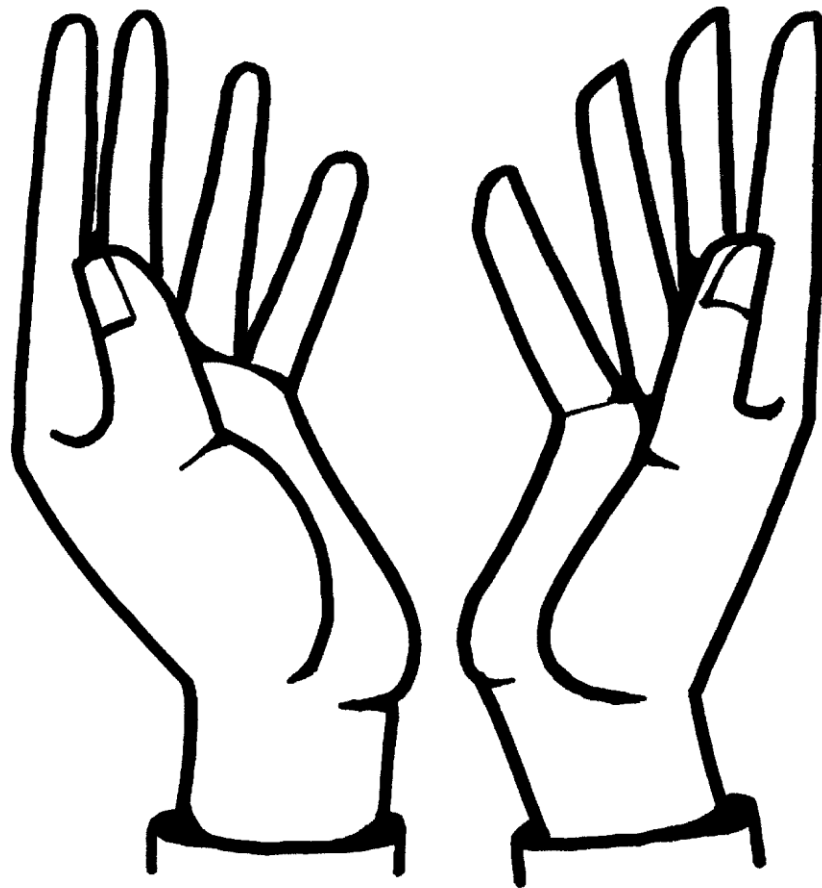


November 5, 2023, 10:30 am

The Feast of All Saints

ELW Setting One



Our Saviour

Lutheran Church

Warrenton, VA

OSLC-warrenton.org

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Please observe a prayerful silence as we prepare to worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross at the entrance.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

#423

Hymn numbers (#) are for the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,

we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.
Refrain

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

.GREETING

The presiding minister greets the assembly in the words of 2 Corinthians 13:4.

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.

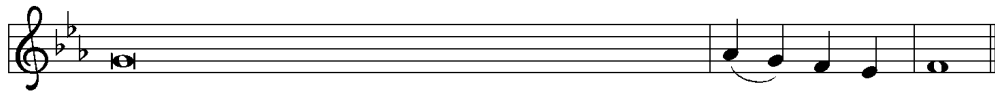
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



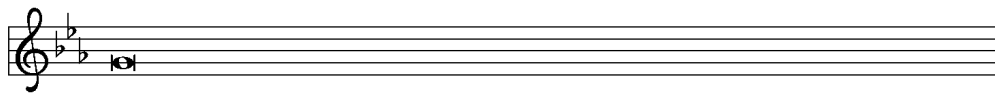
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



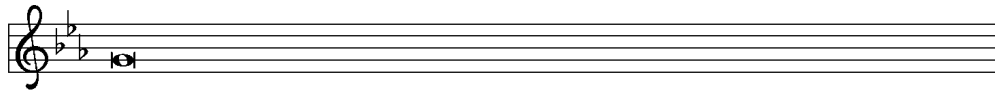
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the 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.

WORD

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

#677

Children are invited to come to the front for a brief lesson while we all sing.

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

This little light of mine, I’m goin’-a let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

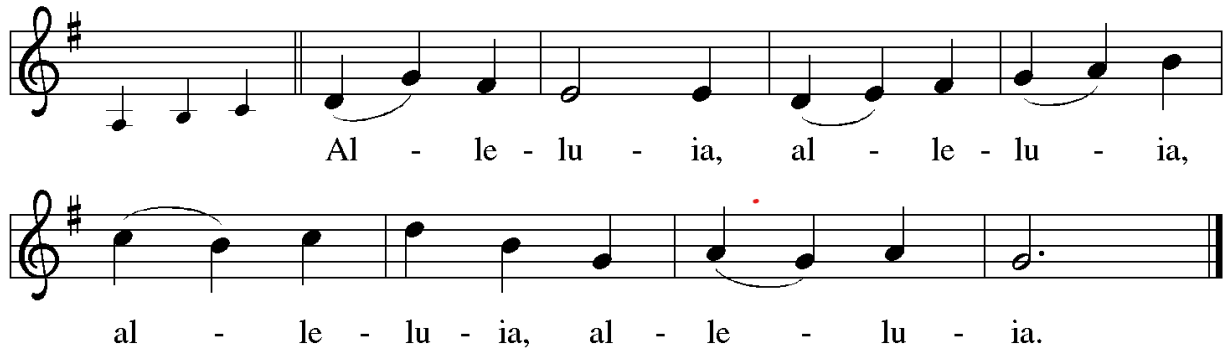
PSALM 34:1-10, 22

- ¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.
- ²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.**
- ³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s ¹ name together.
- ⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**
- ⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.
- ⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.**
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.
- ⁸**Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!**
- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints ¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the ¹ LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰**The lions are in want and ¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing ¹ that is good.**
- ²²O LORD, you redeem the life ¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will ¹ not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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. ¹²Rejoice 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

#422

During the hymn, worshippers may come forward (or send someone for them) to light a candle in memory of the saints dearest to their memory.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world
confessed, brave again and arms are strong.
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their
fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight; thou, in the darkness
drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

3 Oh, blest communion,
fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
they in glory shine; yet all are one in
thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long, steals on the ear the
distant triumph song, and hearts are

5 The golden evening brightens
in the west; soon, soon to faithful
servants cometh rest; sweet is the
calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

6 But then there breaks a yet
more glorious day: the saints
triumphant rise in bright array; the
King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast, through
gates of pearl streams in the countless
host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

THANKSGIVING LITANY (ELW 237, adapted)

Holy god, holy and mighty, holy and eternal, **Hear our prayer.**

You loved us before the world was made: **Hear us, O God.**

You rescued the people of your promise: **Hear us, O God.**

You spoke through your prophets: **Hear us, O God.**

You gave your only Son for the life of the world: **Hear us, O God.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit; For the one holy catholic and apostolic church;
For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized: **Thanks be to God.**

For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah: **Thanks be to God.**
For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel: **Thanks be to God.**
For Miriam and Rahab, Abigail and Ruth: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary, mother of our Lord: **Thanks be to God.**
For John, who baptized in the Jordan: **Thanks be to God.**
For Mary Magdalene, who first told of the Resurrection: **Thanks be to God.**
For James and John, Peter and Andrew: **Thanks be to God.**
For all holy men and women, our mothers and fathers in faith: **Thanks be to God.**
For the noble band of the prophets: **Thanks be to God.**
For the glorious company of the apostles: **Thanks be to God.**
For the white-robed army of martyrs: **Thanks be to God.**
For cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the holy angels: **Thanks be to God.**

For those we remember with candles, with prayers, and in the silence of our hearts; and for those we name before you now:

A bell is rung in remembrance of the members of our congregation who entered their eternal rest, especially those who have died since the Feast of All Saints last year.

OSLC members who entered eternal rest since All Saints 2022

Donna Ingman

John Cantrell

Hank Jud

Barbara Burgess

Pat Padgett

Howard Oberheu

(pause)

And for all members of our congregation throughout our history who now rest in you: **Thanks be to God.**

Gracious God, Deliver your people: **Hear us, O God.**

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism: **Hear us, O God.**

Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross: **Hear us, O God.**

Clothe us in compassion and love: **Hear us, O God.**

Bring us with all your saints to the river of life: **Hear us, O God.**

The prayers conclude:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and eternal,

Hear our prayer. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Online worshipers may greet one another in the "Comments" section.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

While the organ plays, an offering is gathered for the mission of the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

AS THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD, THE ASSEMBLY STANDS.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister may lead the following prayer.

Let us pray together.

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.

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also 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

PREFACE

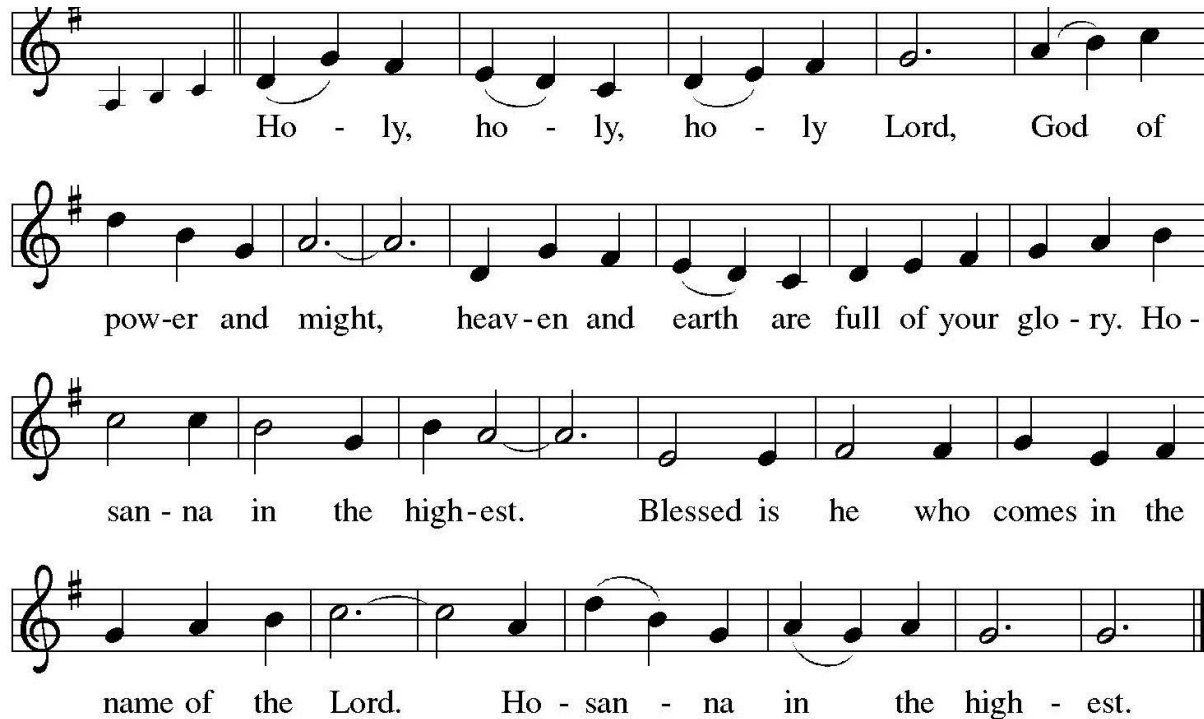
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The assembly sings the Sanctus, based on Isaiah 6:1-8 and Matthew 21:9



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Those with hearing difficulty may follow the text below as the presider offers a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the 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

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

There is a place for you at the banquet.

Let us come and feast at Jesus' table.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD

We sing the canticle Agnus Dei, based on John 1:29



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

When invited, gather at the altar, standing or kneeling. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. When the cup is offered, you may drink from it or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive one or both elements, indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest and the minister will offer you a blessing.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please let the pastor know before the service. If you desire to have the sacrament brought to your seat, simply notify an usher.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the elements of bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive him there. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The organ plays as the people come forward.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

#ASC 950

- 1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.
- 2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.
- 3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.
- 4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
 and on that hallelujah day,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries
Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

**Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397
Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

**Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855
Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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