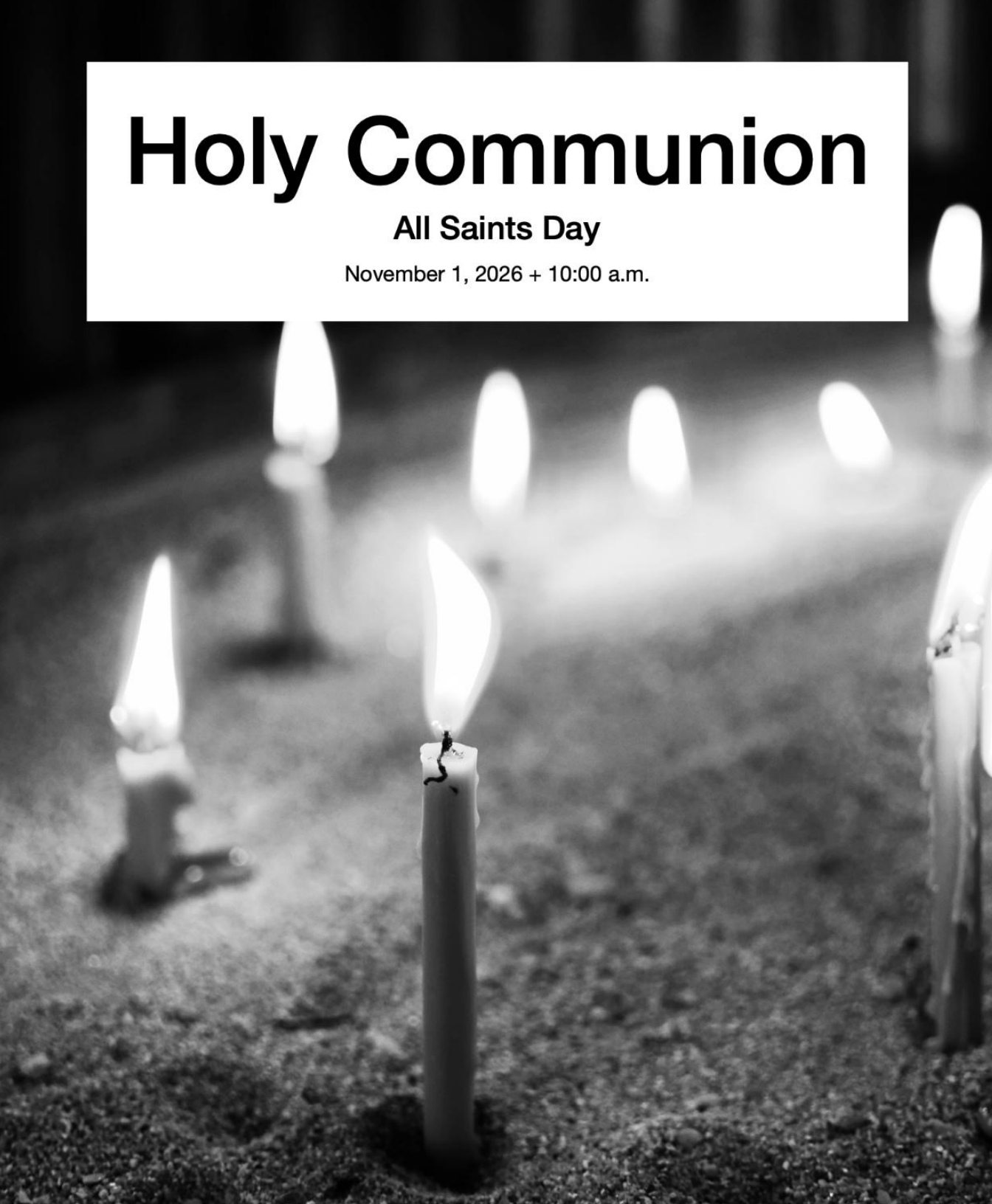
Holy Communion

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026 + 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Messiah Lutheran Church!

Peace be with you in this time after Pentecost. It is good to be together.

We are a community committed to the fostering of faith for young participants. Children are encouraged to participate fully in worship and are encouraged to growth through Sunday School. Classes for all ages are available at 9:00am.

Discover more about the congregation at our website messiahlyndhurst.org or on social media at facebook.com/MLC44124.

Prayer Concerns can be shared via email (pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org) or phone (440-442-6941). Please indicate if you would like your request to be considered for inclusion in worship or with our Prayer Partners prayer chain ministry.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated weekly. Worshippers of all ages are welcome at Christ's Table. If Communion is new for you or a young one in your family, we invite you to have a conversation with Pastor Paul.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Paul Jones Moody
Assisting Minister	Tom Griffith
Organist	Adam Dellinger
Choir Director	Vicki Lester
Altar Guild	Twyla Lucas
Reader	Sunday School Youth
Ushers	Sunday School Youth

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

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.
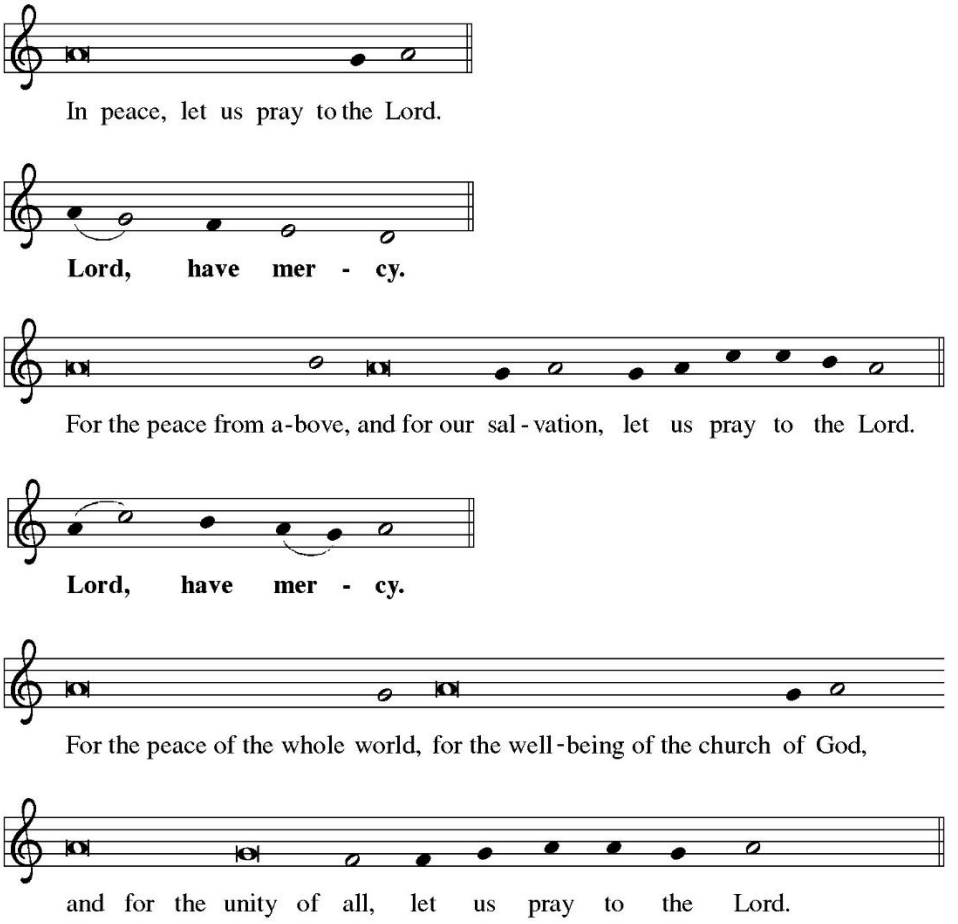
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

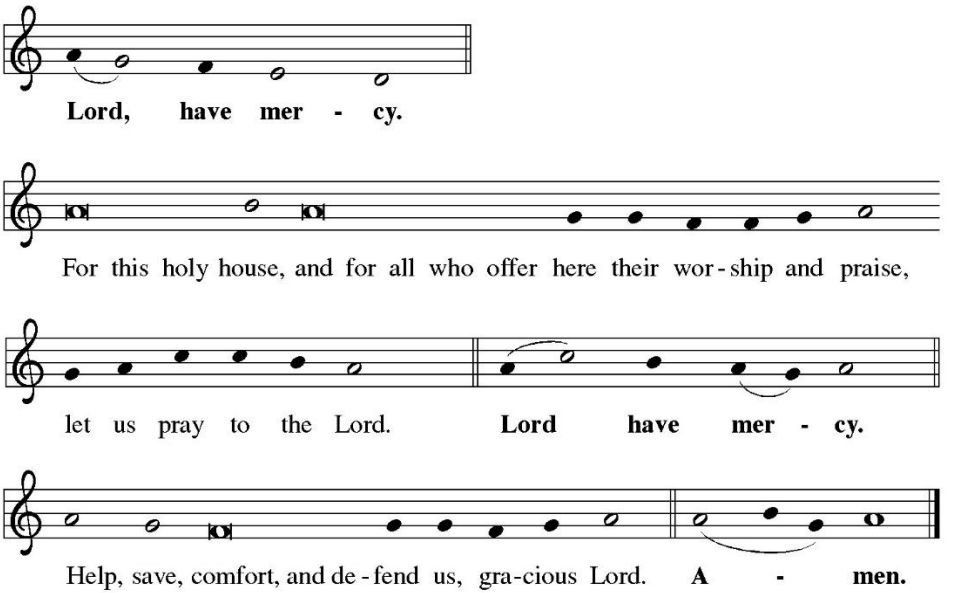
GATHERING HYMN *For All the Saints (Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)*
ELW #422

GREETING

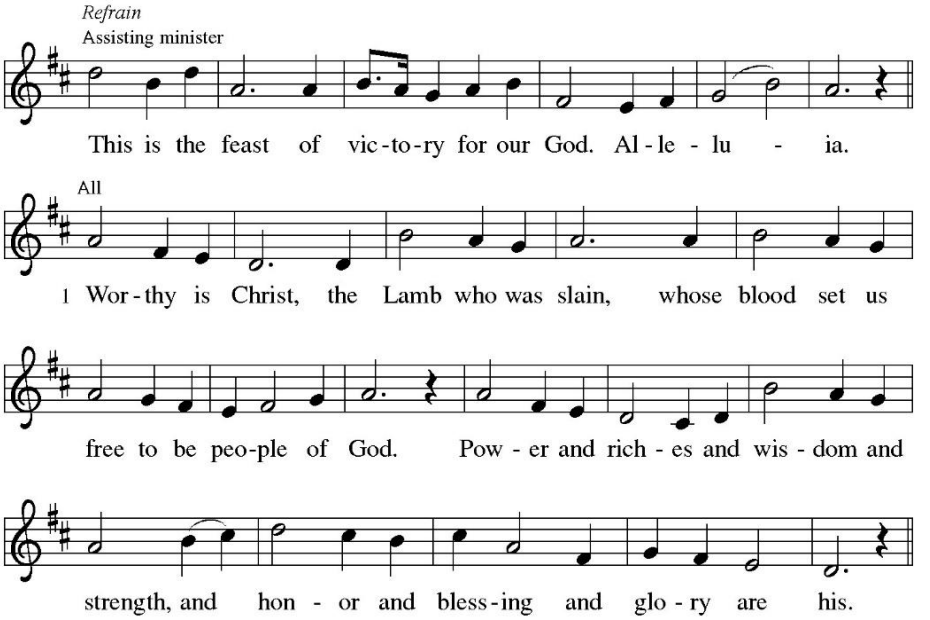
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
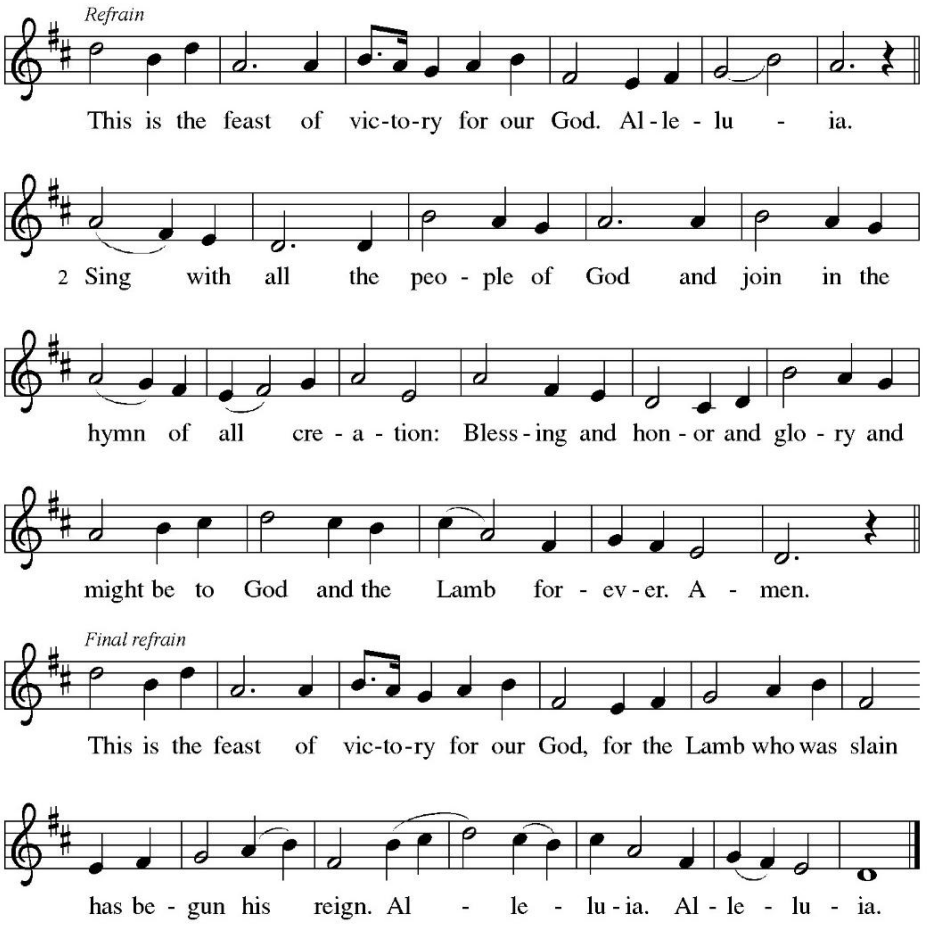
KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE





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.

(Please be seated)

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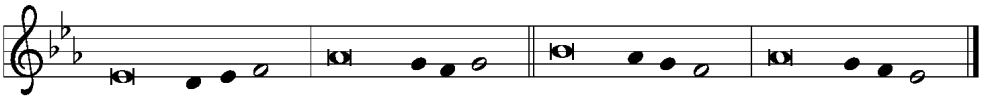
FIRST READING — Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

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.

PSALM **Psalm 34:1-10, 22**



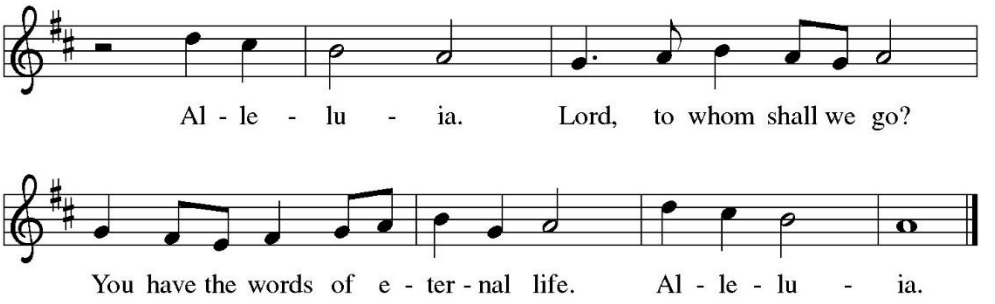
1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | 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 de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge 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.

ANTHEM *Saints Bound for Glory*
Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Please rise)



GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Holy Gospel According to Saint Matthew:
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.

SERMON The Rev. Paul Jones Moody

(Please observe a moment of silence after the sermon)

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord of Light*
ELW #688

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

(A brief silence)

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 (*local places may be named*). 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.

(Here other intercessions may be offered)

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors: Lila Boehler, Jim Burghart, William Dempsey, Bob Kopsak, Morrey Nuss, Jim Richardson, Bea Thompson, Karen Zak. 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.

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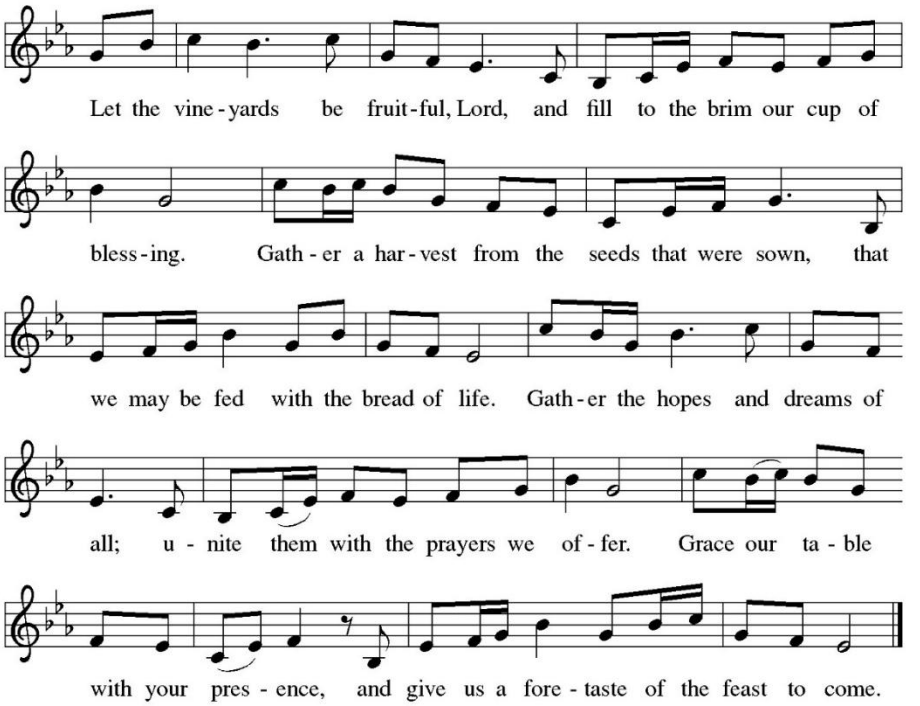
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you" or similar response.)

OFFERTORY

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

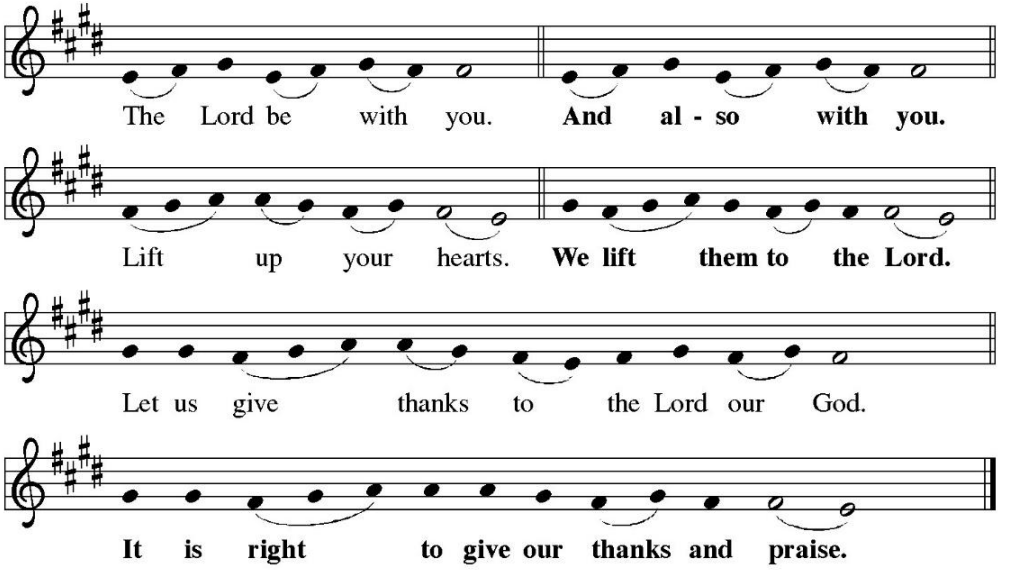


OFFERTORY PRAYER

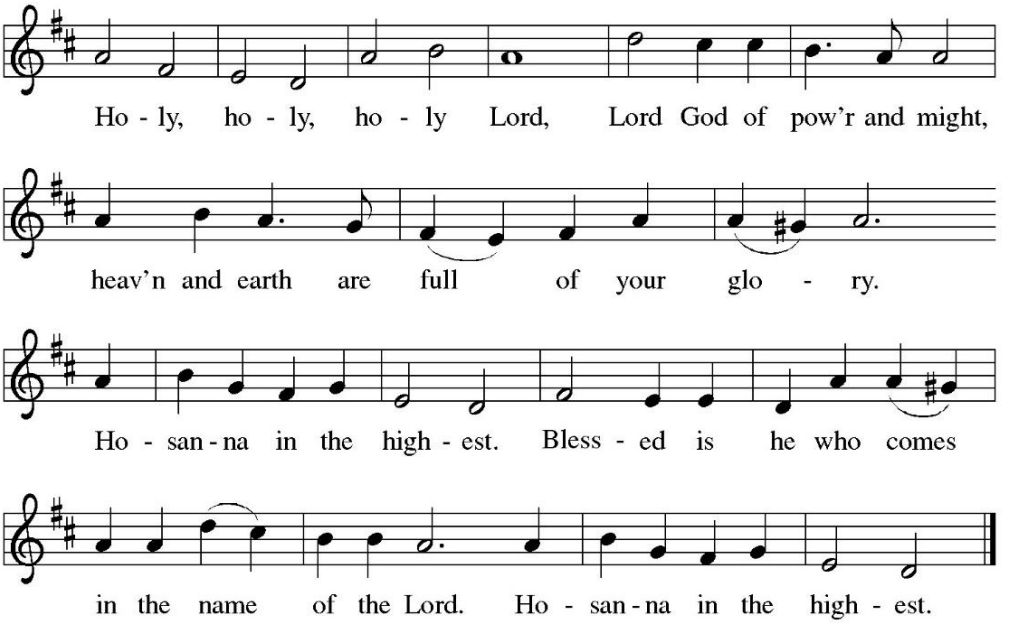
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.
We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

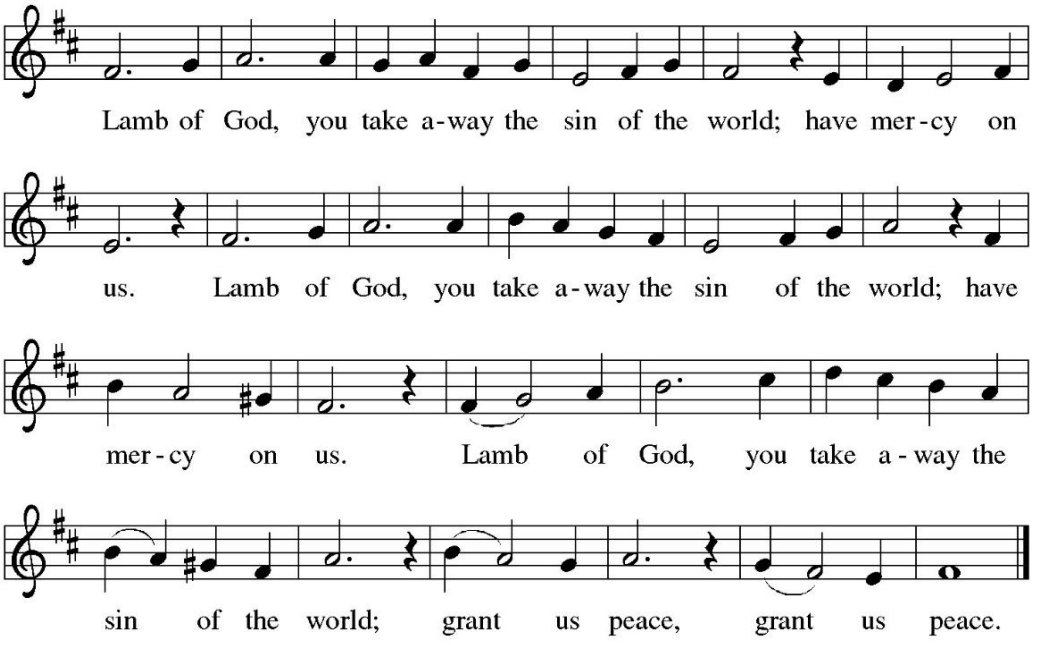
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

(Please follow the usher's guidance, coming forward to receive Holy Communion.
If you would like to be served in your pew, please let an usher know, and the team will come and serve you.

The Sacrament will be served in a continuous line. Please approach the server to receive bread. If you would like gluten-free bread, please let the server know. If you would like wine, pick up an empty cup from the tray. Your cup will be filled with wine from the pouring chalice. If you would like white grape juice, please find a prefilled cup in the tray. You may eat and drink as you are served, then please make your way back to be seated in your pew.)



COMMUNION HYMN

Shal We Gather at the River
ELW #423

COMMUNION HYMN

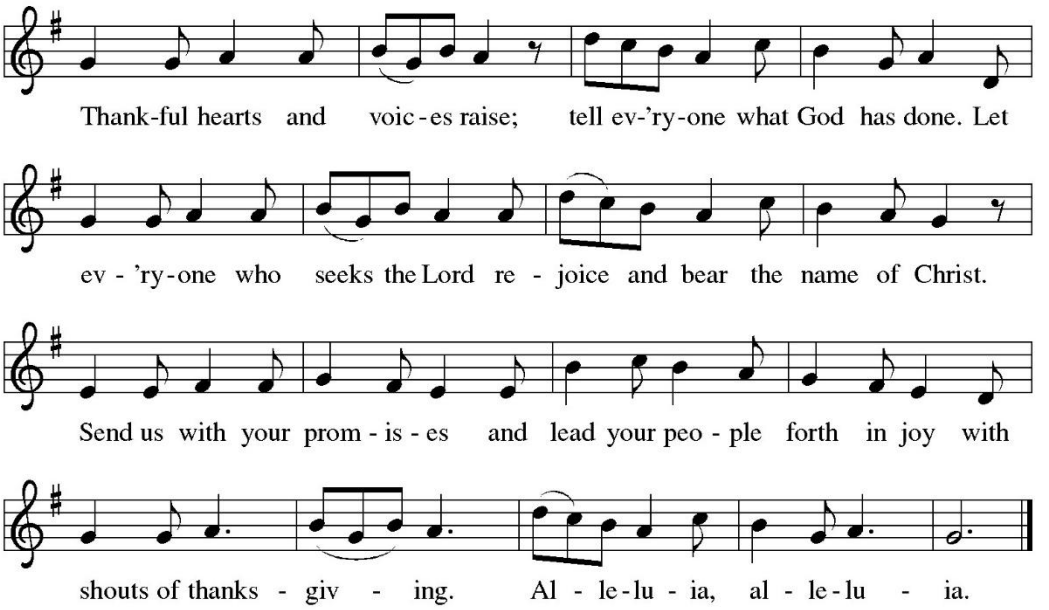
Healer of Our Every Ill
ELW #612

(Please rise)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION PRAYER

As God has gathered us and filled our hearts with Word and Sacrament,
now God sends us forth to serve in mission. Let us pray:

Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to share the word; care and support each other in God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch.
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 marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

DISMISSAL

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

(Please observe a moment of silence before the postlude)

POSTLUDE

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Prayers

Prayer Team & Partners: Our Prayer Team will pray with/for you. Please complete a blue Prayer Request Card, available in the sanctuary, which offers these options: (1) request a Pastoral follow-up, (2) include in the intercessory prayers to be read aloud in worship, (3) add to the ongoing list in the Bulletin, or (4) add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.

PLEASE SEND NEW PRAYER REQUESTS TO: *pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org*

Please pray for our siblings in Christ: Holly Bhatt, Namit Bhatt, Leah Dey, Nancy Grigsby, Michael Elwood, Tonyia Greanoff, Sara Hritz, William Jaros, Retta Kalcik, Drinda Kiner, Diane Kosovich, Grace Loudenstein, Mark, Matt Meyer, Vonnie Namestnik, Lisa Perry, Jackie Pickering, Alex Vinesky, and all who are in need of comfort and healing.

(Prayer requests included in the bulletin will remain active for four weeks. If you wish to have the prayer renewed, please resubmit it accordingly.)

Announcements

Pledge Envelopes: The 2027 pledge envelopes are available for pick-up in the lobby outside the sanctuary. If you can't find yours, please let Tom Griffith or Kate Funkner know and we'll follow up.

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Now thru Nov 15: Benefits the student Food Pantry at Tri-C, Eastern Campus. Items needed include canned food, mac and cheese, cereal, paper products. Also, items for Thanksgiving dinners such as stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, etc. Please place food donations on the table in the church back lobby.

Book Club – Nov 10: The Book Club will meet on November 10 at 7pm; we will discuss *Go as a River* by Shelley Read.

Poinsettia Plants – Nov 22: Poinsettias will be purchased to decorate our church. If you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one, red-flower donation envelopes are in the pews. Please clearly print your name and the name of the person(s) being remembered with this gift to the church. The cost is $10.00 per plant. Orders need to be completed November 22.

Greening of the Church – Dec 5: Please join us on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 AM to decorate our church for the Christmas season. There are plenty of assignments for all types of ability especially the ability of fellowship. While we are generally working only a couple of hours, we appreciate whatever amount of time you can spare. Also please remember we will need to de-green the church on Saturday, January 9 at 10:00 AM.

Annual Congregational Meeting – December 6: Immediately following worship. We will vote on the 2027 budget and elect council members.

Mobile Scooter for Use! There is now a mobile scooter in the lobby outside the Sunday School wing and council room. This is its charging station; but it is available to anyone who may need it. Just have someone alert an usher, and they will get the key for you. My only ask is that after use, it's taken back to the charging port. The ushers will make sure it's plugged back in and the key is returned to the office. The speed goes from turtle to rabbit, so you are able to go as slow (or as fast) as you'd like. This was my grandma's scooter and I'm

sure she'd be happy knowing that it's being put to good use. If you have any questions, just reach out to me (c/o `Kristy Bohinc).

Disagree Better – Nov 10: Constructive Conflict? *Is that even possible?* Pull up a chair with Braver Angels and learn how to Disagree Better – practical skills to bridge political divides and turn clash into conversation. Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6:30pm, Messiah will be hosting a workshop by Braver Angels entitled "Skills for Disagreeing Better". Braver Angels is a nationwide organization dedicated to bridging the divide between "reds" and "blues" politically. This is a FREE event and open to all; but registration is appreciated. Use the promo code BRAVER when registering. Scan QR code for more info and to register via Eventbrite:

Pastor Paul's Office Hours:
Wednesdays: 1:00 – 3:00pm

Church Office Hours:
Mon, Wed, & Fri: 12:00 – 4:00pm

Attendance and Offering for the week of October 25, 2026:
Attendance: 55 Offering: $6,105

Special Acknowledgments

Email to messiahlutheranoffice@gmail.com by Wednesday at 3pm for publication on the following Sunday. We'll keep items in print for at least two weeks.

- Many thanks to Jen Lenz and the Connections Team for coordinating the Reformation Sunday lunch and bringing in Grant Eckhart, campus pastor from Jacob's Porch at OSU, to speak with us about Law and Gospel. Also, many thanks to Lisa Halberg who spent hours making the table decorations for our Reformation Sunday event (Carol Lapin).
- A special thank you to Sarah Dellinger, Stefan Diehm and Clara Lenz for their superior delivery of the Reformation Sunday play. They certainly brought the Reformation story alive for all in attendance. Also, I want to highlight Adam Dellinger's special sound effects he added to our play. It never ceases to amaze me how much talent we have in our church family (Carol Lapin).
- Thank you to Pastor and the choir for a wonderful anthem October 18th! Great story about Martin Luther! I am proud of y'all (Vicki Lester).
- Congratulations to Jean Csumitta on the birth of another great grandchild and Sue and Chuck McDicken on another granddaughter (Karyn Schmidt).