

God Sightings
God's Care for the Widow
All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2024



PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

Journeying together in love for God and for all people.

Our Vision

A world where all people will experience love
and know their value in the eyes of God.

ELW = red hymnal ACS = purple hymnal

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail
of courage through time,**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time
and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a
cloud of witnesses,
let us worship God with joy!**

Processional Hymn *with Asperges*

For All the Saints

Stanzas 1-3

ELW 422

Asperges is the act of sprinkling the congregation with water from the baptismal font. With each drop, you are invited to recall and rejoice in the promises made to you in baptism.

Greeting

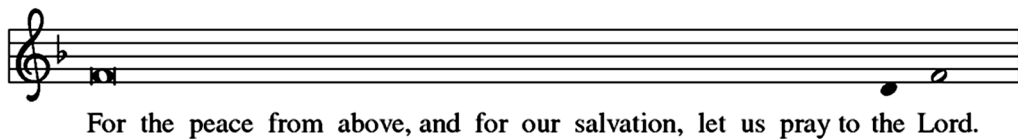
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



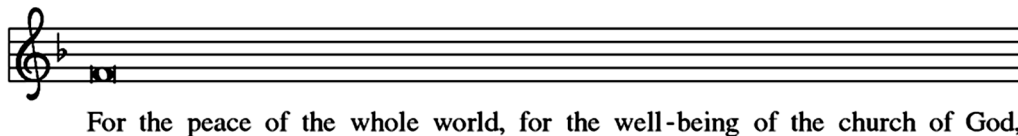
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



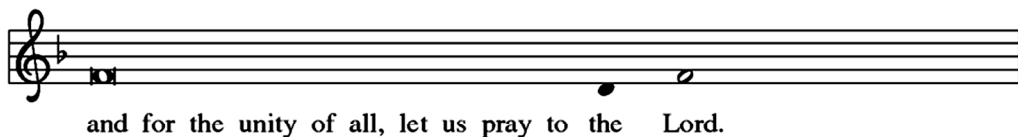
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



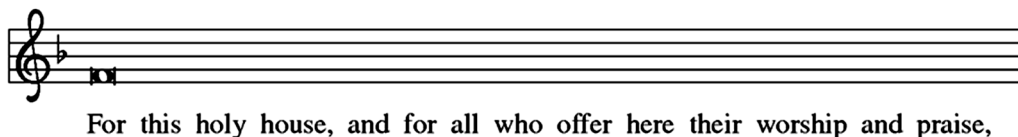
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



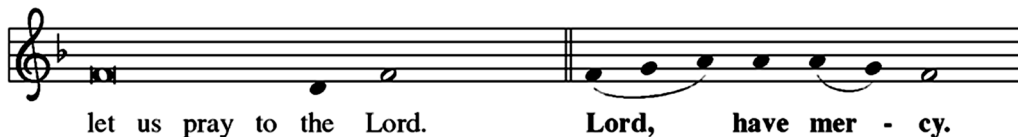
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



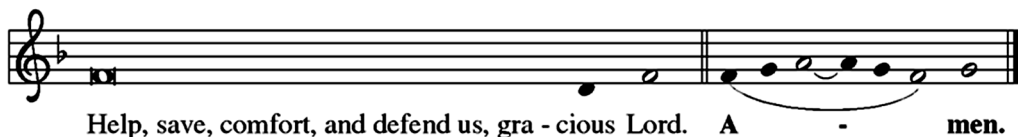
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

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God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Choir

"All Things New"

by Elaine Hagenberg

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Welcoming the Word



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

After the reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 4:24-26

Jesus alludes to Elijah's experience we read of today, adding that "no prophet is accepted in their hometown."

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reading: 1 Kings 17:1-24

Elijah sets out on a difficult journey. He relies on ravens and a widow for food. At every step, scarcity and worry give rise to resistance and doubt. All along, God provides, overcoming it all until we too can say, "the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

After the reading: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Mike Opfermann

Hymn of the Day

Making Their Way

ACS 979

All Saints Remembrance

On the first Sunday in November, we remember the saints who have been baptized or who died in the last year. We remember the saints by name, lighting a candle for the funerals and baptisms done at Pilgrim or by our Pastor. The floral arrangement in the chancel includes a flower for each saint named today.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✝ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

...By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

... we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In thanksgiving, we remember those who were made part of the body of Christ this past year through baptism...

Wilhelmina Rae Thibert

Amelia Joann Varty

Vallie Siena Varty

Axel Jennings Robinson

Haelyn Barbara Smith

...To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death...
...Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sisters and brothers in Christ who have in the past year entered the church triumphant:

<i>Robert Wayne Alexander</i>	<i>Julie Anderson</i>	<i>Rosemary Kaminski</i>
<i>Ambrosio F. Puente</i>	<i>John Angerbrandt</i>	<i>Dorothy Nelson</i>
<i>Ronald Gene Masar</i>	<i>Jean Bastian</i>	<i>Donna Niester</i>
<i>Richard Joseph Patterson</i>	<i>Nancy Cardle</i>	<i>George Smith</i>
<i>Jeffrey Lee Strode</i>	<i>John Heidtke</i>	<i>Bill Thibert</i>
<i>David Wayne Wright</i>	<i>David L. Hughes</i>	<i>Lenore Thornhill</i>
<i>Joanne Dumas</i>	<i>John Hunt</i>	<i>Carol Wehner</i>
	<i>Keith D. Jordan</i>	<i>Barry Wheelis</i>

O God of glory, we remember, too, our sisters and brothers across time and space - those whose kindness, compassion, and faith made an impression upon our hearts. With gratitude and hope in the resurrection, we lift their names to you now both silently and aloud.

The congregation lifts up names of saints who died prior to this past year.

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. By your presence lead us through our years, and bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your eternal home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts and sustains us in all our lives so that we can comfort others with the consolation we ourselves have received from God. All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In baptism we are clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, we shall be clothed with glory.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the Church

Trusting in your eternal love, we pray for all the world.

We respond to each petition: Merciful God, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, to you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*At this time, we share God's peace with our neighbors.
Congregation is then seated for the offering.*

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

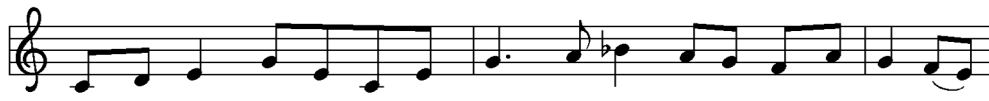
Offering

The Table is prepared as offering and worship record cards are collected and brought forward.



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Offertory



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



Offering Prayer

Sustaining God,

you give us all we need not just to survive, but to flourish.

In gratitude and joy we bring these, our gifts, before you.

Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ,

and bless them for the work of justice and love in the world.

Amen.

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 our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

A four-line musical score in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
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Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

...and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

God who sustained the Widow of Zarephath through the drought now invites you to this holy meal, where you will be sustained on the body and blood of Christ Jesus, fully present here at this table. Come and be nourished for the journey ahead.

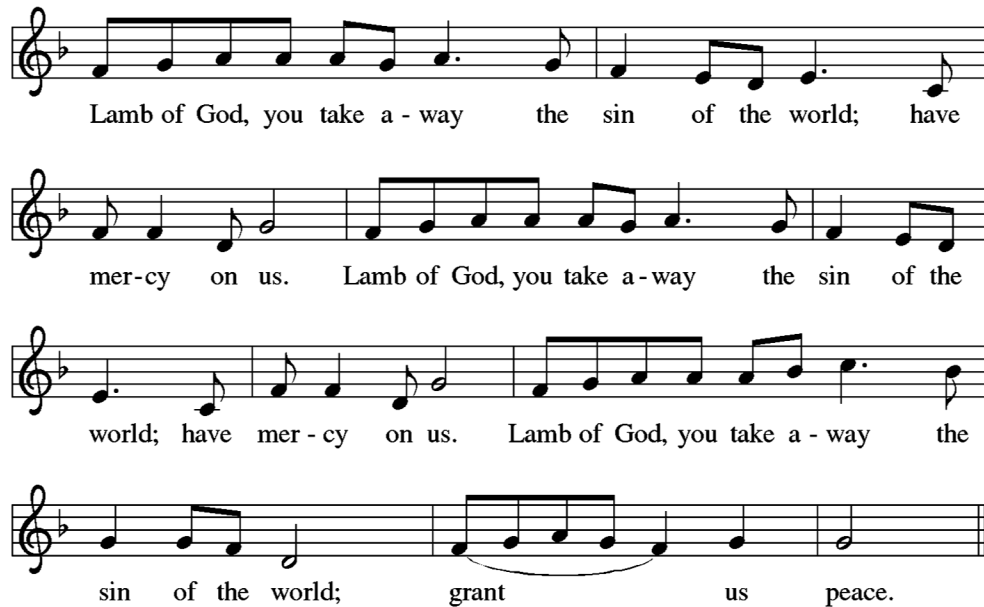
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Communion

All are welcome to Christ's table!

In this meal, we meet Jesus and the expansive life He brings. An usher will invite you forward to receive bread from Pastor. You can then receive red wine from the chalice or an individual cup. White grape juice is also available in individual cups. As you return down the side aisle, you may dispose of your cup in the basket. If you would like to receive communion from Pastor, but are unable to come up front, please let an usher know and Pastor will come to you.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Shall We Gather at the River
Day by Day
Death Be Never Last

ELW 423
ELW 790
ACS 1030

Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,
**with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.**
**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Sending of Communion

Announcements

Blessing

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

Recessional Hymn

For All the Saints
Stanzas 4-7

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Serving in Worship

	This Week Nov 3	Next Week Nov 10
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Coffee With Luther Host:	Tammy Bakko	Alex & Heather Merkau
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	Judy M. & Barb H.	Jenna Jackson
Bread Baker:	Judy McCarthy	Jenna & Alison Jackson
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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers sign up sheet is in the hallway.

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Next Week's Texts

Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10; 4:1-11; Luke 18:13

