All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 3, 2024

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GATHERING

PRELUDE "O Rest in the Lord" F. Mendelssohn

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

we confess that we honor you with our lips, but harm our neighbors with our tongues.

We seek to possess more than we need, and our cravings cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first,

we place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Reform and renew us.

Give us new and abundant life that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God has promised to forgive our sins and remember them no more. Let us give thanks to God for by grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen**.

GATHERING HYMN

"Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen!" [See back of bulletin]

vs. 1, 4, 5 Only

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**.

HYMN OF PRAISE C - Congregation, I - Women, II - Men This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia. ■ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was al-le-lu-ia, slain, whose blood set us free peo - ple of to be God. of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, This is the feast al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **Ⅲ Pow** rich-es, wis-dom, and er, O glo - ry are strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and his. This is the of vic-to-ry for our God. feast Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and al-le-lu-ia, join in the hymn of all cre-a tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

and the Lamb for-ev-er.

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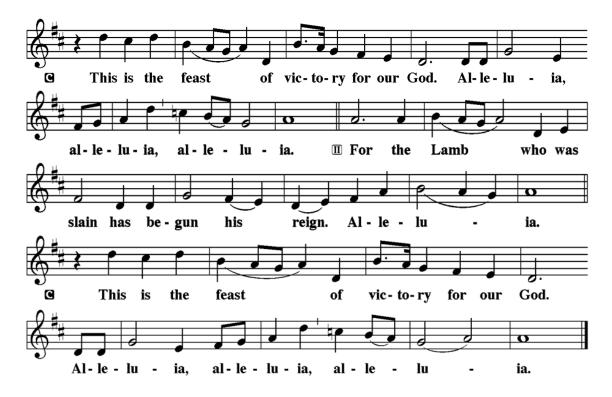
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men.



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)

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

for he has founded it on the seas,

and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in.

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



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 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 11:17-44)

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "For All Your Saints, O Lord" [See back of bulletin]

THE NICENE CREED (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

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

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Wake your church from slumber. Free us from fear and shame. Give us courage to share your good news, so all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish drought-stricken areas. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Give us wisdom and discernment as we elect leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Comfort those who weep, befriend the lonely, encourage those who despair, and heal the suffering. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Bless our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. These are the names of the members of our congregation who have left this world since our last All Saints services:

Nicole A. Just and Harry L. Detwiler

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 who are ever-present in our hearts and in our minds.

A brief silence.

Keep them in your care until you gather all your children together as one. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:00 AM) "Sheltered in the Arms of God" Tom & Gwen Wehr - Duet

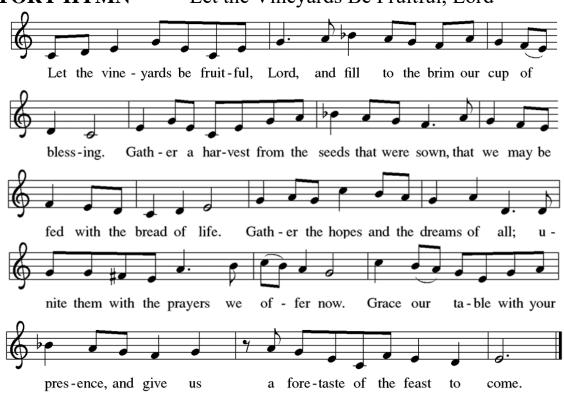
J. Davis

ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

"Gather by the River to Pray*"

P. Chopin

OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord"

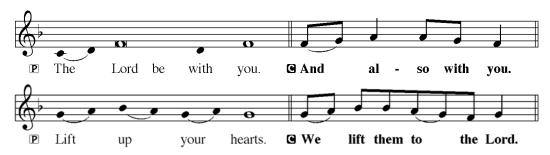


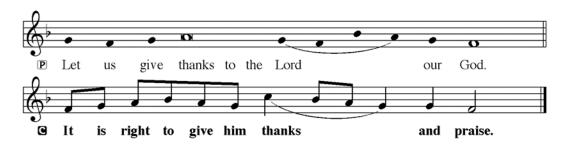
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your love you provide for all our needs. Multiply these gifts which we bring to you and increase our faith so that we are always ready to share every good gift with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

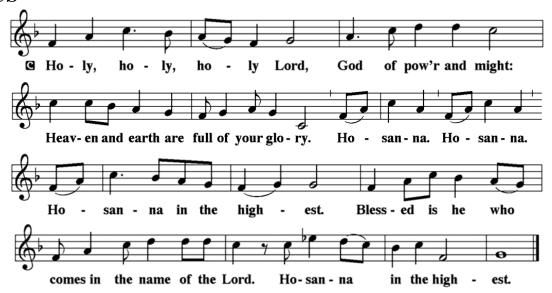
GREAT THANKSGIVING





It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints, you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Almighty and merciful God;

you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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 salutary command,

his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be forgiven of our sin, be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

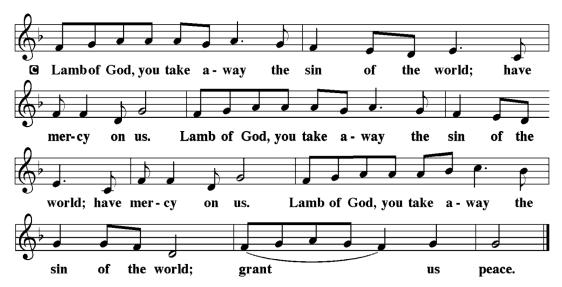
INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by <u>intinction</u>. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament, and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMN

"For All the Saints" [See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God, that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son uniting us through him and all your saints in the communion of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Go Forth in Peace" T. I

T. Birchwood

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Introduction to the Day: On All Saints Day, we grieve for our loved ones, knowing God values our tears. But we also celebrate the victory of the faithful who have died. Christ has won the promise of eternal life for all believers.

- **Altar flowers** are presented in honor of Hadley Bolinsky's birthday by Deb and Stan.
- **Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of mother, Margaret B. Piacine, by daughter, Danielle Richards.
- **Chancel flowers** are presented in honor of Jeffery II's and Josephine's birthdays on November 7 by Cindy and Jeff Ritschel.
- **Bulletins** are presented in memory of John A. and G. Roger Lengel, my brothers, by James W. Lengel and the Lengel Family.

Anthem "Gather by the River to Pray*" was presented in loving memory of Gertrude "Aggie" Veronsky by Justin McClure (2023).

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S				
Sunday, November 3	8:00 AM	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship with Holy Communion		
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum		
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion		
Monday, November 4	6:30 PM	Finance		
Tuesday, November 5		ELECTION DAY		
Wednesday, November 6	6:00 PM	Bell Choir		
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir		
Thursday, November 7	6 to 7:00 PM	"Second Sunday" Family Supper In Reidler Hall		
Saturday, November 9	5:30 PM	Worship		
Sunday, November 10		SECOND SUNDAY		
•	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion		
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum and Youth Sunday School		
9:00 to 10:15 AM 10:30 AM		Second Sunday Snacks and Fellowship		
		Worship with Holy Communion		
		Children's Sunday School		

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?

Please worship with us again. Take a copy of our newsletter. Check out our webpage. Visit us on Facebook. Watch our weekly video on YouTube and get to know us better! We have a rich Lutheran tradition, but we are not old-fashioned. Everyone is invited to worship with us and work together to the glory of God!

SERVING TODAY (11/3/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Amy Dewald

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Amy Dewald

10:30 AM

GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Joyce O'Rourke; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Evan Davis ALTAR GUILD: Chris Long and Barb Sterner COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr and Glenda Bright

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/10/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike; LECTOR: Connie Teter

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Connie Teter

10:30 AM

GREETER: Wayne Lutsey; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Becky Smoot

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Deb Bolinsky ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle and Diane Brobst

"SECOND SUNDAY" SUNDAY SCHOOL

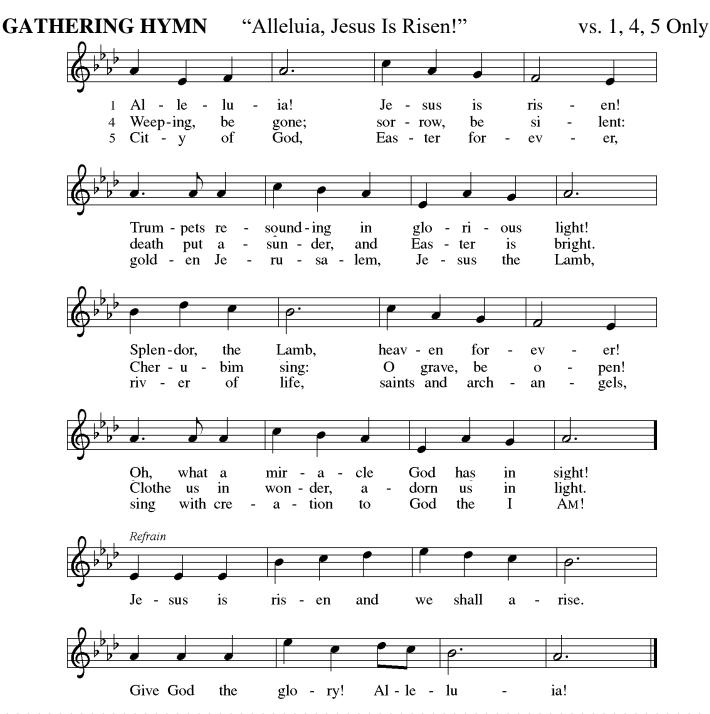
Our next Second Sunday School class will take place next Sunday, November 10! Children ages 1 through 6 are invited to join us for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Young people aged 7 through 12 are invited to a youth group with Bible study and activities from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. (Parents are invited to stay and enjoy fellowship time with snacks and coffee while their children are in class.)

Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com.

SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH US!

The Evangelism Committee would like to continue sending cards to lift the spirits of those members who cannot join us for worship, college students, and military personnel. Please call Connie Teter (at 570-366-0255) or contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with new names and addresses as well as any changes of address.



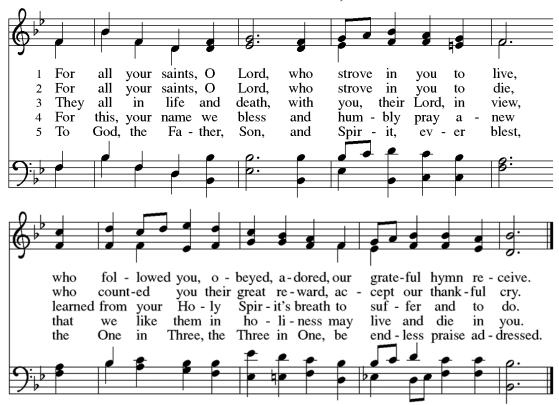
VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5!

Our faith and our citizenship are not separate; they are intertwined. As faithful believers in Jesus Christ, we have a duty to contribute to the common good, and voting is a powerful tool to do just that!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY SUPPER

Our Sunday School Family Supper will be on Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m. Join us for a family meal in Reidler Hall. The whole family is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to help us plan for food.

HYMN OF THE DAY "For All Your Saints, O Lord"



WELCA HAT & SCARVE DRIVE

The women of our church are collecting new knitted, or crocheted, dark-colored hats and scarves for Seafarer's International Christmas "Ditty Bags" project. There is a box in our narthex for donations. The deadline for this drive is November 17.

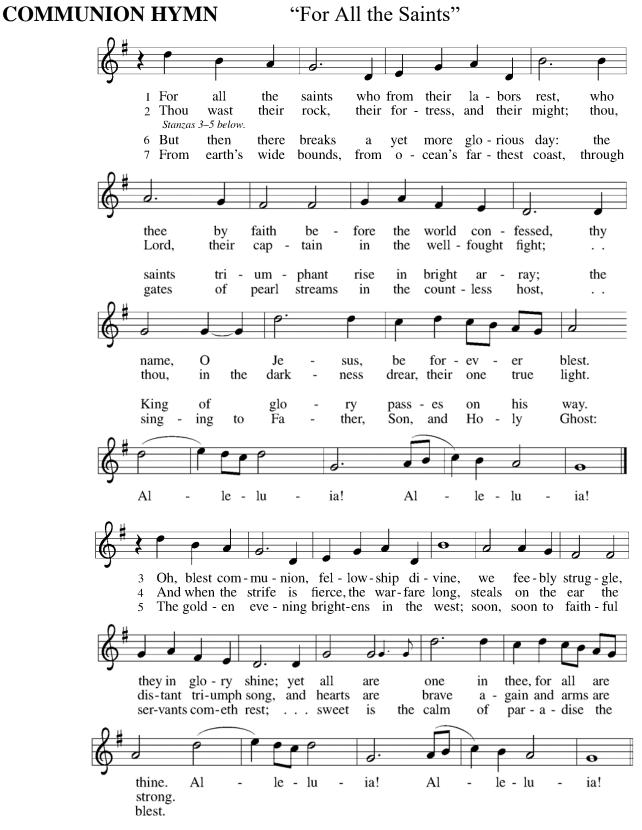
"NEW MEMBER" SUNDAY

Our Evangelism Committee will honor our newest members on Sunday, November 17. A reception for them will follow the 10:30 a.m. service. Let us give thanks to God for our newest members!

OUR PASTOR & STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. to 12 NOON



A MYSTERY!

Recently, a large hanging plant was removed from its place near the windows in the gathering room. If you have taken this plant (or know what has happened to it), please contact Pastor Mike.

SENDING HYMN "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

