

# Ascension Lutheran Church

**All Saints Sunday ..... November 7, 2021**

**Welcome, All, In the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!**

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*The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the northern hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest. In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.*

*As the church year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.*

*While both life and death may bring us fear and uncertainty, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death. Christ has claimed us in baptism and nourishes us in the communion of his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.*

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\*Congregation stands

## **PRELUDE**

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] In the name of the Father,

And of the + Son

And of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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

**[C] Amen.**

Please be seated and take this time to reflect on the music and lyrics.

**HYMN #424 .....** **"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

**1** Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and  
thrones,  
raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,  
pow'rs,  
archangels, virtues, angel choirs:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

**2** O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the  
seraphim,  
lead their praises: "Alleluia!"  
Thou bearer of the eternal  
Word,  
most gracious, magnify the  
Lord:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

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Please stand.

**\*GREETING**

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

**[C] And also with you.**

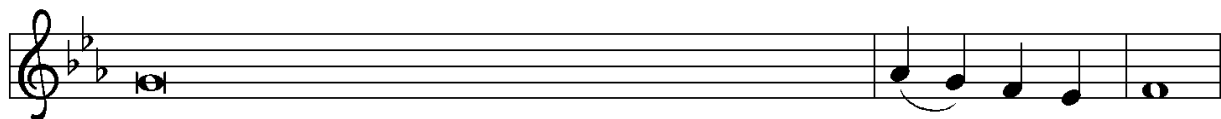
**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



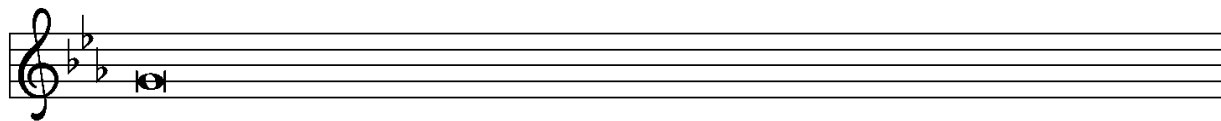
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



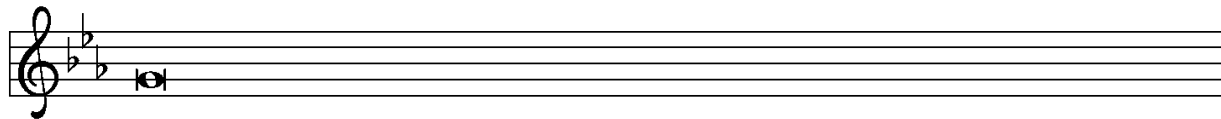
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Let us pray.

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.

**[C] Amen.**

### LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

[P] For all the saints who have gone before us,

**[C] God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith.**

[P] For all the saints who have been beloved to us,

**[C] God, we give thanks for our loved ones who have passed on.**

[P] For all the saints who have left us too soon,

**[C] God, we mourn their passing, and they remain in our hearts.**

[P] For all the saints who have exemplified the faithful life,

**[C] God, may we learn from their ways and follow you.**

[P] On this day, we name all those who are in our hearts:

*Pastor Christina will read the names of the saints who are being remembered, as a bell chimes for each. A candle is lit for members.*

**[C] For all the saints, God, we give thanks to you;  
on earth, in heaven, we are one, we are your children.  
we thank you for those who have gone before us.  
may we forgive those for whom we did not have an opportunity to forgive.  
may we know that we are forgiven for our own sins.  
may we know that we are loved by the same God,  
from this life into eternity.  
In the name of Jesus the Christ, who lived, who died, and who lives  
eternally. Amen.**

Please be seated.

**READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

[A] A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>6</sup>On 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.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he 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.

<sup>9</sup>It 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 24** *Please read the psalm responsively in whole verse.)*

[A] <sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

Please stand.

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**\*GOSPEL: John 11:32-44**

[P] The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

**[C] Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When 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.”

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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.” <sup>43</sup>When he

had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The 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.”

[P] The gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

**SERMON ..... The Rev. Christina Auch**

Please remain seated and take this time to reflect on the music and lyrics.

**HYMN #427 ..... “For All Your Saints, O Lord”**

1 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed,  
adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.

2 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great  
reward,  
accept our thankful cry.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.

Please stand.

**\*NICENE CREED**

[P] God has gathered his people into one Church through Christ. Together with sisters and brothers throughout the world, we confess our faith.

**[C] 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**

[A] Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

[A] Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. We pray especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts...

**Martha** Beam (Eleanor Hendrick's friend), **Cody** Bryant (Bob Bryant's grandson), **Kathy** Callahan (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mike** Callahan (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Chuck** Cook (Fred and Nancy DeBell's cousin), **Edna** Cooper (Bill Bridges' Aunt), **Phil** Costello (Donna Lilly's friend), **Sonya** Cress (Jenny White's friend), **The Davenport Family** (Dave and Priscilla Williams' friends), **Charles and Mary** Degree (Karen Long's friends), **Saher** Degree (Gail Sherman's friend), **Tim** Farmer (Pastor Christina and Jamie's friend), **Ashton** Fields (Carol Berger's friend), **Avan** Fields (Carol Berger's friend), **Ann** Fitzsimmons (Steve and Jenny White's friend), **Carol Ann** Forgas (Bill Bridges' friend), **Mike** Greene (Gail Sherman's friend), **Rev. Carl** Greenawald (DeBell's friends), **Wayne** Hector (Jim Wilson's friend), **Joe** Hutchinson (William Coyne's friend), **Debbie** Irvin (Bill Bridges' friend), **Patti** Jenkins (Priscilla Williams' friend), **Kay** Johnson (Eleanor Hendrick's cousin), **Steve** Jolly (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Mark** Kent (Majorie Olsen's son), **Rachel** Kidwell (Dave William's niece), **Bob and Mary** Cook Koontz (Dale Guffey's parents), **Jim** Lilly (Dick and Donna Lilly's son), **John** Lilly (Dick and Donna Lilly's son), **Roberto** Lopez (William Coyne's friend), **Sonya and Gerald** Lovelace (Bill Bridges' friend), **Brenda** Lowery (Gail Sherman's friend), **Eva** McCombs (Sandra Waldrop's mother), **Janice** McGoven (Eleanor Hendricks' sister), **Sheri Dawn** Mack (Relative of Karen Hubbard), **Ed** Marler (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Gay** Helms Melton (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Maribeth** Norris Mies (Carol Berger's cousin), **Mary Bell** Moore (Lacy's neighbor and the Hubbard's and Johnson's granddaughter), **Pat** Mullen (Johanna Gillespie's friend),

**Wanda** Mullinax (Edith Kelly's niece), **Teresa** Olsen (Marjorie Olsen's daughter-in-law), **Jeanne** Patterson (Karen Long's cousin), **Bob** Patzer (Carol Berger's brother-in-law), **Linda** Patzer (Carol Berger's sister), **Lynn** Perry (Jenny and Steve White's friend) **Gerard** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's brother), **Margaret** Peruzzi (Carol Berger's mother), **Liz and Ron** Dal Poggetto (Judy Bridges' friends), **John** Reid (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Beth** Rhyne (Ladley and Jane Burn's friend), **Sue** Rippy (Donna and Dick Lilly's neighbor), **Fred** Ryan (Fred and Nancy DeBell's cousin in law), **Evan** Sealey (Eleanor Hendrick's friend), **Candace** Siddlow (Courtney Richard's mother), **Floyd** Tate, Jr. (John Lilly's friend), **Jean and Jim** Tesseneer (Bill Bridges friend), **Beth** Thomas (Carol Berger's daughter), **David** Tucker (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **David** Waldrop (Sandra Waldrop's husband), **Edith** Walker (Allen and Lisa Philbeck's friend's mother), **Freda Walker** (Ludy Wilkie's friend), **Molly and Darryl** Waterstraat (Karen Hubbard's friends), **Alfie** Welch (Renee Buchanan's brother), **Christopher** Willever (David Williams' grandson), **Mary Ann** Woolley (Sandra Waldrop's aunt).

**Members:** **Dean** Davis, **Lin** Washburn, **Dot** Paul, **Bob** Bryant, **William** Coyne, **Jim** Wilson, **Bobbie** Johnson, **Gerald** Washburn, **Lucinda** Wallen, **Lisa** Upton, **Sandy** Harman, **Ann** Sipe, and **Marjorie** Olsen.

**In Undergraduate College:** **Emma** Auch, **Brooke** Buchanan, **Samantha** Hoffman, **Jacob** Stone, **Catherine** Lilly, **Matthew** Lilly.

[A] Lord, in your mercy,  
[C] **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

[A] God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain.

Hear us, O God.

**[C] Your mercy is great.**

[A] God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**[C] Amen.**

Please be seated.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (We are not “passing” the peace in any physical way. Online you are invited to share a greeting of peace in the comments.)

[P] The peace of Christ be with you always.

**[C] And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

Make a one time or recurring gift using **the website** or **the GivePlus app** on iPhone or Android. You can give using ACH (bank account), Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

Or **text 844-906-2283** and enter the amount you wish to donate.2. Click the registration link and enter your payment information.3. Receive a verification text as well as an email receipt. For future giving, simply send a text to the same number with the amount you wish to give, and your donation will process automatically.

Or **mail your regular tithe or offering** to PO Box 266, Shelby, NC 28151.

Please stand.

### **\*OFFERTORY HYMN #184 ..... “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”**



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 dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble



with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

[A] Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.

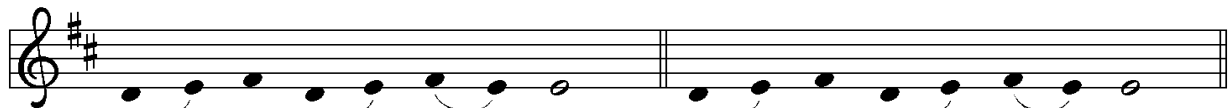
Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. [C] Amen.

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
 that we should at all times and in all places  
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints  
 you show us the hope of our calling,  
 and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
 that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
 And so, with all the saints,  
 with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

[P] 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.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**[C] 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**

[P] Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

**DISTRIBUTION**

[P] This is the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

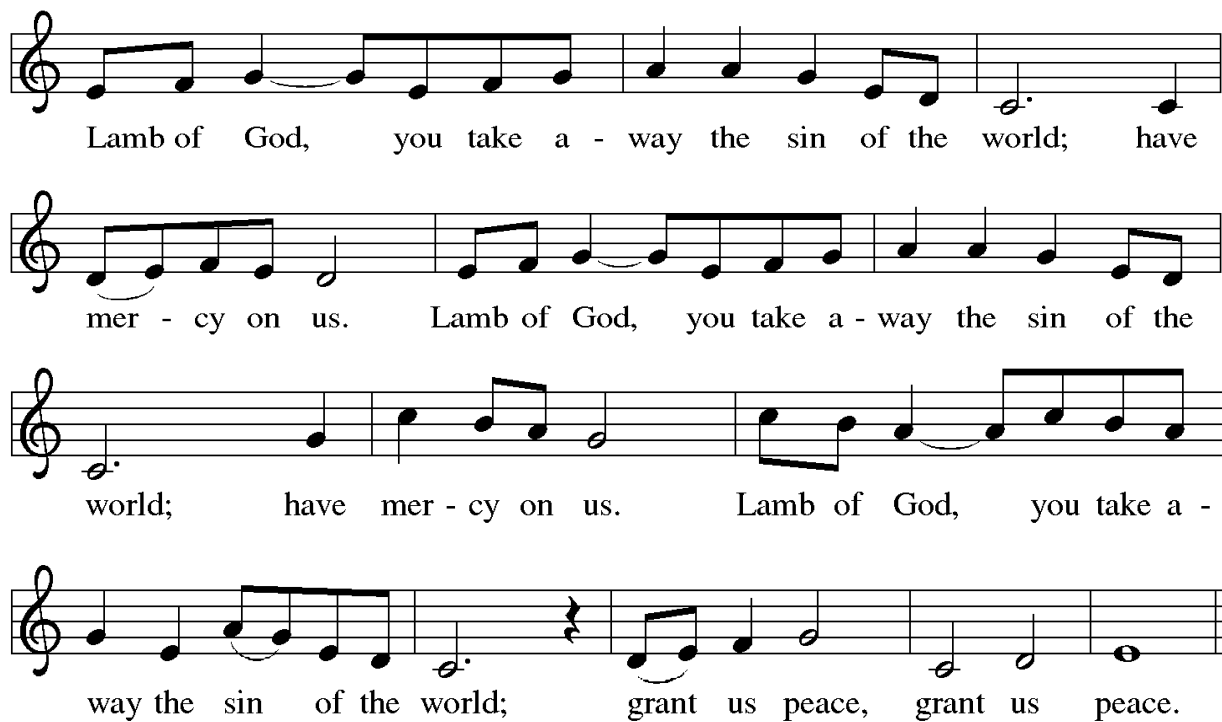
**[C] Amen.**

Please remain seated.

If you are not communing, please receive this blessing for you:

“Jesus loves you and keeps you all the days of your life.”

## "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, grant us peace.

Please stand.

### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

[C] Amen.

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[A] Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

[C] Amen.



**\*BLESSING**

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**[C] Amen.**

Please remain standing and sing our sending hymn.

**\*HYMN #422**

**"For All the Saints", Verses 1-3**

1 For all the saints who from their  
labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world  
confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their  
fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-  
fought fight;

thou, in the darkness drear, their  
one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship  
divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory  
shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are  
thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## NAMES OF THOSE BEING REMEMBERED

### Members:

Ray Valentine

### Family and Friends

Diane Alexander (JoAn Allen's sister-in-law)

Patty Amos (Angie Littlefair's family)

Christian Auch (Jamie Auch's cousin)

Fran Auch (Jamie Auch's uncle)

Penny Auch (Jamie Auch's mother)

Jim and Ruth Barker (Ray and Willi Lacy's dear friends)

Dan Birch (Carol Berger's brother-in-law)

Christine Bridges (Libby Stone's aunt and Jim Wilson's sister-in-law)

Dana Bumgardner (Dave and Jennie Lambert's friend)

Jamie Byers (Jenny White's friend)

Chris Carman (Judy Bridges' friend)

Jimmy Christenbury (Jenny White's H.S. classmate)

Edward Doczy (Kim Lacy's father)

Maurice Duvall (Ludy Wilkie's friend)

Scott Edwards (Jane and Ladley Burn's friend)

Don Galloway (Vicky Galloway's father-in-law)

Anne Goss (Chrys and Greg Blalock's friend)

Jackie Guy (Dave and Jennie Lambert's friend)

Johnny Guye (Scott Stone's brother)

Steven Happer (Angie Littlefair's friend)

Jim Hoffmier (Steve and Jenny White's neighbor)

Bill Horne (Vice President of the ELCA)

Barry Huffman (Libby Stone's cousin)

Rena Huffman (Libby Stone's aunt and Jim Wilson's sister-in-law)

Mike Huntsinger (Ludy Wilkie's friend's husband)

Nicky Hutto (Dave and Jennie Lambert's friend)

Pastor Helen Jackson (friend of Pastor Christina's)

Tony Jordon (Vicky Galloway's friend)

Mark Kailing (Bob and Vickie Jones' nephew)

Kirk Kent (Marjorie Olsen's son)  
Pete Meletis (Jenny White's friend)  
Ursula Muller (Edith Kelly's sister)  
Steve Olson (Carol Berger's friend)  
Harold Rhyne (Jane and Ladley Burn's friend)  
Evelyn Ridenhour (Pastor Christina's friend)  
Lola Ritchie (Rose Cook's mother and William Coyne's grandmother)  
Steve Schwartz (friend of the Smolzers)  
Treci Senecal (Steve White's shipmate's wife)  
Blanche Teele (Karen Long's aunt)  
Bud Valentine (Vickie Jones' brother)  
Renee Walton  
En Thi Welch (Renee Buchanan's mother)  
Alice Jean White (Steve White's mother)  
Bill Williams (Dave and Jennie Lambert's friend)  
Frankie Wilson (William Coyne's grandmother)

**Assisting Today**

Organist: Steve White  
Assisting Minister: Rose Cook  
Ushers: Ludy Wilkie and Daryl Cook

**Assisting November 14, 2021**

Organist: Steve White  
Assisting Minister: Sandra Waldrop  
Ushers: Greg Blalock and Mike Hubbard

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Holy Communion** When you are worshiping at home, you are encouraged to set up a temporary altar called a tabernacle at home. Find a small table or bench, place on it a nice plate and a cup or goblet. Find a slice or loaf of bread and use either wine or grape juice in the cup. When the time comes for communion, lift the bread and wine with the pastor, giving thanks to God for the gift of communion that offers us forgiveness, community, and new life in Christ.

**In person Bible study**, led by Pastor Christina, is meeting in the classroom across from the office on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are using Augsburg Fortress quarterly materials.

**Prayer Concerns:** Please call or email the office or text Pastor Christina at 704-472-7783 to update prayer requests. You may leave a voicemail but please provide the spelling of any names, and your relationship to the person being prayed for.

**Please continue your tithes and offerings.** Make a one time or recurring gift using **the website** or **the Vanco Mobile app** on iPhone or Android. You can give using ACH (bank account), Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

Or **text 844-906-2283** and enter the amount you wish to donate. Then click the registration link and enter your payment information. You will receive a verification text as well as an email receipt.

Or **mail your regular tithe or offering** to PO Box 266, Shelby, NC 28151.

### **Annual Congregation Meeting, Sunday, November 21-1:30 p.m. - On zoom**

All voting members are invited to participate in the annual congregation meeting on Zoom. In addition to approving minutes from the last annual meeting and receiving the Treasurer's report, we have two items to address.

#### **1. Council elections**

Currently we have six congregation council members including Pastor

Christina. At this election we have two council members who are not eligible for re-election because they are completing their second consecutive terms (Daryl Cook and Mike Hubbard). Floor nominations, with prior agreement from the person being nominated, are accepted.

## **2. 2022 budget**

Following the finance committee's meeting to draft a proposed budget for 2022, the congregation council will receive their recommendation and then make a recommendation to the congregation for your consideration at this meeting.

### **Join the zoom meeting**

Go to [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and clicking "Join Meeting" and then enter the following information

Meeting ID: 824 0239 3871

Passcode: 382181

Or dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

and enter the Meeting ID and passcode above.

## **A LOOK AHEAD**

### **Thursday, November 11**

Thursday Night Prayer – 9:00 p.m. (Facebook & Zoom)

### **Sunday, November 14 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Veterans' Recognition  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

### **Thursday, November 18**

Thursday Night Prayer – 9:00 p.m. (Facebook & Zoom)

### **Sunday, November 21— Christ the King Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

**1:30 p.m. Congregation Annual Meeting (Zoom)**

### **Tuesday, November 23**

7 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, The Rev. Randy Blanton preaching. Watch the e-news for more information about offerings being collected and ways to watch online too.

### **Thursday, November 25**

*No weeknight prayer*

### **Sunday, November 28 — First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion  
(also on Facebook & Zoom)

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