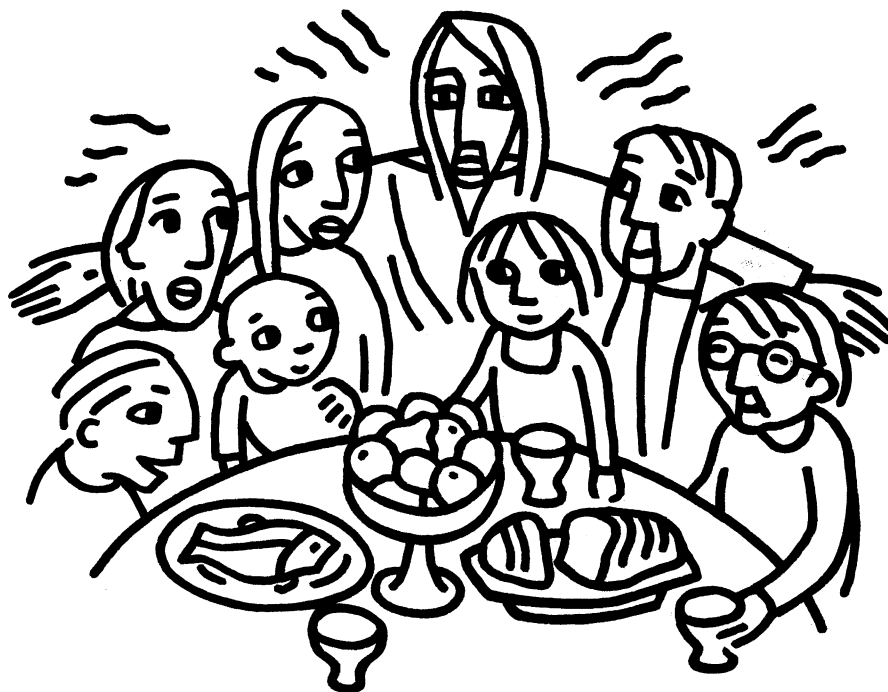


ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



November 2, 2025

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy you have joined us for worship today. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, you are welcome here—you are a blessing to this assembly.

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

Lutherans believe, teach, and confess that in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All who are drawn in faith are welcome to join in this confession and receive the Sacrament.

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. With this service bulletin you can follow and participate in this morning's liturgy.

New to St. Paul? If you have questions or want more information, please fill out a newcomer form with the QR code at the right. Questions about transferring membership from another Lutheran church, or for beginning the process for baptism, confirmation, membership, or transferring from one of the other Christian traditions, may be directed to the Church Office at 781-646-7773 or parishadmin@stpaularlington.org.



SUNDAY SERVICE

8:15am | Service with Holy Communion in Nave
9:00am | Choir Practice
9:30am | Education Hour with Sunday School,
Adult Forum, Confirmation
10:30am | Service with Holy Communion
and online
11:30am | Coffee Hour
11:45am | Social Ministry Meeting

LIVESTREAMING

Worship is streamed on the St. Paul Lutheran Arlington Facebook page. A Facebook account is not necessary to stream, however, without a Facebook account the stream works on a computer browser only and not on a phone.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY TODAY:

Kim Fechtel, Jennifer Parker & Kelli Oliver, *Altar Guild*
Simon D.S. and Felix D.S., *Acolytes*
Josh Davis, *Lector*
Bev Hjorth, *Cantor*
Sandy Walker, *Deacon*
Andy Airasian and Dan Ries, *Ushers*
Hollie Schmidt, *Livestream Broadcast*
Peter & Hollie Schmidt & Lisa Chiulli Lay, *Coffee Guild*

*When the instruction for standing * appears, please stand as you are able and as seems comfortable.*

At the ✠, you may make the sign of the cross, which reminds us of our baptism.

*The congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Nimrod from Enigma Variations for orchestra Op. 36

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

WELCOME

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water.

We need water to drink:

We need water to drink.

We need water to wash:

We need water to wash.

We need water to grow:

We need water to grow.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for baptism:

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

We praise you, O God, for your Spirit:

We praise you, O God for you Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for water:

We praise you, O God, for water.

Amen, with water:

Amen, with water.

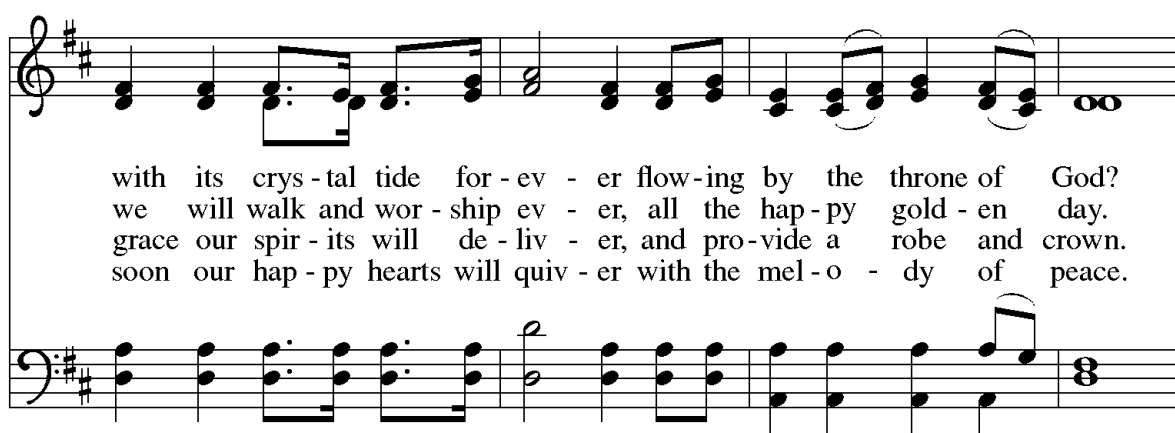
* GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



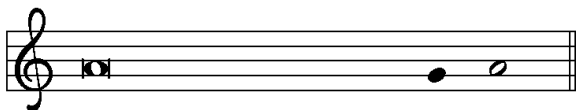
gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

* GREETING

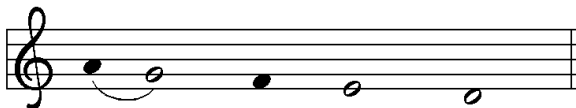
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

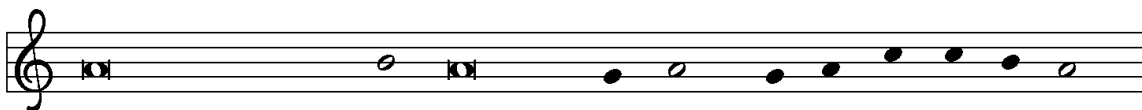
* KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



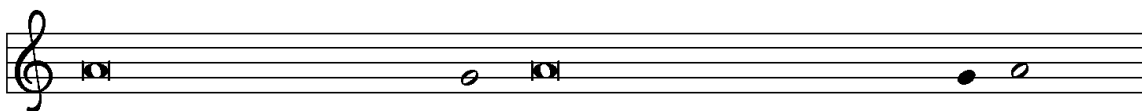
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



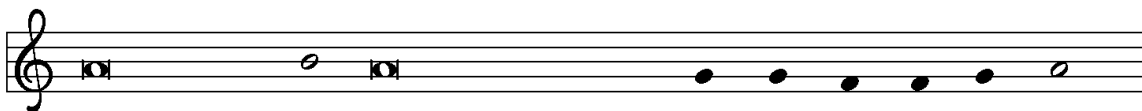
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



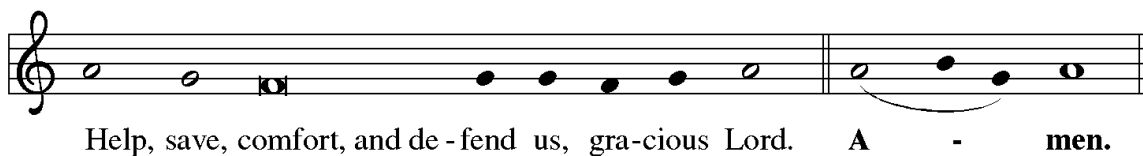
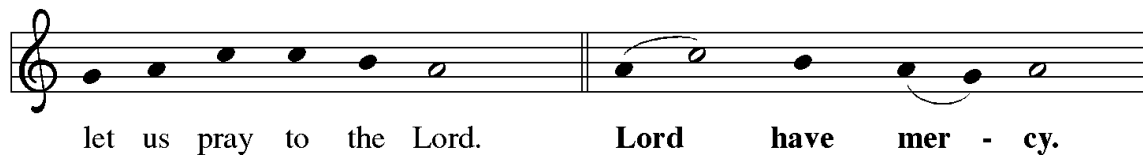
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



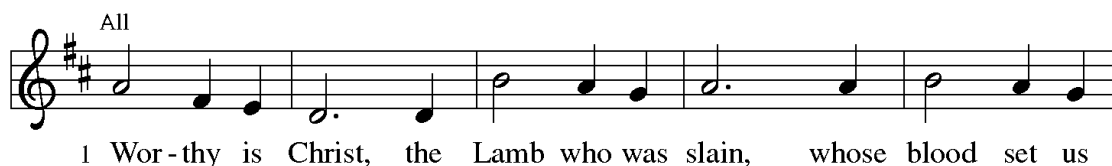
Lord, have mer - cy.

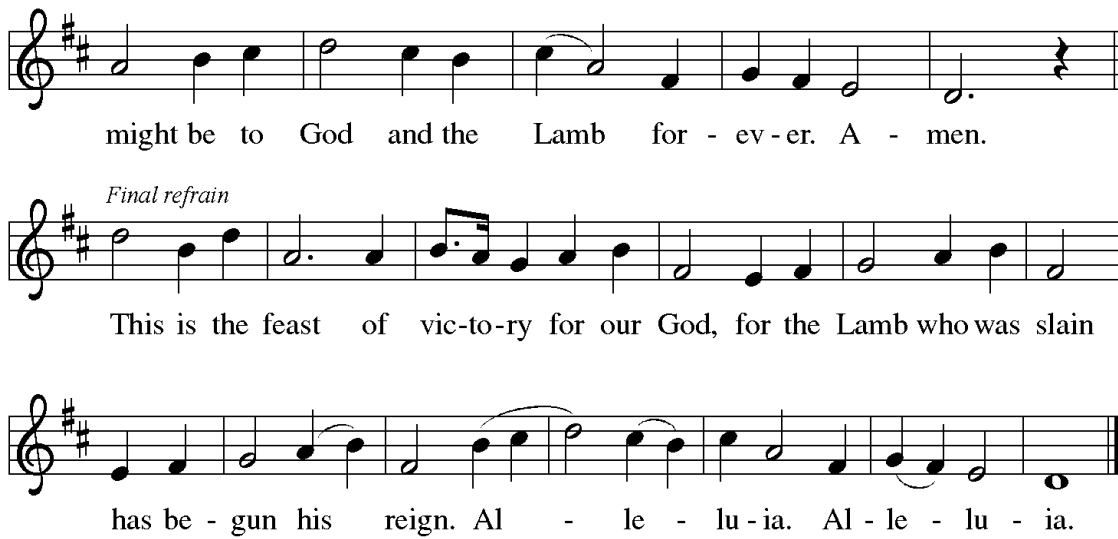


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



* 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

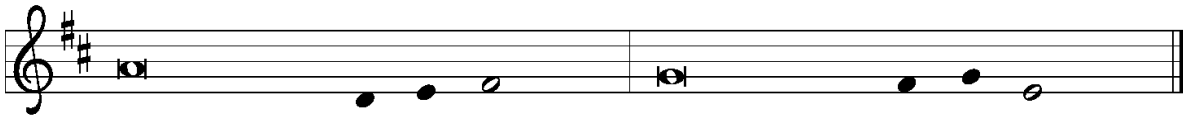
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord | a new song,
 God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
 Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
 let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
For the Lord takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory.
 Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
 let them sing for joy | on their beds.
Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
 to wreak vengeance | on the nations
 and punishment | on the peoples,
to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,
 to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
 this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING (*10:30 only*)

Ephesians 1:11-23

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, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

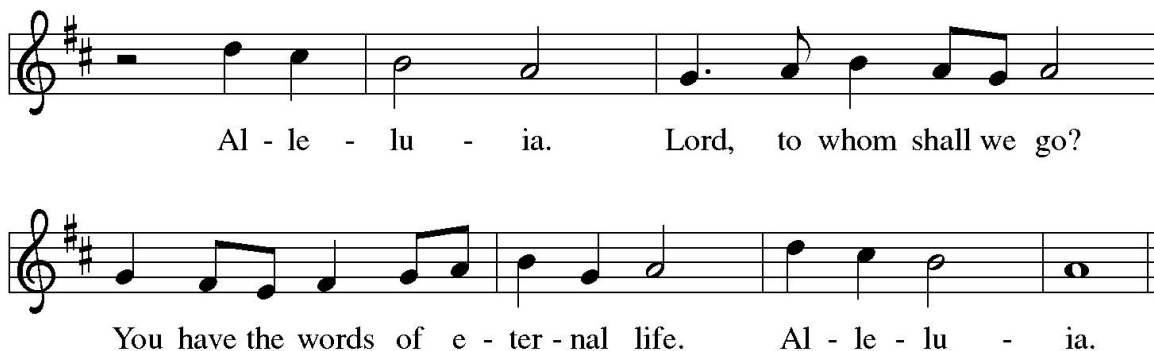
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



* GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

continued

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

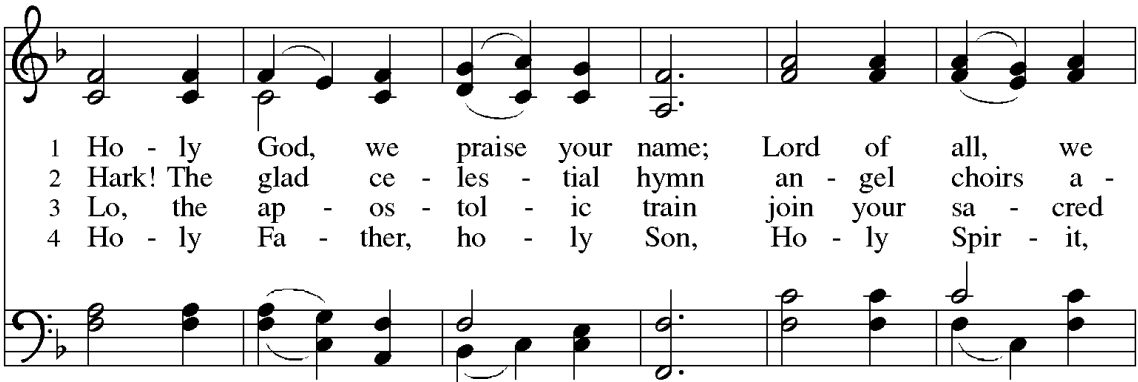
SERMON

Samantha Menapace

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

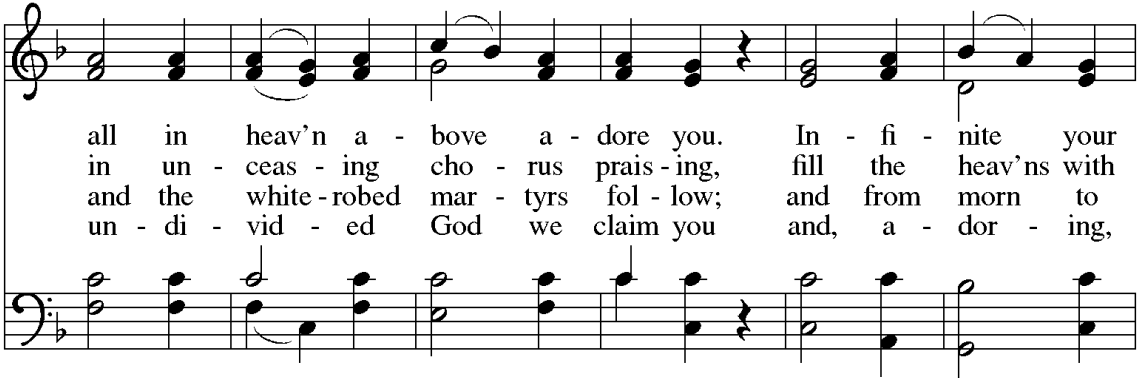
ELW 414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

* APOSTLE'S CREED

In trust and hope, let us confess the faith of the church:

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 into hell. 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

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 Bobby, Dan, Jim, Lynn, Meredith, Naomi, Paul, Roberta and Susan. 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.**

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially those in our community who have died this past year, including Fred Dooe and all we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*brief pause*). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all who hunger, be with those who are impacted by the cessation of funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program due to the government shutdown. Comfort the children, youth and adults who face uncertainty about their next meal. Strengthen food pantries, social workers, and others providing support in the face of injustice. Help all remember that you bless the hungry and they will be satisfied. 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

Keep your hands close together or make the peace sign if you'd rather not pass the peace with touch.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANTHEM (*10:30 only*)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Karen Marrolli (b. 1975)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.

There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.

There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement giv'n.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would rest upon God's word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

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MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

* OFFERING

You may give an offering through the Givelify app by scanning this QR code.
You may also make an offering by placing a gift in the offering plate, which is in the narthex.



* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

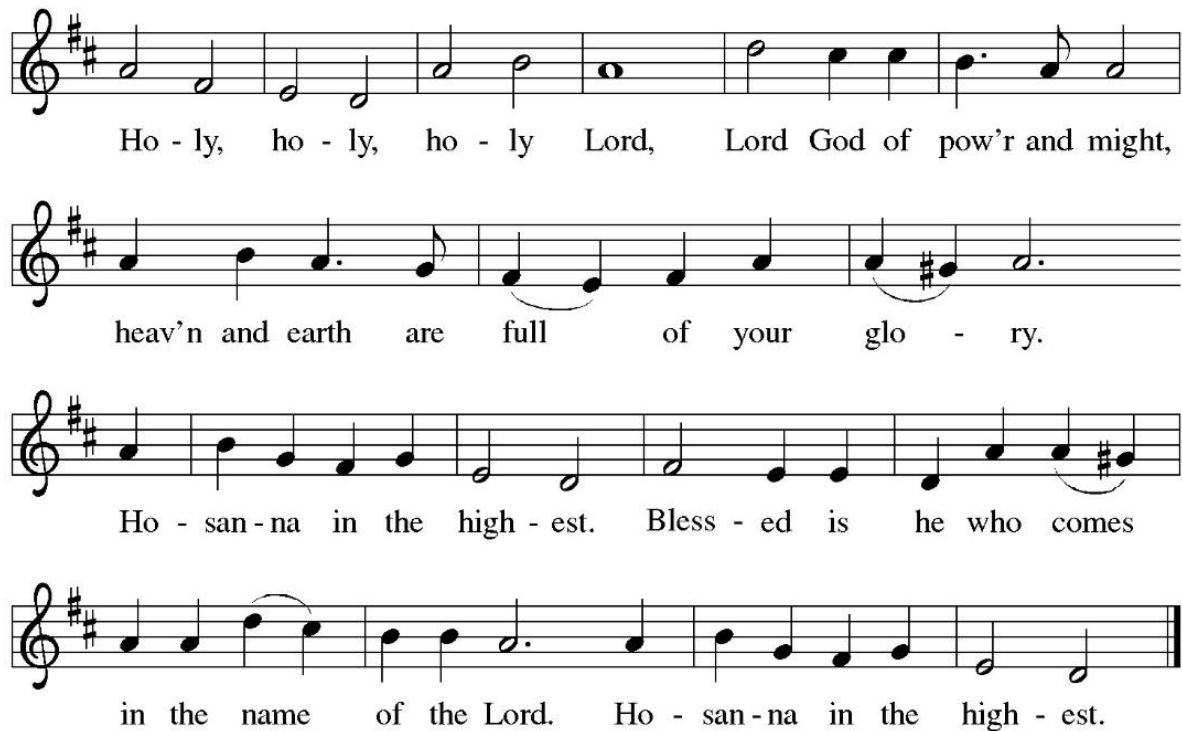
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



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.

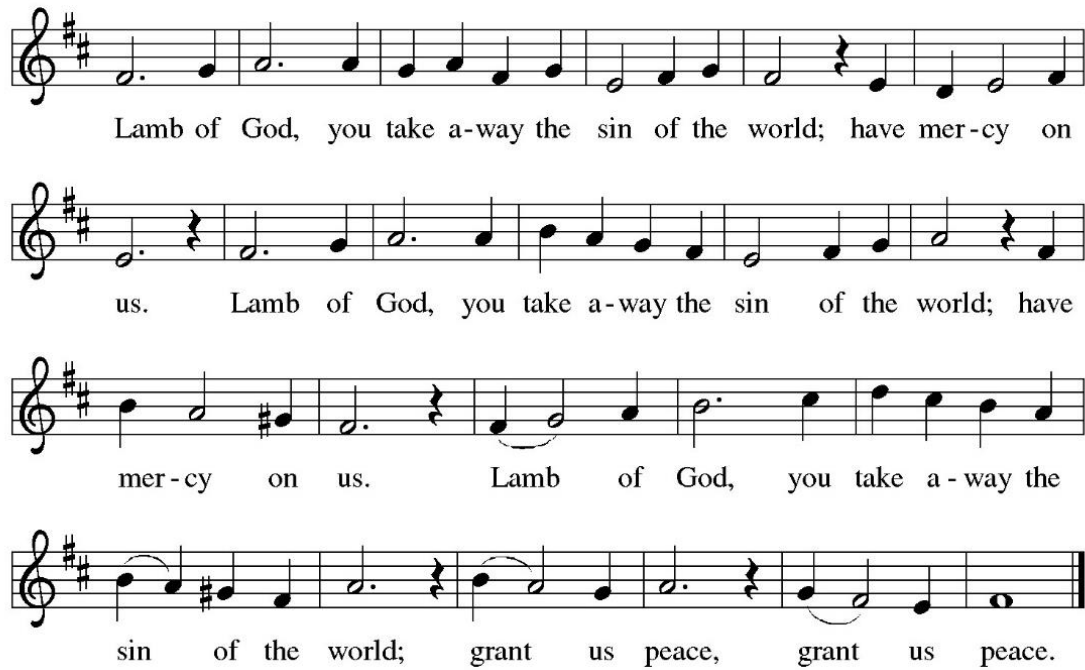
*** LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and the wine. Gluten free wafers are available on request. Both wine and grape juice are available in each tray; the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

Come forward in the center aisle starting at the front of the church. The pastors will motion the first people forward.

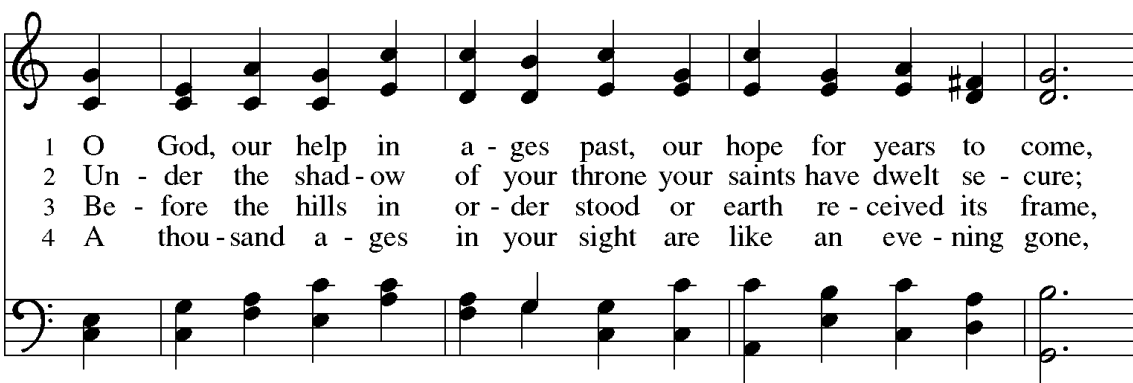


* COMMUNION HYMN (10:30 only)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

TABLE BLESSING

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our Life, our Strength, our Food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SENDING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW 427

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

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.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Messe des Couvents: Premier couplet de Gloria "Et in terra pax" Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

ANNOUNCEMENTS *and* UPCOMING HAPPENINGS
at **SAINT PAUL**



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | November 2

We celebrate the festival of all the saints at both services today. As a part of the service you will have the opportunity to remember in prayer those dear to you who have died and are now at rest. If you wish you may bring photos of those whom you remember to place among lighted candles.

COMMUNITY EVENT | November 8

We have all had the opportunity to spend time thinking about what we enjoy at St. Paul and would like to see more of; opportunities to connect with our fellow members was often at the top of people's list. We are excited to remind people about our Monthly Potluck that is occurring on November 8th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us with a dish to share for a chance to connect with the community of St. Paul. All are welcome to come!

KIM BERGSTRAND VISITING ST. PAUL | November 9

We welcome Kim Bergstrand as the guest preacher at both services on Sunday, November 9. Ms. Bergstrand serves as Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod. Among her many responsibilities, she is the point person for providing congregational support for churches in the synod's Boston Metro Conference. Adult Forum next Sunday will be an opportunity for conversation with her about St. Paul's transition process.

SOCIAL MINISTRY TODAY

The Social Ministry Committee will meet Sunday November 2nd after the 10:30 service, upstairs, classroom 6. Participation in this committee is open to all parishioners - new members are always welcome!

ADULT FORUM TODAY

Lutheranism has a unique understanding of "church." What is it? What's it for? What difference does it make? Pastor Larsen leads conversation in today's forum around these questions. We meet in Goodman Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM.

UPCOMING CHOIR PRACTICE FOR ADVENT

Please join the choir for Lessons and Carols! Here is our rehearsal schedule: then put the dates in. Even if you are not able to join us during the choir season join us for this special event!

Thursday, November 6th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Thursday, November 13th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Saturday, November 22nd 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Thursday, December 4th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Thursday, December 11th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Saturday, December 13th 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

ARLINGTON EATS NOVEMBER NEEDS

You may notice some of our spotlight items are repeats from September and October, and that is because it takes even longer now to get enough of our specialty items (coffee, oil, etc.) to have enough for everyone! Thank you for continuing to show up each month for Arlington EATS!

Spotlight Items are below. Please place these items in the basket which is on the floor of the upper narthex.

- **Granola bars**
- **coffee**
- **Tea**
- **canola/vegetable oil**
- **paper bags**

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is happening this fall with an updated schedule. We will gather on the **3rd Sunday of the month at 4PM at Mighty Squirrel** (411 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham). Vicar Sam will lead a relaxed conversation about a different theological topic each month. I hope these gatherings will be a time to learn, listen, and laugh as we spend time together outside of church on Sunday afternoons. The brewery welcomes families and includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. All are invited!

Fall Dates:

November 23 at 4pm

December 21 at 4pm

ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY | Thursday Evenings, 7-8pm by Zoom

All are invited to join our bible study! We will gather on Thursday evenings on Zoom from 7-8pm. Each week, we will study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary texts, which are the bible readings we hear in worship. To access the readings and Zoom link, please see St. Paul's Weekly Update email. If you are not a subscriber, you can sign up on our website or email Vicar Sam for the Bible Study Zoom link (stpaularlingtonvicar@gmail.com).

TODAY AND THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
November 2	November 6	November 8	November 9
8:15 Service 9:00 Choir 9:30 Education Hour 10:30 Service 11:30 Coffee Hour 11:45 Social Ministry meeting	7-8pm Bible Study via Zoom 7:30 – 9:00pm Lessons and Carols choir rehearsal	6:00 pm Potluck	8:15 Service 9:00 Choir 9:00 Education Hour 10:30 Service Guest preacher at both services



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