ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 1, 2026



Welcome to worship today!
As a reminder our worship services are available online: Zion Website:
http://www.zionlewistownelca.com/worship/video-services
YouTube Channel: Zion Lutheran Church, Lewistown, MT

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November 1, 2026 All Saints Day

GATHERING

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

OPENING LITANY

L Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

L This morning we gather in the name of the God who creates, redeems, and makes all things new.

C By grace we are saved, through faith we are made free.

L We come not because we have earned God's love, but because God's love has already claimed us.

C In Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.

L The church is always being reformed, not by our own strength, but by the living Word of God.

C Come, Holy Spirit. Renew your church and open our hearts to your grace.

L Rooted in Christ, freed by grace, and called to love and serve our neighbors, let us worship the Lord!

C Thanks be to God! Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Most merciful God,

C **Have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L With joy, I proclaim to you the Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING SONG ***For All the Saints*** ***(ELW 422)***

GREETING

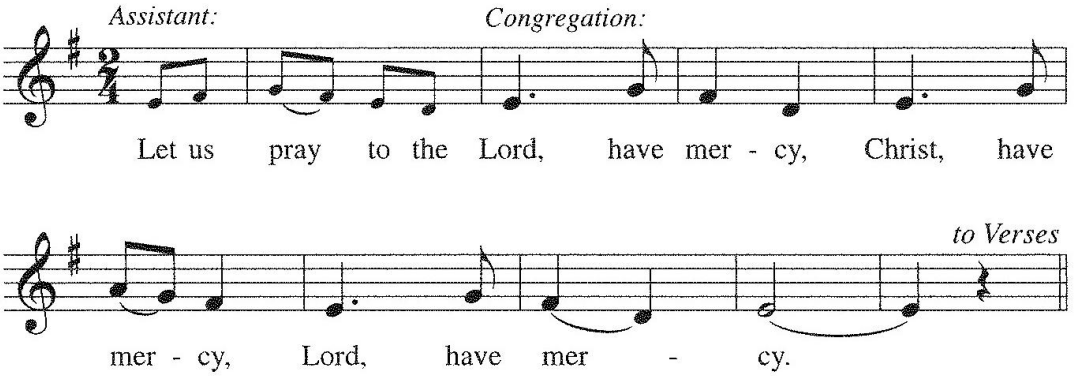
L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

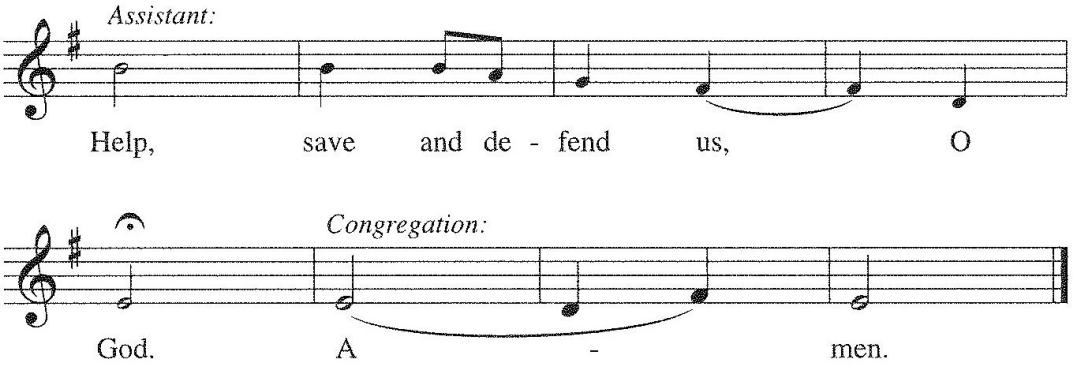
Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Refrain



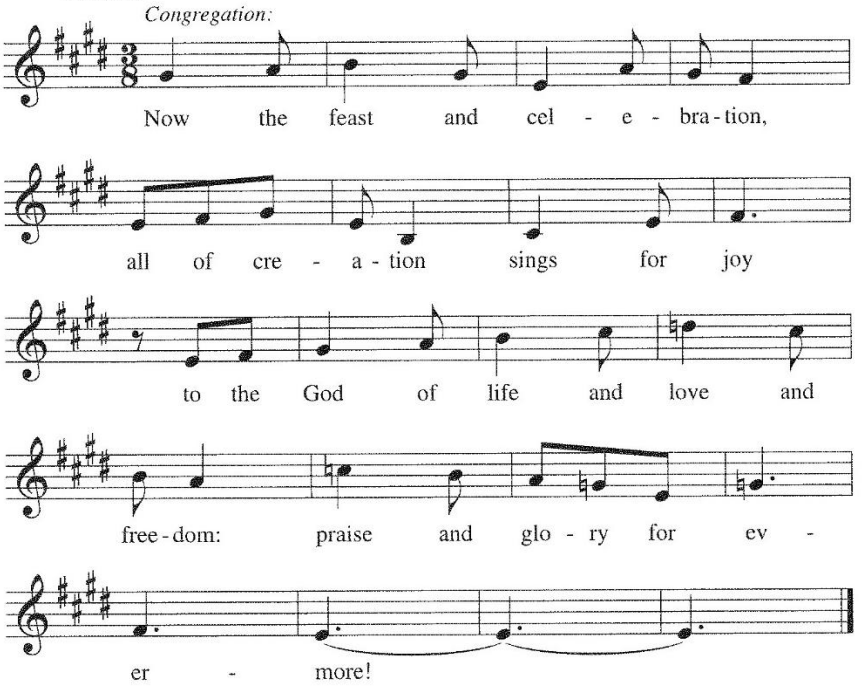
Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

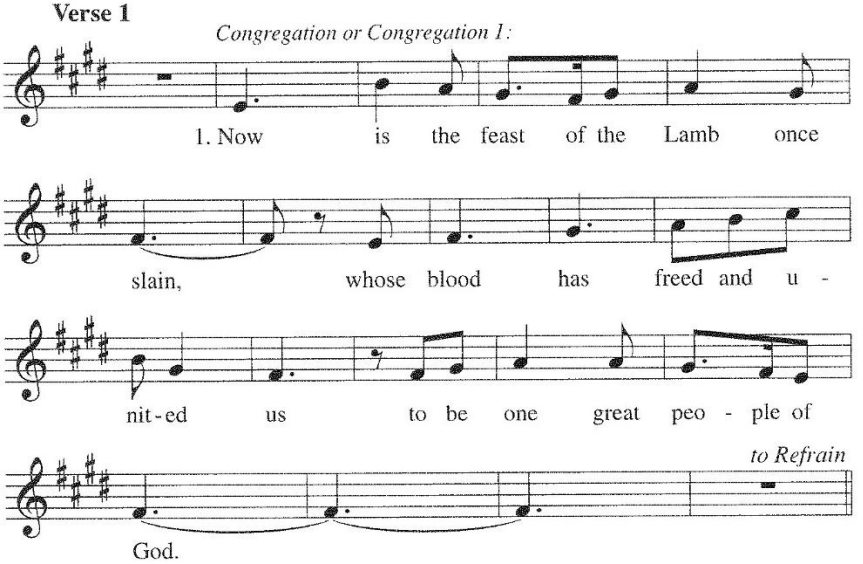


NOW THE FEAST

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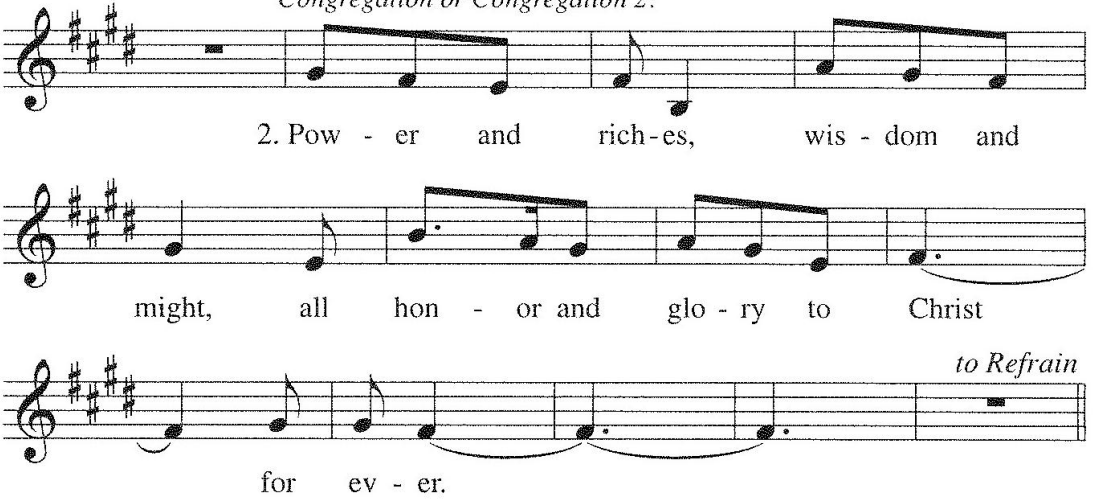


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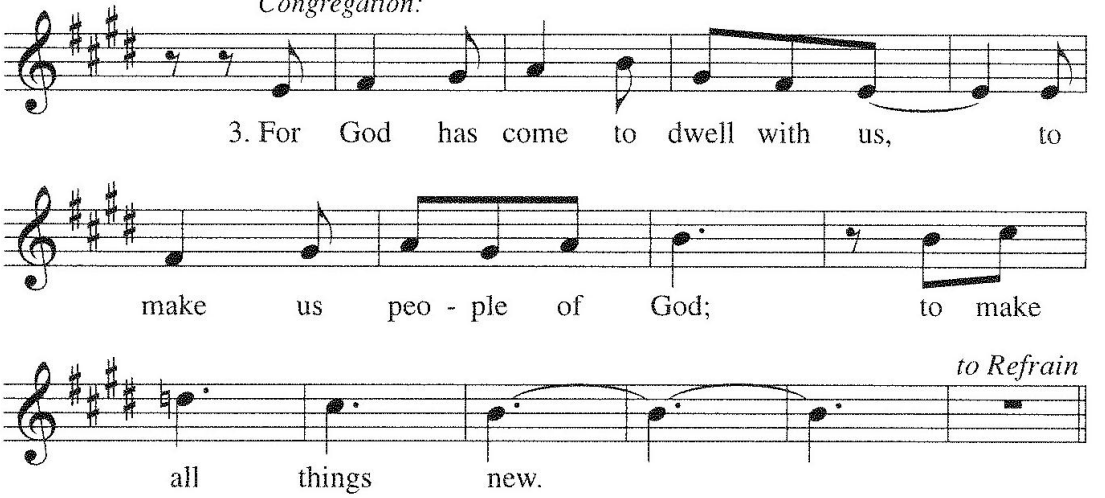
Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



Verse 3

Congregation:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Almighty God,

C 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

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

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.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (spoken responsively)

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 delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge 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.

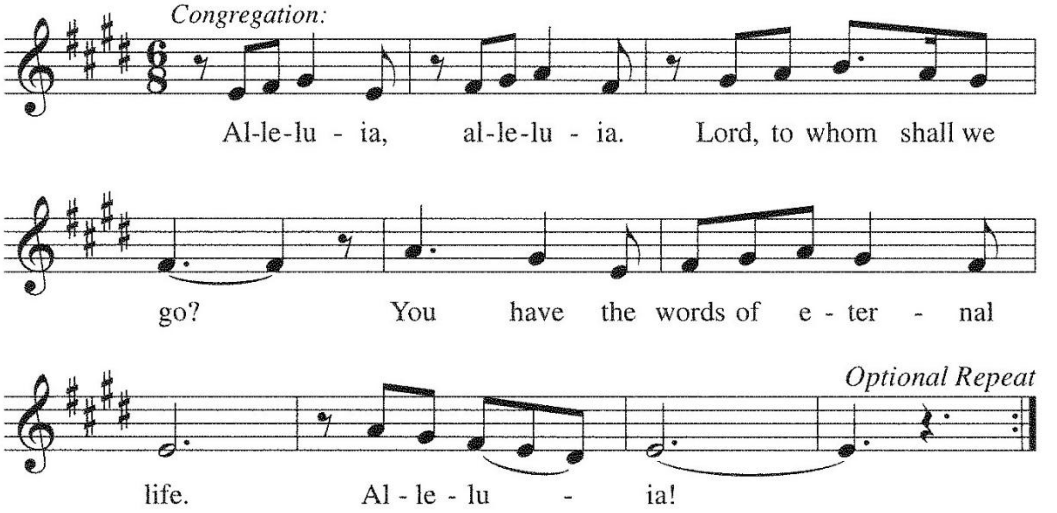
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

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.
C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

L The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C 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."

L The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Spirit of Gentleness*** ***(ELW 396)***

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

L Let us remember the saints who have gone before us – those who shared our laughter, our tables, our tears.

C We remember them with gratitude.

L Let us remember the saints who shaped our faith – parents and grandparents, teachers and friends, pastors and prophets, believers of every time and place.

C We remember them with thanksgiving.

L Let us remember the saints. Those who worshiped amongst us, whose voices joined ours in praise. Let us remember those who lived near and far who touched our hearts as family and friends. Let us remember all those whose absence we continue to feel.

Names are read and a candle is lit.
Woody, Bill, Scott, Mike, DeAnn, Dorothy, Dave & Vera

C We remember them with love.

L Holy God, by your grace they are now at rest. By your Spirit, we are united with them in one communion and one hope.
Let us remember all those who joined as Saints this year through the gift of baptism:

Names are read and a candle is lit.
Matilda & Patty

C Keep us faithful, O Lord, until that day we are all united in one communion of saints; one hope. Amen.

CREED

L With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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 THE PEOPLE

L Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

(Response to prayers)

L Hear us, O God
C Your mercy is great.

L Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

PEACE

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

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

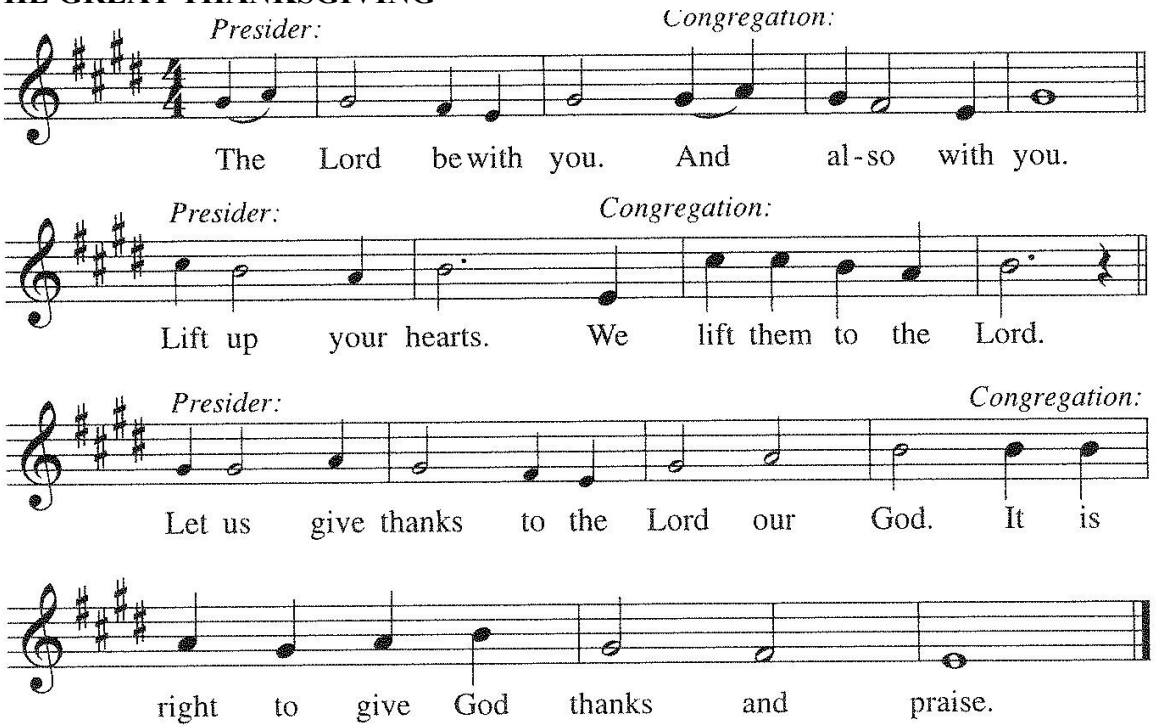


OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray.

C Merciful God, everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

L 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

L 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



SONG DURING COMMUNION ***The Numberless Gifts of God's Mercies(ELW 683)***

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,

C that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

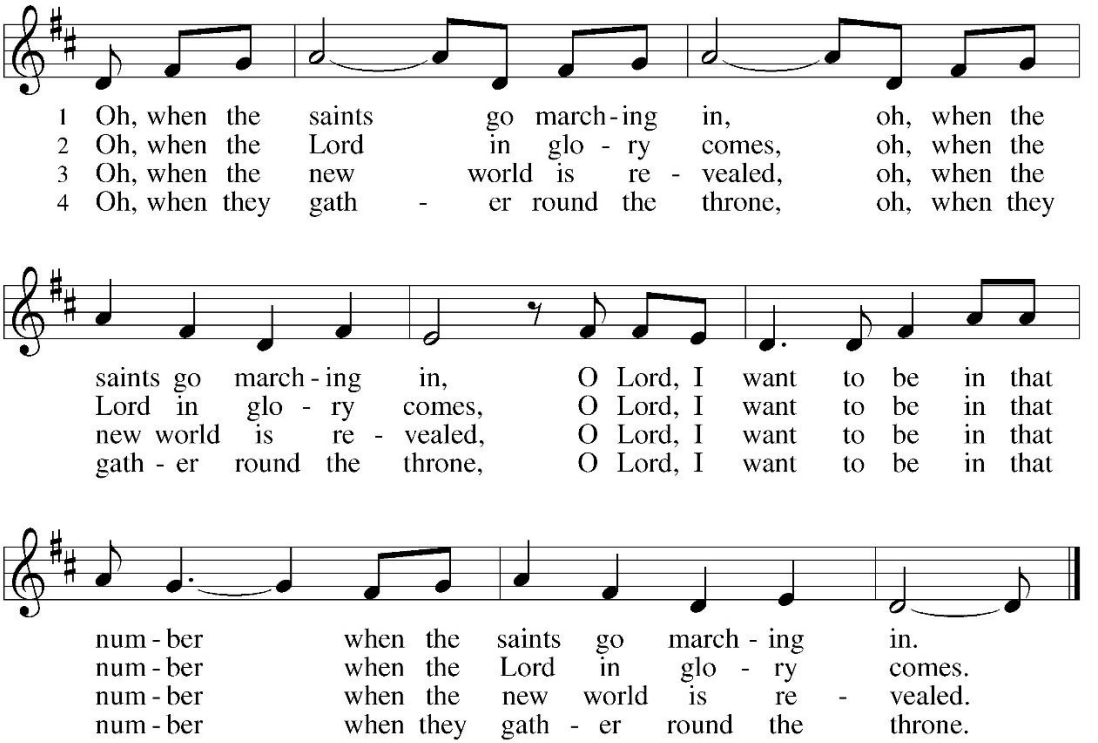
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

L May God bless and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and give us peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*** ***(TFF 180)***



5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

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

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Serving Us:
Lay Minister: Roger Woltermann
Pianists: Meryl McKenna & Rhonda Jeide
Lector: Sandy Murphy
Communion Assistants: Linda Robinson & Pat Fredrickson
Ushers: Audrey & Stan Olson
Greeter: Linda Robinson
PowerPoint: Falan Aanenson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Scott, Ed, Norma D., Tia (Pam Bowen's granddaughter), Ken, Ona, Krista, Tracy, Gordon, Pam, Margie, Maureen, Mark, Wayne & Stephanie.

Please call the office if you would like to join Prayer Partners.

Social Concern for November is The Zion Elevator Fund.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark "Elevator" in the memo line of your check.

Serving Us: NEXT WEEK 11/8/2026
Pastor: Peter Christ
Pianists: Meryl McKenna & Rhonda Jeide
Lector: George Maruska
Communion Assistants: Lois Davidson
Ushers:
Greeters:
PowerPoint: Kyrie Benes

After all the votes are counted, healing the nation and our own relationships will require intentional effort. With a desire to help begin that process, St James is offering a worship service.

- **Seeking Reconciliation After the Election**
- **November 4 at Noon**
- **@ St. James**

Week of 11/2 – 11/8

11/3	**5:30pm**	**Choir Practice**
11/4	**12:00pm**	**Men Over Lunch**
	3:30pm	**B.L.A.S.T, Rainbow Choir & Confirmation**
	4:30pm	**Wee Singers**
	6:00pm	**Youth Bible Study**
11/5	**9:00am**	**Quilting**
	12:00pm	**Zoom Bible Study**
11/7	**9:00am**	**Cutting of the Greens**
		(Meet in the church parking lot.)
11/8	**9:30am**	**Worship**

Week of 11/9 – 11/15

11/9	**9:00am**	**Wreath Making**
11/10	**9:30am**	**Rachel Circle**
11/11	**12:00pm**	**Men Over Lunch**
	3:30pm	**B.L.A.S.T, Rainbow Choir & Confirmation**
	4:30pm	**Wee Singers**
	6:00pm	**Youth Bible Study**
11/11-11/13		**Lefse Making**
11/12	**9:00am**	**Quilting**
	12:00pm	**Zoom Bible Study**
11/14	**9am-1pm**	**ZLCW Bazaar**
11/15	**9:30am**	**Worship**