PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

> **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.
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> **Quiet room** Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.
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> A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: ALL SAINTS DAY

SAINTS: Saint = 'holy one'. All whom the Spirit brings to faith in Jesus are holy in God's sight. They are not holy by what they do, but by what Jesus did for them, washing them clean from sin and clothing them in His holy life as a gift. The Bible teaches us that saints are not 'superhero' Christians, but simply Christians.

ALL: On October 18, we celebrated the minor festival of *Saint Luke, Evangelist*. The Christian Church has long set aside days to thank God for the lives and examples of well-known saints (believers) from the Bible and Church History (e.g. *The Conversion of Saint Paul* – January 25 or *Saint Patrick's Day* – March 17). Today we thank God for *ALL* saints – all believers – every day Christians who are saints of God through faith in Jesus. We on earth feebly struggle, the saints home in heaven shine in glory, yet all are One in God's Church, *The Communion of Saints.*

RITE OF SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

During today's service we will observe the Rite of Saints Triumphant. It consists of a responsive reading of Bible passages along with the names and dates of Peace members who have died since our last observance of this rite on Saints Triumphant Sunday about a year ago. The number in parenthesis indicates their age when they passed. This rite is a powerful reminder that our fellow believers have been buried in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

LEARN FROM SAINTS OF OLD

Hebrews 11 and 12 encourage us to learn from the believers of old. What do we learn? Their lives show us they were sinners saved only by God's gracious gift just like us. God the Holy Spirit gave them faith to trust His promises and that faith brought forth fruits of faith in their lives. The Lord delivered them through many and difficult trials and did great things through them. He has promised you the same! **Why not read Hebrews 11 and 12 this week?**

Below are some quotes from saints from the history of the church, who are all part of our one family in Christ, our ancestors in the faith:

Ambrose of Milan (340-397)
Christ was a little child so that you could become perfect. He was wrapped in swaddling cloths so you could be liberated from the chains of death. He was in a manger, so that you could be in the sanctuary; he was upon earth so that you could be in heaven. There was no room for him in the inn, so that many mansions in heaven might be at your disposal. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich. His poverty, therefore, is our inheritance, and the weakness of the Lord is my strength. He chose want so that he could be an abundance of gifts to all.

John Chrysostom (347-407) (From his Easter Sermon)
Let none lament his poverty; for the universal Kingdom is revealed. Let none bewail his transgressions; for the light of forgiveness has risen from the tomb. Let none fear death; for the death of the Savior has set us free.

Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)
You (Lord) have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

Jerome (c. 342-420)
Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ. Make knowledge of the Scripture your love ... Live with them, meditate on them, make them the sole object of your knowledge and inquiries.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon ..... Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist .....Mrs. Lynn Proeber

OPENING HYMN *Jerusalem the Golden* | **CW 889**

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.[1]

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

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

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

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.

Amen.

[1] This is the promise Word of God used with water in Holy Baptism. There God made us saints in Christ.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

Praise to You, Eternal Father[2] | **CW 952**



[2] Today we sing a setting of the liturgical song the *Te Deum Laudamus* (*We Praise You O God*). Normally we sing a setting of the ancient liturgical song the *Gloria in Excelsis* (*Glory be to God in the Highest*) at this place in the Divine Service. We use the *Te Deum* today on All Saints' Day, because it specifically mentions departed saints – the prophets, martyrs and apostles along with the whole Church, that is all the saints, all the believers.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING **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.

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.

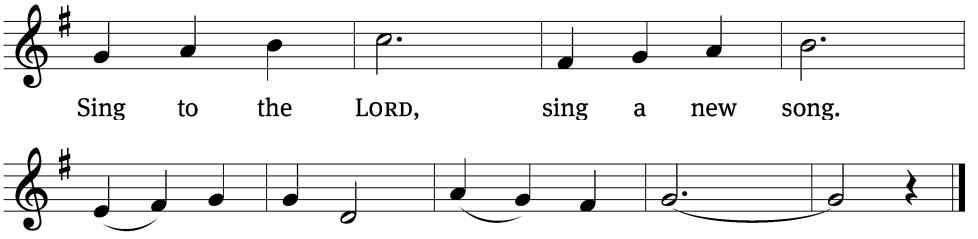
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

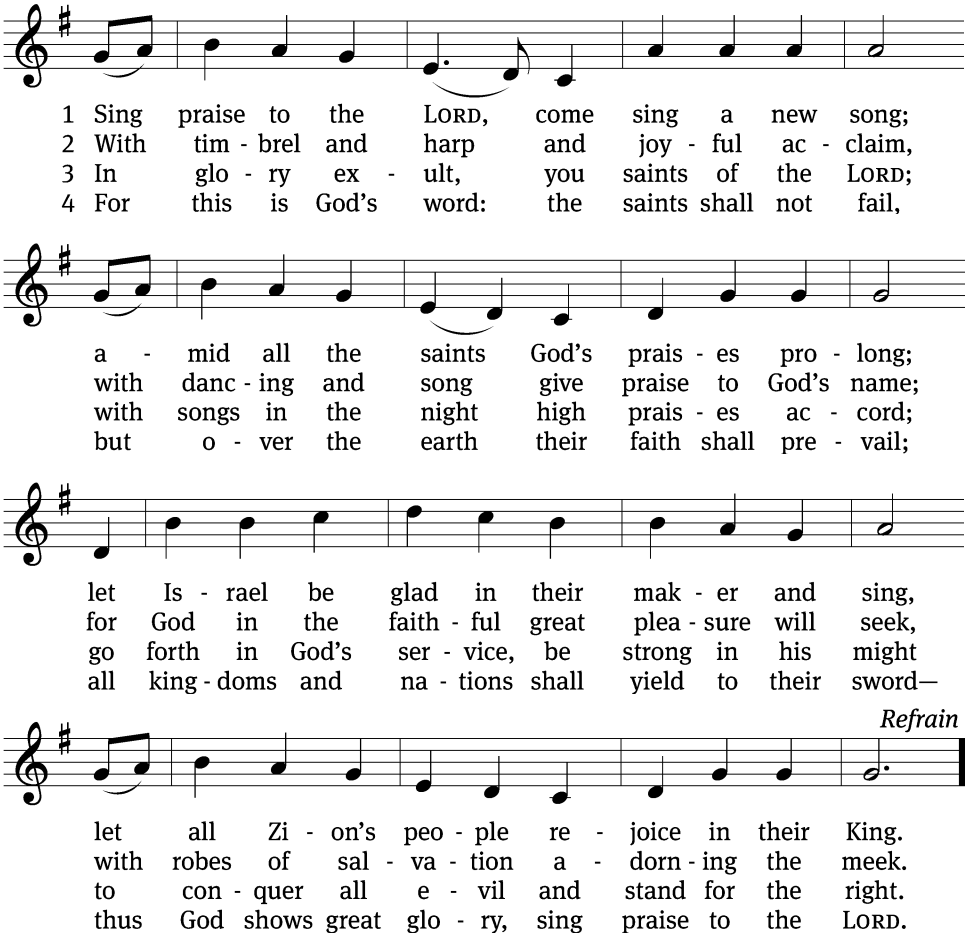
PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 149A

Refrain



Verses



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SECOND READING — 1 John 3:1–3

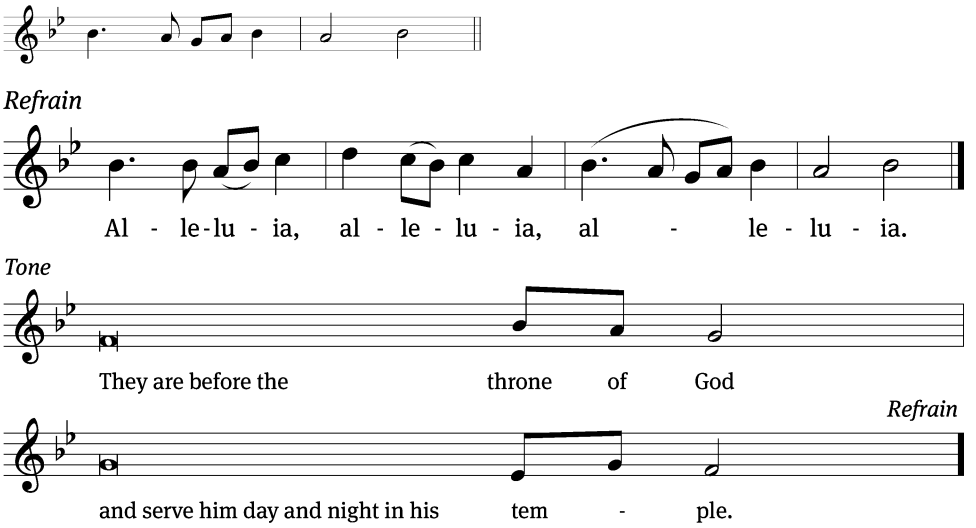
[1]See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and
that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. [2]Dear friends,
we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that
when he is revealed we will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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Revelation 7:15



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GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1–12**

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

[3]Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.
[5]Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.
[6]Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.
[7]Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.
[8]Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.
[9]Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.
[10]Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *By All Your Saints Still Striving* | **CW 892:1,4,3**

SERMON **1 John 3:1-3**

The Saints of God Are…

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints[3],
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day…

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day…

[3] *The communion of saints* it not a separate entity from *the Holy Christian Church*, but another name for God's Church of believers. Those the Holy Spirit has called to faith in Christ through the Gospel, making them part of His Church, have something in common (communion) – namely, they are saints of God, holy because God forgives them and clothes them with Jesus' own holiness.

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day…

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day…

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day…

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows–for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Honoring God with a portion of our financial blessings is a biblical expression of how we worship Him. [Jesus said] "Come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:24).

Offering plates are by the doors of this worship space.

You may use this QR code to make an offering with your phone.

Rite of Saints Triumphant

November 2025 – November 2026
(A Responsive Reading)

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)

Tim Schultz (77) *January 21, 2026*

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)

Wanda Hahn (74) *April 7, 2026*

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)

Barb Quamme (79) *July 10, 2026*

HYMN *For All the Saints* | **CW 880**

Please stand

PRAYER[4]

We thank you Lord for those who have gone before us in faith, who have shared with us in your gifts of life, peace and forgiveness through the hearing of the gospel, of new life and the promise of resurrection through your Son in baptism, who with us have been fed the body and blood of Christ at your holy table, and who now have been called to the heavenly feast that will never end.

Lord, look upon your communion of saints here on earth. Strengthen and keep us in the one true faith, and make us grow in fervent love for you and for one another. Bring us with your saints to glory everlasting, that with them we may sing your praise forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

[4] Adapted from "Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (4)" from ACollectionOfPrayers.com.

CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Now You Let Your Servant*[5] | **CW 951**



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[5] This liturgical song is called *The Song of Simeon.* It is what Simeon sang in the temple courts as he held the forty day old Christ-child in his arms. We join this saint of old in singing of the Peace Jesus gives us, because through His Word, we too have seen Jesus, our Light and Salvation with eyes of God-given faith. You can read about Simeon in Luke 2:25-35.