EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Feast of All Saints, November 1, 2026
Traditional Worship
Far Hills 10:30 AM Worship

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

P: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
C: and you will find rest for your souls.
P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,
C: and you will find rest for your souls.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN: *FOR ALL THE SAINTS #422 V. 1,3 ALL, 5 WOMEN, 6 MEN, 7 ALL*

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Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

Welcome the Children

First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing
before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches
in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed
in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the
one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out
of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: *PSALM 34:1-10, 22*

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: [7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C: [8] Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

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

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

A: [22] O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: *1 JOHN 3:1-3*

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of
God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we
will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have
this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY* #426

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WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

NICENE CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING "*Bright Morning Stars" arr. By Shawn Kirchner* *Epiphany Chorale*
Soloist Joe Codispoti

OFFERTORY: *AS SAINTS OF OLD* *#695 v. 2*

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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: *NFC* *#191*

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: God of our weary years…For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection… And let the church say, Amen!

C: Amen!

P: Send your Holy Spirit…And let the church say, Amen!

C: Amen!

P: Join our prayers…all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

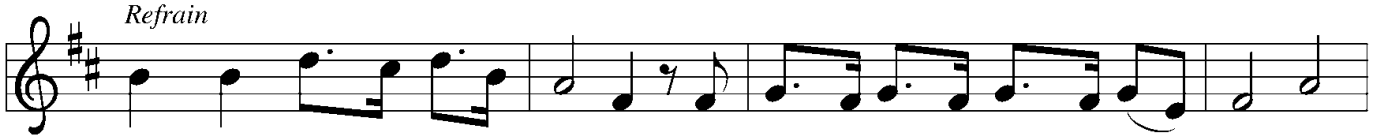
Distribution of Communion

COMMUNION HYMN #1: *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER* #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.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART (V. 1,3,5,6)* *#873*

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

SENDING

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

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Janice Codispoti
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Todd Armstrong
Slides:	Elisabet Lange
Ushers:	Ron Armstrong, John Venis
Communion:	Chris Knapp, Steve Knapp, Charlotte Richard, Rose Wasky

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