TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
All Saints Sunday
November 1st, 2026

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

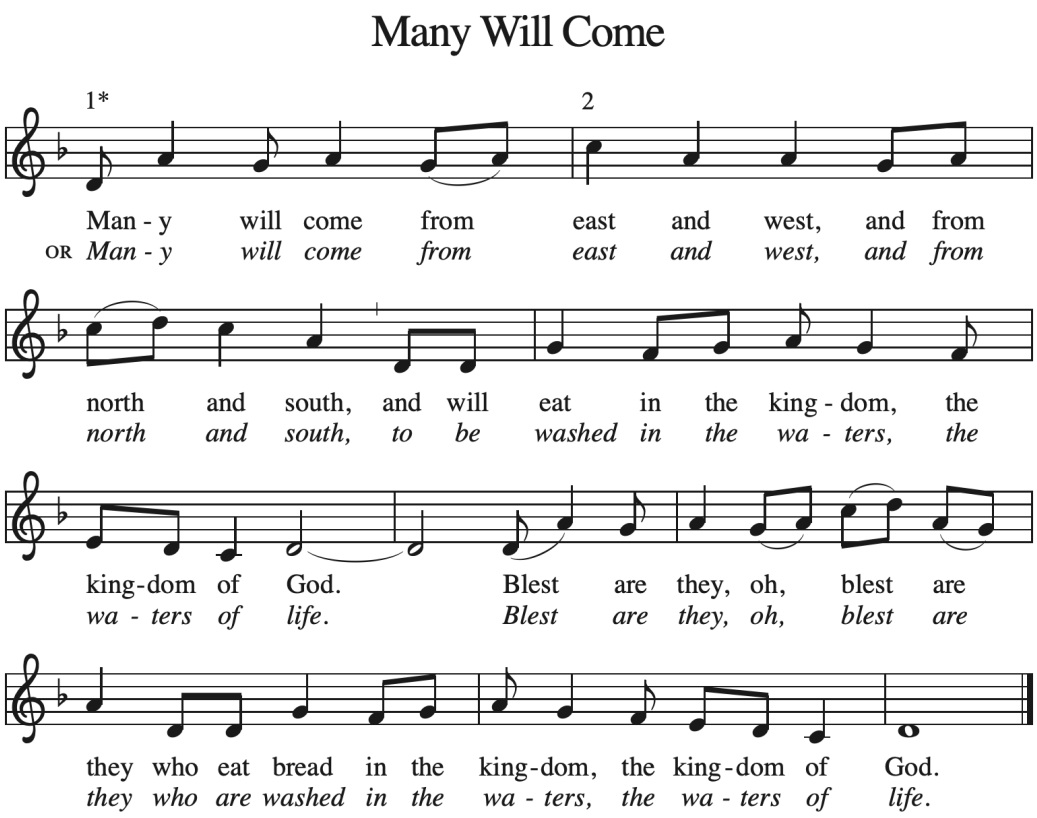
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

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 v 1,2(bottom lyrics), 3(top) ACS 982**



** May be sung in canon*

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Music: MANY WILL COME, Daniel Schwandt
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***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**

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.

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.

A reading from Revelation:

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."

A Word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10,22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

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. R
[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. R
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. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

A reading from 1st John:

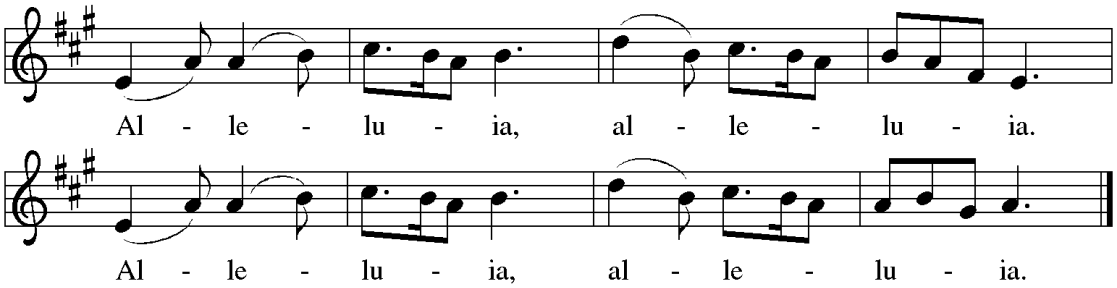
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we 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.

A Word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

***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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

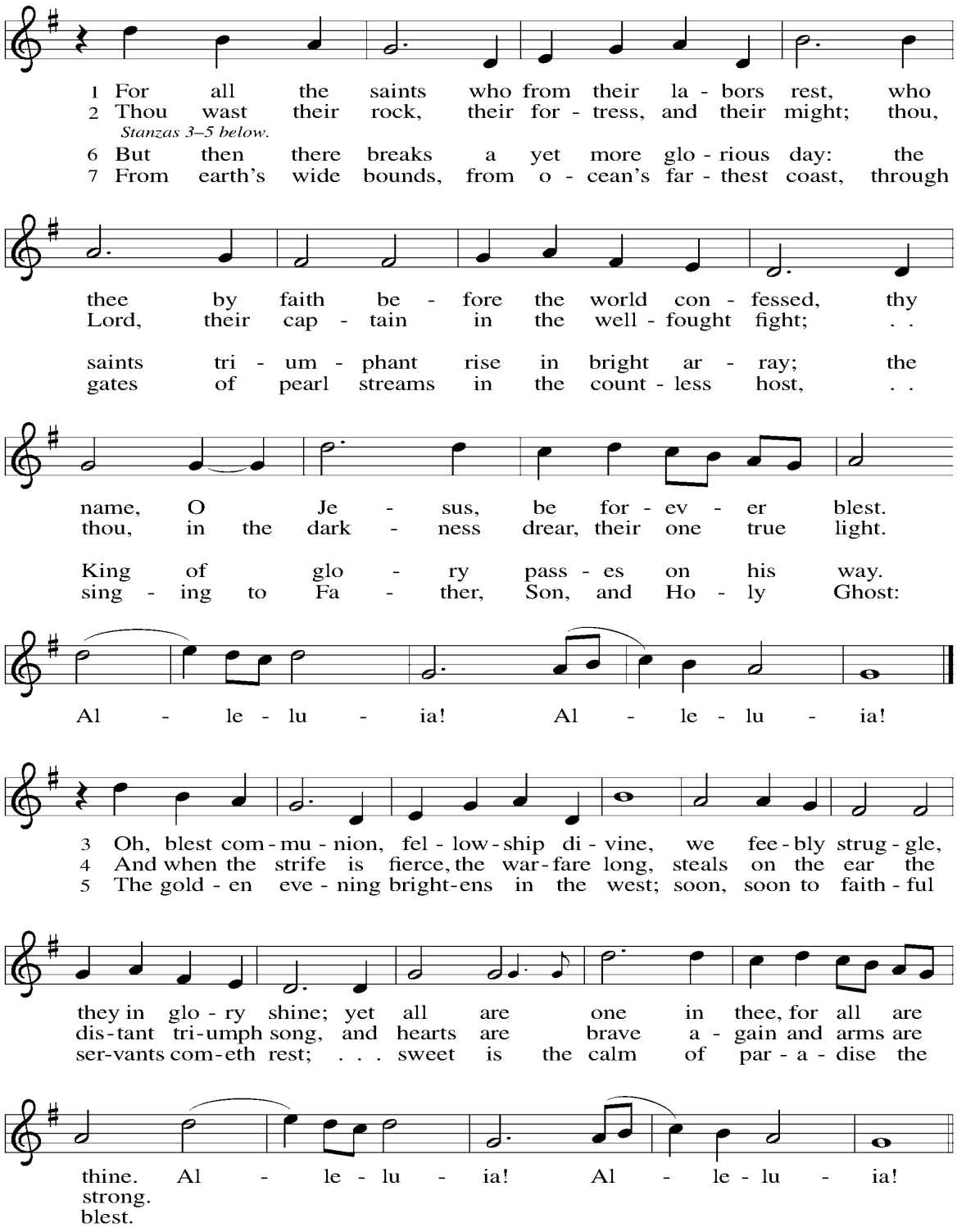
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** **V 1,2,6,7** **ELW 422**

For All the Saints



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***APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

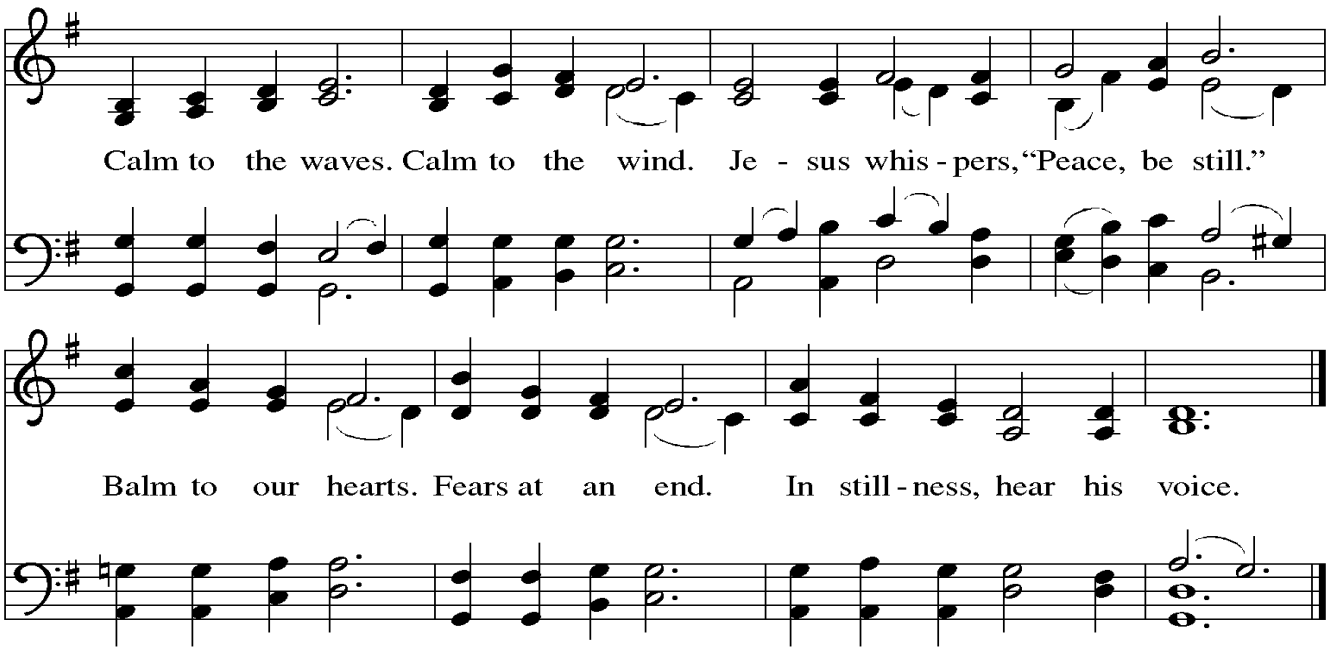
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER REFRAIN **ELW 794**

Calm to the Waves



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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. 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. 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 our congregation's ministry and First Congregational's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

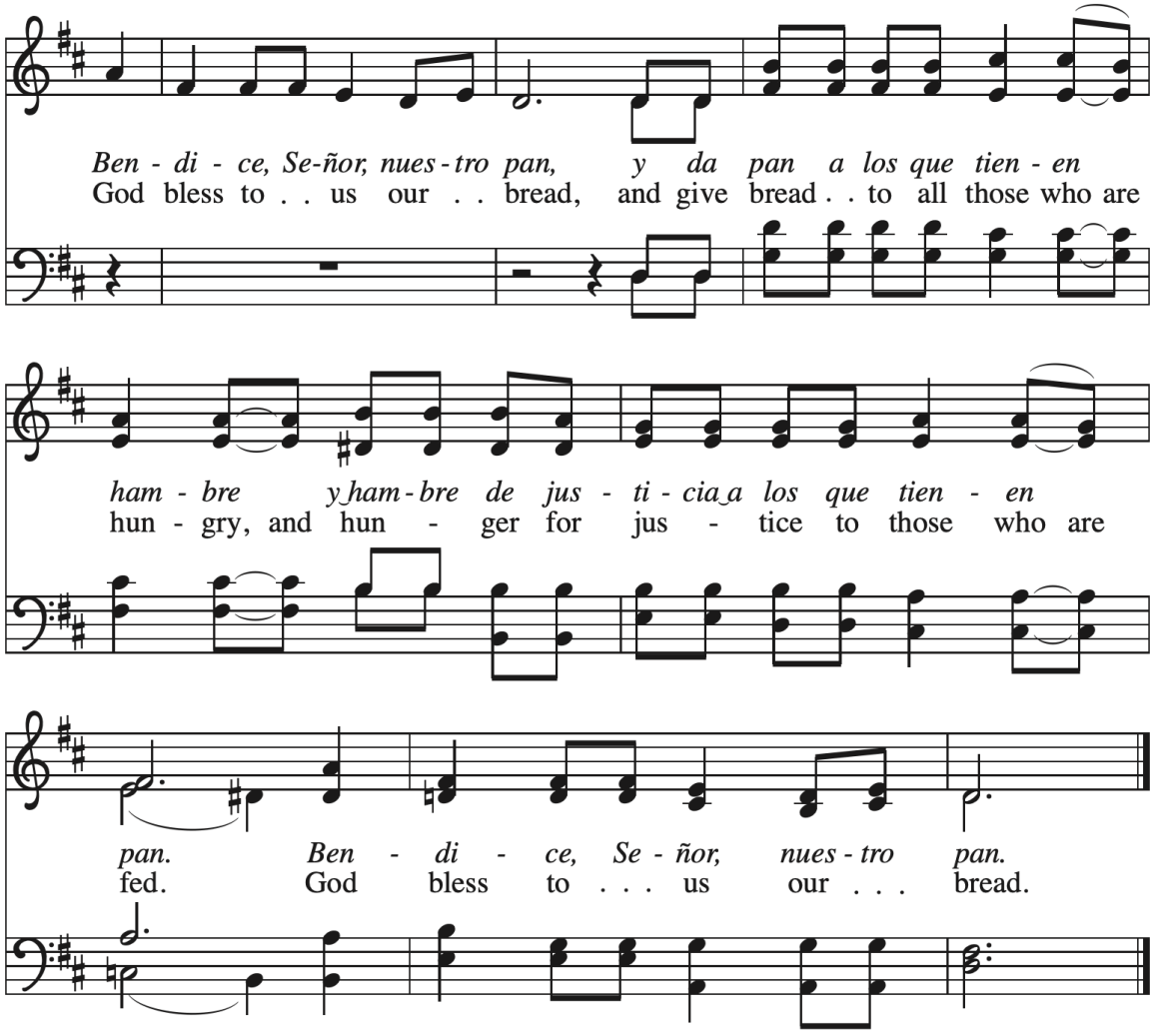
PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You are invited to share your offering as you enter the sanctuary. An offering plate is located in the center aisle near the back the sanctuary.

OFFERING PEFORMANCE: "If You Search with All you Heart" by Craig Courtney performed by Trinity Choir

***OFFERTORY** **ELW 472**

God Bless to Us Our Bread



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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:

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.

*** WORDS TO LOVE BY**

FOR PEACE

Almighty God, Ruler of all things and all men;
You hold the universe in Your palm,
You have set all things to move in harmony,
You desire that men dwell in unity and love,

We confess
We have spoiled creation by our sin,
We have disrupted harmony by our rebellion,
We have divided our nation by selfishness.

We trust
You will not permit sin to rule the day,
You can bring order out of our confusion,
You make nations instruments of Your will.

We implore You that You would
Crush men's lust for illicit power,
Stir in men respect for Your creation,
Kindle in men love for Your creatures.

To this end, we pray:
Raise up leaders everywhere who do Your will.
Make nations obedient servants of Your purpose.
Teach men to live in service to one another.

Grant tranquility, that the peace which the world cannot understand
may be preached to the nations in the name of your Son Jesus. **Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

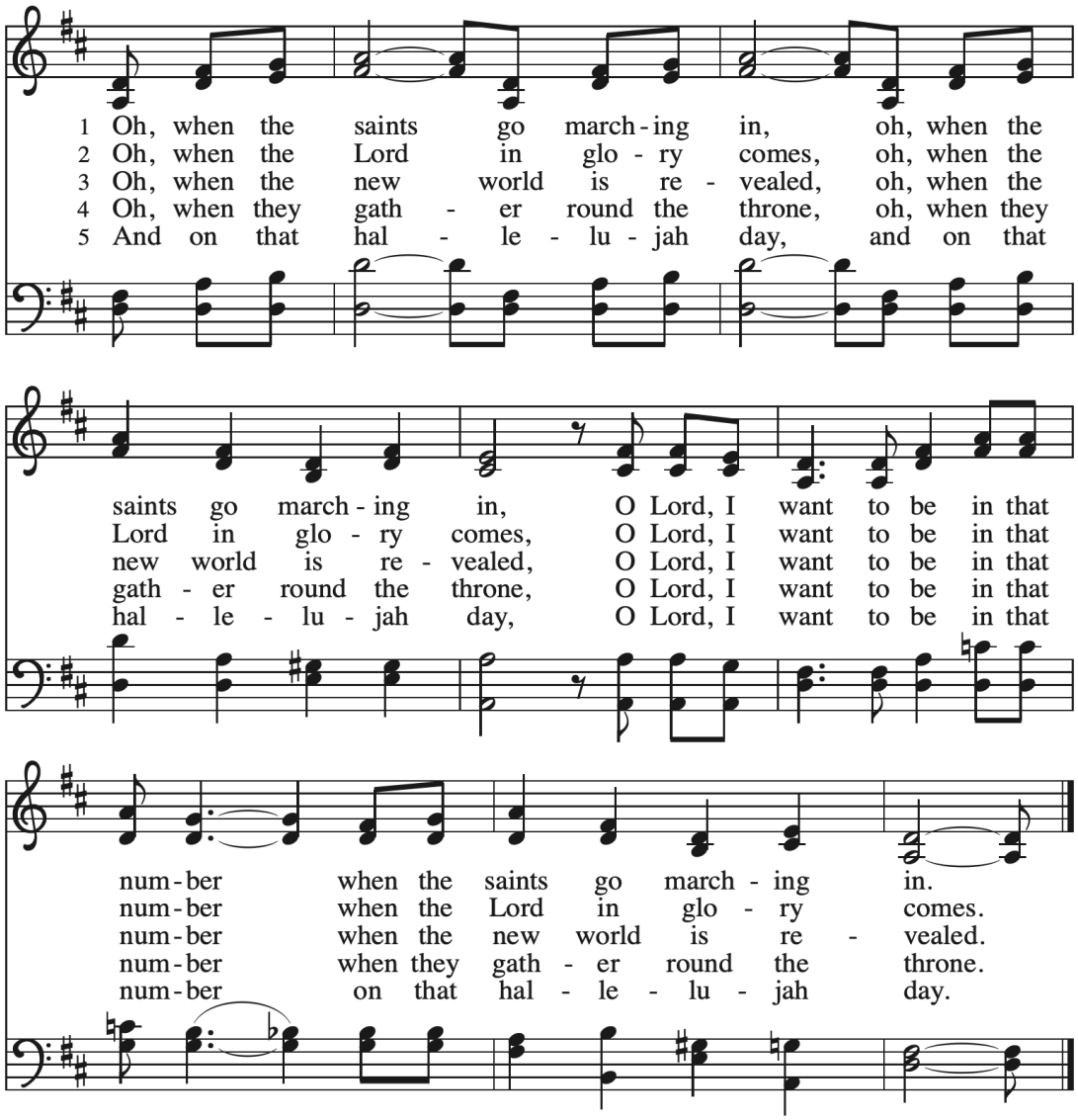
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***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** **v 1,2,4,5** **ACS 950**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

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Welcome! We believe God created all of humanity in God's image. Since every person is made in the image of God, every person is part of God's family. Whatever your gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, income, mental or physical ability, age, religious background, nationality, or political ideology, you are welcome here. Diversity of skills, gifts, talents, opinions, and experiences are strengthened in the body of Christ. "For all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28b).



The Council has a goal of better advertising Trinity and all the things going on in our congregation. One way to reach this goal is to increase our presence on Facebook by having more folks see our posts. If you are on Facebook and you have not already followed Trinity, please do so and then "Like", "Comment" and "Share" our weekly service and any other happenings. THANKS!!

Bible Techniques Class concludes this week. It's a way to read and study the Bible by yourself. Tish Gancer is leading the three weekly sessions which started last Thursday. The cost of the book is $9. See Tish for your copy and to let her know you'll be joining the group.

This Sunday is **All Saints Sunday**. If you haven't done so already, enter the names of your saints in our Book of Remembrance to be read at the beginning of the service.

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Our thanks to all those who give of their time, talent, and prayers for our church and God's work in the world. Assisting in worship today:

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Music Director: Ronnie Cung

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

November 1 – November 8

TODAY: 11:00 am Worship, Coffee Hour
MONDAY: 10:30 Yoga
TUESDAY: 10:30 Yoga
WEDNESDAY: 10:30 Yoga 12 AA, 6:30 Choir
THURSDAY: 10:30 Bible Techniques Class
FRIDAY: 10:30 Yoga
SATURDAY:
NEXT SUNDAY: 11:00 am, Worship, Coffee Hour

Readings for next Sunday: **Amos 5: 18 - 24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18; Matthew 25: 1 - 13**

PRAYER REQUESTS Prayer requests are gathered from the spoken prayer requests during worship and can also be added by calling or emailing to office@tlcbattlecreek.org. Prayer requests will stay on the list for three weeks and can be renewed:

October 25: Janelle: Linda Stacey, Anthony Case, Wayne; **Eric:** Brenon;
Tresa: Herself, Angela

October 18: Tresa: Angie, Herself; **Janelle:** Linda Stacey, Wayne, The Haven; **Eileen:** Bend, Oregon, Ginesa, Jennifer, Melissa; **Linda:** Richard, Herself, Janet; **Tish:** Bible Study Techniques Class

October 11: Tresa: Angie, Herself; **Janelle:** Tina Gale, Linda Stacey; **Connie:** Joe;
JoAnn: Steve, Herself, Celebration of 50th Anniversary; **Tish:** Bible Techniques Class

The Franklin Food Pantry desperately needs to have its shelves restocked. The items needed are: Canned goods, soups, fruits, vegetables; also, cereal, juice, boxed milk, toilet paper and soap. Cash donations are also appreciated. Please drop off any donations at church placing them in the wagon in the narthex. Thanks!