



**November 2026**  
Saint James Lutheran Church in Johnston, Iowa  
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*We're glad you're here and hope you will come again!*



## THE GATHERING

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Those gathered stand in body or spirit. All may make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✠ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

### Gathering Song

Nov 1 723 Canticle of the Turning

Nov 8 513 Listen, God is Calling

Nov 15 890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Nov 22 250 Blessed Be the God of Israel

**Greeting** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

# Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



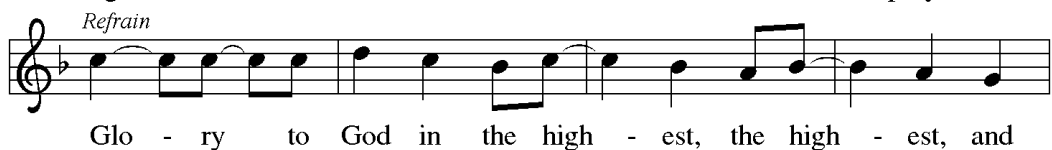
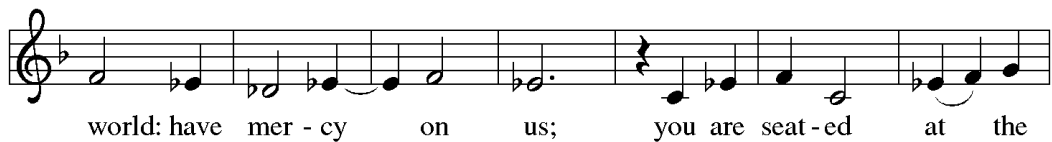
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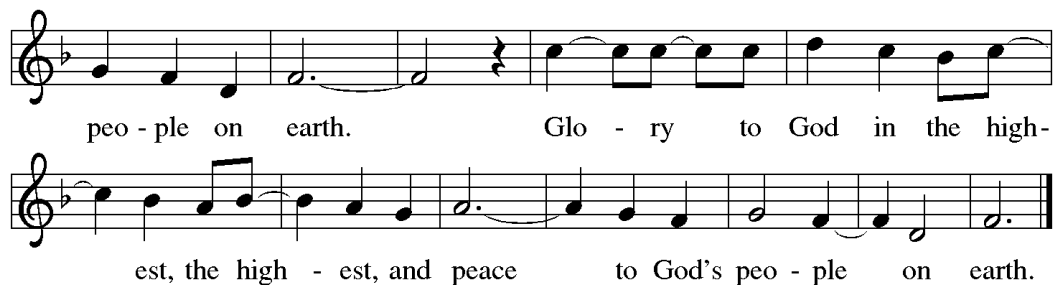


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the





**Prayer of the Day (see insert)**

## THE WORD

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

**The Lessons (see insert)**

**The Gospel Acclamation**



## **The Gospel: (see insert)**

*Before the reading...*

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

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*After the reading...*

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

## **Sermon**

### **Song of the Day**

Nov 1 422 For All the Saints Vss1-4

Nov 8 401 Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Nov 15 707 Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us

Nov 22 434 Jesus Shall Reign Vss1-4

## **Creed**

Let us confess our shared faith in 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.**

## **The Prayers of Intercession (see insert)**

### **The Peace (Sunday only)**

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

### **The Offering – Choir Anthem (Sunday only)**

## THE MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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.**

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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:

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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**

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

*Please be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's table. We receive communion by intinction (i.e. dipping the wafer into the cup). Please use a little Purell on your hands before coming forward. For those who would prefer not to dip their wafer, you may be assured that the crucified and risen Christ is fully present for you in, with and under one element.*

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, Lamb of God.

### **Communion Hymns (Sunday only)**

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|--------|-----|-------------------------------|
| Nov 1  | 785 | When Peace Like a River       |
| Nov 8  | 529 | Jesus, We Are Gathered        |
| Nov 15 | 689 | Praise and Thanksgiving       |
| Nov 22 | 679 | For the Fruit of All Creation |

## THE SENDING

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

### Announcements

### Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

### Sending Song

Nov 1            When the Saints Go Marching In (back pages)

Nov 8        869    We Have Seen the Lord

Nov 15            Let Us Enter In (back pages)

Nov 22    264    Prepare the Royal Highway

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.  
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.  
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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# Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
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 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual