Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026
10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

On All Saints Sunday we remember all of those who have entered the Church Triumphant including these brothers and sisters of St. Peter's: **Troy Barkley, Cody Detwiler, Charles Harbaugh, Joan Harbaugh, Bea King, Marcella Miller, Pat Sammons, and Janet Shaffer.**

No amount of our prayers are necessary to ensure the loving embrace of God's arms of mercy now and always for them. Instead, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of our loved ones, rejoice in the baptismal promises that God has made real for them, and comfort one another with the mutual consolation we have in the hope of the resurrection. The lighted candle is one way of remembering their place in this community and before God, for it is from Jesus, the Light of the world, that we all obtain the saintly light.

Also, we recognize our recently baptized, **Lucas Acre, David Green, Reece Guerriero, Jace Kinney, John Merrison, and Elsie Watson**, for it is in our baptism that we receive the promise of adoption as God's children and while the sin of our old self continues to cling to us in this life, the adoption that God conveys to us through the water and Word justifies us, establishing us already among the saints in light.

PRELUDE *Heavenly Grace* Harry A Himebaugh

BELL RINGING

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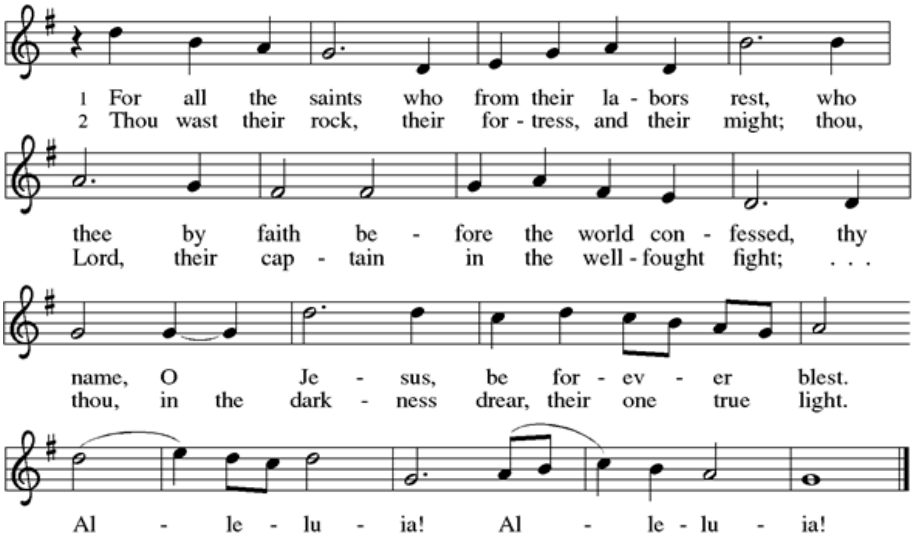
We gather for worship in the name of the one in whom we baptize, the one in whom is our life, the one in whose name we commend our dead, God the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Likewise, in Baptism your Spirit moves through water and the Word joining us to the new life in Christ.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6)

We praise you God for uniting us with the saints of all times and places, especially Troy Barkley *(pause for candle lighting and chime ringing after each name is read),* **Cody Detwiler, Charles Harbaugh, Joan Harbaugh, Bea King, Marcella Miller, Pat Sammons, and Janet Shaffer, and for their great cloud of witness that surrounds us.**
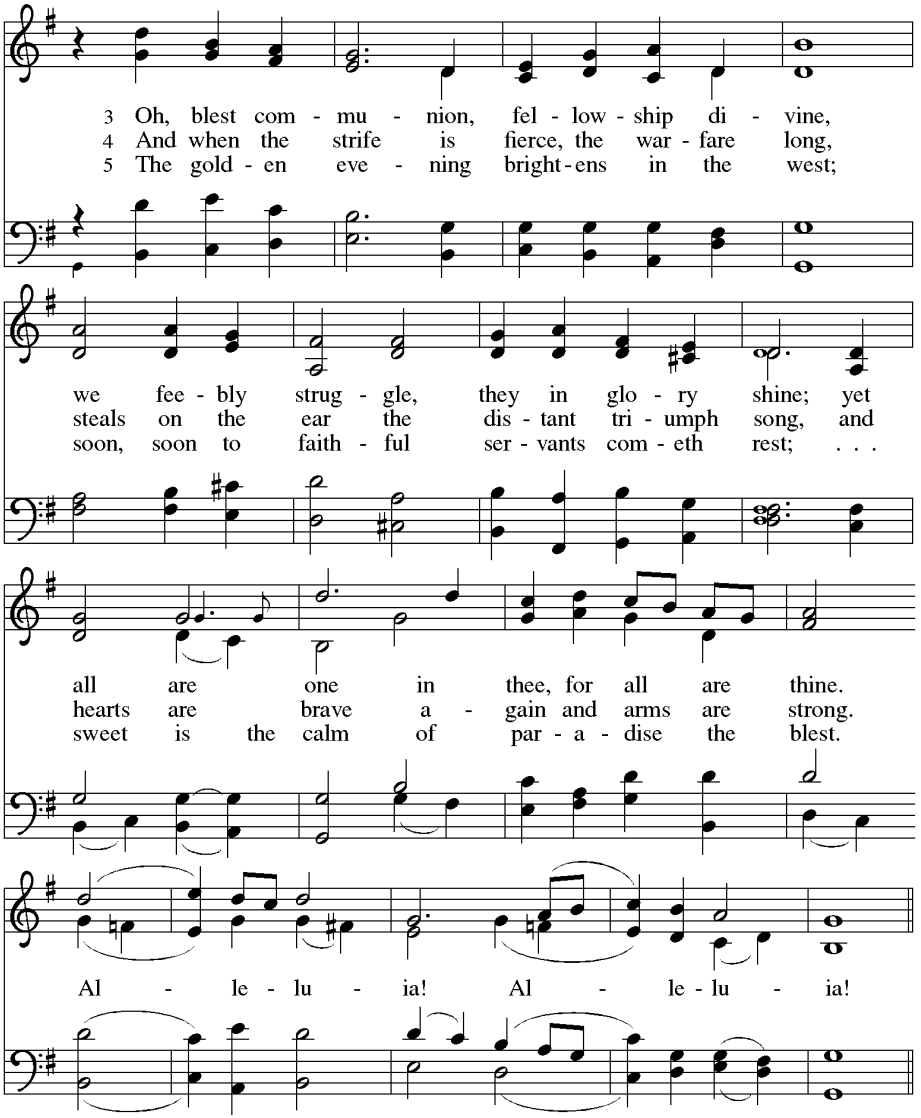


We give you thanks, O God, for your call to your people throughout the ages to green pastures and still waters, where you restore souls and show your path.

Likewise, your Son has called us to baptize all peoples, that we all might carry his light yoke as we follow the Way, and know his ongoing presence with us.

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.' 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.'" (Rev. 14:13)

We praise you God for the work of the saints, which is now our work, and that you have led them now to your joyous rest.

(At this time you are invited forward to light a candle/s for loved ones who have died in the last year, whether members of our St. Peter's congregation or our extended family.)



(Those who were baptized since last All Saints Sunday are invited forward)

We give you thanks, O God, for the promises that you have given through prophets of old to be the well of salvation, and to turn mourning into dancing at the swallowing up of death.

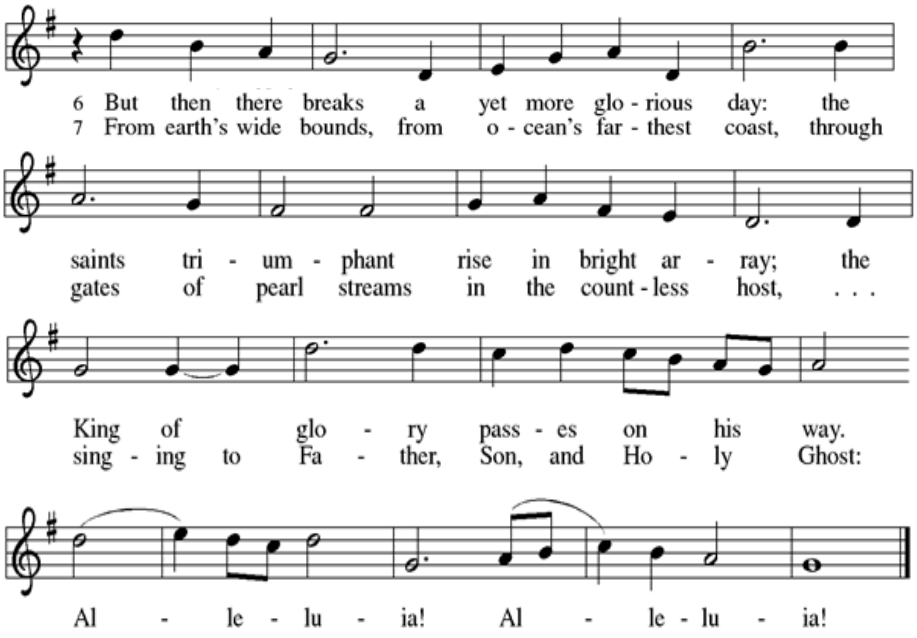
Likewise, in Baptism, you have joined us to the great promises of eternity: resurrection, living water, a place at the banqueting table, the fullness of the presence of the living God.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:3-5)

We praise you God for in the waters of Baptism you have made sinful people like us saints in light, and you have included Lucas, David, Reece, Jace, John, and Elsie with us and all your children in the promised gift of eternal life.

Families of Lucas, David, Reece, Jace, John, and Elsie, receive these gifts as tangible reminders that through water and God’s Word, they have been claimed like us as children of God, fellow heirs of God’s kingdom come and servants with us in God’s kingdom on earth.

Shower us all, O God, with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, joy, and love.



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.**

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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *Won't It Be Wonderful There?* Russell Mauldin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17
9After 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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11And 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, 12singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that 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.

15For 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.
16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17for 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."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 34: 1-10, 22

1I 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.
3Proclaim 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.
5Look 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.
7The 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!
9Fear 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.
22O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

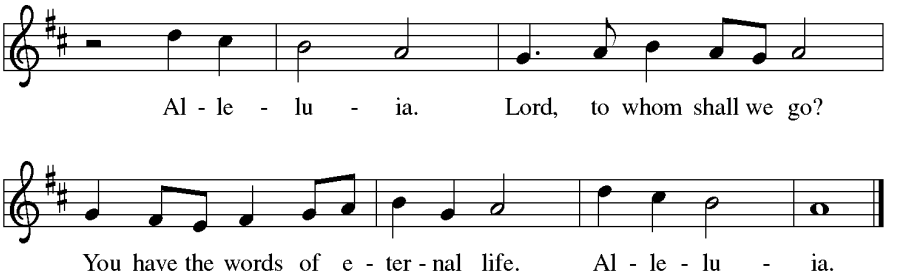
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

[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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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]Then 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.
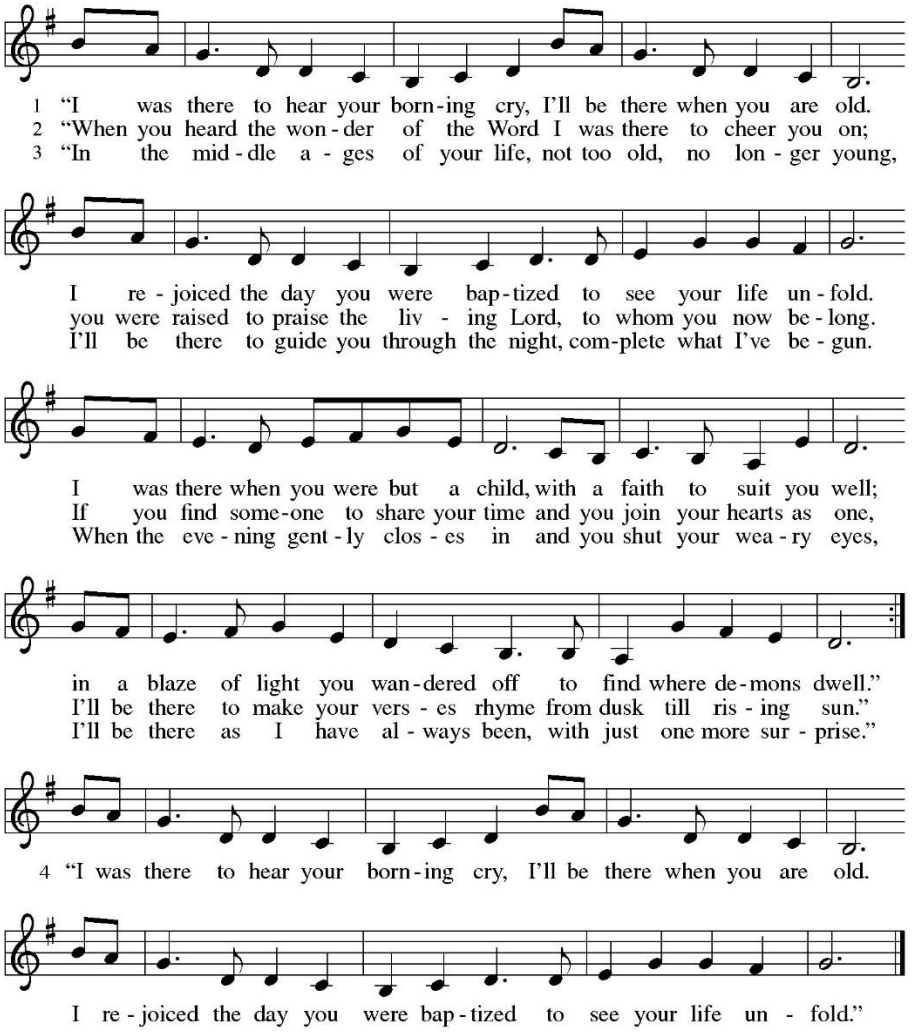
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, 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."
This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Borning Cry



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker
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APOSTLES CREED

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 INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.

The response for each petition is:
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**
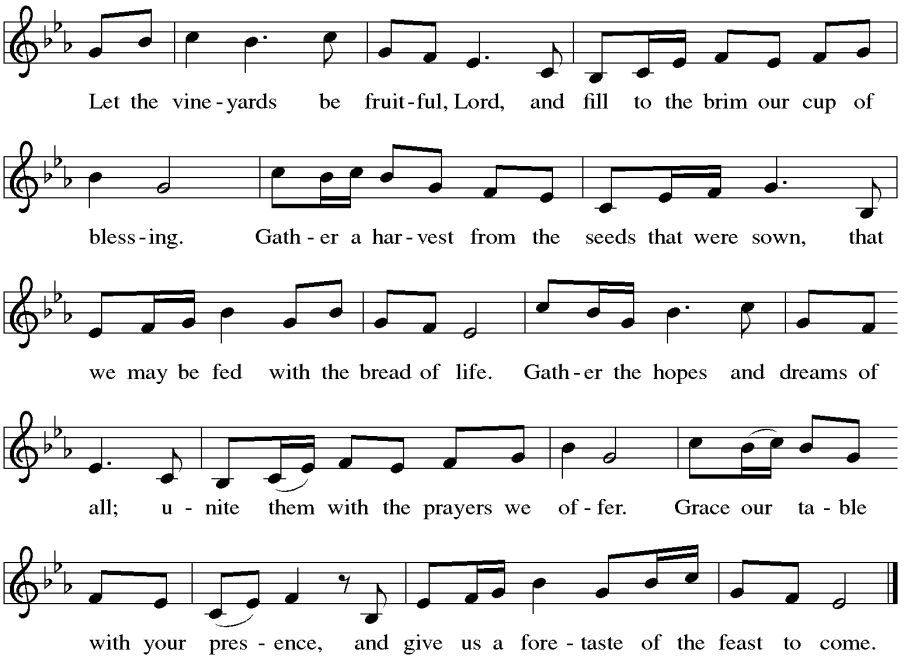
PEACE

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

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionally, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

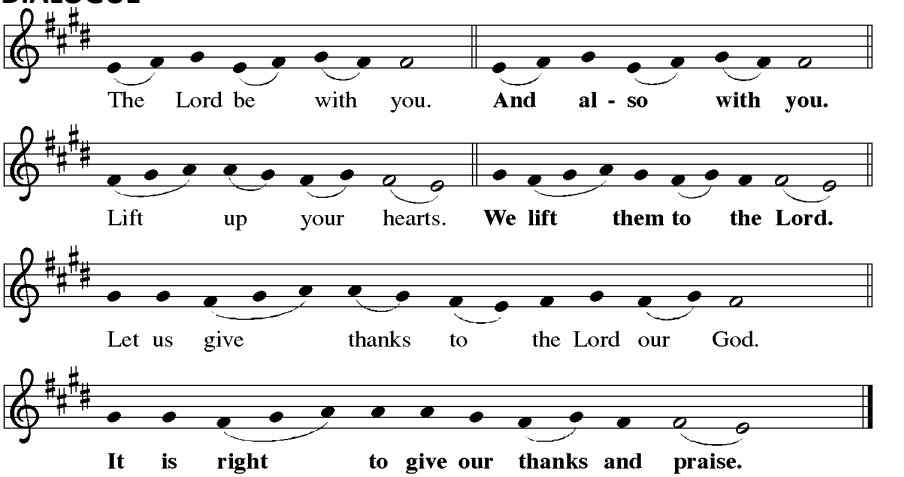
OFFERTORY SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

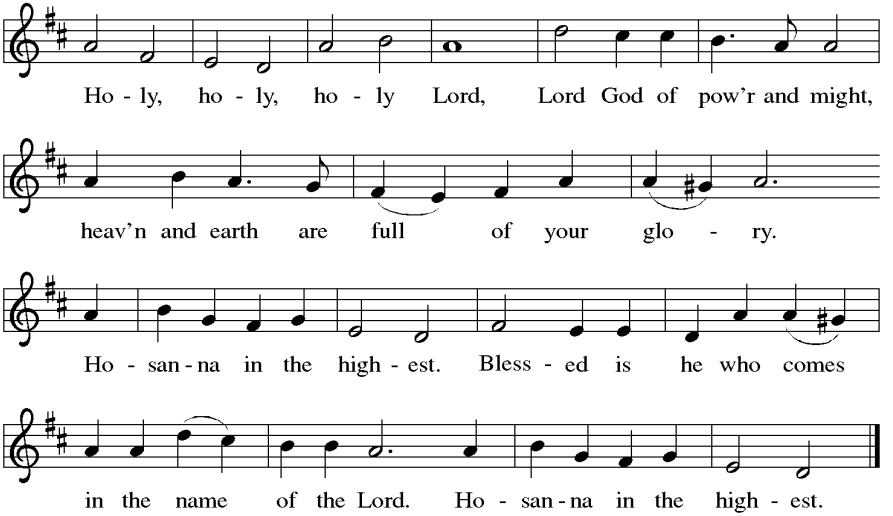
Let us pray. God of healing and hope, **you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



THE PROPER PREFACE *(It is indeed right…. Join their unending hymn)*

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

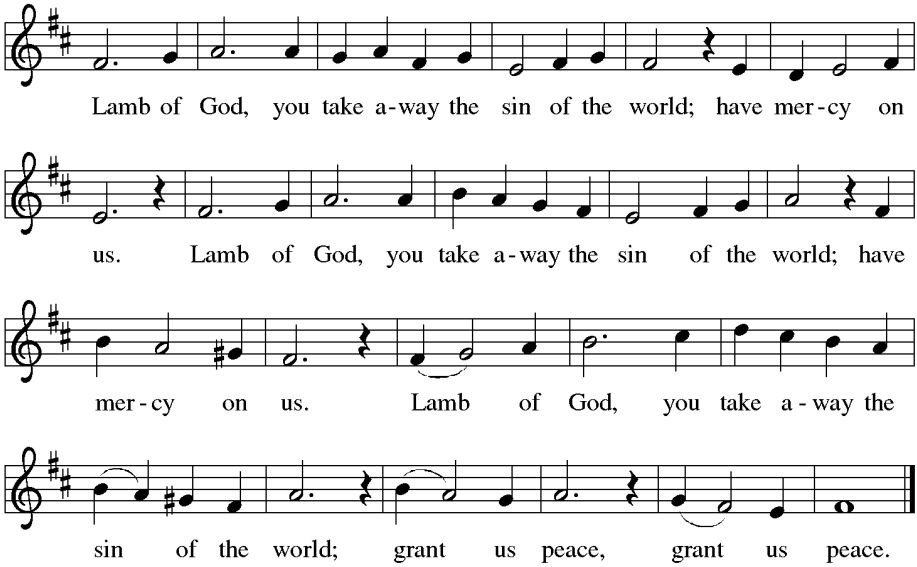
With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
With your holy ones of all times and places,
we praise you, O God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
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
Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)*



The Sacrament will be offered with these words:
The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Optional responses **Amen** *or* **Thanks be to God** *or* **Renew us, Lord**

BLESSING
The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your saints in light. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: On Eagle's Wings *(on next page)*

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL
Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

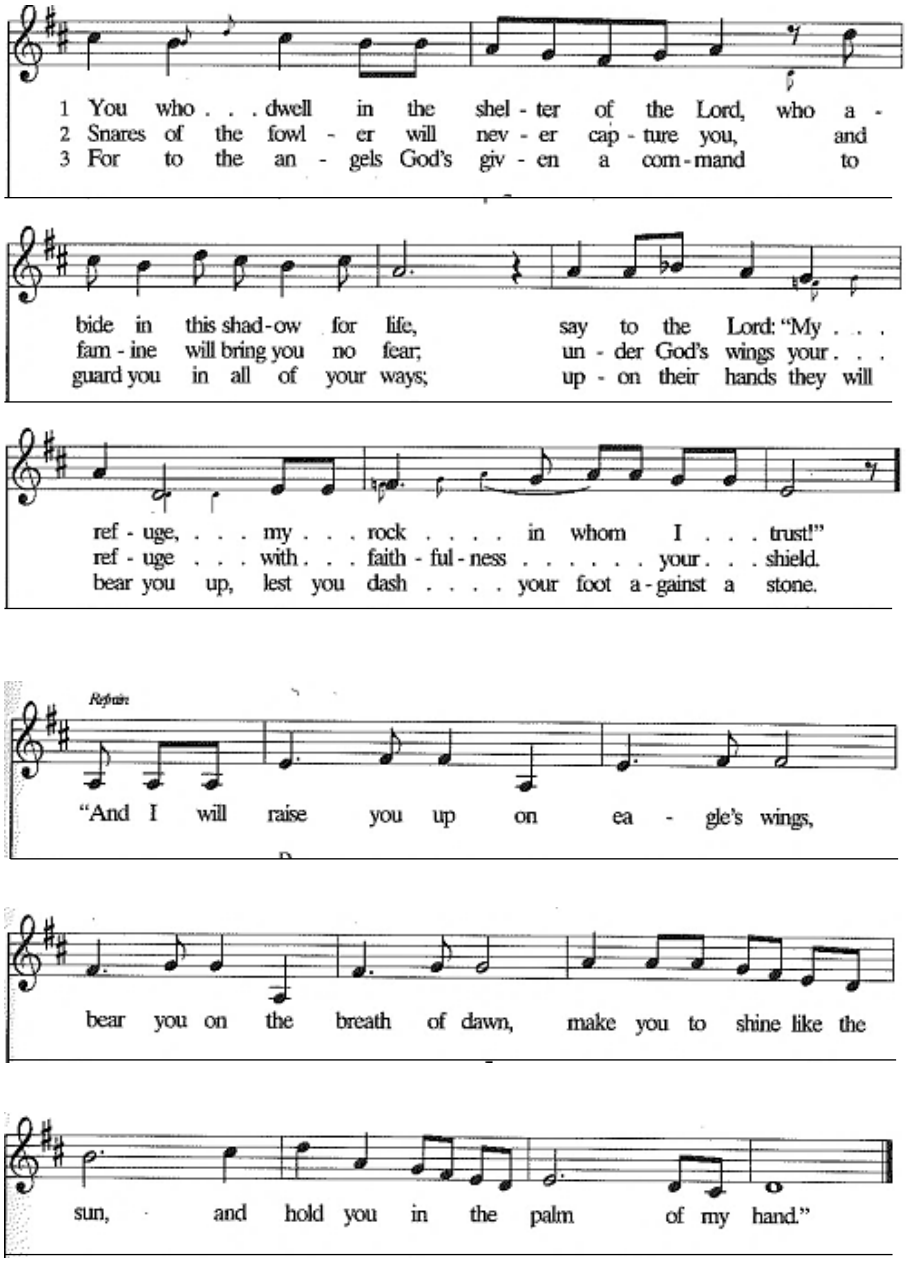
POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* Lani Smith

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	Donna Daugherty
Berty McMillen	Stephanie Hogan	Annastyn Hogan
Debbie Beahm	Michael Grigorovich	Matthew Wible
Nancy Zattiero	Rick Reifenstein	Karen Ferrari
Ken Nagle	Butch Barto	Robin VanDyke
Danielle Campbell	Rita Reifenstein	Jessica
Chris Sutton	Diane Mashuda	Jared Hartzel

The families of Marilyn Stevens, Arlene Cameron,
Dick Marburger, and Randy Crump

SENDING SONG: On Eagle's Wings



In Holy Remembrance

Troy Barkley served the Lord and St. Peter's for many years with a quiet warmth and gentle humility, leading by example and with humor, not with pomp. Whenever a property issue arose at the church, Troy would be not far behind to find a solution, either by himself or as part of the faithful team of retired volunteers.

Bea King never stopped praising our Lord in song and in service, here at St. Peter's and everywhere she went. Bea's dedication to music ministry and fellowship here give us a picture of the life divine revealed now, as her hospitality and abundant table give us a preview of God's own banqueting table and the warm welcome we receive there.

Cody Detwiler is the grandson of Linda and Ray Middleton. Cody would gladly share all that he could with any in need, even providing life from his own earthly body at the last, so that others could live more fully, which is a pattern of selfless giving mirroring that of Jesus himself.

Pat Sammons became a part of our church family through his marriage to his (and our) beloved Vicki. Pat loved Jesus and others with a full heart and steadfastly looked forward to the day when he would be singing Jesus' praises in heaven and especially when we would all get to do so together.

Charles Harbaugh was a lifelong member of our faith community who served God and our church in a variety of ways over many years. Even to his last days, he kept up with the ongoing life of the congregation and cared deeply about the ministry and people here, quietly supporting our church family and ministries, which reminds us that our family in Christ is wider and greater than we ever realize.

Joan Harbaugh became a part of our church family through her marriage to Charles. She served the Lord through the care of God's children, driving school buses for many years and through sharing the tenderness of God's love with others.

Janet Shaffer brought a joyous presence to our congregation's worship life. Her delight in the Lord is an ongoing witness to our church family.

Marcella Miller was a longtime member of St. Peter's. She passed along the faith of Jesus and the church to her family, including Frank, which is one of the best gifts a parent can share.

Today's altar flowers are given by Marlene Domhoff in loving memory of Charles M. & Mabel A. Peters



The Eternal Candle is presented by Becky & Rick Riddle in memory of our parents



<u>Our Benevolent Cause for November</u>: **Glade Run Lutheran Services**
If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope Glade Run.

<u>Featured November Food Cupboard Donation</u> – snacks, cookies, crackers, and popcorn

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:		
Mon. – Friday	4 – 6:00 pm	After School Program
Mon. November 2	6:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tues. November 3	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
Wed. November 4	10:00 am	Community Sewers
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Cantata Practice
	8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs. November 5	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	1:00 pm	Mary's Circle
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Fri. November 6	12:00 pm	500 Club & Lunch
	6:00 pm	Grades 3rd-7th Bonfire
Sat. November 7	8:00 am	AMEN to Action
	9:00 am	W/ELCA Cluster

<u>Congregational Meeting</u> – Next Sunday, Nov. 8th, we will have our annual congregational meeting. We will consider and approve a mission spending plan for our community, as well as elect people we believe to be called by God into leadership for this season in our church's life.

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is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

ELCA Presiding Bishop	The Rev. Yehiel Curry
SWPA Synod Bishop	The Rev. Melissa Stoller
Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Carter Johns
Asst. Minister	Ted Lindgren
Bell Ringer	Joe Ludwik
Greeters	Debbie & Jim Merrison
Lector	Deb Mort
Ushers	Rob Burr & Adam Price
Nursery	Pat Capella
Tech Support	Adam Price

WELCA Outreach Collection – We are collecting items for our designated outreach, Reagan's Journey, assisting families of children with disabilities. The collection will run until 11/22. Items requested are $25 gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, or Sheetz and Disposable Wipes See the Fall Tree in Luther Hall and take a leaf or two.

Upcoming Youth Schedule:

Friday, 11/6 – Bonfire and Games, Grades 3rd-7th, 6-8:30pm
11/7 – AMEN to Action Service Project, 8 am-noon
11/8 – Fun Fore All, Grades 7th-12th, 1-3:00pm
11/21 – Dinner & Devotions, Grades 3rd-12th, 5-6:30pm,
then stay for Game Night at 6:30pm
11/29 – SPY Advent Lunch – 7th-12th prepare during Sunday School
All help during and afterwards
12/12 – Christmas Program Rehearsal at 10:00am
12/12 – All SPY Christmas Party, 6-9:00pm
12/19 – Christmas Program Rehearsal at 10:00am
12/20 – Sunday School Christmas Program, 6:00pm, arrive at 5:30pm
12/22 – Christmas dinner (5-6:00pm), caroling (6-8:00pm)

Turkey Dinner – Our Turkey Dinner will be on Saturday, Nov. 14th. The donation poster is up, so please take a look, and sign up to donate if you are able. Please have all donations besides pies and rolls to the church kitchen by Sunday, November 8th. Pies and rolls can be dropped off on Friday, November 13th between 9-12pm and Saturday, November 14th between 11-2pm. Thank you in advance for your help, preparing, serving, and gathering others to be a part of this fellowship event.

Advent Lunch – Our annual kickoff to the Advent season is returning this year on Nov. 29th. Our SPY will be hosting a lunch after worship and there will be Advent-themed activities for all ages. Any funds donated for the lunch will support next summer's youth mission trip.

Advent Friends – Brothers and sisters, the season of hope and anticipation, joy & merry-making is nearly upon us. In order to help prepare our hearts for the expectant delight of the holiday season, we are again organizing our secret gift-giving activity. Being an Advent Friend is another special way to highlight Advent by enjoying the fellowship of others and having some fun keeping secrets. Look for a sign-up form in the newsletter and on the table in coming weeks. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor.

Annual Christmas Cookie Sale – Sunday, Dec. 20th following our worship service, cookies will be provided by Lutherlyn camper families for fellowship time. If you enjoy the sweet, festive treats, then you are invited to purchase more to take home in order to help defray the cost of camp for our youth. The cookies even come in festive Christmas tins.

Holiday House Tour Save the Date – Saturday, Dec. 19th at 5pm. This event will include a train stop in a manner of speaking, as we will visit the Morts' and get to see the wonderful display of the carefully crafted train set that is constructed in their home.

Christmas Program Save the Date – Sunday, Dec. 20th at 6:00pm

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.

Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer).

Nursery – is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Offering – Thank you for supporting our ministries! Plates are available at the front and rear of the nave to receive offering, or you if you prefer, we have Venmo as an option. If you choose to use Venmo, please note how you would like the funds to be designated, like for Current Fund, etc.

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