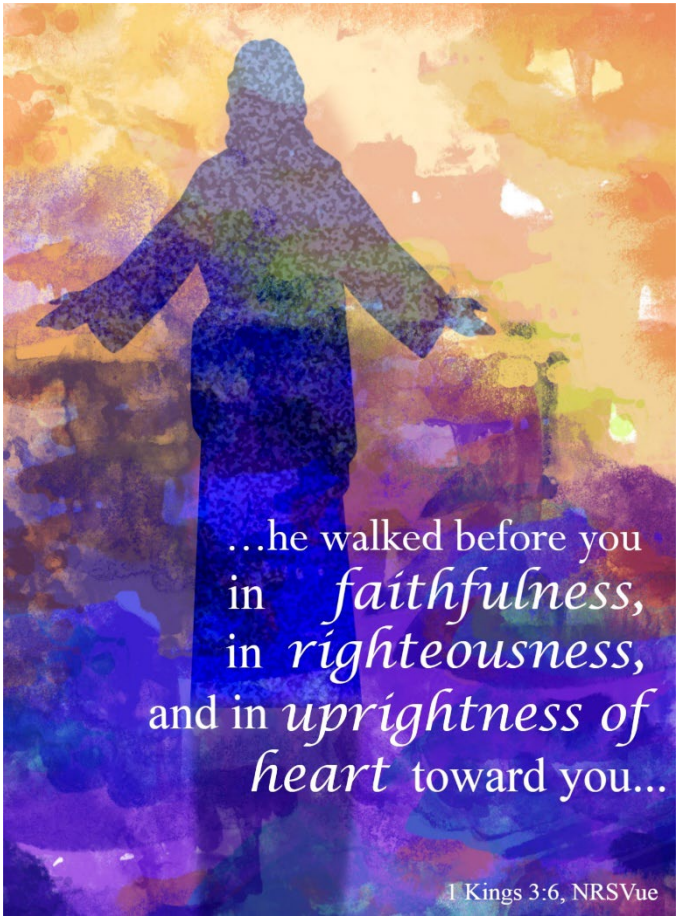
ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2026



Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

We Live in and Share God's Love with All

Unconditional Love ~ Radical Hospitality ~ Selfless Generosity
Faithful Service ~ Compassionate Care ~ Meaningful Worship

No Matter Where You Are on Life's Journey, There Is a Place for You Here!

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we are a progressive Ames Church joyfully and unconditionally welcoming all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression into our community of faith. We affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity and anti-racism. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each to participate in the life of our church. St. Andrew's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

- **This service is livestreamed.** You may be included in the livestream recording as a participant or leader in this worship service. If you wish to avoid being on camera, seating in the back few rows of the sanctuary is not captured via the recording.

- **Welcome to worship. We are SO glad you are here.** All are invited to scan the QR code on the right which will take you to a fillable form. If you prefer paper, a welcome folder is located on the table by the nametags. There is a place for you here.

- **Prayer Requests**. Prayer slips are on the table by the middle doors to fill out and drop in the basket on the table by the offering plate. *Prayer requests will be read aloud during the intercessory prayers*.

- **Hearing Assisting Devices Available**. Devices are located on the Welcome table which is located immediately outside the sanctuary under the television monitor. Please see the sound tech for assistance if needed.

- **Bathrooms.** Down the hall, turn left toward the offices, and then take your first right. **An all-gender/family**, **handicapped accessible bathroom** is available off Fellowship Hall (to the right as you enter from the main door.) Changing tables are available in the family bathroom and the nursery.

- **We LOVE kids in worship!** Should you need to step away, there is a nursery down the hall from the restrooms with a changing table, toys, and comfy seating for parents.

- **Want weekly updates about events at St. Andrews?** Email office@standrewsames.org and indicate you would like to receive the Friday Flash or scan this QR code to sign up!

Helpful Hints for worship today:

- *The instructions to sit or stand are invitations to do so as you are physically able.*
- *In the worship liturgy P = Presider, A = Assisting Minister, R = Reader, and C = Congregation. The congregation responds/sings any time words are in **bold** print. The congregation is invited to sing all Hymns.*

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Sanctuary* **arr. Stan Pethel**

TEMPLE TALK *Joy of Generosity: Living in Community* **Carla Sacco**

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen

GATHERING SONG *Shall We Gather at the River* **ELW 423**

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.

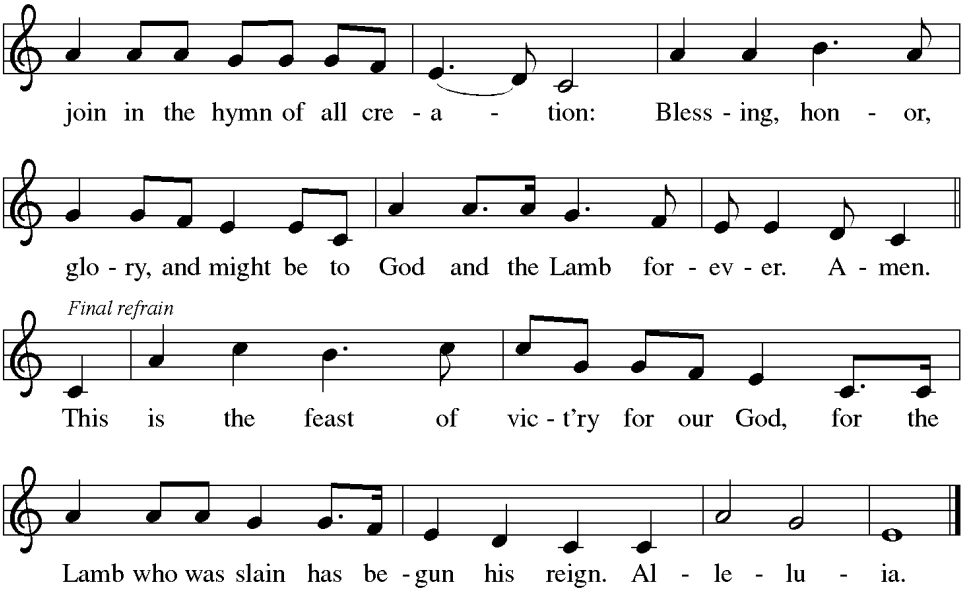
Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast* **ELW p. 187**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Sit

WORD

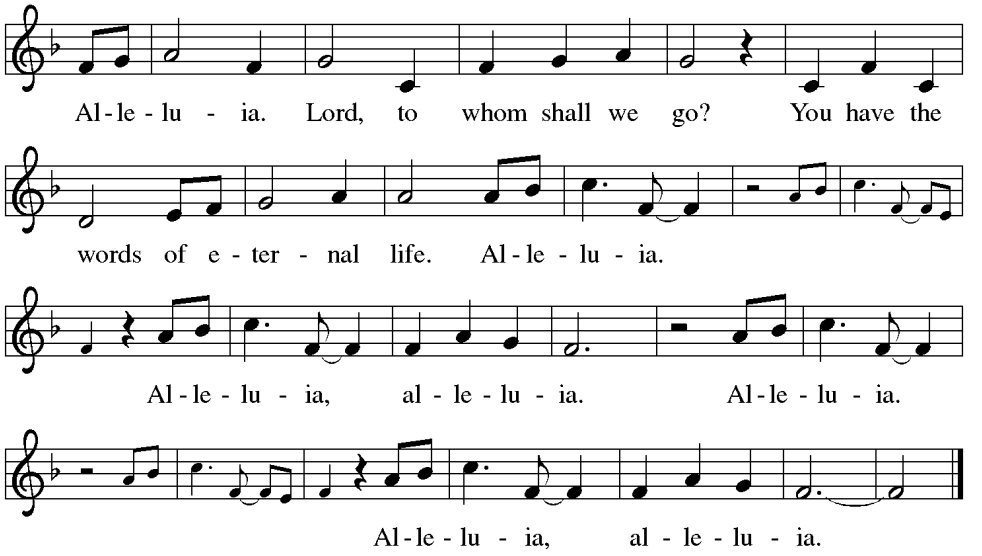
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

St. Andrew's is currently using the Narrative Lectionary, a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. From Christmas to Easter there is sustained reading of one of the four gospels – Matthew in 2026-27. From Easter to Pentecost the texts are chosen from Acts and Paul's letters.

The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger**

ACCLAMATION **ELW p. 188**



READING: 1 Kings 3:4-28

P: A reading from 1 Kings

4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place;
Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the LORD
appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give
you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant
my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast
love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O LORD my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a
little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst
of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be
numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern
your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great
people of yours?"

10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, "Because
you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of
your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I
now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one
like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you
also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall
compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my
commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

15 Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he
stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. He offered up burnt offerings and
offerings of well-being and provided a feast for all his servants.

16 Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.
17 The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and
I gave birth while she was in the house. 18 Then on the third day after I gave birth, this
woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house;
only the two of us were in the house. 19 Then this woman's son died in the night
because she lay on him. 20 She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from
beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at
my breast. 21 When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but
when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne."
22 But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours."

The first said, “No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.” So they argued before the king.

[23] Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,’ while the other says, ‘Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.’ ” [24] So the king said, “Bring me a sword,” and they brought a sword before the king. [25] The king said, “Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other.” [26] But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, “Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!” The other said, “It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.” [27] Then the king responded, “Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.” [28] All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit

SERMON **Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger**

Stand

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE
(*Names printed on insert)*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: O God of mercy and might…. through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* **ELW 769**

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Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C: Amen

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

Before Communion, we greet each other with Christ's peace. This is an opportunity to reconcile ourselves to one another. When we share the peace of Christ we may be saying: I am sorry. I was wrong. Please forgive me. And, I love you.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

P: Please take a moment to share Christ's peace.

Sit

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Our offering is a portion of what God has first given us for God's work in the world. Ushers will pass the plate. In addition to any monetary offering, you are invited to place the yellow card from your bulletin (blank or filled out) into the offering plate. As you do so, hold in mind the ways you have given an offering of your life through your vocation of home, work, community or church service as we offer a portion of our time, talents, and financial resources back to God. You can also give online at standrewsames.org by selecting Give Online (or use this QR code).

Scan to Give

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING **ELW p. 190**

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

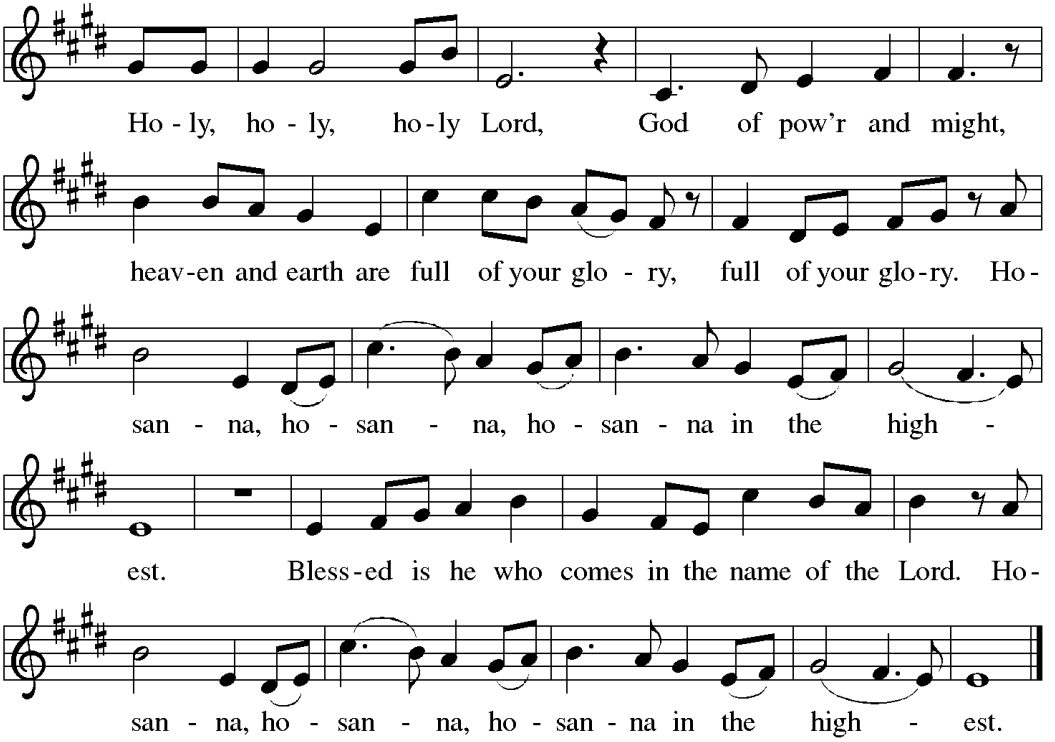
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY **ELW p. 190**



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER **ELW p. 191**

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

C: 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.

Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is Jesus' table, and all are welcome. Those worshiping in person are invited to come down the center aisle, to the front, receive the bread, and step to the side to receive red wine or white grape juice from the assistants. Gluten-free wafers are available; let the assistant know if you need one. If you are social distancing, prepackaged communion elements are available from the ushers.

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

C: *Lamb of God* **ELW p. 191**

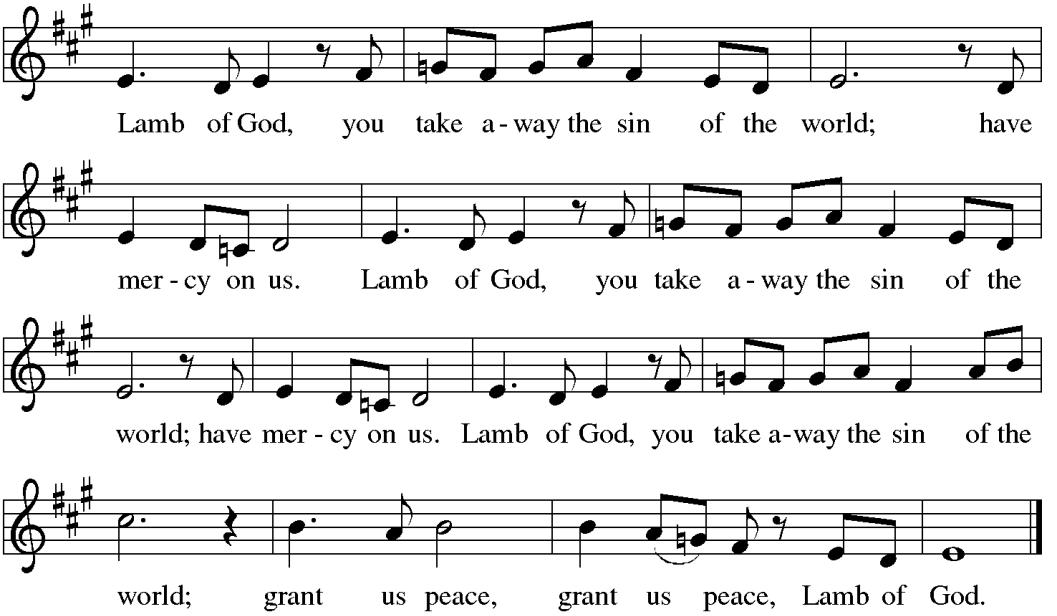


TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *For All the Saints* **ELW 422**

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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* **arr. Stan Pethel**

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