

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A faithful, serving community, joyfully sharing Christ's love.



All Saints Day

November 1, 2026

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

The congregation is invited to worship in any way that is comfortable and meaningful such as standing, sitting, kneeling, coloring, etc. You are invited to join in worship by speaking the responses in bold type.

SILENT MEDITATION DURING PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**



- 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.

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.**

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.**

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

FIRST READING: 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.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 34:1-10, 22 will be read responsively

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;

the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

² **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²² O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #175



GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel According to **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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints

ELW #422

Remembering Our Loved Ones



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for-ress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.

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



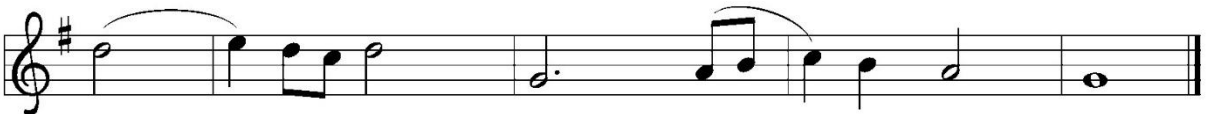
thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; . .

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 dread, 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, we fee-bly strug-gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

**God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, such as a handshake, hug, or peace sign and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

OFFERING

Offering can be left in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, sent to the church office, or given online by using the QR code to the right.



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.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

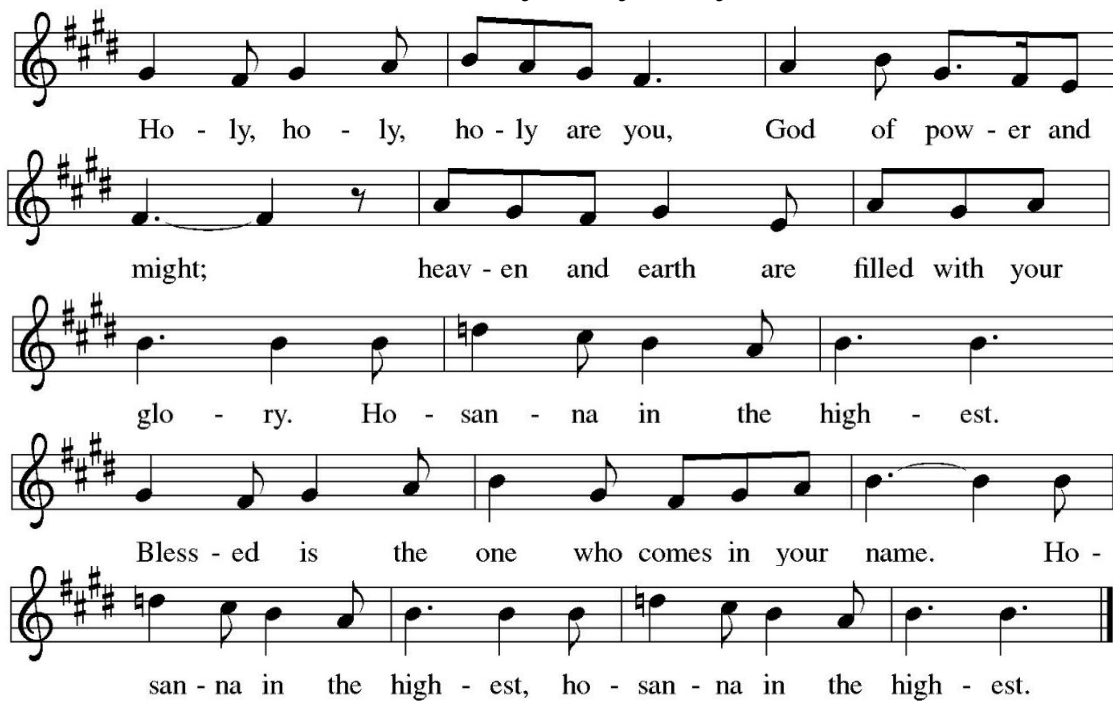
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION RESPONSE

Holy Holy Holy

ELW #191



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

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

We invite you to commune in whatever way is comfortable to you, either from your seat using the prepackaged elements or by coming forward to the altar rail. To commune at the altar rail, please proceed down the diagonal aisles and pick up a cup from the silver plates. You will be given a wafer and then offered wine (first chalice) or grape juice (second chalice). For those communing online, please join us using whatever bread/crackers and wine/grape juice you have at home. All are welcome at God's table.

The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you. Amen

COMMUNION SONG**Christ Our Peace**

ACS #1037

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

COMMUNION HYMN**Just As I Am, without One Plea**

ELW #592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second and third staves contain the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS #950



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE****UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026 | 10:00am Worship**NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE OF THE MONTH**

Covenant House

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

MONDAY: 6:00 pm Community Table at Ponds Reformed
TUESDAY: 6:30 pm AA Meeting
WEDNESDAY: 7:30 pm Band Practice
THURSDAY: 12:00 pm Bible Study
SATURDAY: Property Work Day
SUNDAY: 9:15 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Worship

TODAY'S MINISTERS

GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Keith Ross	Karen Bell
MUSICIAN: Steve Malski	FLOWER GUILD: Nancy Krause
ASSISTING MINISTER: Valerie Nicolosi	VIDEO TECH: Alex Boyce
LAY READER: Eleanore Orman	COUNTERS: Tony Baglieri & Linda Axtell
USHER: Tony Baglieri	COORDINATING COUNCILOR: Eleanore Orman
GREETER: Brigitte Albrecht	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Michele Weintraub & Arnold Ludke	COFFEE HOUR: Linda Axtell
ALTAR GUILD: Amy Ludke &	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship: Our Daily Bread — Sharing God's Gifts

"Give us this day our daily bread." These familiar words invite us to recognize God's care in our everyday lives and consider how we can share that care with others. On Sunday, November 1, Messiah will begin Our Daily Bread, our stewardship campaign. Bread is a fitting theme for our congregation—from the bread we share at communion to Linda's lovingly baked loaves and the food we collect for our neighbors. Each reminds us that God's gifts nourish us and give us something to share.

Throughout November, we invite everyone to prayerfully consider how their time, talents, and financial gifts can support Messiah's ministry in the coming year. Your generosity helps make worship, faith formation, fellowship, and care for our neighbors possible. The campaign will conclude on Sunday, November 22, when our pledges will be blessed during worship. Whether you are making your first pledge or renewing a longtime commitment, thank you for helping Messiah continue as a faithful serving community, joyfully sharing Christ's love.

Bible Study: Join us on November 5th at noon for Bible Study. We are using the book **A is for Alabaster**. If you need a copy, check the church library or let Joan or Eleanore know.

Book Club on Zoom at 7:00 pm:

November 9th: "The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife" by Anna Johnston

The Thanksgiving Tree

The tree is currently up and we are collecting items to help provide Thanksgiving dinner for local families. Please take an item or 2 from the tree and bring them back NO LATER than November 15th. Root vegetables (potatoes, celery, carrots, etc.) will be collected outside the church on Saturday, November 21st.

Advent

We will be working on an Advent project on November 15th followed by a special coffee hour. There will be a sign-up sheet to make sure we have enough supplies for this craft. There will also be a children's craft for little hands. We will also be writing Christmas cards on November 8th and 15th to be sent to veterans or a nursing home.



**Please keep in prayer the following people in our
Messiah family:** Jonny & Natalie, Kim, Len, Mike, Sue and
Alex.

And the following friends and family:

Those in the armed forces, especially those connected to our
congregation including Evan and Joseph

Erika, Kristen's sister

June, Lee's mother

Helen, Keith, Karen, Clyde & Lauren, Valerie's cousin, brother & friends

Marilyn & Vincent, Lisa's parents

Melinda, Eleanore's sister

Miro, Vesna's father

Ron & June, Karen's parents

Gayle, friend of Joan & Eleanore

Janice, food pantry volunteer

Jennifer, friend of Sue & Eleanore

John, Joan, Todd, Peggy, Jim, Kathy, Carol, Ellie, and Marianne &
family, Ron & Marilyn's friends

Kim, friend of Sue

Mark and Keith, Susanne's friends

Michele H. & Dee, friends of Weintraub's

Brandon, Nancy, & Bobby, son, friend & uncle of Kim

Peggy & Christine, Alex's aunts

Peter, Terri's father

Thomas, Maria, Gary, & Julie, friends of Tony & Edie

Alexa, Hank, Paula, Julie, Cynthia & Samy, friends and coworkers of Nancy

Andrew & Caroline, friends of Kim & Michele

Roland, son of Eleonore

The family of Jason Gelman

The family of Janie Arcudi

The family of Rich Chimento

Please let us know if you have changes we should make to our prayer list