Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

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All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

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Welcome to worship at Prince of Peace! This is a pro-participation, anti-perfectionism worship service. Our ushers are ready guides and your pew neighbor a willing help.

May this time and space be a holy encounter.

Bold print indicates response from all the people

Gathering

We gather to remember all whom we loved who have died. We especially remember the faithful members of PoP who died this past year: Carol Linthacum & Becky Brownson

During our worship time today you will have opportunities to light candles on behalf of loved ones who died at any time.

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (ST ANNE)*
Alan Gray, on a hymn by William Croft

Welcome

*A Blessing of the Saints

Pastor: For those whom we remember best as our teachers, for giving us values and goals,

All: we give thanks, O Lord.

For those who have lived with us, loved us, shared our trials and still allowed us to become who we are, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who led us out of our own personal slaveries and taught us the meaning of being free, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who were sensitive to offer us words of comfort when we were anxious, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who visit the lonely and clothe the naked and feed the hungry, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who taught us to love mostly by loving us, expecting nothing in return, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For all who are martyrs without labels and those who offer good words and tender support, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For all those who forgive and forget and in doing so provide paths of reconciliation, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who are genuinely funny and give cheer to life and good humor to day-by-day perceptions, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

For those who now surround us, family, friends, for those who share our secrets, for those who wish to know us better, and for those who -- by being part of the community of the saints - give us courage and hope to live, **we give thanks, O Lord.**

Rituals for Honoring the Saints

Time for remembrance and candle lighting at the front of the sanctuary.

*Gathering Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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***Prayer of the Day**

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.**

The Word

***Gospel Reading** **Matthew 5:1-12**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat
down, his disciples came to him. 2 And 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 the sake of righteousness,
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. 12 Rejoice 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Kid's Sermon Veronica Robb

Sermon Daniel Hughes

***Hymn of the Day** *When in our Music God is Glorified (next page)*

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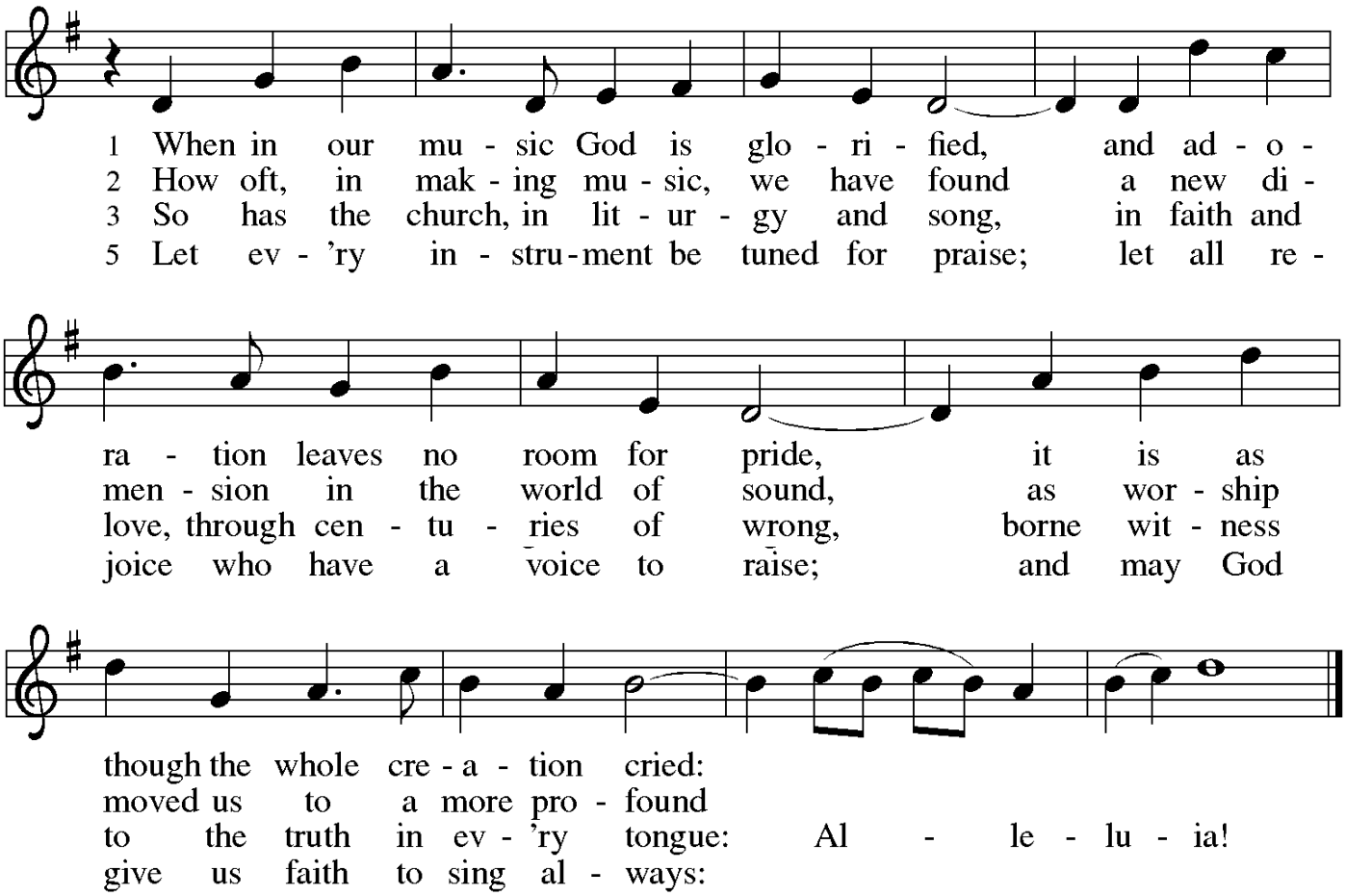

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*Prayers of the People

P: God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The Passing of the Peace & Offering

We celebrate the gift of God-with-us as we offer to one another greetings of peace via handshake, hug or wave. Please practice consent when passing the peace by asking if someone wishes to be hugged or touched. This respects everyone's sensitivities and helps make worship more comfortable for all.

Your offerings help support the many ministries of this congregation. You may place offering in the plates at the back of the church; If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan this image. Thank you!

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

The Meal

Holy Communion is by invitation of Jesus Christ. All people who desire to experience the grace of God are welcomed regardless of age, race, faith, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientations, gender expression, political party, or physical ability.

If you do not wish to receive communion, you may also come to altar with your arms crossed to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead..

*Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…

*Lord's Prayer

You are invited to pray in the style and language most familiar to you.

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.

Welcome to Communion

*Communion is one of two sacraments in our ELCA Lutheran tradition. A sacred-moment combines God's promises with a tangible object. At this table you can receive the grace, goodness, and strength of Christ. And remember…**All** are welcome.*

Communion Music *Andante Religioso* Battison Haynes

Anthem *When We Worship God Through Singing* Eugene Butler

The Sending

Adopt-A-Family

Announcements

*Blessing

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

*Sending Hymn

For All the Saints

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Sortie* Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Thanks to our worship participants:
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Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you joined us! If you feel inclined, and want a follow-up, use the Visitor Card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate so our volunteers can deliver a welcome gift. Learn about upcoming events: ask for a copy of the "Peace Notes", our printed announcements and calendar.

We invite you to learn more about us on our website at propeace.org. Prince of Peace is a congregation in the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA. PoP is also a member of NAMI-FaithNet, creating mental-health friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.

We are proud to be a Reconciling in Christ congregation, publicly affirming our commitment to both racial equity and being a welcoming community of faith for LGBTQIA+ people and their families.

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