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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's Gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP***

**\*GATHERING**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND \*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Silence is observed for reflection and self-examination.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Rejoice in God's Saints*  
(Sung by leader)

- 1 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
- 2 Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.
- 3 Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!
- 4 Rejoice in God's saints today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

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\*GREETING

*Spoken responsively by the leader and congregation.*

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.**

# WORD

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Gather by the River to Pray*

## SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. John... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

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

## SERMON

## \*CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence is observed.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away, especially our sponsored missionaries, Steve and Bethany and Sarah and Andrew. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way, especially... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and in silence.*

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation and its friends who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us, especially those who have died during the past year... Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

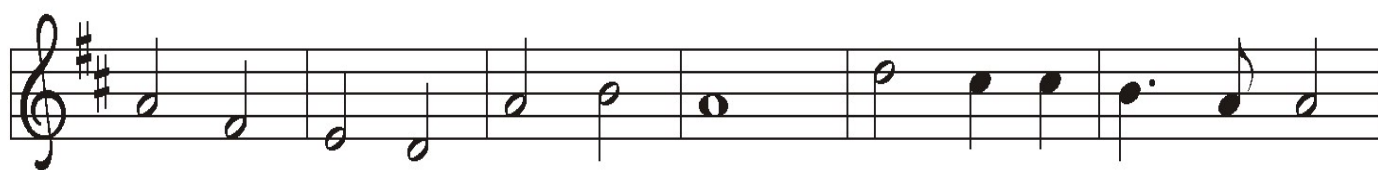
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. By the witness of the 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 the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

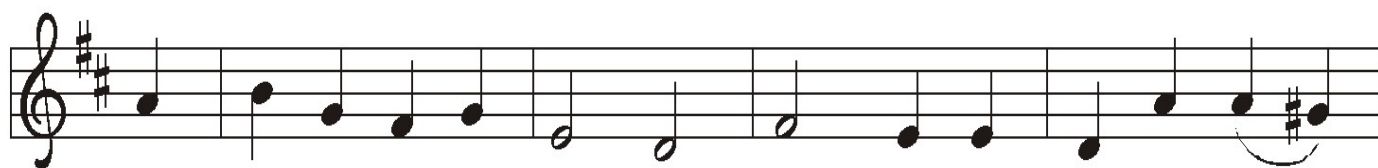
## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



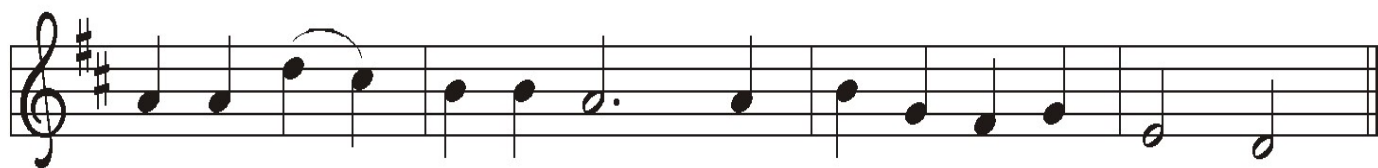
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**





**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*Prayed by the congregation.*

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**

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

DISTRIBUTION

*Land of Rest*

arr. Robert A. Benson

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### \*BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage. **Amen**

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Shall We Gather at the River*

(Please kindly wear a face mask when singing.)

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

#### *Refrain*

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

- 2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain***

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***

- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

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**\*DISMISSAL**

*Spoken responsively by the congregation.*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*The Trout*

Schubert

## **SERVING IN THE LITURGY**

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Brandon Michaels

MUSIC MINISTER

David Richards

SERVICE LEADER

Kristine Boike

LECTOR

Charles Matthies

GREETER

Sandy Garvey

USHER

Fred Kuzel

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Esther Meksto

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Members of the Congregation:* Anne Gavac, Helen Gaydusek, Elaine Haase, Anita Horak, Luddy Kovalsky, Dot Myers, George Pagurko, Mary Sasuta and Mary Sordel

*Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:* Kelly Alvey, Wally Bisping, Mary Costello, Ramona Daus, Eric Dennison, Denise Fricano, Bob Hicks, Bill Holmes, Marjorie Hudnall, Ron Kelly, Nicole Kisiel, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Daryle Lauritsen, Lenyce Lawrenson, Delores Linden, Darlene Loughlin, Celia Martinez, Michele Mason, Donald Neal, Patricia Pfeiffer, Pat Pileggi, Dolores Pollitz, Alice Puglise, John Racek, Dr. Craig Reckard, Sue Renville, Sandy Rossella, Elaine Sorich, Peter Spilotro, Rev. Dave Stefanson, Harvey Swenson, Gertrude Tarbox, Janie Tarbox, Tom Thoreson, Mark Van Scharrel and Taz Zajac.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in celebration of **Celia Martinez** on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and in memory of dear wife **+Lupe Martinez+** on the anniversary of her birth on November 4<sup>th</sup> by Rafael Martinez.

Today we remember the following persons related to the congregation who have passed to their eternal rest since All Saints Day a year ago:

**+Emily Kostial+, +Sheryl Hallmann+, +Robert Skudrna+, +Richard Hurbanis+, +Dominick Ritacco+, +Miloslava Blahut+, +Anne Otjepka+, +Steve Podzamsky+ and +Marguerite Boike+.**

A table is located at the front of the nave where you may place a votive candle in memory of deceased loved ones to remember with gratitude their dwelling among the communion of saints “who from their labors rest.” Votives are located at the Woodside entrance where they may be lit and carried to the front.

*Lord, we give thanks for all your saints, for those whose faith was tested and found to be certain and sure. We thank you for those saints who suffered because of their commitment to you and did not waver even in adversity. We give you thanks for the saints who were great and not so great, the courageous and faithful, the bold ones and even the timid ones who loved you in their own time and place. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving Day**  
November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.

**A Service of the Word and Prayers of Thanksgiving**  
*The monetary offering will benefit  
the Chicago Food Depository.*

*Lux Cantorum Chicago* will present its **Christmas concert entitled “Holiday Blessings”** featuring favorite choral music of the season at Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday afternoon, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. More information about the concert is available at [luxcantorum.org](http://luxcantorum.org). Sts. Peter and Paul members Brandon Michaels, Jane Lauritsen and Pastor Dennis sing with *Lux Cantorum*.

<b>Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering</b>	
<b>October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021</b>	
<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2021:</i>	\$2,500.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$2,059.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$ 441.00