a remembrance of baptism with Bible verses from Galatians 3:26-27 and Romans 6:3-5 reminding the congregation that through baptism we are children of God and will be raised just as Christ was risen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In Holy Baptism, we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all our sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

GOD'S COMFORT

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

M: The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are further comforted and given the assurance by numerous Bible verses (Romans 6:3-5; Galatians 3:25-27; I Corinthians 15:53-57; Colossians 3:4) that a believer who dies in Christ will dwell with him forever in heaven.

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: then we also will appear with him in glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

¹See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. ²Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is. ³Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure.

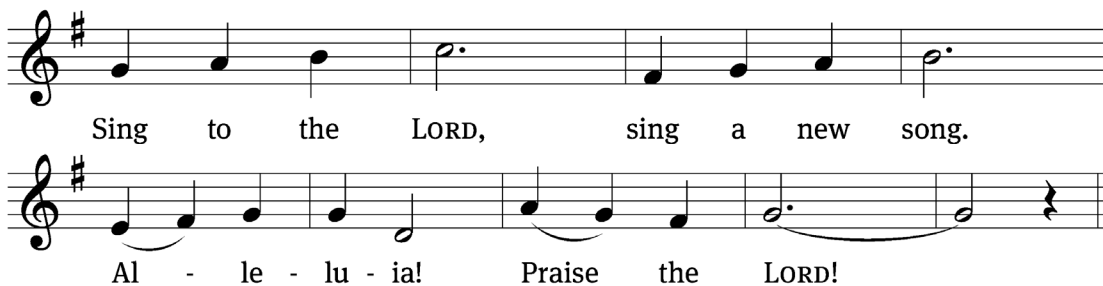


In love, God adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

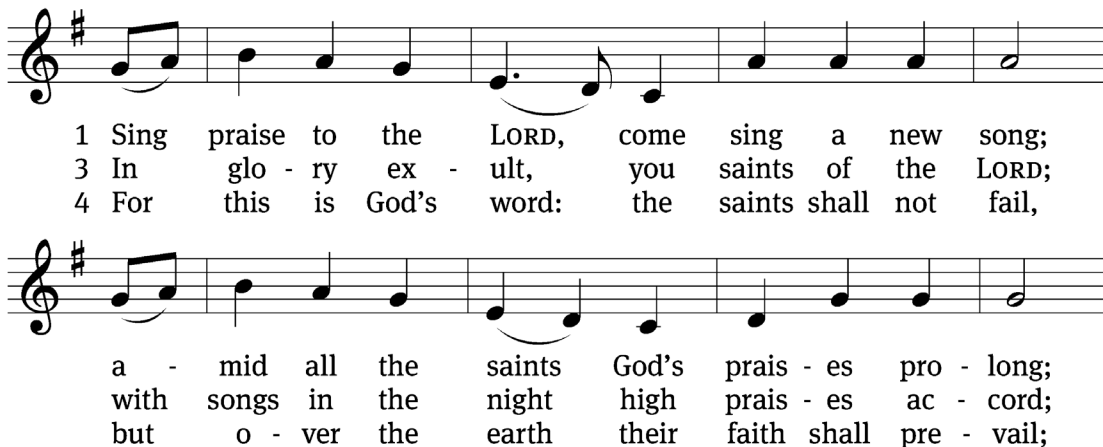
PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 149A

Refrain



Verses



The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
 go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

Refrain

let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SIT IN FRONT WITH PASTOR)



*Sorrow, hardship,
 and persecution are
 temporary. Eternal
 blessings are on the
 way.*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these things.

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

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

⁵Blessed are the gentle,
 because they will inherit the earth.

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

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
 because they will receive mercy.

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

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
 because they will be called sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
 because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the
 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that
 3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus

res - ur - rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark
 eye has yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges
 lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less

sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
 plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
 voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing; soon the
 God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it; there on
 Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on

storms of time shall cease; in God's like - ness we a -
 high our wel - come waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it
 faith; what joy un - known, when, a - mid earth's clos - ing

wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
 shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
 thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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SERMON

REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They called out with a loud voice and said: Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

¹¹All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹²saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).

¹³One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are they and where did they come from?"

¹⁴And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Because of this they are in front of the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple.

He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.

The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.

He will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

SONG OF THE SEASON: OUR GOD WILL GO BEFORE US

CANTORS SING VS. 1-2; CONGREGATION JOINS FOR VS. 3-4

*Our God will go before us
and guide us by his presence.
What confidence this promise
is we will never walk alone.*

*Through unknown paths, through shadows,
our hearts fear not tomorrow.
For ev'ry step, his faithfulness
is the truth that lights our way.*

Refrain:

*Our God will go before us;
the Lord of Hosts is with us.
Oh, praise the one who leads us on
for his grace will bring us home.*

CONGREGATION SINGS:



3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven will de -
fend us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the
bat - tle is the Lord's. Our God will go be - fore us; the
Lord of hosts is with us. O, praise the one who
leads us on for his grace will bring us home.



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



4. Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to
 hea - ven, where songs of sor - row strain no more and our
 ev - 'ry breath be praise; oh, let our ev - 'ry breath be praise!
 Our God will go be - fore us; the Lord of hosts is
 with us. O, praise the one who leads us on for his
 grace will bring us home. Our home. For his
 grace will bring us home.



Offering: The gifts of Gods people are a response to God's blessings. If God has moved you to thank him in this way, you can use this QR code to give an offering.

We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us.

(Matthew 6)

PRAYER

(SPOKEN BY MINISTER)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION

(SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY)

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved others as you command. For this I deserve your punishment now and forever. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(SPOKEN BY MINISTER)

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(1 John 1:9)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.



This hymn reminds those who are about to commune that Jesus said, "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13) and that "in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Ephesians 1:7)

COMMUNION CANTICLE: JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE

CWH 654

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

We follow the Scriptural practice of CLOSE COMMUNION. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: FOR ALL THE SAINTS

CWH 880

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



This is a hymn sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.

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

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
 and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

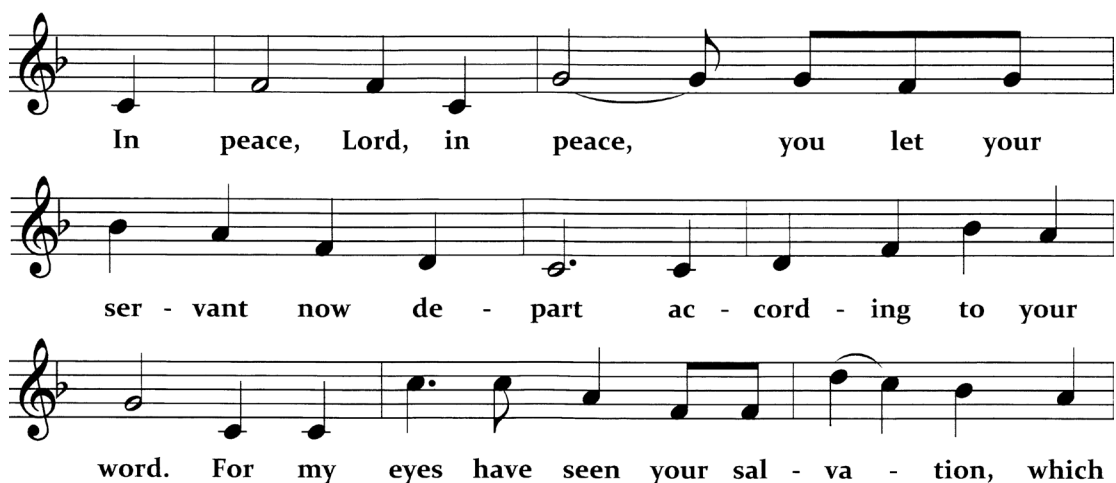
The golden evening brightens in the west;
 soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 the King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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SONG OF SIMEON NUNC DIMITTIS



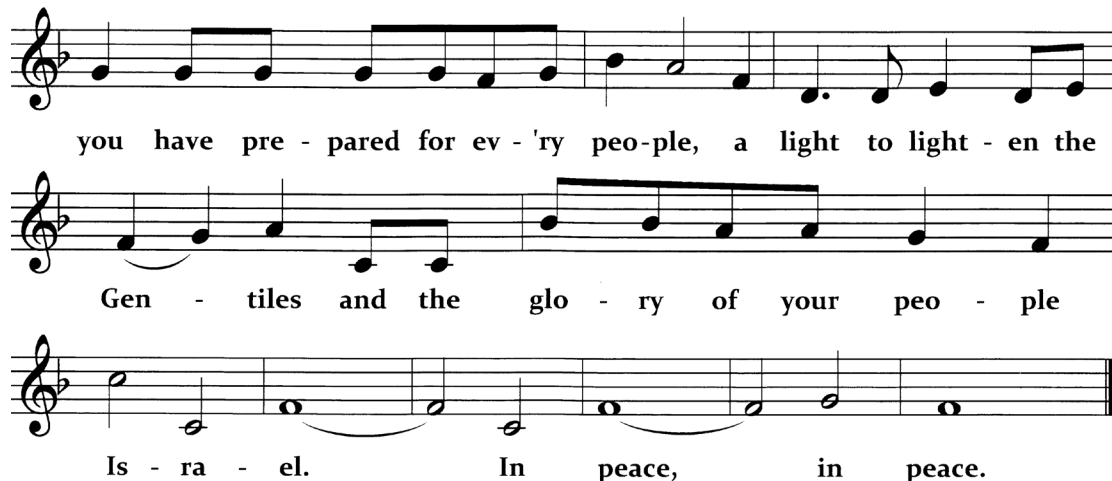
In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your
 word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.



The Aaronic Blessing is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23-27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.



BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

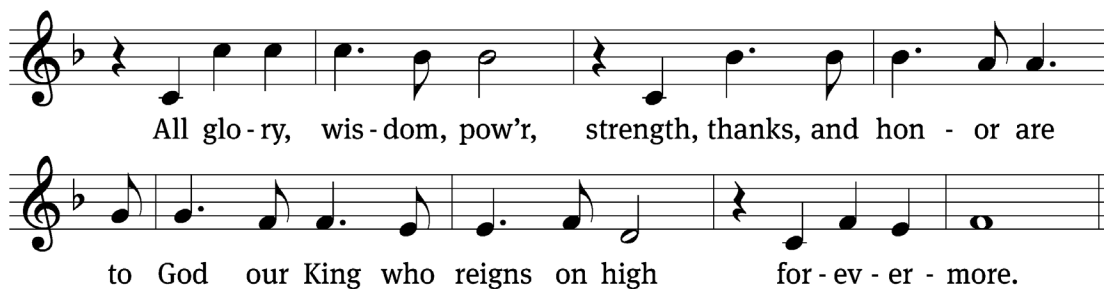
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

CWH 885





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PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

WAYS TO SERVE

Worship Volunteers	November 1 st	November 8 th	November 15 th
Counters	Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy	Karin Hansen Becky Jahns	Bob Decker Len Collyard
Communion	Andrea		Dawn
Greeters	Ditter Family	Henkel Family	Jennifer Lee Alyson Nancy Murphy
Ushers	Chris Patterson Bob Decker Grant Stern	Zach Plitzuweit Tanner Plitzuweit Adam Pentz	Cody Hall Timothy Hall David Conklin
Sunday Refreshments	Linda Stern Sue Proeber Brenda Grams	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink Liz Henkel	Jennifer Lee Rachel Plitzuweit
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The continuing purpose of this congregation as a gathering of Christians is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.