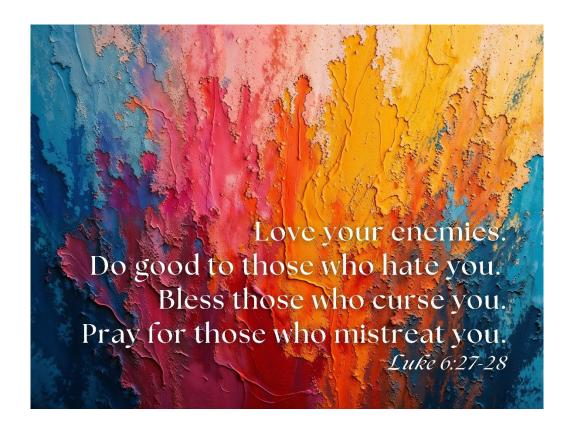
Order of Worship **All Saints Sunday** November 2, 2025



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The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz, Pastor Email: pastor@gracelakeland.com www.gracelakeland.com All Saints Sunday. In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

*=ALL STAND for this part of worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Fugue and Finale on "Sine Nomine"

Stanley Saxton

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression, and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

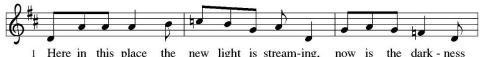
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,

+ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.



- 1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is
- We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who here we will take the
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
- 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; yearn for your face; bread of new birth, light years a - way—

see in this space our fears and our dream-ings we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



to you in of this be light the whole hu called to to man race. call the earth. a - new to be salt for us the king - dom, and now is the day. now is



Gath-er the lost and for - sak - en, us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, Gath-er us in, Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er.

gath-er in, the us gath-er us in, the give us the to eat gath-er us in and



blind and the lame: proud and the strong; bread that is you; make us your own;

call to us now. and give us a heart, so nour-ish us well. and gath - er in, all us

we shall a - wak - en, meek and so low - ly, teach us to fash-ion peo-ples to-geth-er,

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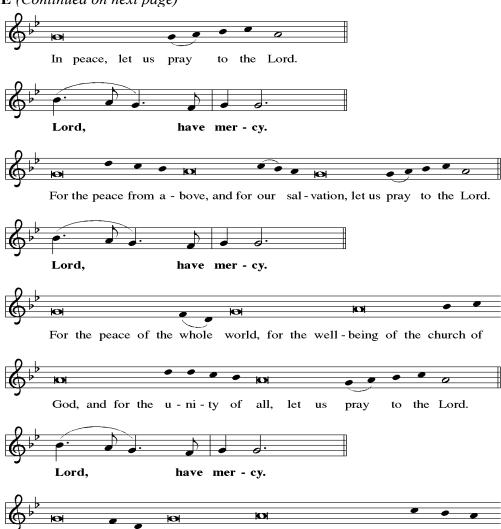
we shall a - rise the sound of at our give us the cour - age to en - ter the lives that ho - ly and hearts that are are fire . . of love in our flesh and our

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

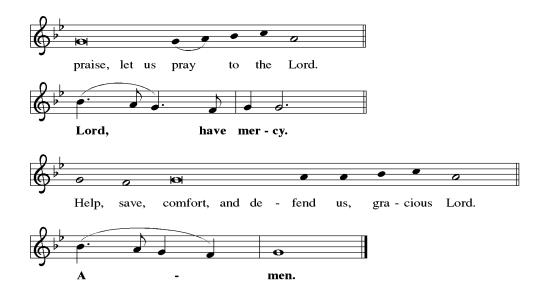
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* **KYRIE** (Continued on next page)

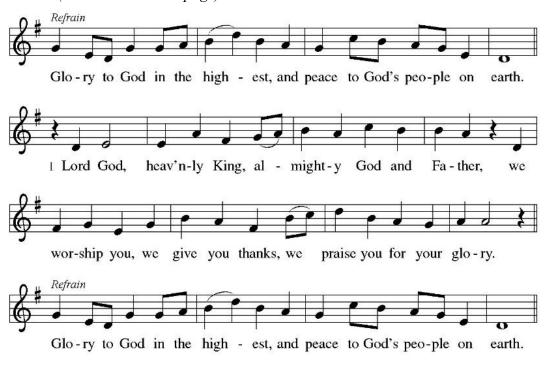
For this ho - ly



house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



*GLORIA (Continued on next page)





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together:

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.

FIRST READING:

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149 (We will read the Psalm responsively, by whole verse.)

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸ to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

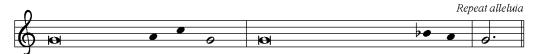
CHILDREN'S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We stand for the reading of the Gospel.







Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life

*GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve disciples] and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Olga-Maria Cruz

Silence is kept for reflection.



3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure; 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored, if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name, in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



*APOSTLE'S CREED

We now profess the faith we share using the words of the 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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Bless those recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Melissa. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. As we approach another election day and as the right to vote and fair representation is under threat, O God, give courage and strength to those who defend democracy. Spirit of wisdom, guide those who vote in Lakeland this week—our mayoral and city commission races, and every amendment to our charter. Grant us leaders who are committed to justice, compassion, and truth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care, especially Mary, Mabel, Doris, June, Ann, Julie, Rita, Carol, Anne, Judy, Tom, Lydia, Brian, James & Grace, Wil, Amy, Bob & Jane, Barbara, Scott, Lynda, Ron & Flo, Mac, Monica, Avery, Doris, John, Abby, Mike, Tim, Arleen, Betty, Linda, Jeff, Henry, Gary, Greg, Helen & Ron, and Max & Michelle. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed, especially *Anna Mae Chinault, Dot Schroeder, Mary Venable, Marquita Storms, Horace Hanchard, and Patty Olstad deCamp.* Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GRATITUDE

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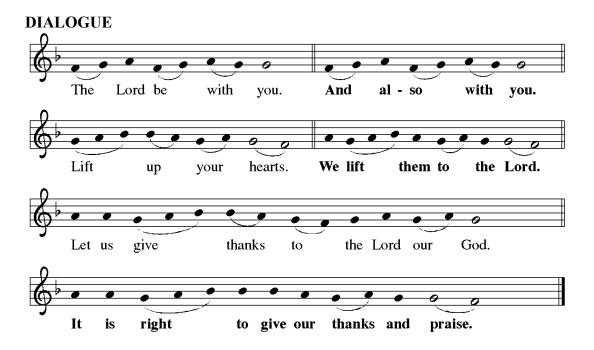


*OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

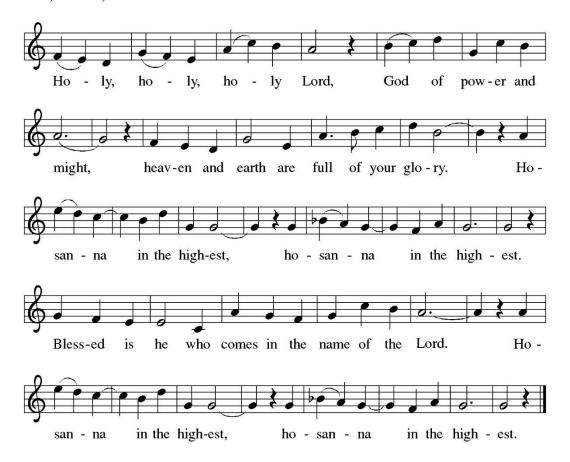
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age, you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*LORD'S PRAYER

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

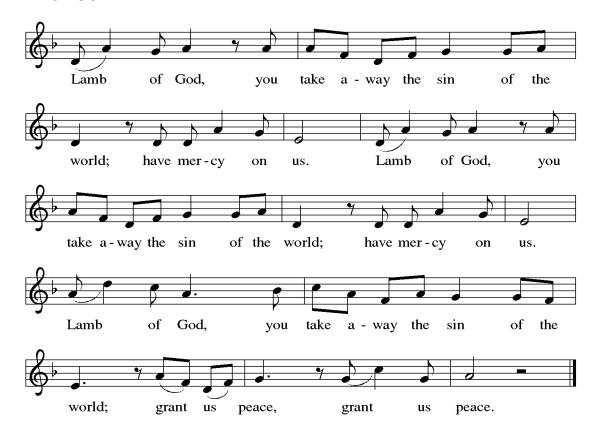
There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

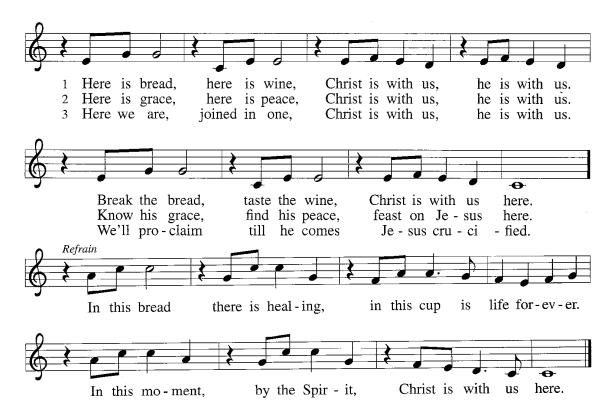
The baptized children of God are invited by the Lord to the Lord's Table where we receive Jesus' very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. We commune at the communion rail where we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. If you wish to commune, but cannot come forward, let an usher know and Pastor will come to you. If you do not wish to commune, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. You may wish to remain at the rail for a time of personal prayer following which you may return to your pew down the side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN(S)

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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

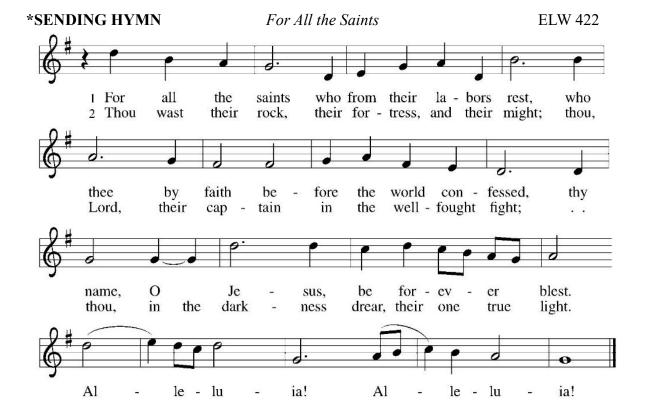
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.



- 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 brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 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!

*BENEDICTION

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God.

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