Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
All Saints Sunday

9:30 AM November 1, 2026

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Welcome to Good Shepherd!
- You are in the right place! If you have any questions or need anything, please feel free to ask an usher or the pastor and we will be glad to help.
- Please sign in. Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row. If you are a visitor, please include contact information - you will receive a single email/note from Pastor Kate but don't worry - we won't send you further emails unless you wish!
- You are invited to write a prayer request on the white podium situated at the entrance to the worship space which will be included and spoken in worship today, or share a prayer request inside the pew pads.
- There is one gender-neutral bathroom located on this level. Additional restrooms are located downstairs.

Children in Worship
Children (and their noise and wiggles) are always welcome in worship and are an important part of our church. But, if you need a break, the service audio is played in the lounge, and there is a staffed nursery located downstairs.
Changing rooms are located in the downstairs bathrooms. There are worship bags and books for children located in the back of the sanctuary. During the school year, Sunday School is held during the 10:45 AM worship service, for ages 3 - 12th grade. If you have questions about Sunday School, First Communion, or Confirmation classes, please contact Denise Steene at education@gslutheran.net

Good Shepherd's Statement of Welcome
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to join us on a journey of faith. We welcome the participation of all ages, races, religious backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, socioeconomic, marital, and family statuses, abilities, political affiliations, and national origins. Ministry is strengthened by diversity, and we welcome all to join us in worship, fellowship, learning, and service. You are a child of God; you are welcome here.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (ELW) – Holy Communion Setting 3

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

PRELUDE *Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin* J.S Bach

LITANY FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

We gather today in the presence of God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses: the saints who have gone before us, the saints who worship beside us, and the saints whose lives are still unfolding.
In baptism, we are joined to Christ and to one another.
In death, we are held in God's eternal care.
And in the promise of resurrection,
we trust that nothing- not even death-
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray. God of the living and the dead, you have made us one body in Christ, joining our stories across generations. Today we remember those whose lives have shaped our own, those whose absence we feel deeply, and those whose faith, courage, and love continue to bear fruit among us. Receive our thanksgiving, comfort our grief, and renew our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

We remember before God those of our congregation who have died this year:

George Rasmussen +
Janice Foley +
Elaine Haase +
Betty Dols +
Robert Waterbury +
Karl and Penny Johnson +
Al Anderson +
Joan Lange +
John Bowlen +

We remember those in our families, communities, workplaces, and schools who have died this year (*we read each name as we toll the bell)…* +

We remember all saints dear to us, those we carry in our hearts, saints of today and saints who have gone before us, as we share their names together now…. +

God of mercy, receive those we love into the fullness of your presence. Hold us in our sorrow and remind us that in life and in death we belong to you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG ***For All the Saints*** **ELW 422**

We sing the hymn verses as follows:
Verse 1 & 2- All
Verse 3- Choir only
Verse 4- Low voices
Verse 5- High voices
Verse 6 & 7- All

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.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the pew pad and pass it down so that all in your pew can sign in. Before or after the service, and during the sharing of the peace, we invite you to get to know those near you in worship.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

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

We read the psalm responsively.

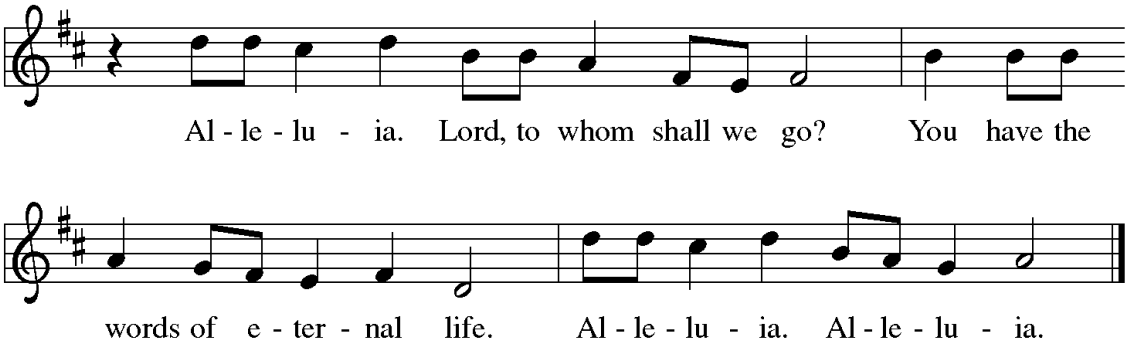
1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.
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 delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge 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
A reading from 1 John.
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.
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mathew 5:1-12
The holy gospel according to Mathew.
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 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."

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

SERMON ***Pastor Kate Costa***

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Shall We Gather at the River*** **ELW 423**

During the hymn you are invited to light a candle in memory or in honor of a beloved saint in your life.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we respond, "Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great."**

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.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

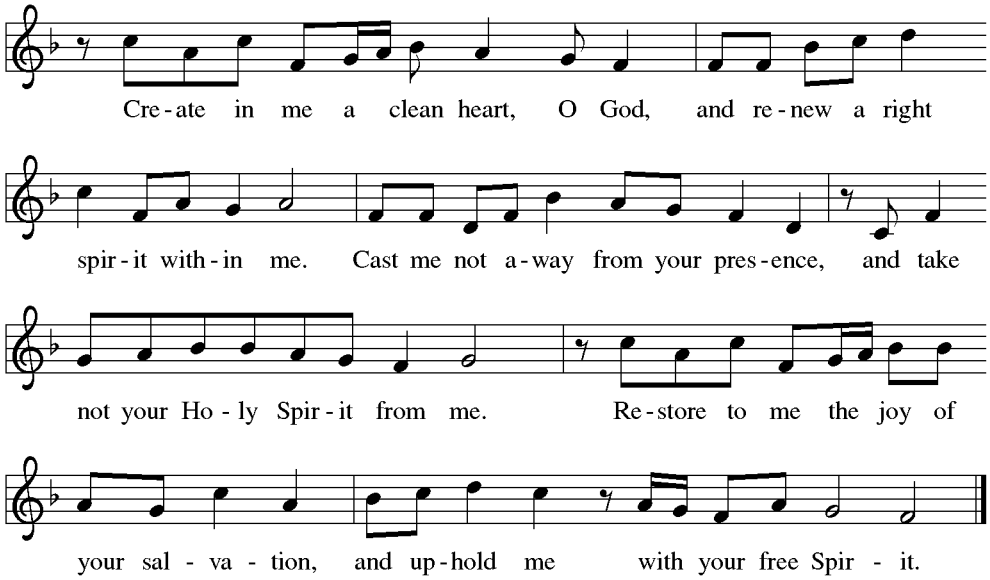
OFFERING INSTRUCTIONS

The offering is a gift of thanks which is used to support the ministries of the church locally and globally. Please feel free to put cash/checks/online giving cards in the offering plate or donate here:
www.gslutheran.net/give

CHOIR ANTHEM ***Here I am, Lord*** **D. Schutte**

Please rise.

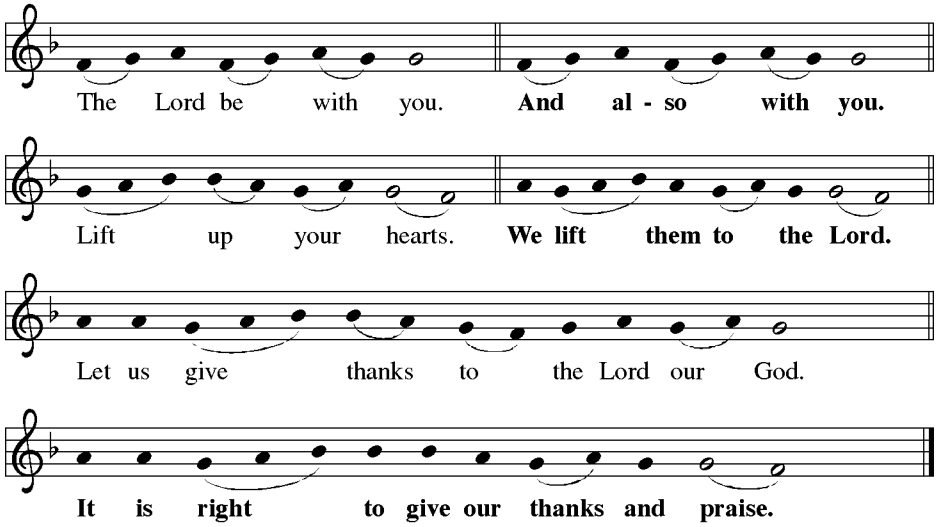
OFFERING SONG:



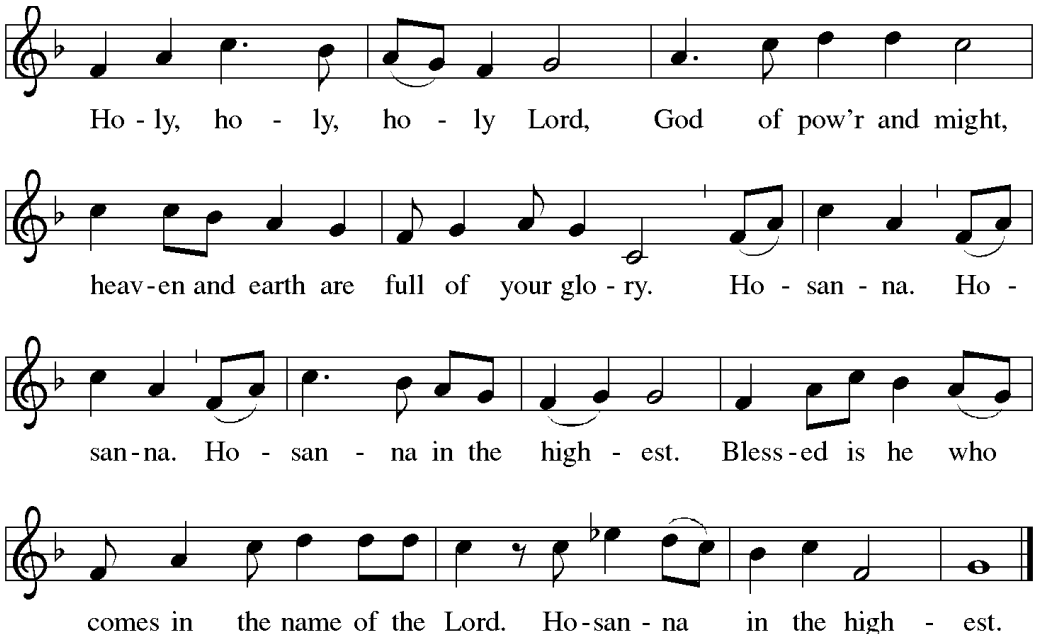
OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 your 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 our beloved dead and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

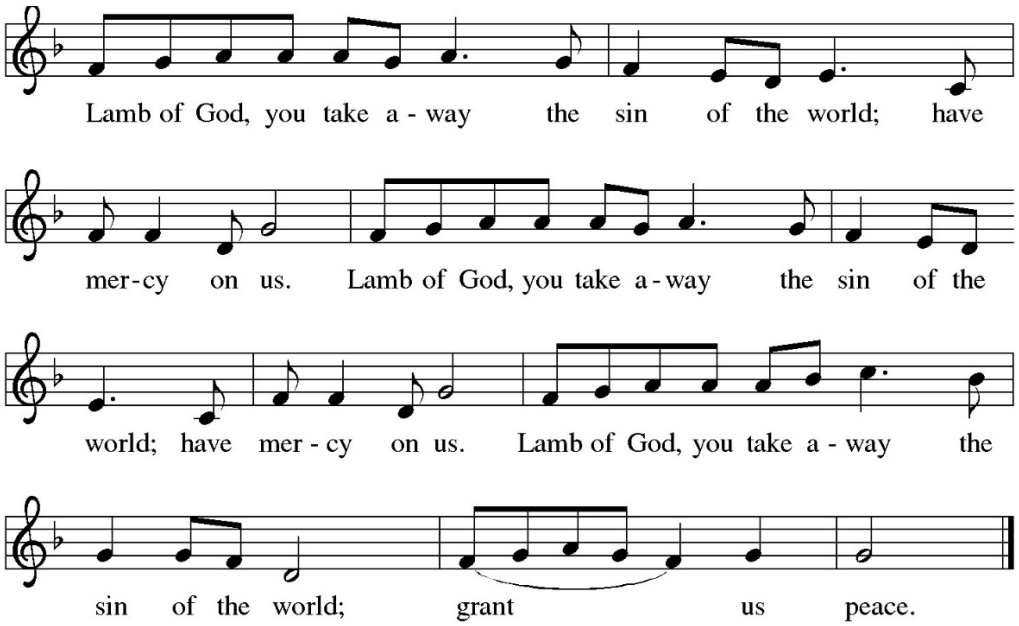
Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER
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
Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come! **Amen.**
Please be seated.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS
This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here! An usher will direct you to the communion rail where you may kneel or stand. You will first receive the bread (gluten-free wafers are available) and then take a glass of wine or grape juice from the tray. Please remain at the rail until the blessing is said and then return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you (or your child) do not yet commune, please let the pastor know and they will share a blessing. Children may commune at any age; we offer communion instruction for those in the second grade or older.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMNS ***Blest Are They*** **ELW 728**
Holy, Holy, Holy **ELW 413**

COMMUNION PRAYER
Please rise in body or in spirit.

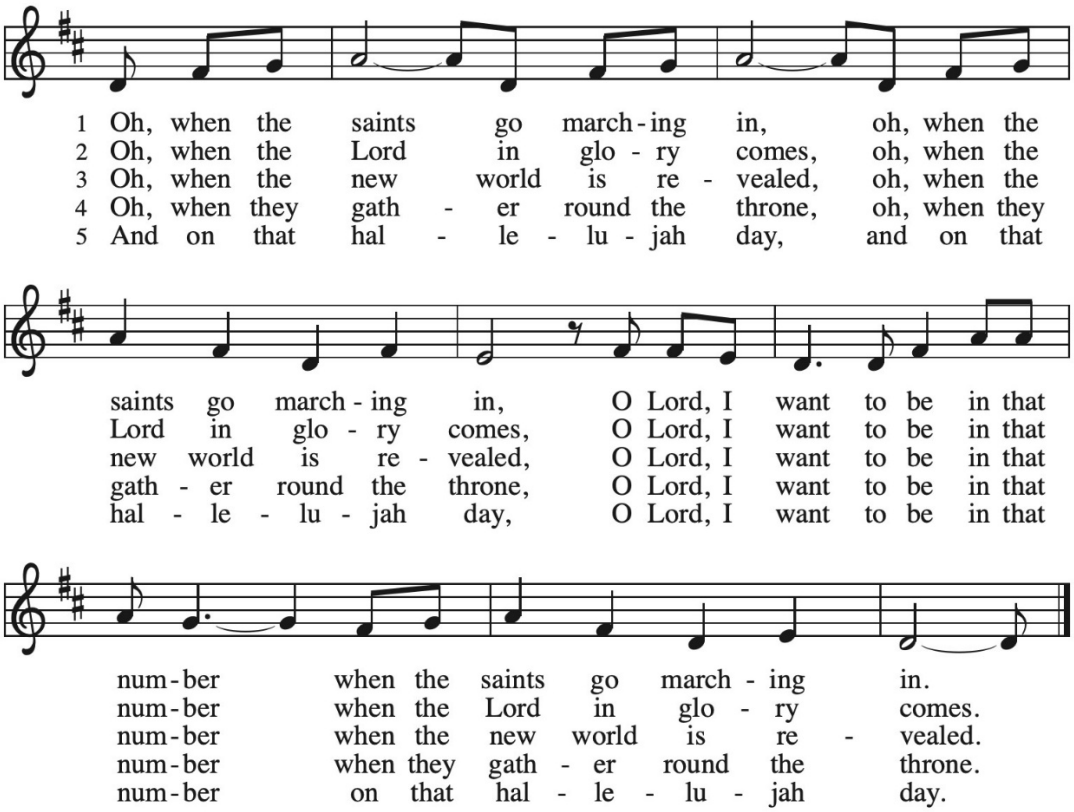
Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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

BLESSING
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances, through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.
The God of grace bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG **ACS 950**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



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

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ***For all the Saints*** **Douglas E. Wagner**

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