Williams Bay
Lutheran Church

November 1, 2026

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

All Saints Day

9:30 AM

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.

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

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

Confession and Forgiveness
The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *For All the Saints (Vs.1-5)* **ELW 422**

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.**

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

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

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 de- | livers them.
8 Taste and see that the | Lord is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge 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

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.

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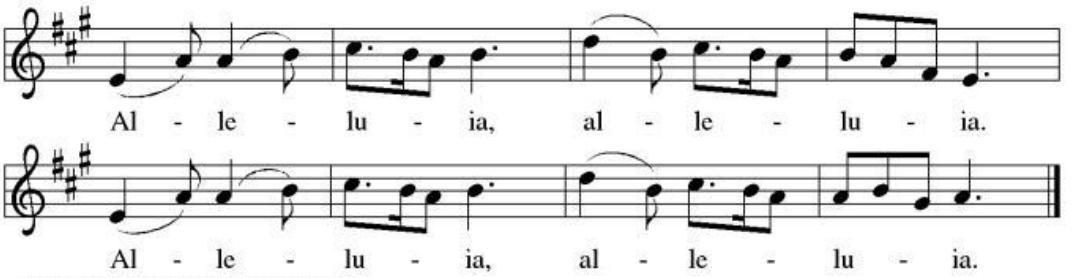
Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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."

Sermon Pastor Tom

Silence for Reflection

Hymn of the Day *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* **ELW 414**

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

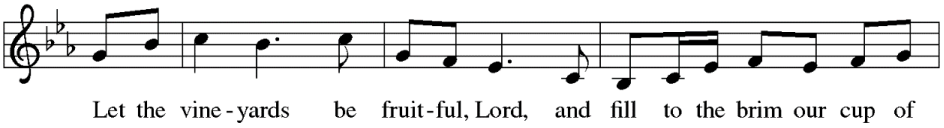
Prayers of Intercession
Petitions conclude with: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

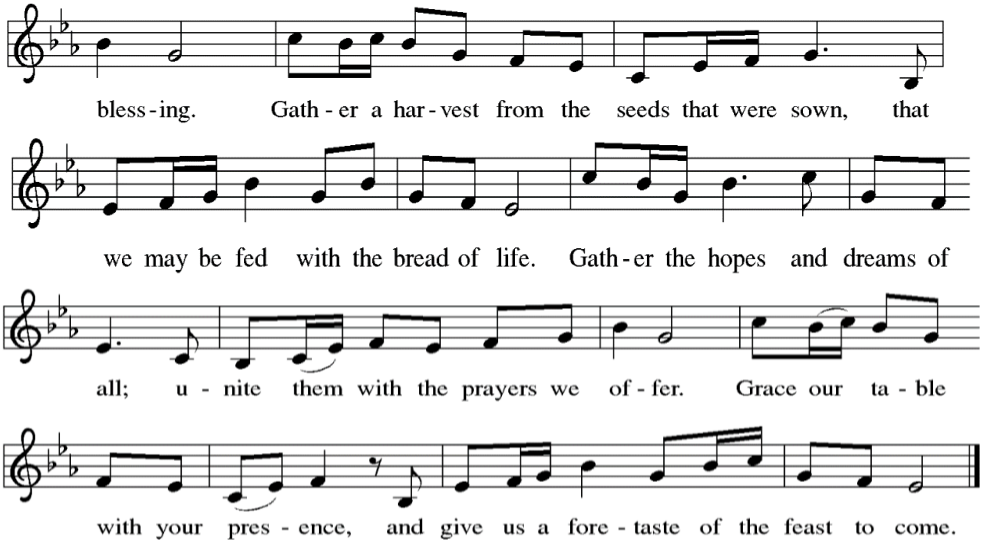
Peace
The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

Offering

MEAL

Offering Hymn *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* ELW 184





Offering Prayer

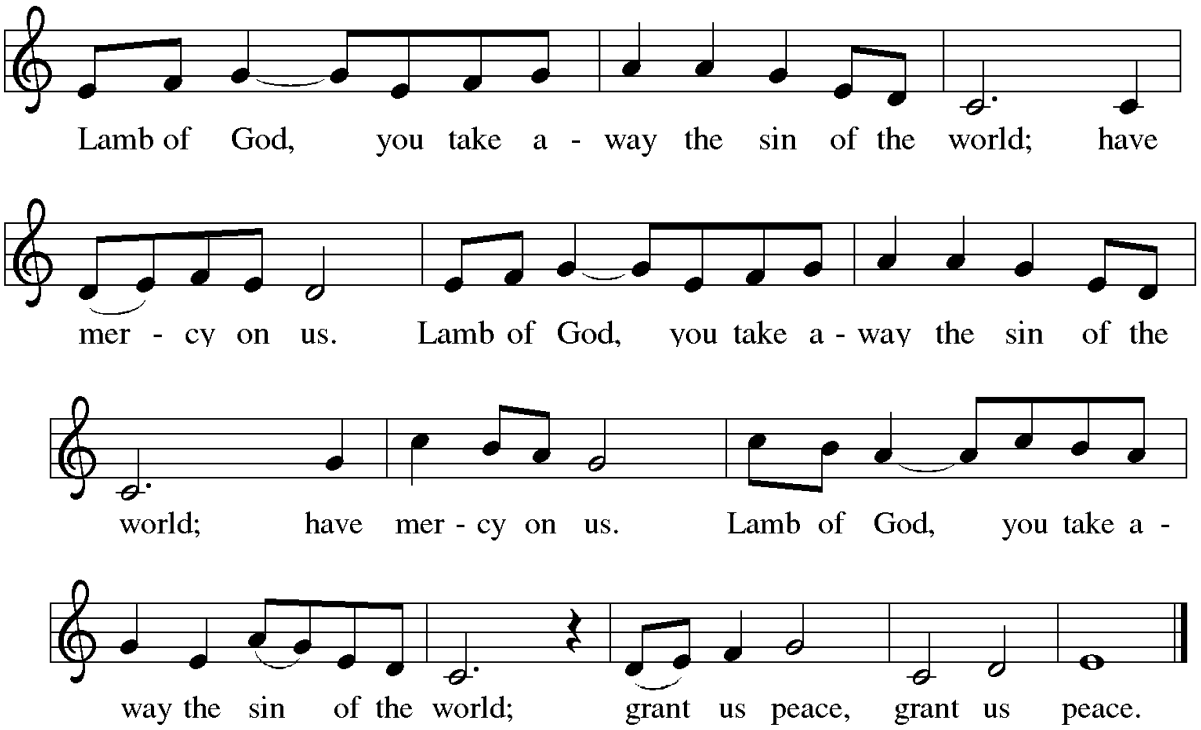
Words of Institution for Holy Communion

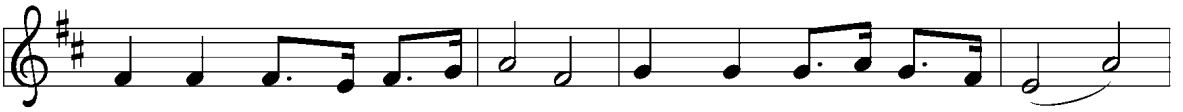
Lord's Prayer

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.

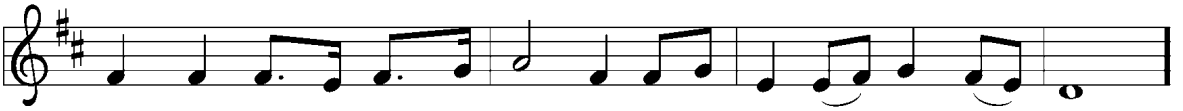
All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.

Hymns during Communion *"Lamb of God"*



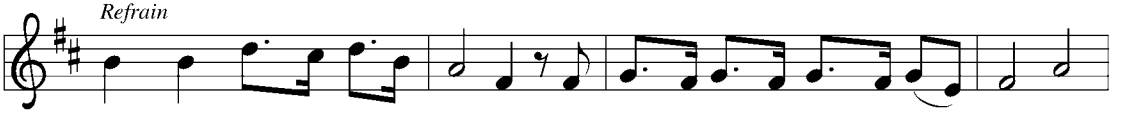


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

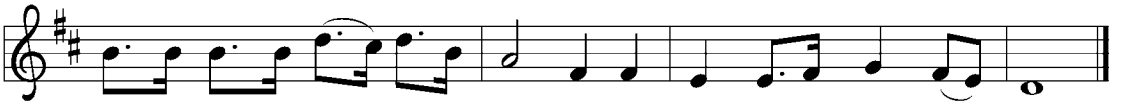


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

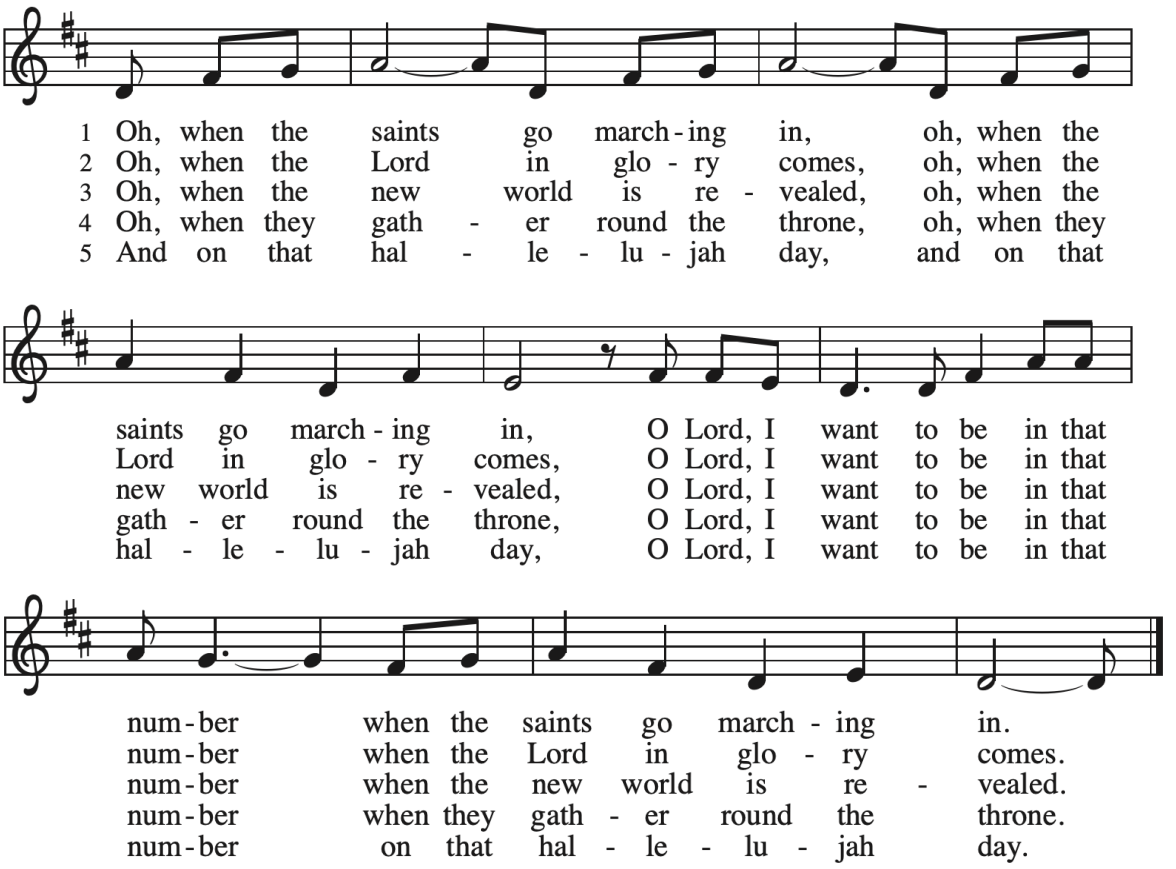
Amazing Grace **ELW 779**

Table Blessing

SENDING

Sending Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn *Oh When the Saints Go Marching* ACS 950



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Thanks be to God!

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Grace Notes

Nov 1	8:00 AM Simplified Service
	9:30 AM Traditional Service
	9:45 AM Sunday School
	10:45 Bible Study: Gospel of John
Nov 2	Office Closed; Ann Hope Funeral:
	Visitation 10AM, Service 11 AM,
	Luncheon 12 PM
Nov 3	9:30 AM Coffee Club
Nov 5	Pastor Tom continuing education

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Meals - Join us on Monday, November 16 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at The Bridge Food Pantry in Elkhorn. We will be packing 300 Thanksgiving meals! Please sign-up to help in the narthex.

Pumpkin, Pantry, Potluck - We will be celebrating the 11th Annual Pumpkin, Pantry, Potluck on Sunday, November 8th! Bring a food dish to pass and bring a pumpkin bag filled with food pantry items. There will also be a Sunday school Heifer presentation during worship.

Funeral Service for Ann Hope: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ we commend to almighty God our sister, Anne Hope. Her funeral service will be held at Williams Bay Lutheran Church on Monday, November 2nd at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Visitation at the church will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM prior to the funeral service. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

All Saints Sunday - We remember with love and thanksgiving all those who have recently died. These saints are now at rest from their labors and they are with God and the whole company of the Communion of Saints in heaven. We especially remember these saints of God: Chuck Kullberg, Clarence Johannesson, Lois Anderson-Ursin, Anne Hope, and Ken Halstead. In sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead to eternal life we place our trust in Christ and in the grace of God.

Worship Servers

Service		**Nov 1**	**Nov 8**
Usher	9:30 AM	Jim Pfeil	Chad Beth
Lector	8:00 AM	OPEN	Dori Freundt
	9:30 AM	Mary Mock	Jen Galvin
Cantor	9:30 AM	Mary Mock	OPEN
Communion Assistants	9:30 AM	Mary Mock	OPEN
		OPEN	OPEN
Refreshments		OPEN	Church Potluck
Altar Flowers		OPEN	OPEN
Altar Guild		Dori	Dori
Offering Counters		Stu & Allen	Dinah & Jack
Sunday School		Colleen Stewart	Collen Stewart