

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

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Mission Statement:

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church is a community of faith grounded in love for God and love for our neighbors



November 01, 2026

All Saints Sunday

Celice Clark, Accompanist

Prelude: Sarum arr. by Wilbur Held

Lauren Morriss, Composer

Prelude: "O Lord Jesus, You Carry Me in Your Arms so Gently"

Welcome, Friends in Christ,

*To assist in worship, this bulletin includes all portions of our service; prayers, readings, hymns, congregational responses in **bold**.*

We also provide activity bags for children. You may request these from an usher to use during the service. Please note: The bags contain a treat.

Whether you are first time visitors or long time friends returning to share in worship with us, we are grateful for your presence today.

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Welcome: Pastor Todd Bertani

Call to Worship: "Halle, Halle, Halle" arr. by Hal H. Hopson

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

(Brief silence for reflection)

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: “Shall We Gather at the River” *Hymn 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;

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.

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

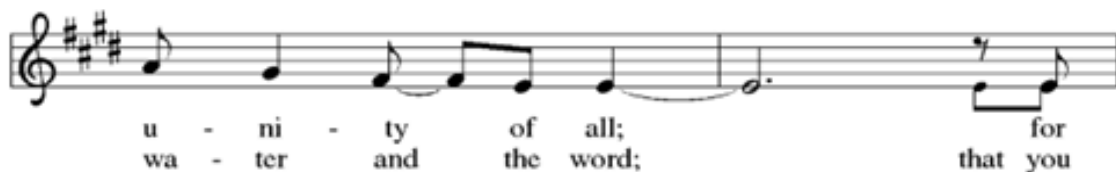
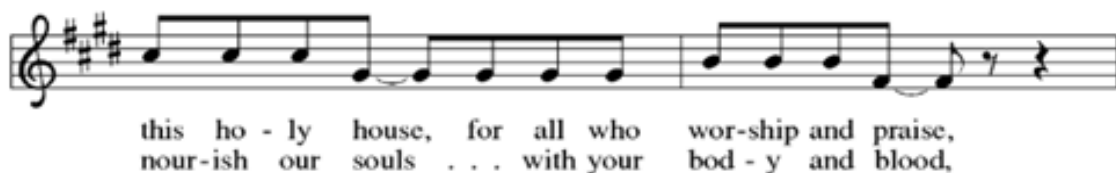
The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Refrain, Congregation



Leader



Canticle of Praise

Congregation

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,
glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

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)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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."

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

³ O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.**

⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.

⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

⁹ O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹ 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew Chapter 5.

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.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: Pastor Todd Bertani

Sermon Notes

Sermon Hymn: "Give Thanks for Saints" *Hymn 428*

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Nicene Creed

**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.

All Saints Remembrance



The candles in the chancel are alight in memory of those who have died since All Saints in 2025.

A chime will be rung after each person's name is read.

Members/Active Friends:

12/29/2025 - Jim Stensvaag
04/06/2026 - Laurel Shaw
04/24/2026 - Marilyn Anderson
10/12/2026 - Roger Fjeld

Former Members:

03/18/2026 - Nick Molle'
04/12/2026 - Glenn Isernhagen
05/04/2026 - Jane Rising
05/22/2026 - Rachel Elger
07/19/2026 - Carolyn Tuttle



Relatives/Friends of the Congregation:

11/08/2025 - Jim Crick (Kathy George's uncle)
02/06/2026 - Janet Lindstrom (sister in law of Paula Stensvaag)
04/08/2026 - Violet Lindstrom (sister in law of Paula Stensvaag)
04/11/2026 - Geri Young (Josh Young's grandmother)
04/24/2026 - Jim Nelson (Josh Young's great uncle)
08/14/2026 - Judy Huff (Linda Schlitt's sister-in-law)
09/03/2026 - Kolton Gochis (friend of Jet Bertani)
09/19/2026 - Sterling Heard (friend of Jet Bertani's family)
09/30/2026 - Jackie Johnson (wife of Pastor Dan Johnson)
10/08/2026 - Gilbert Lindstrom (brother of Paula Stensvaag)
10/20/2026 - Michael Norton (friend of Jet Bertani)

And finally, please take a moment of silence to honor all those who have gone before us. Please name them in your hearts and minds.

Intercessory Prayer

After each petition : “God, in your mercy”
Congregation Response is **“hear our prayer.”**

Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

Online
Giving



Choir Anthem: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory” *by Henry V. Gerike*

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

Receiving of Gifts

Offering 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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with You.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

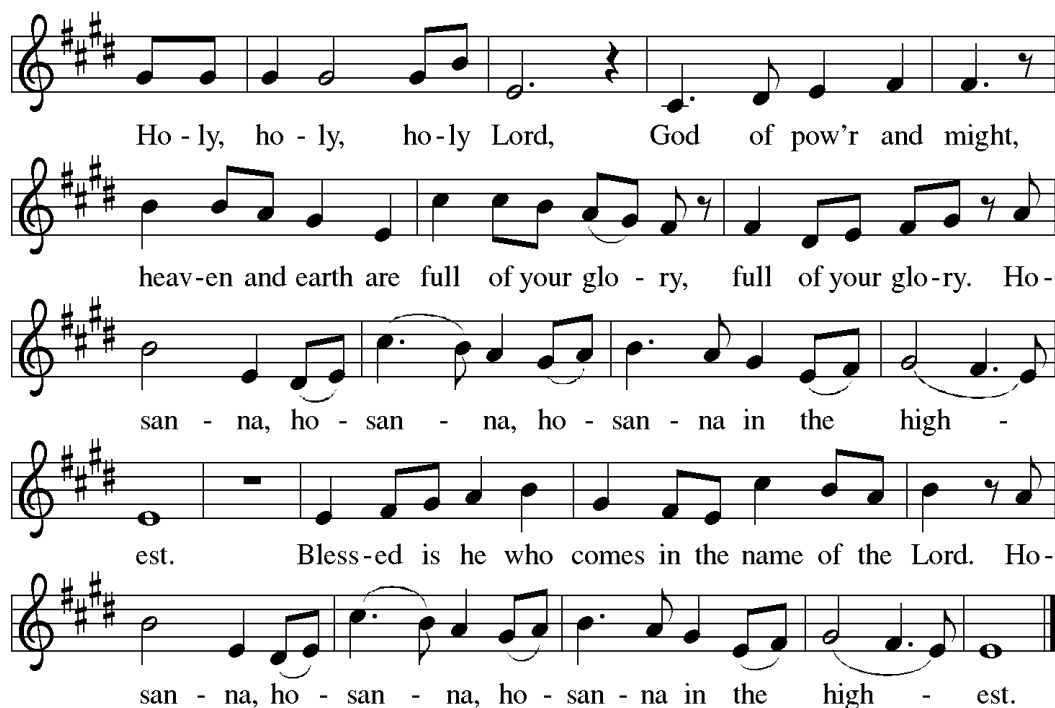
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your
light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God
incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

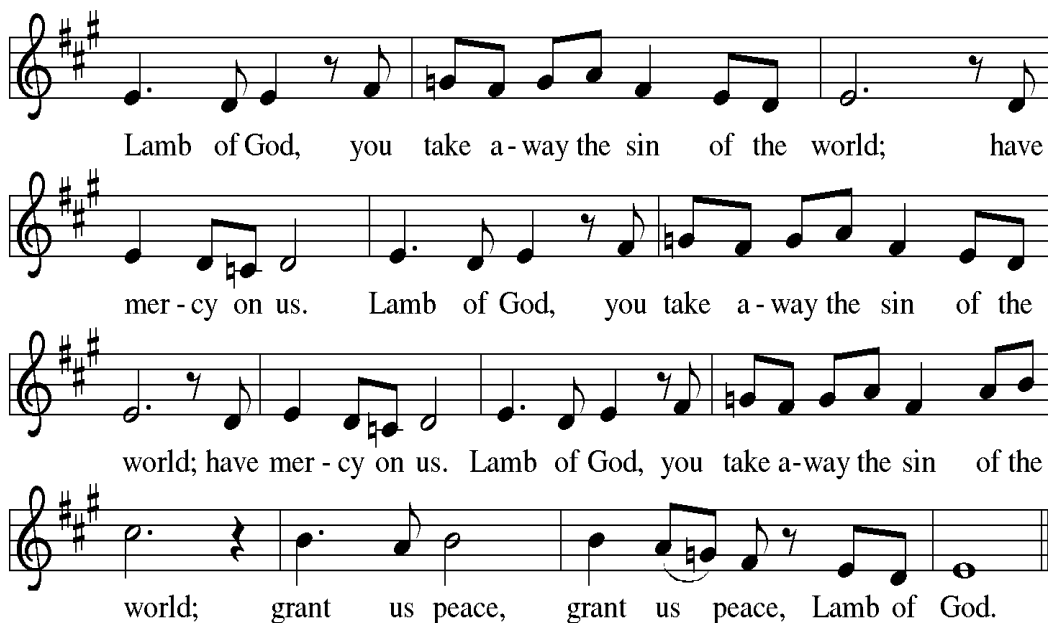
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

We commune by 'Intinction', by dipping the wafer in wine or grape juice.

*We are **all** guests at God's table. **Everyone** is invited to receive communion.*

(Please be seated)

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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Hymn 628



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version

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Post Communion Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen.**



Post Communion Prayer

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.

Ministry Calendar

November 01—All Saints Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship

November 02—Monday:

8:30 a.m.: Piano Maintenance—'voicing'

November 03—Tuesday:

If you haven't already...VOTE!

9:00 a.m.: PEO HF

November 04—Wednesday:

8:00 a.m.: Sacred Space (Zoom)

3:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal **(NOTE NEW TIME)**

November 05—Thursday:

NO QUILTING

November 06—Friday:

1:00 p.m.: John Wolf, Rehearsal

November 07—Saturday:

2:00 p.m.: Peak to Peak Concert John Wolf—Pianist

November 08—Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Worship

10:00 a.m.: **Congregation Meeting to review and approve 2027 Budget**

(You are invited to stand, in body or spirit)

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 Hymn 950

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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Dismissal

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

Postlude: For All The Saints *arr: Charles Callahan*

Thank you for serving!		
	November 01	November 08
Accompanist:	Celice Clark	Julie Varilek
Choir Director:	Ann Knipping	Ann Knipping
Lector:	Lauren Morriss	Paula Stensvaag
Ushers:	Sallie Brackman Julie Wilson	Mike Wold OPEN
Tellers:	OPEN OPEN	OPEN OPEN
Altar Care:	OPEN	OPEN
Communion Asst:	OPEN OPEN OPEN	Paula Stensvaag OPEN OPEN
AV Engineer:	Bruce Adams	Steve Peter
Fellowship Hosts: See Fellowship Host Calendar	Susan Anderson	Linda Wold
Flower Sponsor:	Del & Marilyn Kienker	OPEN
Flower Arranger:	Susan Anderson	Susan Anderson