Service of Holy Communion All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025



INTRODUCTION

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**
- P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Congregation kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

- P. Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.
- P. Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, \oplus in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.** Congregation stands

THE GREETING

P. 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

A. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. 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.

C. Lord, have mercy.

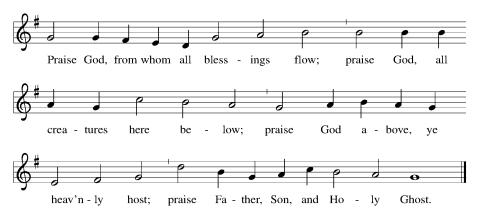
A. For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C. Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt. Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joy 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.**

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

P. Let us remember all the saints before God. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of your Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. Christ says,

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

P. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls.

READING OF THE NAMES & CANDLE LIGHTING

Using the small paper you are invited to write down the names of those who have died. Come forward, hand the paper to Pastor to read the names aloud, and light a candle. We will begin with remembering those who have died this past year, those family and friends are invited forward.

Carl R Moller 1937 - 2025

WORD

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ 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: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ 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: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

A. Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 149 (read responsively)

- ¹ 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.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,
- ⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ 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, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ 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; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

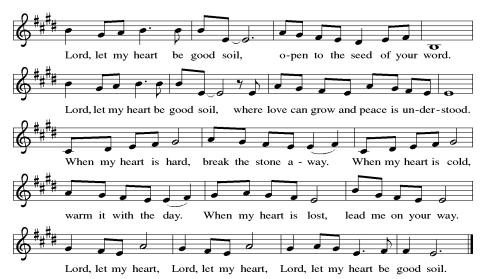
C. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Children & Youth are invited forward for a special sermon time with Pastor Peggy.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

P. The holy gospel according to Luke. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

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

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ 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.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "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.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P. The gospel of the Lord. C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation is seated

SERMON The Golden Rule and Other Tips

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shall We Gather at the River

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. A brief silence.

A. 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.**

A. 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.**

A. 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.**

A. God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. We pray especially for...those we now say aloud...and those we hold in our hearts...Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A. 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.**

A. God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed especially your saints named today. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P. The Peace of Christ be with you always.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Congregation is seated

Harland, Walker, Keveren

MEAL

OFFERTORY INVITATION

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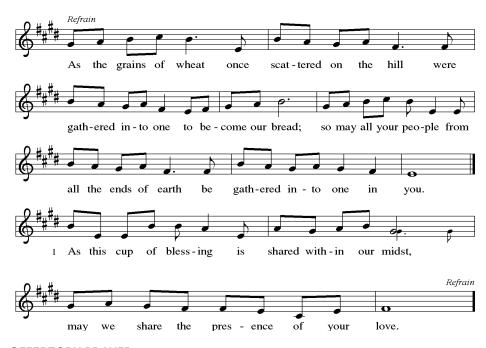
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Congregation stands

OFFERTORY SONG



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Let us pray... God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen**.

DIALOGUE & PREFACE OF THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you.
- C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts.
- C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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 (Sing 2x—English 1st time; Spanish 2nd time)





Text: Argentine traditional

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

Congregation kneels or sits

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P. With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds.

With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food.

With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations.

With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

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.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen. **Amen!** With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen. **Amen!** With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. **Amen!**

With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the presence of the body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, and especially with our beloved saints, lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout blessing, blessing, glory, glory, wisdom, wisdom, thanksgiving, thanksgiving, honor, honor, power, power, might, might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. Amen!

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.

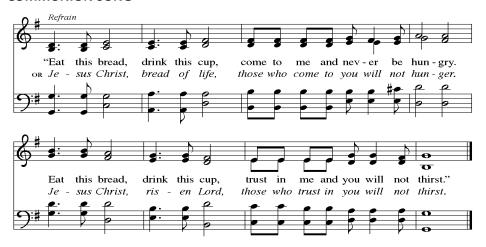
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to Communion this morning. Please come forward, quided by the Ushers, to receive the bread and wine. Children are invited to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free and traditional wafers are available, please note this to Pastor Peggy when you come up. The bread is dairy and egg free. Grape juice is available in the second communion plate. As you return to your seat via the side aisles you can place your empty cup in the baskets on either side.

P. There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION SONG



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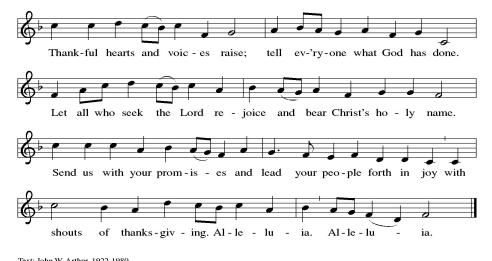
After all have received Communion the congregation stands.

TABLE BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray...God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P. The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (printed in back of bulletin)

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C. Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements for November 2nd, 2025

Welcome to Holy Counselor Lutheran Church. May you experience the joy of God's presence in our worship!

If today is your **first time** worshiping at Holy Counselor, please be sure to fill out the "Guest Book" on the table in the narthex and take a welcome bag.

Please ask our ushers any questions you may have regarding worship this morning. Large print bulletins are available.

Worship is live streamed to our church Facebook page, but the camera is pointed away during Communion and is not on the children when they come forward during A Time for the Child in Us All.

Altar flowers are in memory of loved ones from Nancy Knecht

Thank you, Gale Mac Peek, for this morning's refreshments

Volunteers for Today's Worship

Lay Asst. Nancy Knecht
Ushers Volunteer needed
Comm. Asst. Debbie Lennon
Tech John Heeren
Tellers Volunteer needed
Refreshments Gale Mac Peek

Volunteers for Next Sunday, Nov. 9th

Lay Asst. Emilie Dupont
Ushers Volunteer needed
Comm. Asst. Volunteer needed

Tech Mark Rossi

Tellers Volunteer needed **Refreshments** Volunteer needed

***** Join us for refreshments after worship*****

THIS WEEK AT HOLY COUNSELOR

Sunday, Nov 2: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, All Saints Sunday, 9:30am

Choir Practice following worship

Youth Group drop off food drive flyers following worship &

Granny's Pancake House, 11:30-1pm

Tuesday, Nov 4: VOTE & Pastor's Comm. Office Hours, Daily Bean, 12-2pm

Wednesday, Nov 5: Adult Ed, Zoom, 10am

Saturday, Nov 8: Sisters in Prayer, Zoom, 8:30am

Sunday, Nov 9: Sunday School, 8:45-9:15am

Worship w/Communion, Blessing of Skis & Knees, 9:30am Choir Practice following worship Youth Food Drive Pickup, following worship

<u>Pastor's Community Office Hours:</u> Pastor Peggy will be at Daily Bean THIS Tuesday, Nov. 4th from 12-2pm for Community Office Hours. All are welcome to drop in for a visit as she is present in the community.

Blessing of the Skis & Knees: NEXT Sunday, November 9th during worship we will have a Blessing of the Skis and Knees to kick off the winter ski season. Given our location to Mountain Creek, this is the perfect blessing for our neighbors too. Invite your friends, bring your skis, boots, or helmets and receive this unique blessing.

<u>Pie Sales</u>: Order forms are available for our annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale! **Order your pies by Sunday, November 16**th. Apple, Pumpkin, Coconut Custard, and Chocolate Cream are available! \$20 each or 3 for \$50! **Pick up** is Sunday, November 23rd following worship.

<u>Calendars coming soon:</u> Have you enjoyed the beautiful calendars created by Frank's photography and Pam's scripture this year? Good news! **Calendars for 2026 will be created and available soon.** They make great gifts in addition to beautifying your own home! Keep an eye out.

<u>Flower Chart</u>: Our new flower chart will be hung up soon for 2026 on sign up central. All are welcome to sign up for flowers! On the chart just mark what you would like in the bulletin (ex. "Happy Birthday, Jennifer! Love, Mom!"). Envelopes are available for the flower donation, typically \$25. After worship on the day you signed up for flowers, you get to take them home! You can sign up for flowers for anything like anniversaries & birthdays or in memory of loved ones.

<u>Prayers for Porch Planks</u>: Please consider supporting the Parsonage Porch replacement fund ("Prayers for Porch Planks") which is displayed on the white board in the narthex. A HUGE thank you to everyone for your generous support so far!!

<u>Food Pantry:</u> The Food Pantry is low on canned chili, canned green beans, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, canned soup, canned baked beans, canned corn, canned stew, macaroni & cheese, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, instant pudding & jello, snacks and juice packs for kids, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, and 4-pack toilet paper. You can always bring donations of canned goods, paper goods, and hygiene products. All donations can be placed in the blue bin by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual

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

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Holy Counselor is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Munsee people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

