**November 5th, 2023 All Saints Sunday – Email/At Home Missal**

**The ZOOM link for today’s service, which opens at 9.30 am on November 5th, 2023, can be found here:**

**Sunday Worship November 5th, 2023 09:30 am ZOOM room opens; service begins at 10:00 am.**

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5TH-NOVEMBER 12TH 2023:**

**Here is the YouTube link for the service from last Sunday, October 29th, 2023:** [**https://youtu.be/ziXhUpEeTI8**](https://youtu.be/ziXhUpEeTI8)

1. **…………………………………**
2. **Coming Events** *(save these dates)* ***bold print - events being held here at St. Peter’s***
3. **Nov. 8** **Bible Study at 10:30 am**
4. Nov. 9 Trillium United Church – Aging Well *(an interactive workshop with Ruth Thompson, lunch to*
5. *follow)* 10:30 - Noon
6. Nov. 12 Bless this Night – Vespers 23’ at 5:30 pm (*Martin Luther University College)*
7. Nov. 12 Baroque and Beyond; A Musicians Fundraiser *(St. Jacobs Mennonite Church)*
8. Nov. 16 Theatre of the Beat – I Love You and It Hurts *(Fairview Menn.Home 2:00 & 7:00 pm)*
9. **Nov. 18 Christmas Bazaar (Too Good to be Through) (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)**
10. **Dec. 8 Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol at 7:30 pm**
11. Dec. 10 Menno Singers, Mennonite Mass Choir Handel’s Messiah *(Centre in the Square)*
12. **Dec. 17 Pulled Pork Lunch & Silent Auction following Worship**

**The Life of St. Peter’s for the week of Nov. 5 - 12, 2023**

1. Monday 6:00 pm TOPS - R.F.F. *(Art Room)*
2. **7:15 pm Church Council** *(Parlour)*
3. Tuesday 7:00 pm Scouts - R.F.F. *(Scout Room, Art Room, Fellowship Hall)*
4. Wednesday **10:30 am Bible Study** *(Art Room)*
5. Thursday
6. Friday
7. Saturday 09:00 am Windjammers Practice
8. **1:30 pm Choir Practice** *(Sanctuary)*
9. Sunday **10:00 pm Worship Service** – A passage from **Hosea 11:1-9** *(God’s passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up.)*
10. **…………………………..**
11. **Pastoral Visit:** Pastor Laura is available for visits by appointment by calling the church office, 519-653-4721. Whether you have a particular pastoral concern or would just like some one-to-one time to get to know Pastor Laura, she would love to meet with you.
12. **…………………………..**
13. **Prayer List:** Bill, Don, Tammy, Alice, Don, Lynn, Helen, Sharon, Donald, Shirley, Clara, Carol, Jeff, Aaron, Mackenzie, Rhett, Linda, Jan, Ken, Robin, Lee, Maria, Deborah, Fred, Anne.
14. **…………………………..**

## We need you to help feed our neighbourhood! The freedom Centre has joined with Cambridge Community Table to offer a meal to our community twice a month on Tuesday night. We need volunteers: Food Preparation, set up, take down, meet and Greet. Every hour you can give once or twice a month. Call for information 519-591-6518 or email rosemary@freedomcentre.ca.

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2. **Gaza Humanitarian Emergency** – CLWR and the Humanitarian Coalition are responding to the humanitarian emergency unfolding in Gaza. Please join us in prayer and consider making a gift to provide critical life-saving aid to those affected. To find out more or to donate, please visit clwr.org/gaza or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am -4:00pm CST).
3. **…………………………..**
4. **Weekly Bible Study**: This will take place on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Art Room, beginning **November 8, 2023**. Everyone is welcome!
5. **…………………………..**
6. **Aging Well: November 9, 2023** – Increase your Health Span on a budget. An interactive workshop with Ruth Thompson, holistic Nutritionist and Author. Trillium United Church 10:30 am – Noon (Lunch to follow).
7. **…………………………..**
8. **Bless this Night – Vespers ’23:** Evening Prayer Honouring God's Holy Darkness with interfaith & cross-cultural Storytellers for adults & children. Sundays at 5:30 pm at Martin Luther University College. **Nov. 12**: 2:00 pm Racial Justice Dialogue, 4:00 pm potluck, 5:30 Vespers; **Nov. 19**: 2:00 pm Print Making Workshop, 4:00 pm potluck, 5:30 pm Vespers. Kids are invited to wear pajamas.
9. **…………………………..**
10. **Sunday, November 12, 2023, 7:00pm** – St Jacobs Mennonite Church (1310 King St. N, St Jacobs) is hosting **Musicians of the KW Symphony in a Fundraising Concert entitled ‘Baroque and Beyond... A Musicians’ Fundraiser.’** This concert of Baroque music will be conducted by Andre Feher and feature Ian Whitman on solo bass and guest soprano Bethany Horst.
11. **…………………………..**
12. **Thursday, November 16, 2023** – Theatre of the Beat – I Love You And It Hurts – Fairview Mennonite Home 791 Concession Rd, Cambridge, at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm. Admission by Donation. Women’s Crisis Services.
13. **…………………………..**
14. **Sunday, December 10, 2023, 3:00pm. Menno Singers and Mennonite Mass Choir present Handel’s Messiah**  with artistic director Brandon Leis, a 230 voice choir, soloists Bethany Hörst (soprano), Jennifer Enns Modolo (mezzo soprano), Owen McCausland (tenor) and Nathan Keoughan (baritone) along with orchestra members of the former KW Symphony. Tickets are on sale now at the Centre in the Square Box Office. [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com)

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**Presiding Pastor: Rev. Laura Sauder**

**Organist & Director of Music: Bradley Moggach**

**Assisting Minister: Kim Strassburger**

**Reader: Kim Strassburger**

**Welcome remarks**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**P**: Knowing that you are always present with us, it is with good and grateful hearts that we speak these words:

***C: We acknowledge that the land upon which we live, work, play, and worship, is the same land upon which the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and the Attawandaron (or Neutral) peoples first lived, worked, played, and prayed to Creator. Unlike us, they revered the land, calling the earth upon which they stood, Mother Earth. They cared for the earth as they would care for their mother. Let us take an example from our Indigenous forbears and neighbours, and show gratitude to our Mother Earth. May we be ever mindful of what she has provided for us, even to the next seven generations.***

**Thanksgiving for Saints:**

P: We gather at the font, members of the Body of Christ, united through baptism with the communion of all the saints. Today we remember and pray for all the saints of the church, those still living and those who have died.

P: We light a candle for our loved ones who have died in the past year. For we know that just as one is united with Christ in a death like his, certainly one shall be united with Christ in a resurrection like his.

*A candle is lit for those who have died in the last year*

P: We light a candle for our loved ones who have died in years past. We give you thanks for their lives and for the love that lives on in us. May their memory forever be a blessing.

*A candle is lit for those who have died in years past*

P: We light a candle for all who are gathered here in this place. A reminder of our own sainthood and a prayer that God’s love would emanate from within each one of us.

*A candle is lit for the assembly*

P: Let us pray,

***C: We give you thanks, O God,***

 ***for the lives of all your saints.***

 ***May your light shine through us,***

 ***a witness to the sainthood***

 ***to which we all belong. Amen***

**Gathering Hymn: ELW # 427 ‘For All Your Saints, O Lord’**

1 For all your saints, O Lord,

 who strove in you to live,

 who followed you, obeyed, adored,

 our grateful hymn receive.

2 For all your saints, O Lord,

 who strove in you to die,

 who counted you their great reward,

 accept our thankful cry.

3 They all in life and death,

 with you, their Lord, in view,

 learned from your Holy Spirit's breath

 to suffer and to do.

4 For this, your name we bless

 and humbly pray anew

 that we like them in holiness

 may live and die in you.

5 To God, the Father, Son,

 and Spirit, ever blest,

 the One in Three, the Three in One,

 be endless praise addressed.

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**Greeting**:

Beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

**Theme Time**

**Prayer of the Day**:

Lord God, in your great love you bring all of us together into one family called the Body of Christ. We thank you for all of the saints who have shown us how to love and care for each other. Let your light shine in our hearts today and every day. **AMEN.**

**Acclamation: ‘Listen’**

Listen, Listen

Be open, O my heart.

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***Reader:***

***A passage from* 1 Kings 18:17-39 *May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God, ourselves, our neighbours, all people, and all God’s creation. (Brief pause)***

When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is that you, the one who troubles Israel?”

Elijah answered, “I haven’t troubled Israel; you and your father’s house have! You did as much when you deserted the Lord’s commands and followed the Baals. Now send a message and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel. Gather the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

Ahab sent the message to all the Israelites. He gathered the prophets at Mount Carmel. Elijah approached all the people and said, “How long will you hobble back and forth between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow God. If Baal is God, follow Baal.” The people gave no answer.

Elijah said to the people, “I am the last of the Lord’s prophets, but Baal’s prophets number four hundred fifty. Give us two bulls. Let Baal’s prophets choose one. Let them cut it apart and set it on the wood, but don’t add fire. I’ll prepare the other bull, put it on the wood, but won’t add fire. Then all of you will call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers with fire—that’s the real God!”

All the people answered, “That’s an excellent idea.”

So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of these bulls. Prepare it first since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but don’t add fire.”

So they took one of the bulls that had been brought to them. They prepared it and called on Baal’s name from morning to midday. They said, “Great Baal, answer us!” But there was no sound or answer. They performed a hopping dance around the altar that had been set up.

Around noon, Elijah started making fun of them: “Shout louder! Certainly he’s a god! Perhaps he is lost in thought or wandering or traveling somewhere. Or maybe he is asleep and must wake up!”

So the prophets of Baal cried with a louder voice and cut themselves with swords and knives as was their custom. Their blood flowed all over them. As noon passed they went crazy with their ritual until it was time for the evening offering. Still there was no sound or answer, no response whatsoever.

Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here!” All the people closed in, and he repaired the Lord’s altar that had been damaged. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob—to whom the Lord’s word came: “Your name will be Israel.” He built the stones into an altar in the Lord’s name, and he dug a trench around the altar big enough to hold two seahs of dry grain. He put the wood in order, butchered the bull, and placed the bull on the wood. “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the sacrifice and on the wood,” he commanded. “Do it a second time!” he said. So they did it a second time. “Do it a third time!” And so they did it a third time. The water flowed around the altar, and even the trench filled with water. At the time of the evening offering, the prophet Elijah drew near and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. I have done all these things at your instructions. Answer me, Lord! Answer me so that this people will know that you, Lord, are the real God and that you can change their hearts.” Then the Lord’s fire fell; it consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up the water in the trench!

All the people saw this and fell on their faces. “The Lord is the real God! The Lord is the real God!” they exclaimed.  *(CEB)*

The Living God is with us. ***C: And with all creation! Thanks be to God.***

**Engaging with the Story**

**1 Kings 18:17-39**

Elijah was a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel under the reign of King Ahab – the 6th king after Jeroboam (who we heard about last week), and some 100 years after Solomon was on the throne. Elijah was a royal prophet, which meant that his main job was to make sure the king obeyed God’s commands. And Elijah had his hands full with King Ahab, who had allowed his wife Jezebel to introduce the worship of the Canaanite god Baal to the people of Israel. This is a clear violation of the commandment to have no other gods, and so Elijah finds himself in the difficult position of having to do something about it. And so he hatches a plan for this showdown with the prophets of Baal to prove once and for all that the God of Israel is the true God.

Now I don’t disagree that Elijah had to do something, but I confess that I struggle with his approach. For one, the Bible tells us not to put God to the test. Also, Elijah is kind of a jerk about the whole thing. For one, he mocks the prophets of Baal as they exhaust themselves trying to get a response from their god. And then, he makes an extra big show when it’s his turn to go, dousing his altar in water not once, not twice, but three times. And that’s not to mention what happens immediately after the showdown. Our reading omits this part, but if we read on just one more verse, Elijah has all the prophets of Baal killed. None of this is what we would consider particularly saintly behaviour. Certainly not Elijah’s best moment. Which is also why it’s good for us to hear this story on All Saints Sunday.

So often we want to put people in boxes – to say that these people over here are the good people and those are the bad people – these are the saints and those are the sinners. But as Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber so wisely says, “what makes us the saints of God is not *our* ability to be saintly but rather *God’s ability to work through sinners*.

The title ‘saint’ is always given, never earned.”1 As St. Paul puts it “For it is *God* who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13)

The prophet Elijah wasn’t some better version of a human being. He most certainly had his flaws. But his flaws don’t negate his sainthood. He is remembered as a saint not because he was perfect, or even some better than average human being. Elijah is remembered as a saint because he testified not to himself but to God.

At the end of the showdown the people don’t praise Elijah. They praise God. In spite of Elijah’s arrogance and theatrics, when the people witness this miracle, they fall on their faces and praise the God of Israel as the real God.

What we celebrate about Elijah, what we celebrate in all the saints we remember today, “is not their piety or perfection but the fact that we believe in a God who gets redemptive and holy things done in this world through…human beings, all of whom are flawed.”2

The truth it that all of us, “keep making mistakes, even the same ones over and over. We say no when we should say yes, or yes when we should say no. We love poorly, then accidentally say the right thing at the right moment without even realizing it, and then turn around and think of ourselves way too often.”3

For some reason unknown to us, God keeps on using us to do God’s good work. In spite of our mistakes and selfishness and sins – in spite of ourselves – God continues to use us. God keeps shining that light in and through us – half the time when we’re not even aware it’s happening. This is the sainthood that we were baptized into; this is the calling we’ve been handed.

We are saints, all of us. Not because we are perfectly good or holy or faithful. We are saints because we are sinners through whom God’s light shines, often in spite of ourselves. This was true for Elijah. This is true for us. It’s true for all the dear ones we remember today.

We honour our deceased loved ones best when we remember both their gifts and their failings; when we honour the fullness of their humanity and the love that remains with us.

We are all of us, saints. Because we are, all of us, people who need God’s love. People who need God’s forgiveness. People who need God to keep working on us and in us so that God’s beauty and light and grace and forgiveness can shine brightly in this world. And so that our lives point not to ourselves, but to the glory and goodness of God. May it be so. AMEN

1 Nadia Bolz-Weber. “Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People,” page 7 As St. Paul puts it “For

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid., page 8.

**Hymn of the Day: ACS # 987 ‘Guide My Feet’**

***[A leader sings the words in parentheses]***

1 ***(Guide my feet)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Guide my feet)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Guide my feet)*** while I run this race,

 for I don't want to run this race in vain.

2 ***(Hold my hand)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Hold my hand)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Hold my hand)*** while I run this race,

 for I don't want to run this race in vain.

3 ***(Stand by me)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Stand by me)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Stand by me)*** while I run this race,

 for I don't want to run this race in vain.

4 ***(I'm your child)*** while I run this race.

 ***(I'm your child)*** while I run this race.

 ***(I'm your child)*** while I run this race,

 for I don't want to run this race in vain.

5 ***(Search my heart)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Search my heart)*** while I run this race.

 ***(Search my heart)*** while I run this race,

 for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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1. **Celebration of Saints:**

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come:

We give you thanks for all your faithful people, the great cloud of witnesses, who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries and in our time and place. Today we remember all those dear to us who have died this past year:

**Dan Boshart –** Cousin of Lorre Calder

**Russ Boshart –** Cousin of Lorre Calder

**Lorraine Carter** – Sister of Bill Hewitt

**Murray Cathcart -** Grandfather of John Leonard

**Brian Forler –** Brother of Hazel Schmidt

**John Leslie Harris –** Brother of Pat Wahl

**Marion Krug –** Cousin-in-law of Barbara Berg

**Tom Pinke**

**Elsa Schauber**

**Bob Schauber**

**Nancy Shantz** – Friend to Nyle & Hazel Schmidt

**Janice Strassburger –** Mother of Kim Strassburger

**Adam T.** – Friend of Kari

**Pastor Neil Thomsen –** Former Pastor & Friend

**Ann Wagar**

**Hymn ELW # 222 ‘Into Paradise May the Angels Lead You’**

 Into paradise may the angels lead you.

 At your coming may the martyrs receive you

 and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem, Jerusalem.

 May a choir of angels welcome you,

 and where Lazarus is poor no more,

 may you have everlasting rest,

 may you have everlasting rest,

 may you have everlasting rest.

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As we remember these dear ones, we pray that you would heal any memories of hurt and failure. Give us wisdom and grace to use well the time that is left to us here on earth, to follow in the way of compassion and love that Christ has shown us; the way that leads to everlasting life.

Strengthen us in our journey through this world until we too are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more.

We join these prayers of remembrance and thanksgiving for these saints with our prayers for the church, the world, and the whole of creation…

**Prayers of Intercession:**

A: Holy God, your church worships and remembers your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy advocate, we call for your mercy upon the people of Palestine and Israel. Bring an end to the warring and violence. May your peace reign in the Holy Land and in every land where there is conflict, unrest, violence, and war. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (*especially we pray for Maria, Linda, all your beloved children on our prayer list, and those we name before you now aloud or in the silence of our hearts…*). Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. May all those who seek your love find it here. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy unity, we pray for our siblings in Christ: for the people of St Clements Catholic Parish and their pastors Father Bradley Markus and Deacon John Fioretti; for Bishop Michael, his assistants Adam, Doug, and Christie, and all the staff of the Eastern Synod. Guide them in their ministry and unite us in our witness. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

Holy servant, we give thanks for our office administrator Bonnie and for the many ways she serves in our midst. Grant her your peace and strength. Hear us, O God. ***C:*** ***Your mercy is great.***

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.\***

**Share the peace of Christ:**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering**

**Offering Hymn: ELW # 870 ‘We Praise You, O God’ *(verses 1 & 3)***

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;

 in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

 We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

 we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

3 With voices united our praises we offer

 and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

 With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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**Offering Prayer:**

A: God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you,

gathered around your table,

and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them

that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,

and give thanks for your rich blessings,

we may feast upon your very self

and care for all that you have made,

through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**Amen.\***

You are invited to prepare your table with bread and wine, or crackers and juice, whatever is available to you, so that you may participate in the meal.

**Meal: Click here for the communion liturgy from worship on YouTube:**

[**https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4**](https://youtu.be/ViXmTzRsfU4)

**Great Thanksgiving: ACS Setting 12: ‘Dialogue…’ (page 36) (spoken)**

The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**ELW Setting 8: ‘Preface…’ *(Sundays)***

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.

By the witness of your saints

you show us the hope of our calling

and strengthen us to run the race set before us,

that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, withall the saints,

with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ELW Setting 8: ‘Holy, Holy, Holy…’ *(page 190 )***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of pow’r and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**\*

**Thanksgiving at the Table:**

On the night before he showed us the full extent of his love,

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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:**

This is Christ’s table. All are welcome here to receive God’s abundant gifts of love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness.

I invite those at home, and those in the building communing by fellowship cup, to take your bread or cracker as we say together, “The body of Christ, given for us.”

And, as we take our cup we say, “The blood of Christ, shed for us.”

**Communion Music: ELW Setting 8 - Lamb of God *(page 187)***

 **ELW # 838 ‘Beautiful Saviour’**

**ELW Setting 8 - Lamb of God *(page 187)***

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.\***

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**ELW # 838 ‘Beautiful Savior’**

1 Beautiful Savior,

 King of creation,

 Son of God and Son of Man!

 Truly I'd love thee,

 truly I'd serve thee,

 light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,

 fair are the woodlands,

 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

 Jesus is fairer,

 Jesus is purer,

 he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,

 fair is the moonlight,

 bright the sparkling stars on high;

 Jesus shines brighter,

 Jesus shines purer

 than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,

 Lord of the nations,

 Son of God and Son of Man!

 Glory and honor,

 praise, adoration,

 now and forevermore be thine!

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P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you, in his grace.

***C: Amen.***

**Prayer after Communion:**

A: Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,

and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

Amen.\*

**Blessing:**

May the God of all creation,

in whose image we are made,

who claims us and calls us beloved,

who strengthens us for service,

give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,

Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,

be with you today and always.\*

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**Sending Hymn: ACS # 950 ‘Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In’**

1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,

 oh, when the saints go marching in,

 O Lord, I want to be in that number

 when the saints go marching in.

2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,

 oh, when the Lord in glory comes,

 O Lord, I want to be in that number

 when the Lord in glory comes.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,

 oh, when the new world is revealed,

 O Lord, I want to be in that number

 when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,

 oh, when they gather round the throne,

 O Lord, I want to be in that number

 when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,

 and on that hallelujah day,

 O Lord, I want to be in that number

 on that hallelujah day.

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**Dismissal:**

A: Beloved of God,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***C: Thanks be to God.****\**

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