



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today Is November 2, 2025

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All Saints Sunday



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

12351 All Saints Place

Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Deep River

arr. Ronald Nelson

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 HYMN

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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APOSTOLIC 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.

KYRIE



P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

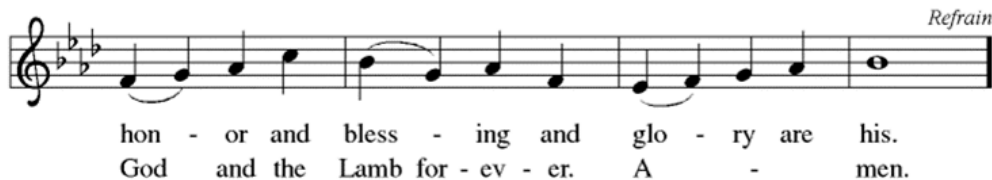
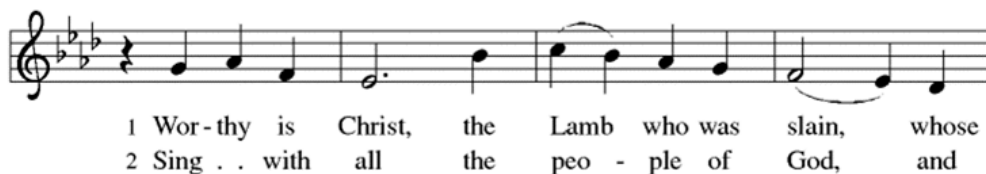


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

L: A reading from Daniel.

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: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. 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: “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 149

L: We pray the Psalm responsively.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,

God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in their maker;

let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

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

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

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

to inflict on them the judgment decreed;

this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Amen.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

L: A reading from Ephesians.

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, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. 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; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

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

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

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

“Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 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.

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

“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.

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

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. 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. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Bohannon

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

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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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Quinn Gordon Mukai
Son of Marina and Jonathan Mukai
Sponsors: Tim and Patty Young

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

C: Amen.

P: Holy Baptism is God's gift to his Church. In this sacrament we are initiated into the Christian life. We receive our identity as members of the family of God; and as Christ is our brother, we also become brothers and sisters to one another. We begin our new life, we live our new life, and we look forward to the resurrection under the sign of our Baptism. Today, God calls Quinn by name to enter into this inheritance.

To the Parents:

P: Marina and Jonathan, today you have brought your child, Quinn, for baptism: Do you confess with us your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Answer: We do.

P: We acknowledge your request on behalf of your child.

P: I charge you to remember your request and your affirmation to take seriously your responsibilities as parents. Today, Quinn is being incorporated into the body of Christ. You are thus called to rear him in the Christian faith and in fellowship with the Church so that as he grows into adult life, he may live in the vocation of his baptism. I, therefore, lay upon you the responsibility to teach him the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures when he can read, to bring him regularly to the services of God's faithful people, and to provide for him instruction in the Christian faith. Do you promise before God and this gathering of believers to do this for Quinn?

Answer: We do, with God's help.

To the Sponsors:

P: Tim and Patty, as Quinn's sponsors, you have also taken upon yourself responsibility for this child. You are to include him in your prayers, and if anything should happen to his parents or if they otherwise neglect their responsibility, you are to see to it that he is reared within the fellowship of Christ's Church. Do you promise to do your part in nurturing Quinn in the Christian faith?

Answer: We do, with God's help.

To the Congregation:

P: We are all witnesses to this baptism. Through Baptism, Quinn becomes a member of our family. It becomes part of our responsibility to see to it that he is sustained within the mutual consolation and fellowship of Christ's Church.

C: We rejoice in this and give thanks to God for the salvation made known in Jesus Christ.

Baptism

P: Quinn Mukai, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: May you evermore be clothed with the righteousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake God has now made you his child and promises you the fullness of the new life. Peace be with you.

The Sign of the Cross

P: Receive the sign of the Holy Cross, as a sign that through your baptism you are participating in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the cross you have been redeemed; in baptism you receive the fullness of this redemption; and henceforth you are called to take up your cross and follow after Christ.

Presentation of the Light

P: Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Prayer and Blessing

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you make light to shine out of darkness, you make new life to spring out of old, you make of all people one new race; we thank you for giving your Church the gracious gift of Baptism, and that you have seen fit to welcome Quinn into this gift of grace.

C: Whether we are young or old, we ask together that you will make our baptism real and new every day, so that we may live together in the joy and power of the Holy Spirit, and at last live forever in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God send you his light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; his presence accompany you. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, cause his grace to be mighty upon you.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor invites the assembly into prayer.

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

(A brief silence is kept; each petition ends with the response.)

L: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

The Lord is My Salvation
Youth Choir

Christopherson

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody consists of quarter notes with slurs. The lyrics are as follows:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

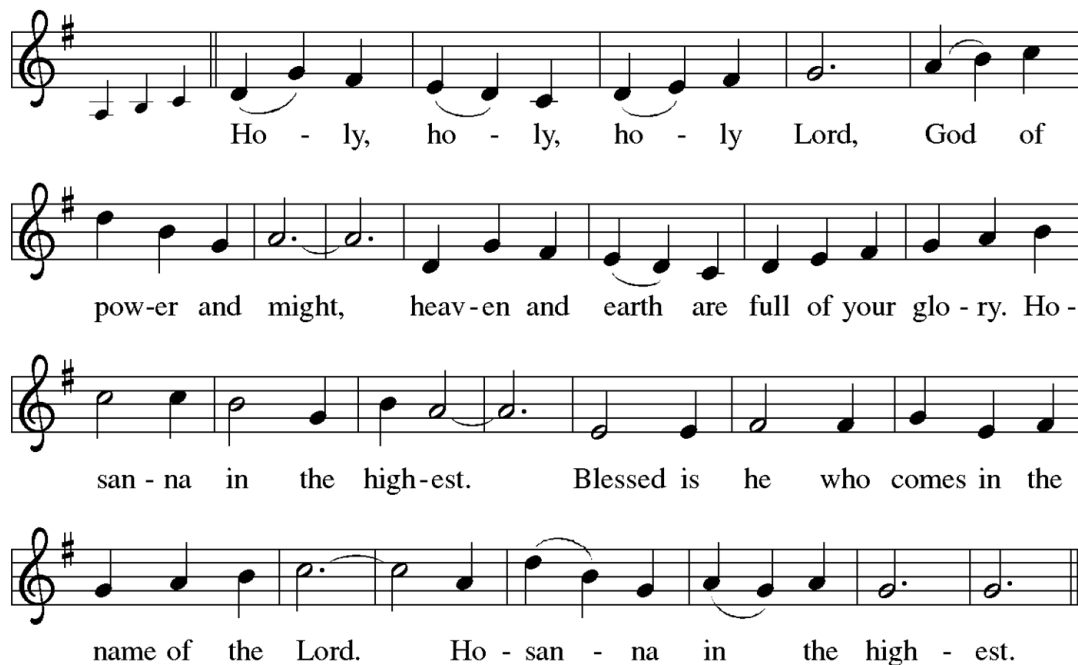
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor begins, "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..." Here the pastor continues with the preface for the day, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal. The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail; when invited by an usher, please come forward and kneel at the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you:

The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.

Lighting of a Taper in Remembrance

As you come forward for communion each household is invited to light a taper in remembrance of the saints who have blessed you and now rest in Christ.

Take a taper from the basket on the table and light it from the pillar candle and then place the lit taper in the sand-filled bowl. Please place the tapers from back to front avoiding reaching over the burning candles.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Shall We Gather at the River
Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

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The assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sine Nomine

Arthur Hutchins

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!, ELW 873

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

Sing with All the Saints in Glory, ELW 426



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
- 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

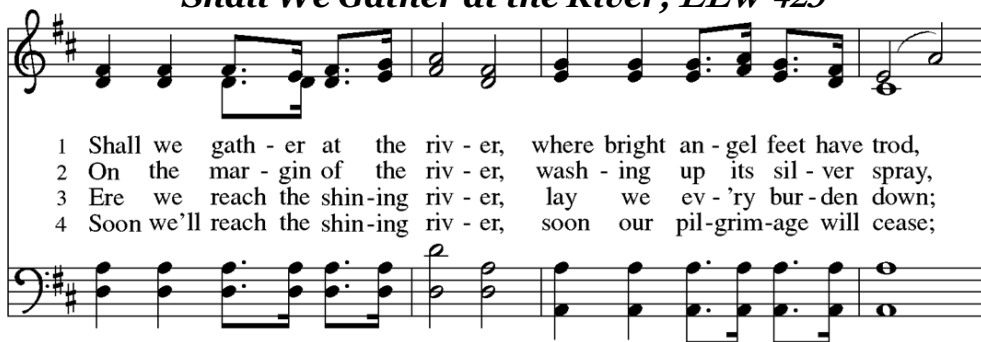


All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,

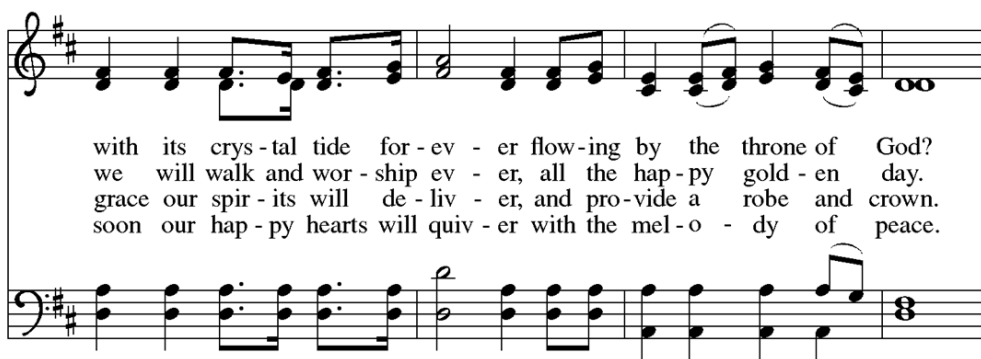


in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Shall We Gather at the River, ELW 423

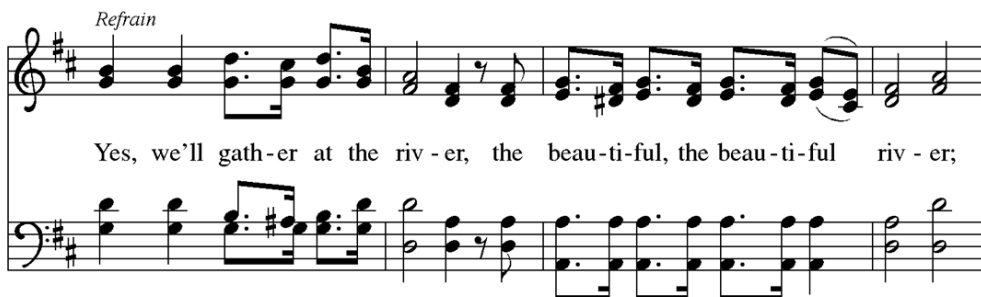


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



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.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table, ACS 977



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones, ELW 424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - apts, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Introduction to the day:

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.

The eternal candle for the month of November
is sponsored by Susan Vanderzyl,
In memory of Maxwell Vanderzyl. Forever in my heart.

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*For more upcoming events and announcements,
please visit www.stmatthewsva.org*

Happening at St. Matthew's

- The church nursery is now staffed by Samira Attace and Hadia Moosawi during our worship services, 9:30-11:30, for children up to three years of age.
- The Share the Bounty special Thanksgiving collection for ACTS continues through November 20th: Share the Bounty shopping lists are in the narthex.
- The Kitchen Krew is looking for more volunteers to help keep the church kitchen clean and organized this coming year. Please see Bruce Leiby for more information or to sign up.
- Good Shepherd Housing Foundation and the New Dominion Choraliers will hold a benefit concert at St. Matthew's on Sunday, November 16th at 3:30PM. Enjoy music, refreshments, and fellowship as we head into the holiday season. Links to register and volunteer are in the Friday eblast newsletter.



*Give online to St. Matthew's—your offerings support the mission of the church
and allow us to respond to the needs of our congregation and community
locally, nationally, and internationally.*

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