

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 7, 2021

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Have mercy on us, O God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.

We have built walls to keep away strangers.

We have hoarded earthly treasures and are not satisfied.

We have thought better of ourselves than we should.

Help us to love as you love,

to welcome everyone you send,

and to treasure mercy and demand justice for all people.

Amen.

Know that for the sake of Jesus Christ, God has forgiven all your sins and remembers them no more. Rejoice and be glad for the kingdom of God is yours!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

[See back of bulletin.]

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.**

KYRIE

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. (Isaiah 25:6-9)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24 (Read responsively)

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

²**for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

⁵They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?**
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

A Reading from Revelation

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

(Revelation 21:1-6a)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

(John 11:32-44)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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.

THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who bring your message of hope and share your gospel of love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the good creation. May all that you made good be cherished by future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, strengthen nations and leaders who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of healing, bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who suffer in any way, especially everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we praise you for feeding ministries and for all the meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(The Pastor concludes): God of the ages, we give you thanks for all your saints who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. These are the names of members and friends of our congregation who have left this world since our last All Saints services:

Clint L. Rarick, Ronald W. Umphrey, Gary M. Koch, Lauren A. (Herb) Dow, Charles R. Letcher, Kathryn E. Wakiyama, Lou Ann “Skip” Taylor, Dale J. Strouse, Brian W. Miller, Harold C. “Jim” Thomas, Jr., and Constance “Connie” E. Rudy.

We also silently lift up the names of our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates who are no longer with us here on earth, but are ever-present in our hearts and in our minds.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

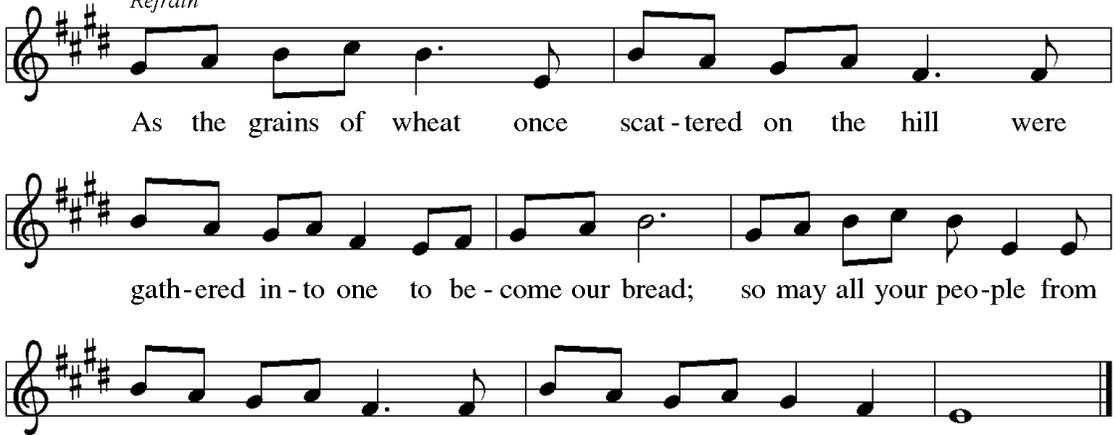
OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (8:00 a.m.)

ANTHEM (10:30)

OFFERTORY HYMN “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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second and third staves also end with double bar lines.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives that the world which you so dearly love may be nourished, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

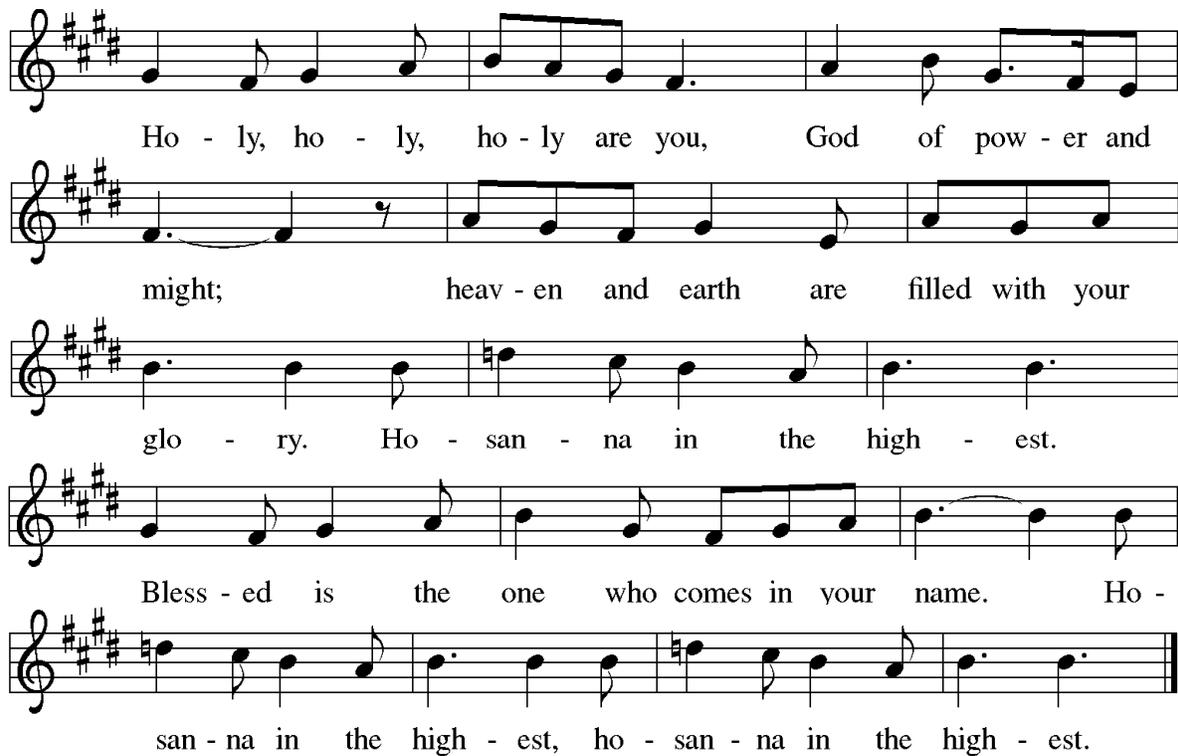
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should in all times and all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witnesses of the 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 choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send now, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance
with all your saints in light.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your saints of every time and place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven. All has been made ready.

INSTRUCTIONS

If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."

AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

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 on facing page.
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



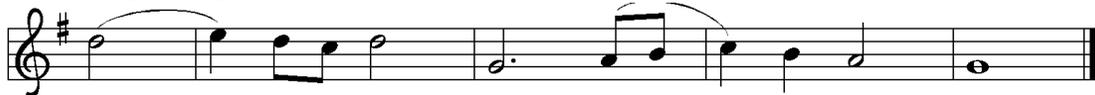
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .

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,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

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

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood, you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

And may the blessing of God,
who is Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Our Liturgy and Music are used by permission through Augsburg Fortress License #20611.

Altar flowers are presented in memory of Wrone and Rose Peifley by
Granddaughter, Tina Butler.

Bulletins are presented in loving memory of Juan Mato by the Lafko family.

Chancel flowers are presented in loving memory of my brother, Eric C. Shaud, by
Crystal Brensinger.

Introduction to the day: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come.

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SERVING THIS SUNDAY (11/07/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: Ron Rozansky

COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Glenda Bright; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr

COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor; ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko and Beth Post

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/14/21)

8:00 AM

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: TBA

COMMUNION ASST.: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Karen Shoener; LECTOR: Chris Long

COMMUNION ASST.: Connie Teter; ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko and Beth Post

COUNTERS: Joyce O’Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, November 7	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 AM STiC 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 8	7:00 PM Council
Tuesday, November 9	1:00PM WELCA "Thanksgiving Tea"
Wednesday, November 10	6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
Thursday, November 11	VETERAN'S DAY 7:00 PM Adult Forum Zoom
Saturday, November 13	9:00 AM Drive-by Chili & Soup Sale on the Square 5:30 PM Worship
Sunday, November 14	8:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion Sunday School Begins

MEN OF ST. PAUL'S

The Men of St. Paul's will host a "drive-by" Chili and Soup Sale this Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. "on the square." Come for great chili and many tasty homemade soups. Each is priced at \$7.00/quart or three (3) quarts for \$20.00. Breads and other baked goods will also be on sale. Bring your appetite and come!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting next Sunday, November 14, we will host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month! Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. For more information, contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522. We can't wait to see you there!

WELCA NEWS

The Women of the ELCA will have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving Tea this Tuesday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the church Gathering Room. All women of St. Paul's are invited to bring their own cup and saucer or mug and enjoy some fall fellowship and fun. The program for the meeting is being planned around "Thankfulness."

GATHERING HYMN Shall We Gather at the River

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.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the vocal line. The score includes a main body of text, a refrain section, and a final line of text. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

PLEASE GIVE TO HELP US REACH OUR PLEDGE

Every year our congregation makes a pledge of financial support for the work of the ELCA which reaches far beyond the walls of our congregation. This year we pledged \$9,000.00 in benevolence to help fund world hunger, efforts, support our missionaries, fund our seminaries, provide for refugees, and continue many ministries in our synod, throughout our nation, and around the world. Please consider increasing your benevolence giving so we can meet this year's pledge!