



Sunday, November 2, 2025
All Saints Sunday



BETHLEHEM
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For Those Worshipping Virtually

Bethlehem Lutheran has a tradition of lighting candles on the Sunday that we celebrate All Saints. These candles serve as a remembrance of saints who live the faith in our midst today as well as loved ones who have died. We invite you to bring a candle into your worship space at home today and leave it unlit as we begin worship. There will be an opportunity during today's service for you to light this candle.

PRELUDE

Cello Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major, BWV 1010

Johann Sebastian Bach

IV. Sarabande

VI. Gigue

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GATHERING

Una versión en español de la orden de culto de hoy está disponible en el himnario azul All Creation Sings que comienza en la página 8.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains all of creation.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires are known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

DISMISSAL TO WORSHIP FOR KIDS AND JOY!

*All kids ages 3 through elementary are welcome to a special time of hearing the Word, conversation and activity! Parents can remain in the sanctuary while the kids gather in designated spaces. **Worship for Kids** (Ages 3 – Grade 2) meets across the hall from the sanctuary and **JOY!** (Grades 3 – 5) meets downstairs. Kids will return during the offering so they can participate in Communion.*

READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Sung two times

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

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

For all the saints . . .

Today, we give thanks to God for all those who live the faith and those who have died in Christ. We thank God for all the ways that they have shared God’s love with us and passed along the faith to us. Those worshiping at home are invited to a light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died.

This morning, you are invited to light a candle (please remember to light the candles back to front) to remember a saint in your life and give thanks for the light of Christ that was revealed through them. Dip the match down into the glass to light the candle. If you need help, a hospitality team member will assist you. As we worship, we remember that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, and that through baptism, we are forever a part of God’s family and one another’s lives.

HYMNS AND MUSIC FOR THE CANDLE LIGHTING

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sung 6 times) ELW 751

“Prayer” Ernest Bloch
No. 1 of *From Jewish Life*

Shall We Gather at the River ELW 423

After everyone who wishes has lit a candle, a bell will be intoned to mark the beginning and end of a minute of silence to remember our siblings in Christ at Bethlehem who have died since All Saints Day 2024, as well as those remembered by family and friends of the Bethlehem community.

Gary, friend of Bob Stolze

Jeff, friend of Bob & Julie Stoltze

Joe, brother-in-law of Pat Egbert

Ravarashe's uncle, a member of our sister parish in Shurugwi

Sherry, friend of Chris & Lisa Meetze

Stephen H, III, son of family friends of Rosemarie & Roger Kolker

David Abrahams, Rabbi at Congregation Etz Chaim, Fairport

Beverly Ames, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp

Cathy Anderson

Michele Benjamin, friend of Donna & Jim Berner

David Bieler, son of the late Jo Bieler

Vera Bink, friend of Donna & Jim Berner

Bernard Block, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp

Leah Carter Booth, friend of Donna & Jim Berner

Elaine Bosje, mother of Dave Wideman

Murray Byrne, husband of Jeff Hedin's cousin

John Cavilia, father-in-law of Cori Cavilia and grandfather of Hazel

Robert Clement

James Cook

Nancy Cook, sister-in-law of Pat Schmeelk

Jim Coon, stepfather of Jim Harman

Helen Donlon, mother of Joanne Swanson

Gene Duffey, friend of Tom Allen

Gunars Freivalds, brother of Lilita Lassen-Ward

Ronald Golden, remembered by Kim Kulik

Richard Greene, friend of Tom Allen

Lois Groth, aunt of Laurie Perry

Fred Hartrick, friend of Tom Allen
Charlyne Hickey, wife of former BLC member, David Hickey
Fran Howell, former member of Bethlehem
Ron Illsley remembered by Liana Coffaro
Dave Kline, brother-in-law of Susie De Pasquale
Athena Kobryn, friend of Tom Allen
Peter Kundin, friend of the Ruhland Family
Patrick Kurtz
Doris Landy, cousin of Linda Keefer and Patty Chaffee
Dominic Laspina, cousin of Melissa Barkowski of Acton Studios
Whitey Link, friend of Ruth & Jeff Hedin
Frank Malvaso, friend of Tom Allen
Carolyn Jane Maynard, sister of Vicki Twietmeyer
Linda McBride, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp
Jim McGill, cousin of Linda Keefer and Patty Chaffee
Bill McKean, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp
Francis McClellan, aunt of Amy Walter-Peterson
Miller Mietus, friend of Daniel Meetze
Karen Moulton, mother-in-law of Lynn Moulton
Kim Nauratil, friend of Donna & Jim Berner
Raye Nyce, stepfather of Mary Osgood
The Very Reverend William Peterson
Gary Pfohl; brother of Donna Knights
Christopher Raw, nephew of Kim Kulik
Dorice Raw, mother of Kim Kulik
Connie Reybrouck, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp
Christel Rinkleff, mother of Mark Lockard
Richard Saunders, friend of Donna & Jim Berner
Tom Stewart, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp
Barbara Sullivan, Kathy Forney's son's mother-in-law
Paul Trabold, son of Anita Trabold
Phyllis Trigg, friend of Howard and Jan Sharp
John Versprille, brother of former BLC member, Jeanne Shiao
Richard White, friend a of Bob & Phyllis Stock
Barbara Williams, sister of Virginia Schumacher
Stephen Williams
Gary Wood, former member of Bethlehem
Alice Yeakel, mother of Ruth Gates
Amanda (Clark) Youngers, friend of Chris Meetze

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

#1 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. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

#2 God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

#3 God of our future, none who trust in you can be separated from your love. Let our light shine for others to see your love through us, just as the great cloud of witnesses we remember today guided us. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for hospice workers who walk with those who are dying; and for our siblings in faith in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. May our partnerships remind us of your abundance. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We know that all people matter in your eyes and you know their cares and concerns, their hopes and joys. We pray for those whose needs are known to us.

We give thanks for:

- for the birth of Wyatt John, son of Cori and Stephen C, born on 10/13

We pray for those who grieve, especially the family and friends of:

- Francis M, aunt of Amy W-P, who died on 10/25
- Bob C, especially his wife Joyce, who died on 10/17

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Tom S who is recovering from a recent hospitalization
- Nick, young friend of the M family, who is entering hospice care
- Doug, father of Julie M, who is recovering from a fall
- Jennifer R, niece of Pat E, who is recovering from anticipated back surgery
- David P, friend of Nancy P and Chrisanne G, who is recovering from a fall
- Volker H, who has moved to comfort care
- Tom C, friend of Joe S, who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
- Tanner L, grandson of Joe S's co-worker, severely injured in a BMX accident in July

Hear the names of those we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice.

Silence for individual prayer.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SHARING GOD'S MEAL

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace in a way that cares for friend and neighbor. If you worship virtually, share the peace through the comments section or text.

OFFERING

Thank you for your offerings that support the ongoing ministry that we share.

Information about supporting Bethlehem's ministry with your offerings is available in the Welcome insert in your pew rack or by visiting blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry or scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page.



OFFERING OF MUSIC

Come, Come, Ye Saints

words, William Clayton
music, John Purifoy
tune, English folk song

The Chancel Choir

OFFERTORY



God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our



neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work



with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful,
**you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn
our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God,
Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we 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

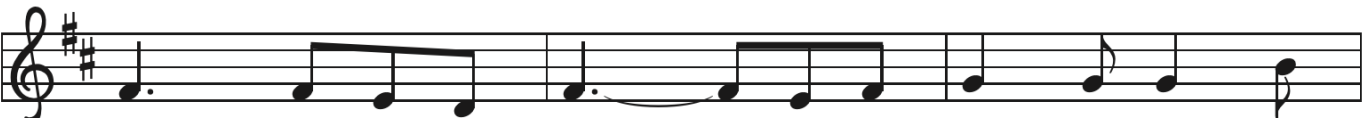
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Our communion bread is gluten-free, unless noted by the pastor. Grape juice is available; indicate your need to the communion assistant.

THE COMMUNION



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



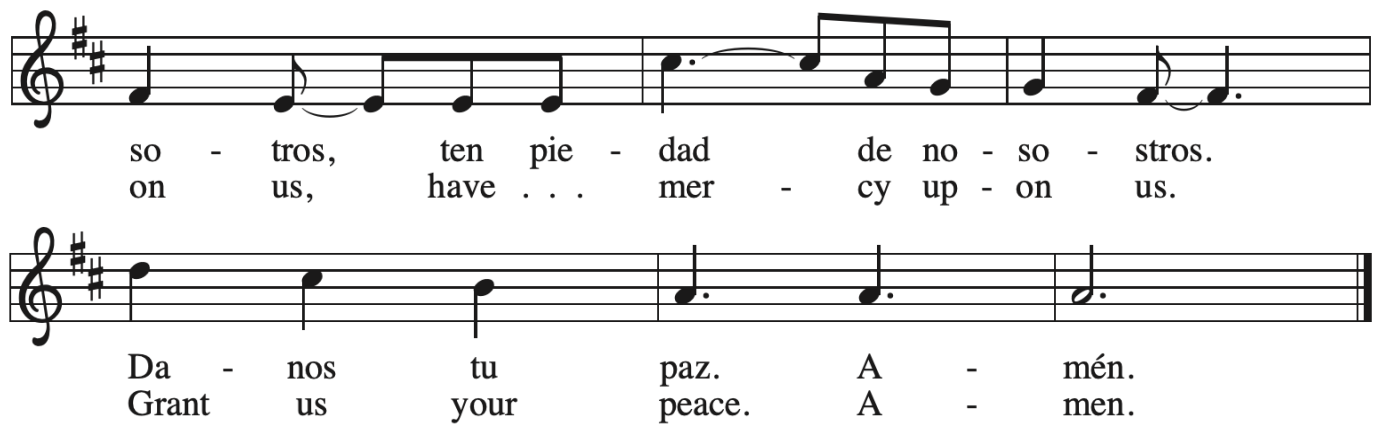
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sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.



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O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - men.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

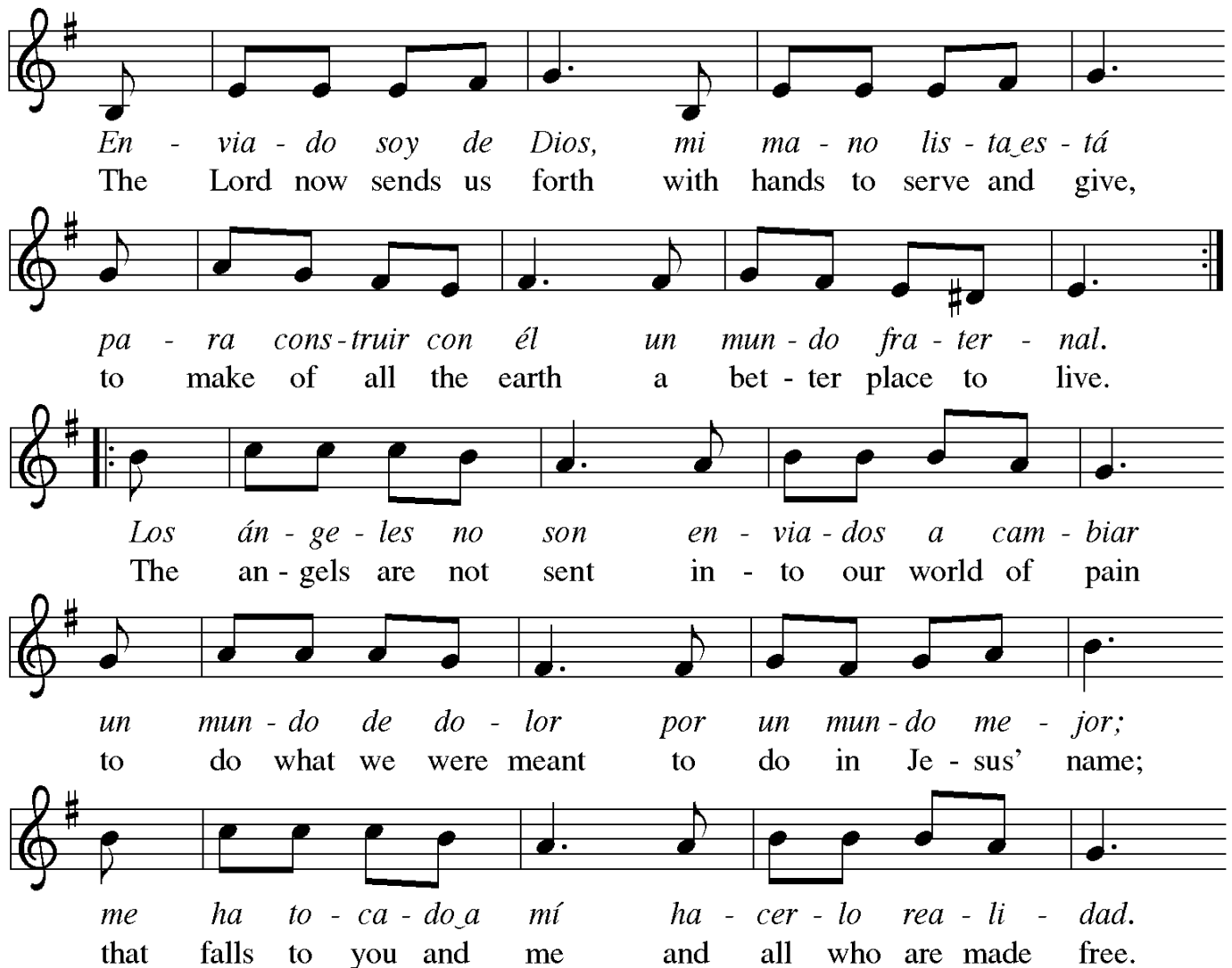
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
What Feast of Love

ELW 426

ELW 487

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



LEAVING TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN	Give Thanks for Saints	ELW 428
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "For All the Saints"
(SINE NOMINE)

Paul Fey
tune, Ralph Vaughan Williams

BLC Pastors

The Rev. Abigail Zang Hoffman and The Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson, co-Pastors

BLC Musicians

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Chrisanne Gates, Chancel Choir Director

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

Additional musical leadership provided by:

Percussion: James Berner, Sue Cardinal, Richard Towsley, Dave Wideman

Special Thanks to Asia Wilson, guest cellist, for assisting us with today's worship.

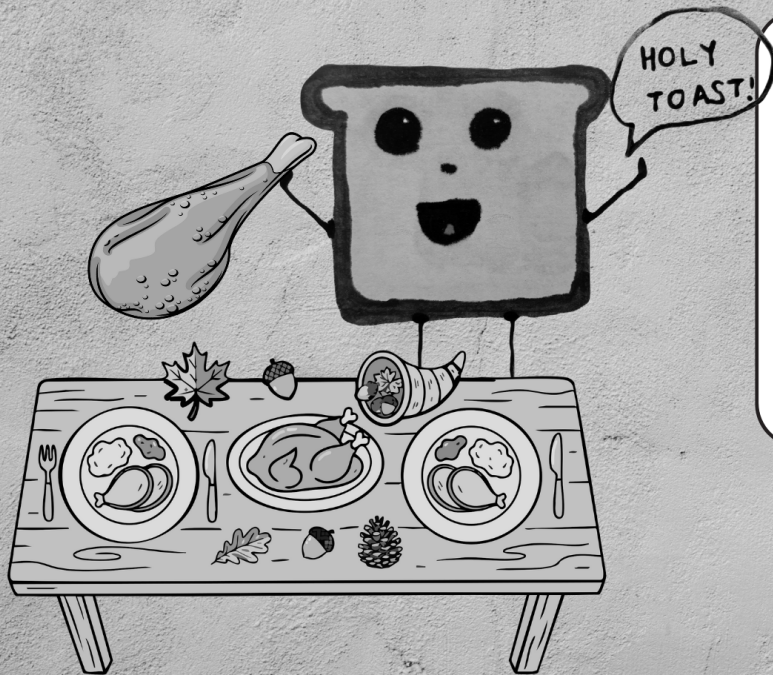
Thank you to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! Want to learn more about what roles are needed in worship or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Talk with one of the pastors following worship or send an email to volunteersupport@blcfairport.org and we'll follow up!

Communicate with us: Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

What's happening at BLC this week? Visit the Calendar of Events at www.blcfairport.org. Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at office@blcfairport.org or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

Church office hours: Sandy Squires holds office hours on Wednesdays from 9-1 and is responsive to phone and email Monday through Friday during usual business hours. Please communicate your needs through the church office by phone (585) 223-0634 or by email office@blcfairport.org. Our co-Pastors are available Sunday – Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling the church office or emailing pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org or pastor.amy@blcfairport.org

Sunday Table - November 2nd



Join us in the
Fellowship Hall for
brunch to learn more
about BLC's hunger
activism

***Join BLC's email list
to receive our weekly
STAR e-newsletter
and other
announcements!***



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“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” – Enviado soy de Dios, Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford
“Cello Suite No. 4 in E-flat Major, BWV 1010” – IV. Sarabande and VI. Gigue; Music: Johann Sebastian Bach
“Prayer” – No. 1 of *From Jewish Life* Music: Ernest Bloch © 1925, 2007 Carl Fischer, LLC
“Come, Come, Ye Saints” Words: William Clayton; Music: John Purifoy (ASCAP); Tune: English folk song © 2016 Hal Leonard Corporation
“Fanfare on *For All the Saints*” – op. 158; Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams – SINE NOMINE; Music: Paul Fey © 2024 Paul Fey

Wholly Saints

Who are the saints, and what do they have to say to us? Rather than being perfect Christians, the saints are people who have been made whole by the grace of God, through baptism into Christ. The communion of saints is a diverse array of witnesses who remind us of God's continuing faithfulness, past, present, and future. In the picture painted by the gospel reading from Luke, the saints challenge us to embody the surprising, world-reversing ways of the reign of God.