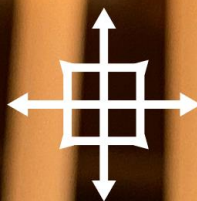




**ALL SAINTS  
SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023**



**MUHLENBERG  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



# All Saints Sunday ~ NOVEMBER 5, 2023

## WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering basket, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in bold print are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

We are grateful that the prevalence of COVID in our community has decreased, and we do not require masks in the building. However, we continue to follow the current CDC guidance and we request that anyone who experiences symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, stay home, self-isolate and get tested. Please wear a well-fitted mask if you have a known exposure to COVID in the past 10 days. Wearing a mask for any reason is always welcomed. Thank you for doing all you can to help care for one another by reducing the spread of germs in our community!

## OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time. *For details, see “About Our Worship” on the last page.*

**Worship will be live-streamed this morning.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).

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# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING

*We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God’s people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness.*

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE** ~ *Healer of Our Every Ill* (Jeremy Blankson)

*(We stand)*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The congregation turns and faces the baptismal font.  
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

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. Throughout the generations you worked through the waters to make your presence known to your people. By water and the Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We rejoice with all those who were washed in the waters of baptism as God’s living saints this past year, especially Eden Creasy, Phoebe and Bryce Spiers, Parker Good, Penelope Saunders, Henry Peters, Emerie Wade, Andrew Wolz, Andrew and Daniel Burgoyne, and Henry “Bennett”, Caroline, and Emerson Sunde.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN ~ For All the Saints** *we sing verses 1 - 4*

ELW 422

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

**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**

Eternal God, hope of all who trust in you: As you moved in the life of Elijah, move in our lives, inviting us to journey to unknown territory, to listen for your voice, and to speak your prophetic word in a world that does not want to hear. Empowered by your Spirit, encouraged by the example of your saints, grant us the courage we need to journey, trust, listen, speak, and accept your commission to be your faithful servant people. **Amen.**

(We sit)

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *Children are invited forward for a brief message with the pastor.*

## WORD

The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.

### FIRST READING ~ 1 Kings 18:17-39

Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller

We invite you to lay your bulletin aside and listen to the Biblical Storyteller.

If you wish to reference this text, it is in the pew Bible, page 360.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

### GOSPEL PROCESSION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

### GOSPEL ~ Mark 9:2-13

Pew Bible N.T. page 45

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from

the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. <sup>11</sup>Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? <sup>13</sup>But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him."

*After the reading:*

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

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION** *see page 3*

*(We sit)*

### **ALL SAINTS HOMILY**

Pastor Alex Zuber

*Silence for reflection follows.*

*(We stand)*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ How Good, Lord, to Be Here**

ELW 315

## ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

Lord God, we remember with thanksgiving sisters and brothers whom we have entrusted to you from this congregation; those who have loved and served you in your church on earth, who now rest from their labors:

+ **Verne Clark Lewellen** (11/05/2022) +

If God is for us, who is against us?

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Rom. 8:31, 38-39)

+ **Janet Yeich** (12/28/2022) +

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

**“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”**

**“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”** (1 Cor. 15:54-55)

+ **Elizabeth (Lib) Ann Kyger** (4/19/2023) +

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself,

**so that where I am, there you may be also.** (John 14:3)

+ **Juanita May (Bishop) Propst** (5/30/2023) +

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.** (Matt. 5:4, 8)

+ **Janice Rosenow** (6/8/2023) +

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord,

**So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.** (Romans 14:7-8)

+ **Patricia (Pat) Davis Whitlock** (7/25/2023) +

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.** (Psalm 23:6)

+ **William Christopher Kyle** (8/08/2023) +

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;

**mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.** (Rev. 21:4)



(We sit)

## CANDLE LIGHTING

### In-Person Instructions

During the following music, you are invited to process to the front of the church and light a candle in memory of your loved ones who have died — one candle per family please.

### At Home Instructions

During the following music, you are invited to light a candle in your home in memory of your loved ones who have died.

## Come and Fill Our Hearts *Confitemini Domino*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

# In God Alone

*Mon âme se repose*

Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de  
In God a - lone my soul can find rest and peace, in

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords: G2-B2, A2-C3, B2-D3, and C3-E3.

lui vient mon sa - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon  
God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff features a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F#5, and a quarter note G5. The bass staff accompaniment includes chords: D3-F3, E3-G3, F3-A3, and G3-B3.

â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.  
soul can find its rest, . . . find its rest and peace.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, and a quarter note B5. The bass staff accompaniment features chords: A3-C4, B3-D4, A3-C4, and B3-D4.

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. We, too, seek to do your will: guide us. We, too, desire to be your servants: strengthen us. We, too, long to know you clearly: teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. **Amen.**

(We stand)

## PRAYERS

After each petition:

. . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lay Assisting Minister concludes the prayers:

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.*

## PEACE

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

*Maintaining physical distancing, and only making physical contact with members of your own household, the congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace (i.e., hand over heart, nod, wave, etc.), using these or similar words: “Peace be with you.”*

(We sit)

## MEAL

*In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.*

## OFFERING

8:30 *Consider* (Roland E. Martin)

11:00 *The Lord's My Shepherd* (Carl F. Mueller)

Celebration Singers  
Sanctuary Choir

*An offering is gathered at this time to support the mission of the church and care for those in need. Our offerings are a humble and grateful response to the gifts that God has first given us. You can place a gift in the offering plate as the ushers come around, or give online by scanning the QR Code and visiting our online giving portal.*

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(We stand)

## As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

## OFFERING PRAYER

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.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for creating 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 providing mortals with food.

With all the faithful in tents and mansions, cities and farms, past and present, we worship you, O God, for sheltering 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 journeying with us in Jesus.

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 all the beloved saints of this time and place, 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 proclaim blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

(We sit)

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table! After the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct each row to come forward. If, for any reason, you prefer not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, signal an usher or raise your hand, and an assisting minister will bring the elements to you.*

*As you come forward, pick up a small cup from the table at the front and then receive the bread (wafer) from the minister. Gluten-free wafers are located on the table. If you require gluten-free, please take one and present it to the pastor for blessing.*

*Next, proceed to one of the two communion assistants. The first chalice has wine, and the second chalice has grape juice.*

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:*

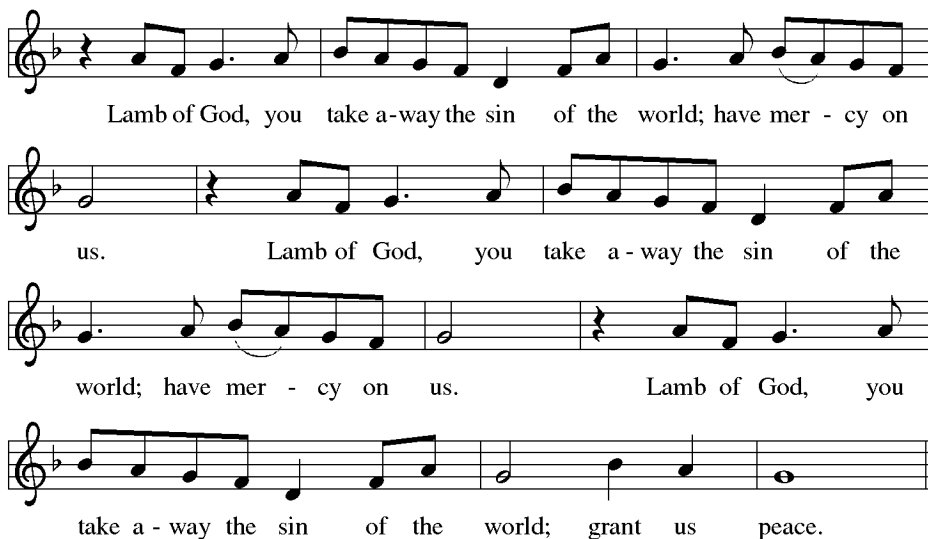
*"The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*You may say: "Amen."*

*After consuming the wine/juice, please put your cup on the tray along the side wall, and return to your seat via the side aisle. **If you don't wish to remove your mask up front**, you may choose to bring the elements back to your pew to eat/drink there.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Shall We Gather at the River*

(8:30) *Celebration Singers*

(11:00) *Sanctuary Choir*

(We stand)

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, **most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING OF COMMUNION PRAYER

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## SENDING

*Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.*

**SENDING HYMN ~ For All the Saints** we sing verses 5 - 7

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*The congregation turns & faces the cross reminding us that we follow Christ into the world & our daily lives.*

### BLESSING

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.**

### DISMISSAL

Following God's saints in the ways of truth and love, go forth in peace.

**We go to live out Christ's love. Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE ~ Marching to Zion** (arr. Gordon Young)

***After worship, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex invite you to greet them and each other in the Gathering Area. Please be mindful of others' wishes for physical distancing.***

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**PREACHING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

**PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**CRUCIFERS**            **8:30** ~ Jim Doyle  
**11:00** ~ Sue Koch

**TORCH BEARERS**        **8:30** ~ Bill Whitmire, Gus Kagey  
**11:00** ~ Cheryl Hoak, Linda Alley

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS**    **8:30** ~ Kim Fawley  
**11:00** ~ Lori Reich

**SOUND TECHS**            **8:30** ~ Tom Pippert  
**11:00** ~ Mark Byerly

**LECTORS**                **8:30** ~ Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller  
**11:00** ~ Robert Alley, Biblical Storyteller

**USHERS**                 **8:30** ~ Susan Gallaher, Margie Miller  
**11:00** ~ Shannon Wilson, John Wilson

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**    **8:30** ~ Jim Doyle, Robert Alley, Bill Whitmire, Gus Kagey  
**11:00** ~ Robert & Linda Alley, Sue Koch, Cheryl Hoak

**MUSICIANS**            Linlin Uta, Interim Music Minister  
Elizabeth Williams, Guest Organist  
Celebration Singers (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11:00)  
Keira Miller, Clarinet

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## **REMINDERS AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY**

- **Please leave this worship booklet in the basket at the sanctuary entrance for the next service (or recycling).**
- **We encourage you to take *The Chimes* home with you.**



## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP...

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** + All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled. Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace.

**GATHERING HYMN:** We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship and this hymn sets the tone for the day.

**KYRIE:** The Kyrie is an ancient piece of service liturgy that may date back to the second century. Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord have mercy" and is in reference to both New and Old Testament scriptures which use the same words and pattern.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** The Prayer of the Day collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

**READINGS AND PSALM:** Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators. The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts. The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith. We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

**NICENE & APOSTLES' CREEDS:** The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true. The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" means simply worldwide or universal.

**PRAYERS:** We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at his/ her invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

**PEACE:** Much more than a pleasant greeting — we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

**OFFERING:** Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

**OFFERING SONG:** This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks. These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture: 1Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

**COMMUNION:** The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense. All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

**BLESSING:** In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel. It reaffirms our mission and reminds us that if we are to be a Wellspring of Grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.