ALL SAINTS

SING THE LORD'S PRAISE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE FAITHFUL

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 2026

(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *"Ave Maris Stella II, Op. 18 No. 7"* M. Dupré

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Processional Hymn 632 *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

*Greeting

Remembering Those Who Have Died

Anthem *"Blest are the Pure in Heart"* R.S. Eaton

*Prayer of the Day

Lighting of Candles for Saints Living and Departed

*Hymn 422 *"For All the Saints"*

*Hymn 428 *"Give Thanks for Saints"*

Word

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (see page 4) *(sung responsively)*

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia"* p. 102

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see page 5) *"Death be Never Last"*

*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

Offering Anthem *"Be at Peace"* D. Aarssen

(the offering will be collected)

*Offering Hymn 427 v. 1, 2		*"All Your Saints, O Lord"*
*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 108
*Thanksgiving at the Table I		p. 108
*Lord's Prayer *(Our Father, who art in heaven…)*		p. 112
Lamb of God		p. 112
Communion Hymns 426, 423, 950 (see page 6)		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		

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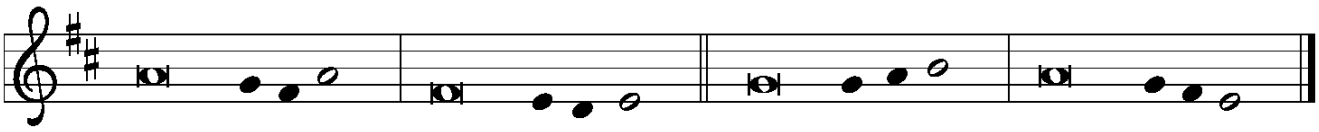
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 418		*"Rejoice in God's Saints"*
*Dismissal		**A: Thanks be to God.**
Postlude	*"Pasticcio"*	J. Langlais

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Church Fire Plan - For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



[1]I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

[2]I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

[3]Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

[4]I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

[5]Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

[6]I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.

[7]The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
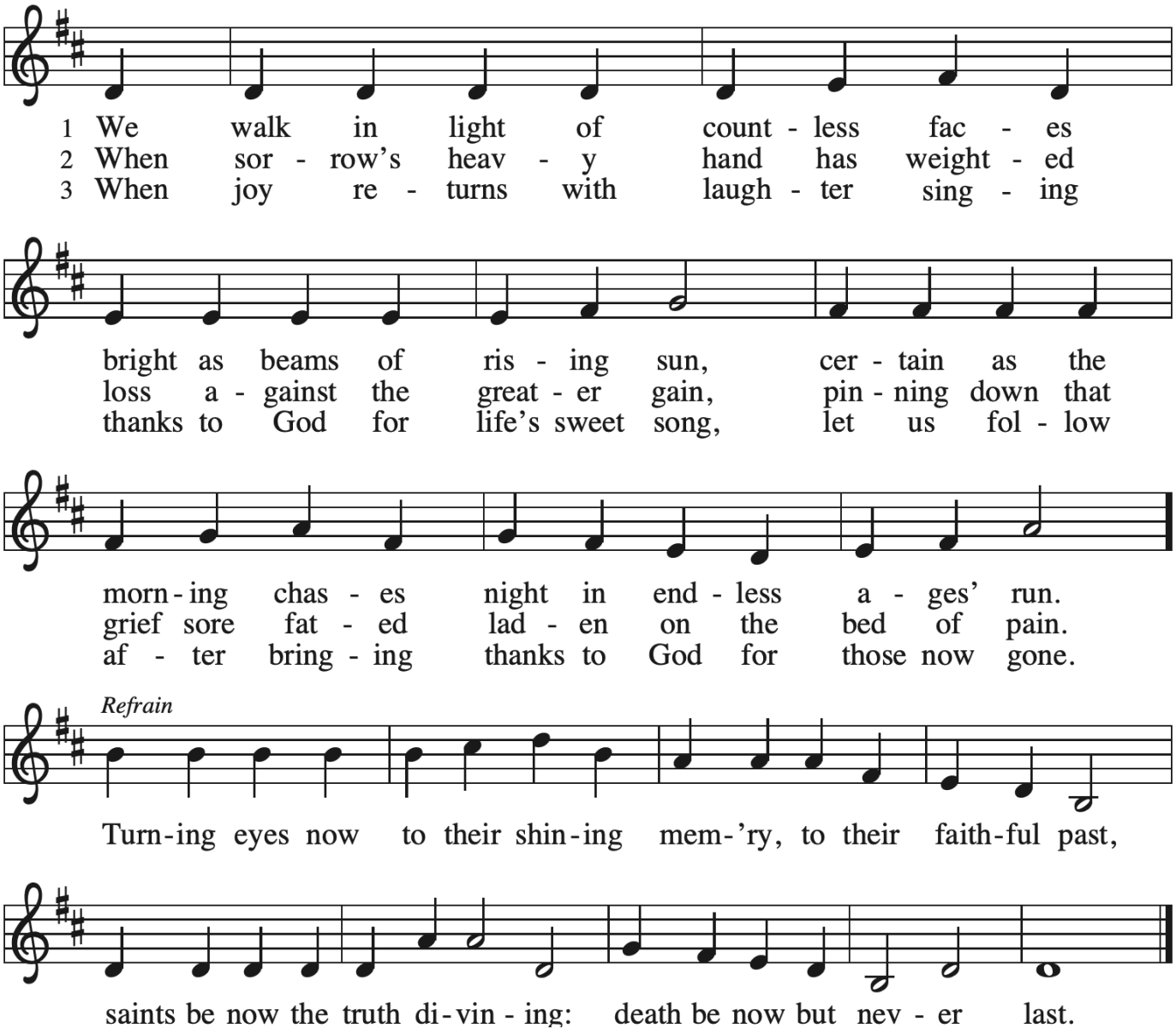
[8]Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

[9]Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

[10]The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

2nd half [22]O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.
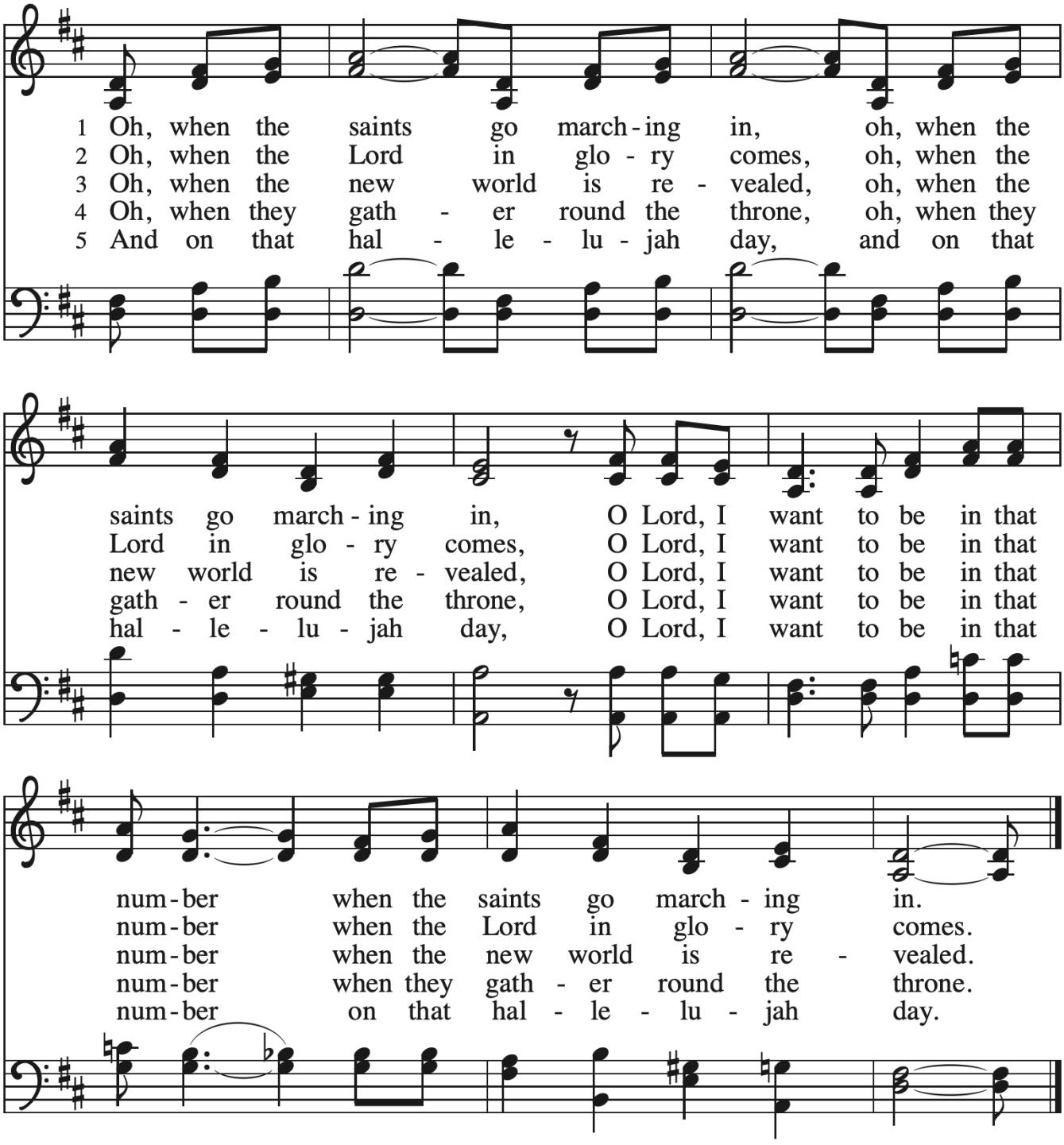
Death Be Never Last



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Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



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Leading Worship Today

Ministers: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Lindsay Scott, Nathalie Nasr, Caroline Schmidt, Drew Aarssen

Communion Server: Sue Laking

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

Worship Notes

In our prayers, Kevin, Gary, Anneke, Meghan, Jeanette, Judy, Maureen, Terry and Joan.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an

empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also) like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Saints Who Entered God's Eternal Realm:

Yvonne Crnko	Laurel Laking
Rev. Henry Fischer	Ronald Laking
Esther Gawlik	John Rudy
Stephen Gawlik	Frank Schatz
Ross Hertzberger	Edith "Edie" Strathearn
Pauline Knierim	David Winkler

Saints Entering the Household of God Through Holy Baptism:

Brandon Haase	Harrison Zajac
Natalie Haase	Presley Zajac

General Announcements

This Sunday, November 1, please consider supporting the Out of the Cold program. For those of you who receive boxed envelopes, there is a special blue envelope to donate. For anyone else, you can use the white envelopes on the back of the pews and mark the donation for Out of the Cold.

Town Hall following worship on Sunday Nov. 1st to discuss the Responsibility List proposal. Copies are in the Narthex. Here is an AI Summary: *687 inactive members for whom no contact information is available have been identified. Historical inconsistencies in membership reporting between 2011 and 2017 mean these individuals were removed from reported totals but never officially removed from membership. Consequently, current records suggest 1,871 members, while Annual and*

ELCIC reports indicate approximately 1,260. The Board will propose moving these 687 individuals from the non-voting membership class to a Responsibility (non-member) list at the December 6, 2026, Budget meeting. This would help establish accurate membership records and ensure compliance with church bylaws.

Upcoming Events at St. Matthews

November 8: Rededication of the Fellowship Hall
November 15: Children's Programming & Town Hall
November 18: Organ Recital & Soup at Noon
November 29: Children's Programming
November 29: Advent Carol Service at 7 pm
December 2: Advent Social
December 6: Children's Programming & Annual Congregational Budget Meeting
December 13: Pageant

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ST. MATTHEWS
presents
Fall 2026 Organ Recital & Soup



Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 12 noon
Nicole Hamilton, soprano
with
Scott Knarr, organ
songs of reflection and inspiration

Music begins at 12 noon
followed by a hearty soup luncheon
with homemade bread.
Admission by donation

the ST. MATTHEWS CENTRE
54 BENTON KITCHENER

More information: www.stmatthewscentre.com

ST. MATTHEWS

Advent Social

DECEMBER 2
11 AM - 2 PM

TURKEY LUNCHEON **$20**
MEAL SERVED AT NOON

Join us for a festive social time with a turkey feast,
Christmas Sing-Along and good friends.
Holy Communion at 1:30 pm.

RSVP: By November 26
519.742.0462 or info@stmattskw.com

ST. MATTHEWS
presents

Advent Carol Service

To Thee All Angels Cry Aloud

featuring selections from

Handel's Dettingen Te Deum



Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 7 pm

Freewill Offering

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