St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield All Saints Day November 2, 2025 8:30am and 10:00am

Pastor Deb. Staniszewski



# "Thriving Together in Faith and Love"

# **GATHERING**

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

Silent Meditation Prelude Welcome

please stand if able

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.** 

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

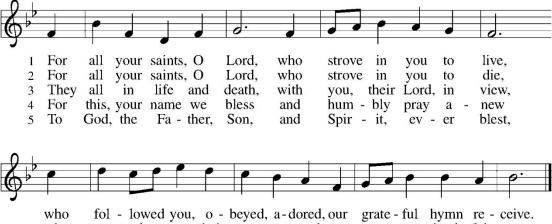
#### Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.** 

GATHERING SONG (ELW 427)

# For All Your Saints, O Lord



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a-dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive. who count-ed you their great re-ward, ac - cept our thank-ful cry. learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do. that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you. the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

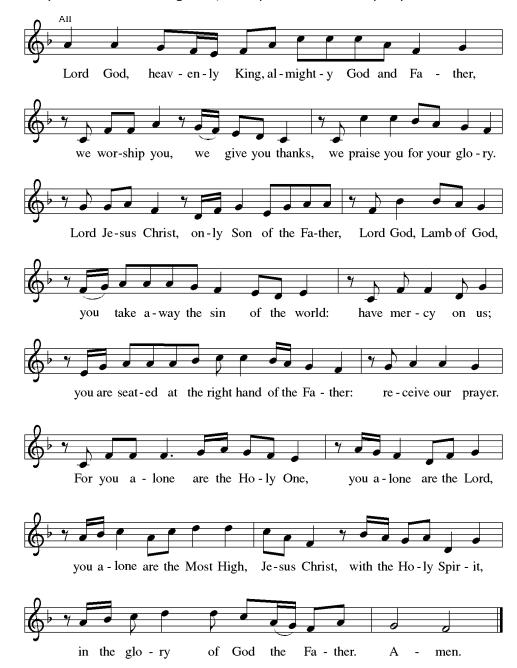
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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

GREETING (ELW 213)

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.** 

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(ELW 142)

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.

Amen.

please be seated

# WORD

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

# **READING: Ephesians 1:11-23**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: Psalm 149** (RESPONSIVELY)

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup> Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- <sup>7</sup> to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
- of to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

please stand if able to welcome the gospel



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:17-31 The Message

The holy gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

#### You're Blessed

17-21 Coming down off the mountain with them, he stood on a plain surrounded by disciples, and was soon joined by a huge congregation from all over Judea and Jerusalem, even from the seaside towns of Tyre and Sidon. They had come both to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Those disturbed by evil spirits were healed. Everyone was trying to touch him—so much energy surging from him, so many people healed! Then he spoke:

You're blessed when you've lost it all. God's kingdom is there for the finding.

You're blessed when you're ravenously hungry. Then you're ready for the Messianic meal.

You're blessed when the tears flow freely. Joy comes with the morning.

22-23 "Count yourself blessed every time someone cuts you down or throws you out, every time someone smears or blackens your name to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and that that person is uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—skip like a lamb, if you like!—for even though they don't like it, I do...and all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company; my preachers and witnesses have always been treated like this.

24 But it's trouble ahead if you think you have it made. What you have is all you'll ever get.

25 And it's trouble ahead if you're satisfied with yourself. Your self will not satisfy you for long.

And it's trouble ahead if you think life's all fun and games. There's suffering to be met, and you're going to meet it.

26 "There's trouble ahead when you live only for the approval of others, saying what flatters them, doing what indulges them. Popularity contests are not truth contests—look how many scoundrel preachers were approved by your ancestors! Your task is to be true, not popular.

27-30 "To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer for that person. If someone slaps you in the face, stand there and take it. If someone grabs your shirt, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. If someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more payback. Live generously.

31 "Here is a simple rule of thumb for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you; then grab the initiative and do it for them

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

please be seated

# MUSICAL OFFERING: St. Paul's Choir Psalm 23 A Psalm Of Hope

by Heather Sorenson

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want,
I shall not want, I shall not want.
The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall not want.
I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He leads by still water, and I shall not want,
I shall not want, I shall not want.
He leads by still water, and I shall not want,
I shall not want for more.
How could I ask for more?

He is enough for ev'ry need.
He is enough for ev'ry broken dream
I'm satisfied with what He gives.
He will provide and faithfully supply.
And I shall not want.

He leads through the valley, and I shall not want,
I shall not want, I shall not want.
He leads through the valley, and I shall not want,
And I shall not want.

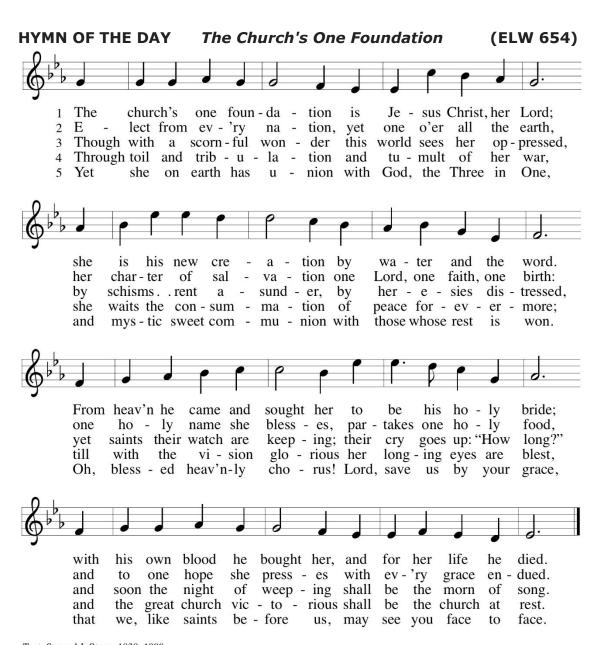
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He is enough for ev'ry broken dream.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
I'm satisfied with what He gives.
He will provide and faithfully supply.
The Lord is my Shepherd,
And I shall not want.

He is the Night, He is the Day,
He is the Sun, He is the Shade,
He is the Ocean, He's the Stream
In ev'ry song, He is my theme.
And if we wander off alone,
His mercy calls us back to home, to home!

I feast at His table, and I shall not want,
I shall not want, I shall not want.
I feast at His table, and I shall not want,
I shall not want for more. I shall not want. Oo.

# **SERMON BY: PASTOR DEB. STANISZEWSKI**

please stand if able to proclaim the word of God in song.



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900 Music: AURELIA. Samuel S. Weslev. 1810–1876

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Father,
Maker of all things.
We believe in his Son Jesus Christ,
Lord and savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
Giver of life and light.
We belong to the Body of Christ, the Church,
God's family everywhere.
AMEN

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

#### A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care (*especially*). Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed and we name those who have died during the past year \_\_\_\_\_. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### Amen.



#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Please share the peace as you are comfortable.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

please be seated for the Offering

please stand if able for the Offertory Song and Prayer





#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

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Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** "THE LORD BE WITH YOU"

(ELW 144)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

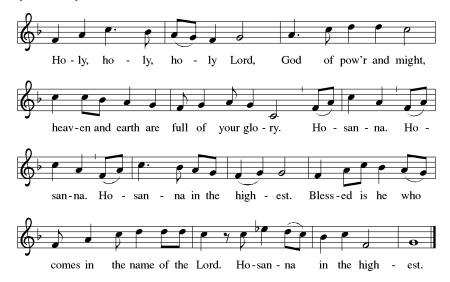
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten,

we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor,

and all who walked the way of the cross,

we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . Do this for the remembrance of me.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. **Amen!** With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen. **Amen!** 

With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. **Amen!** 

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit.

Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup,

with the presence of the body and blood of Christ.

Form us into a communion of service,

and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal,

and especially with names of beloved saints or the local deceased,

lead us to a future we cannot yet see,

and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love,

we shout blessing **blessing**, glory **glory**, wisdom **wisdom**, thanksgiving **thanksgiving**,

honor **honor**, power **power**, might **might**, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!** 

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

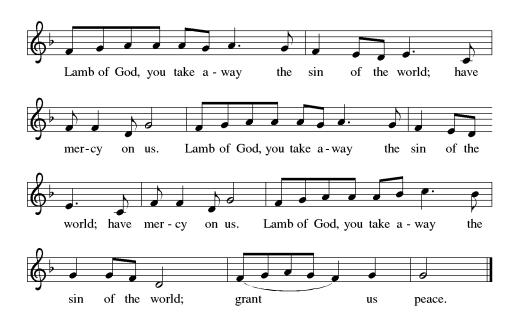
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

Prayer

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

"LAMB OF GOD"

(ELW 146)



#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

\*\* We practice continuous Communion.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

# **SENDING**

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

**BLESSING** SS Autumn

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

**SENDING SONG** 

For All the Saints

(ELW 422)



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Do not lose heart

Thanks be to God.