# New Jerusalem Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023 Worship Service

#### Announcements for November 5, 2023

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

\*\*new names added this week (NJLC connection)

**Prayer Requests:** Millie Shomaker (Rob Legard); Wayne Dunkley (NJLC member); Mack and Helen Keister (NJLC members); Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock (Judy Fox);

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: Today we will join together in a worship celebration for All Saints Sunday and pause to look back on this past year to remember those who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant.

**PRAYGROUND TODAY:** Children begin worship with us and, following the children's message, will go as a group with Mrs. Barlow to The Prayground to learn about God through Bible stories, crafts, and other activities.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION SUNDAY: Food donation will be collected during the children's message.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED: AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY – November 12 and 26 ten minutes after worship in the Education Building

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBARA LAMM:** Barbara will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 14. Her daughter has asked that Barbara's NJLC family surprise her with a flood of birthday cards for this milestone birthday. The address is 6633 McDonald Avenue #18, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MUSICIANS:** We plan special music throughout the season of Advent and Christmas Eve as we prepare for and celebrate the birth of our Savior! If you enjoy sharing your instrumental or vocal talents (either as a soloist or part of the special choir), reach out to Mark Fletcher at njlc-music@gmail.com. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Rehearsals will begin soon.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Christmas poinsettias will be ordered from C M Bloomers Florist (\$12.75 each). All Christmas Poinsettia order forms must be turned in to the church office or submitted online (https:// tinyurl.com/NJLC-Poinsettias) by **Sunday, November 26**. Please include: your name, name of person(s) being remembered/honored, the number of poinsettias and which bloom colors (red, white or pink) are requested. Payments may be made through NJLC's online giving portal, placed in the weekly offering or given/ mailed to the church office. Be sure to indicate "poinsettias" on the memo line of your check.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 12: Adult Bible Study
- November 19: Consecration Sunday
- November 26: Adult Bible Sunday
- December 2: Hanging of the Greens (decorating sanctuary)
- December 3: Annual Congregation Meeting
- December 10: Washington Sangerbund Concert
- December 17: Cookie Decorating
- December 24: Children's Christmas Pageant (10:00 am) & Christmas Eve Service (7:00 pm)

#### LIFTERS FOR NOVEMBER:

	Readers	Altar Flowers
November 12	Toni Chancellor-Adams	Tritapoe
November 19	Bill George	Karmen & Stillman
November 26	Joyce Hoopengardner	TBD

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**OUR MISSION:** Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving, and fellowship.

**OUR VISION:** *NJLC is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone & expresses faith by* connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & all creation.

## WELCOME TO NEW JERUSALEM

A few items of note to help you in your time here today:

**MASKS** — Masks are optional for worship and events at New Jerusalem, though we encourage mask wearing for anyone who chooses to do so.

**NEWCOMERS** — Visitors are always welcome and we invite you to sign our guestbook located in the entryway or fill out a pew card from the pew rack in front of you.

**COMMUNION** — Welcome to the table of Christ where we believe Christ is fully present to us in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine. You are invited to participate whether a member here or come to us from any other denominational tradition. Those not ready to receive Christ in body and blood, may still come forward to receive Christ in blessing. Follow the directions of the ushers who will dismiss each pew. As you come to the top of the center aisle, the pastor will place a wafer in your hands and invite you to step to the side to take an individual cup of wine (first tray) or grape juice (second). Please receive and then discard cups in the receptacle along the altar rail. If you cannot come forward, communion can be brought to you after all have communed at the front.

**CHILDREN** — We seek to be a family-friendly congregation who enjoys having children among us, including the littler ones. We have a Cherub's Corner in the fellowship hall downstairs with age appropriate toys, books, etc. and the worship service can be heard over the speakers. Should you have the need/desire to utilize our staffed Sunday Morning Nursery, it is located in the end room of the education building.

HANDICAP ACCESSABILITY — Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs at the back of our Fellowship Hall or across in our Education Building. Someone is available to run the lift should you need to get up and down between levels.

We hope that in your time among us, you will encounter the love of God in Spirit!



The flowers on the altar given to the glory of God and to remember a devoted family of NJLC, Lee, Mary Catherine, and Bill Moore.

The pumpkins and gourds on the altar and in the windows are provided by Wegmever Farms - Tyler and Harriet Wegmeyer.

To provide altar flowers for an upcoming Sunday, sign-up on the 2023 Flower Chart located in the church hallway or contact the church office.



## Introduction

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

#### GATHERING

#### **READER FOR TODAY**

Amanda Zlato

PRELUDE

"The Trumpet Shall Sound" From Handel's *Messiah*  Mark A. Fletcher

We prepare our hearts and minds for worship during the prelude.

#### WELCOME

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you are able.

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" ELW 847 (see music on next page)

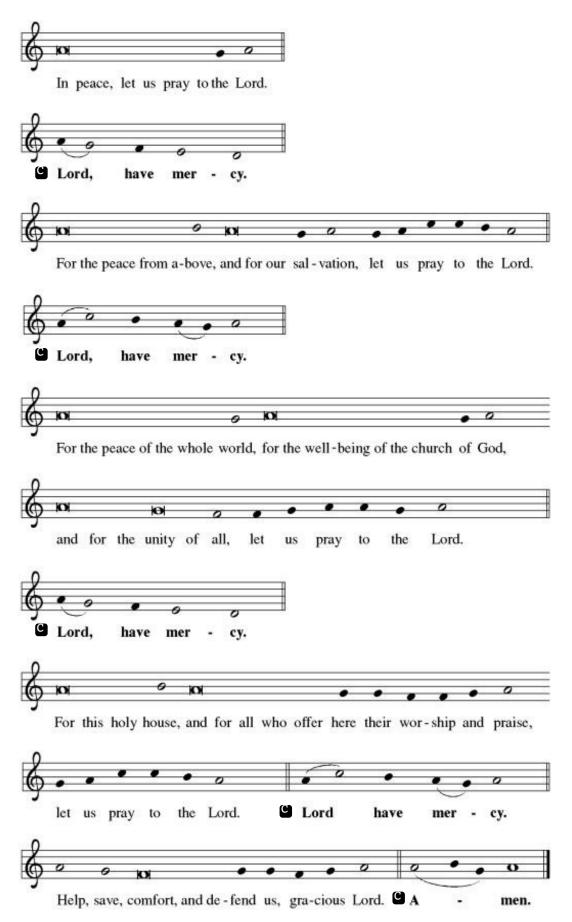


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#### GREETING

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.** 

## Kyrie



## **Canticle of Praise**

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### Pastor: Let us pray...

People: 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.

#### THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The first reading for today is recorded in the book of Revelation... Reader: <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> 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."

- Reader: Word of God. Word of life.
- People: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Reader: The second reading for today is recorded in the book of 1 John ... <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

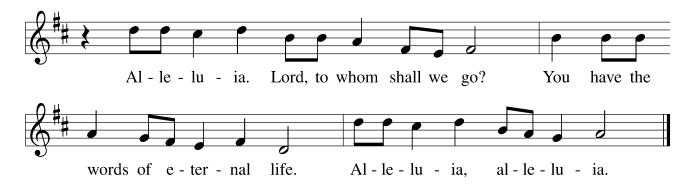
Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

People: Thanks be to God.

<u>Please stand as you are able.</u>

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



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## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

#### People: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

#### People: Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Please be seated.</u>

#### THE PRAYGROUND

Children are invited to The Prayground for Bible lessons, activities, crafts and prayers.

#### Sermon

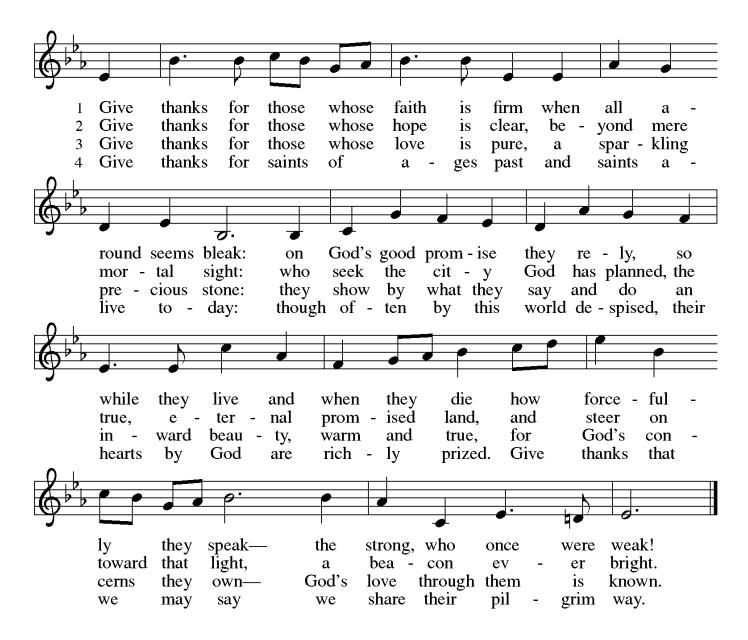
Pastor Phil Carl

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Give Thanks for Saints" (see music on next page) ELW 428

Give Thanks for Saints



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#### **NICENE CREED**

People: 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 INTERCESSION

Reader: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader; Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (*especially Millie Shomaker, Wayne Dunkley, Mack and Helen Keister, Dean Fox and Peggy Glascock*). Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: Holy provider, as we strive to call a new pastor for this congregation, send your Spirit to guide our decisions and those of all others in that process, so the outcome reflects your will for our future. God of grace,

#### People: Your mercy is great.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. (Donald Lee Garrett, Helen Hough Cooper, Diane Baker Costello, Charles Dieter, Charlotte King Clatterbuck, Gregory Wayne Keister, Jordan L. Conchilla, Genevieve M. Myrick, Leona Galloway, Alfred Charles Vingelis, Leigh Brook, Karl Herbert Lemp, Jr., Isabella Fletcher) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

#### People: Your mercy is great.

Reader: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

#### People: Amen.

#### **GREETING & PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### People: And also with you.

We invite you to turn and share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

<u>Please be seated.</u>



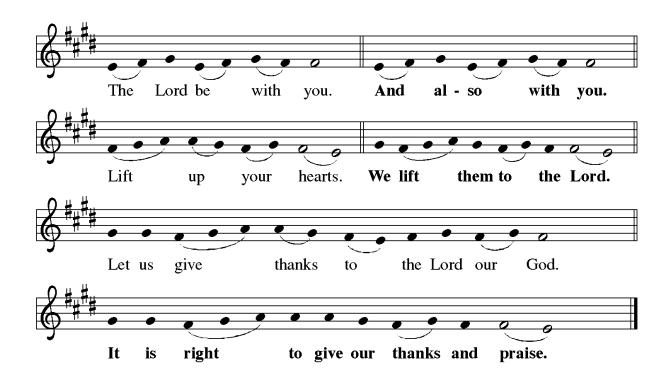
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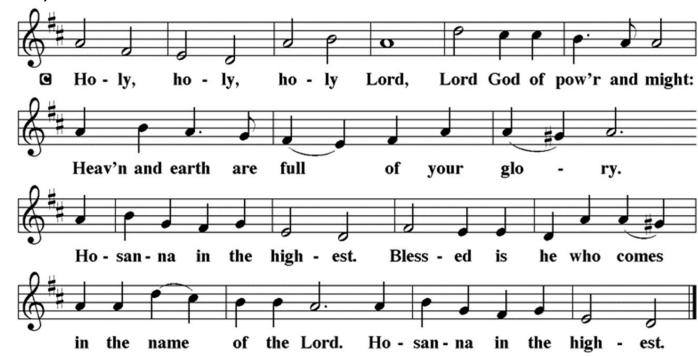
#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

- Pastor: Generous God,
- People: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.



#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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:



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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

Pastor: Let us pray as the Lord has taught us:

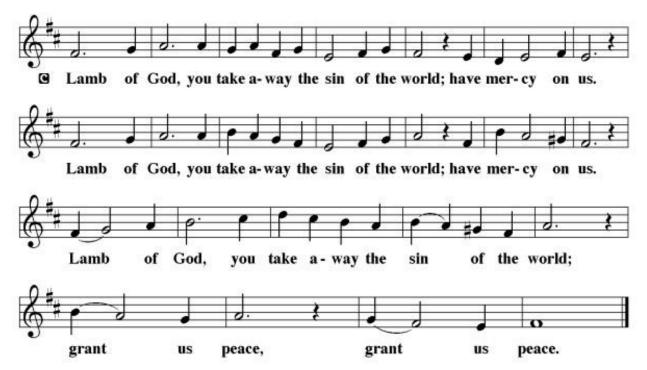
People: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for now all is ready.

Please be seated.

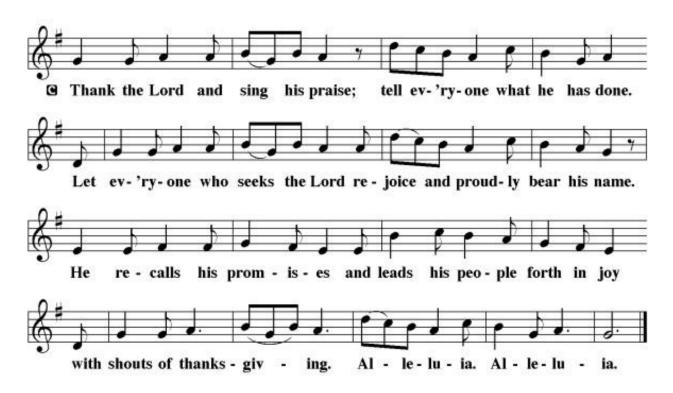
#### HOLY COMMUNION



Please stand as you are able.

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- Pastor: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen you unto life eternal.
- People: Amen.



#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Pastor: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- People: Amen.

#### SENDING

#### BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **People:** Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

"For All the Saints" (see music below and on next page) ELW 422

#### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

# POSTLUDE

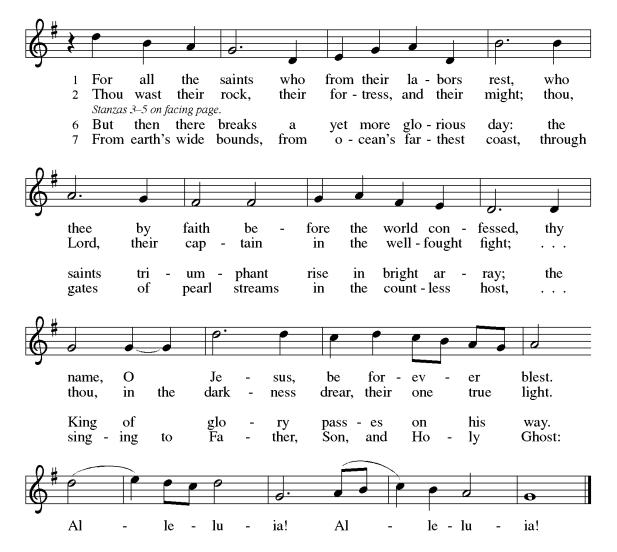
#### "Go Forth With Purpose" By Thomas Chesterton

Mark A. Fletcher

Renewed and strengthened by our worship together, go forth in peace to serve to the world.

Following today's Service, we invite you to find fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall.

## For All the Saints

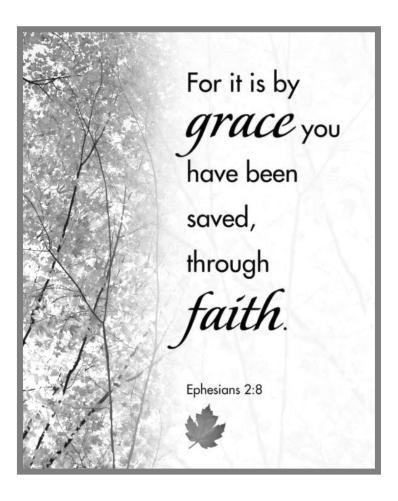




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#### PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 34: 1-10, 22

(not read during today's service)

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together. <sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors. <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. <sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them. <sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God! <sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. <sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good. <sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.