Messiah Lutheran Church
All Saints Day
November 1, 2026 10:30 am

Welcome to Messiah

We are a community of grace where we live out Jesus' commandment to love God with our whole heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We also seek to be a welcoming community for all people. This includes people of every race, ability, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnic background, economic grouping, religious affiliation, and political persuasion. We do this simply because God created all people in God's own image and Christ Jesus came so all people might have abundant life. We may not always be perfect, but this is our intention--all are welcome!

The presiding minister will read the sections in plain, you are invited to read the bold sections.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

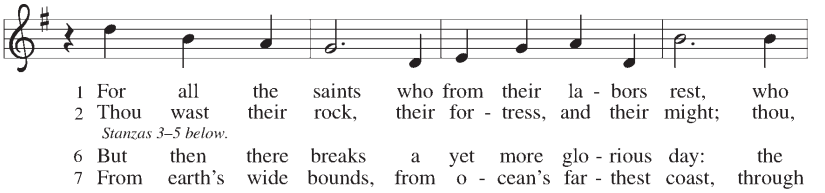
(please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

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.

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.

Gathering Hymn

#422 "For All the Saints"



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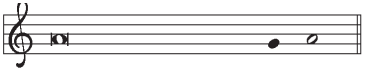
Greeting

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

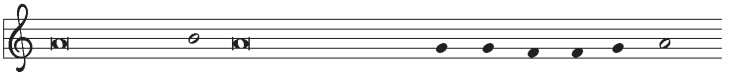
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

First Reading *(please be seated)*

Revelation 7:9-17

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."

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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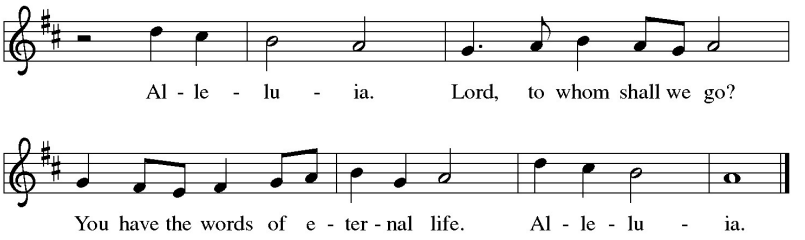
Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit)*



Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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 our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *(Please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day

#423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Apostles' Creed *(please stand as you are able in body or spirit)*

**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.**

Remembrance of All Saints

We have just confessed our faith in "the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." This is the promise into which we were baptized. God has joined us to the death and resurrection of Christ and given us the Holy Spirit as the pledge of the life that is to come.

Trusting this promise, on this All Saints' Day we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith. In a moment, I will read the names of members of Messiah who have died during the past year. As each name is read, a candle will be lit and a bell will ring. Later, during the final petition of the Prayers of Intercession, you will be invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of others who are on your hearts today.

Bill Maki, Tom Osier, Ken Vickstrom, Tina Johnson, Helen M. Johnson, Pauline Kiltinen, Kathy Osier, David Dill, Jan Vickstrom, John Kiltinen, Gene Arntsen

We give thanks for these saints and entrust them to the God who claimed them in baptism and whose love is stronger than death.

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Silence.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially... God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection, we give you thanks for all your saints: those known throughout the church, those known to this congregation, and those known especially to us.

As we continue in prayer, you are invited, if you wish, to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of someone you love, giving thanks for their life and entrusting them into the love of God.

We thank you for their lives, for the love we received through them, and for the ways their lives continue to shape our own. Keep us in communion with all your saints until that day when death is no more and you gather all things together in Christ. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Special Music

"Behold A Host" Jonah Hardenbergh, Baritone Soloist, *accompanied by Tuba Quartet*

Offering

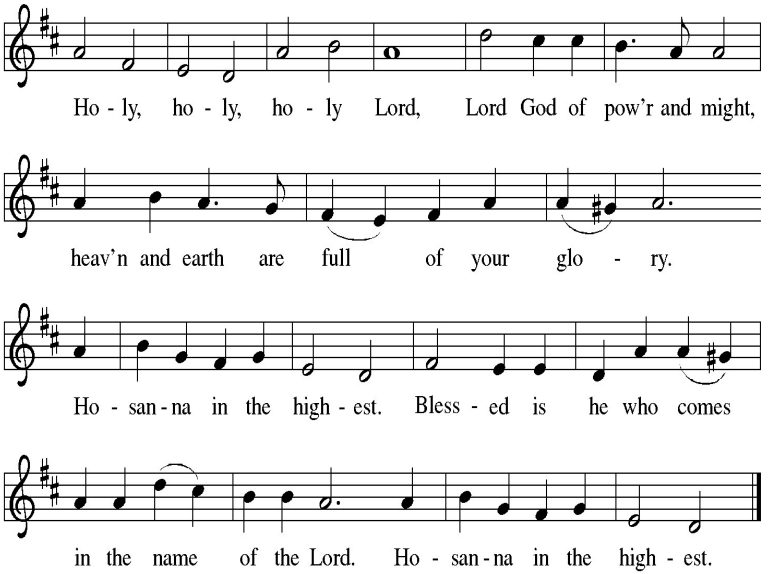
Offering Prayer

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 Lord's Supper

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.
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, …
… 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.**

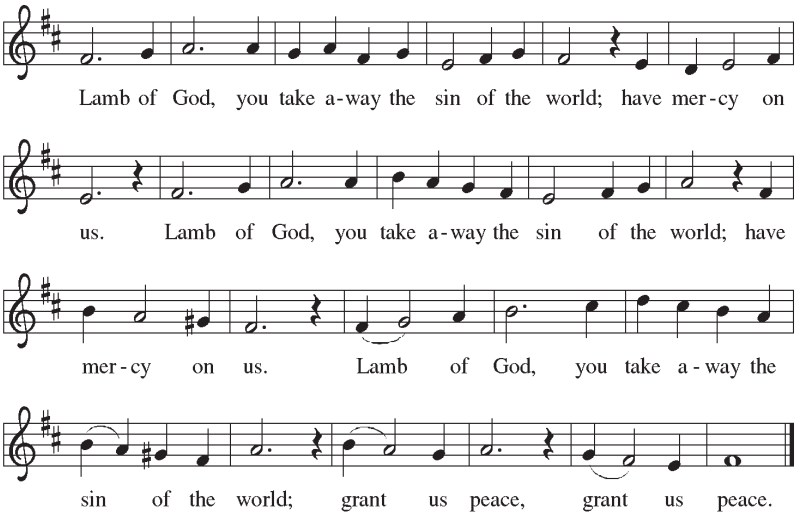
Holy Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

<u>When an usher invites you, come forward.</u>
*At either station, receive **bread** and **dip it into the wine** (intinction); Or, if you prefer the **common cup**, receive bread at either station, eat it, and then step to the minister between the stations to drink from the shared cup; **Gluten-free wafers** and **separate wine or grape juice** are available; If you prefer a **blessing,** come forward with your arms crossed. Return to your seat by the side aisles.*

Communion Hymns *(Please be seated)*

"Lamb of God"



#977 "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"
#493 "Taste and See"

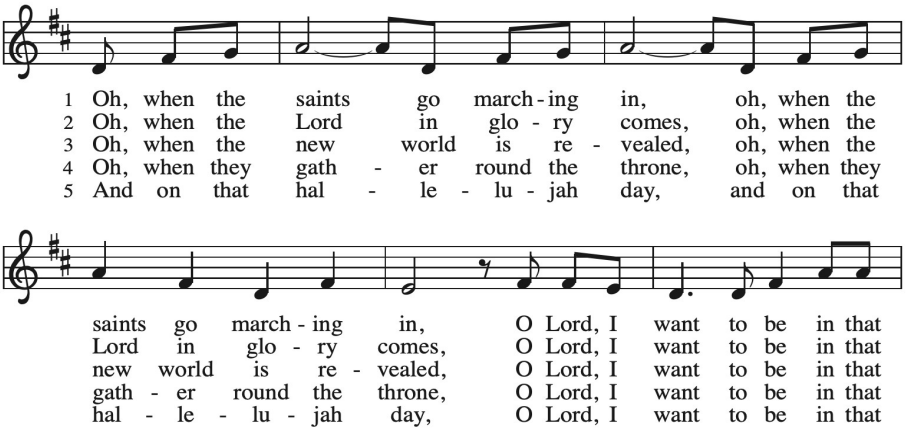
Post Communion Blessing & Prayer *(Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit)*

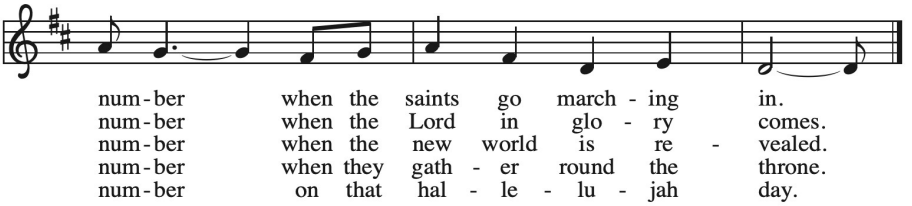
Blessing

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

Sending Hymn

#950 "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"





Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Sending

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

Postlude

Guest Musicians

Euphonium Leah Elenbaas & Gordon Erickson
Tuba: Chris Adams & Tom Bronken
Vocal Jonah Hardenbergh

Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church

Children belong in worship!
Worship kits and a nursery space is available. God rejoices in the joyful noise of children and so do we!

God calls us to welcome everyone!
Messiah seeks to be a welcoming community and to share the love of God with our neighbors. If you are new, please introduce yourself to our pastors.

Worship should be accessible!
Hearing devices (and T-Coil) and large print bulletins are available. We invite you to sit or stand as you are comfortable. All gender and family restroom facilities are available on the first level, please see signs in the Narthex.

All are welcome at Jesus' table!
During communion grape juice and gluten-free options are available. Those not wishing to commune may come forward for a blessing. Those not able to come forward may receive communion in their pew, please notify the usher.

God calls us to pray!
Private prayer requests may be made by writing them on the back of the Welcome Card. If you would like to be added to the prayer list or receive a pastoral care visit, please contact the church office.

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Band Members:	Tom Bronken, Darren Smith, Ross Larson
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