Sunday November 1, 2026
All Saints' Sunday



Sharing the Light!

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin 53405
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve

Special thanks to greeters Lynn Helmke and Laura Hermanns, assisting minister Lynn Sinclair, lector and communion assistant Joleen Carlson, AV technician Alison Ferrentino ushers Dave Barlament, Jim Buhler, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, altar guild Grace Diebert, Susan DiPasquale Peterson, Katie Peterson, and Lynn Sinclair, coffee fellowship Joni Reske, councilperson in charge Laurie Knudson, and the Senior Choir and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

PRELUDE (*a quiet time to reflect and prepare for worship)*

WELCOME AND REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

As the choir sings "We Are God's Children Now" (GB), the names of people who have died in the past year will be read. Individuals and families are invited to come forward to light a candle for a loved one or someone who has touched their life and has since gone to be with the saints in heaven.

***OPENING HYMN vv. 1, 2, 3, 4**





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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
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. Amen.

ANTHEM ***"How Beautiful" (Twyla Paris)*** **Senior Choir**
How Beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread for the children of earth.
How Beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty road and the hill to the Cross.
How Beautiful is the Body of Christ.

How Beautiful the heart that bled
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How Beautiful the tender eyes
that choose to forgive and never despise.
How Beautiful is the Body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life,
we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as He died -
willing to pay the price.

How Beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How Beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread for the children of earth.
How Beautiful is the Body of Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD
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."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM; 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 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 my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge 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.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O God.

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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF THE DAY**



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***APOSTLE'S 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.**

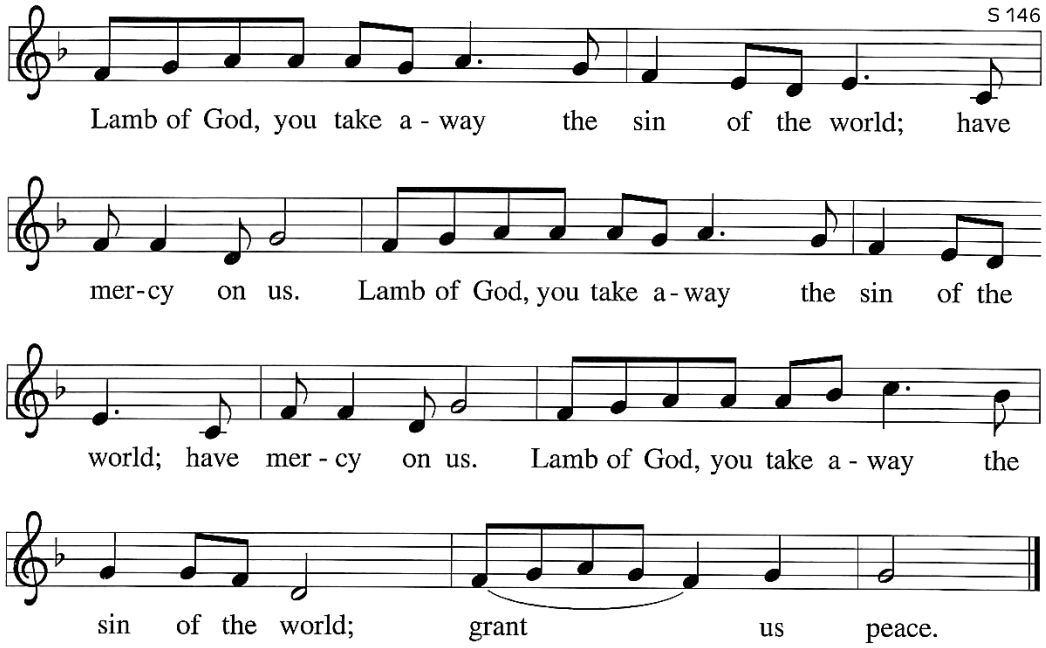
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**
Our father who art **in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**
thy kingdom come, thy 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.

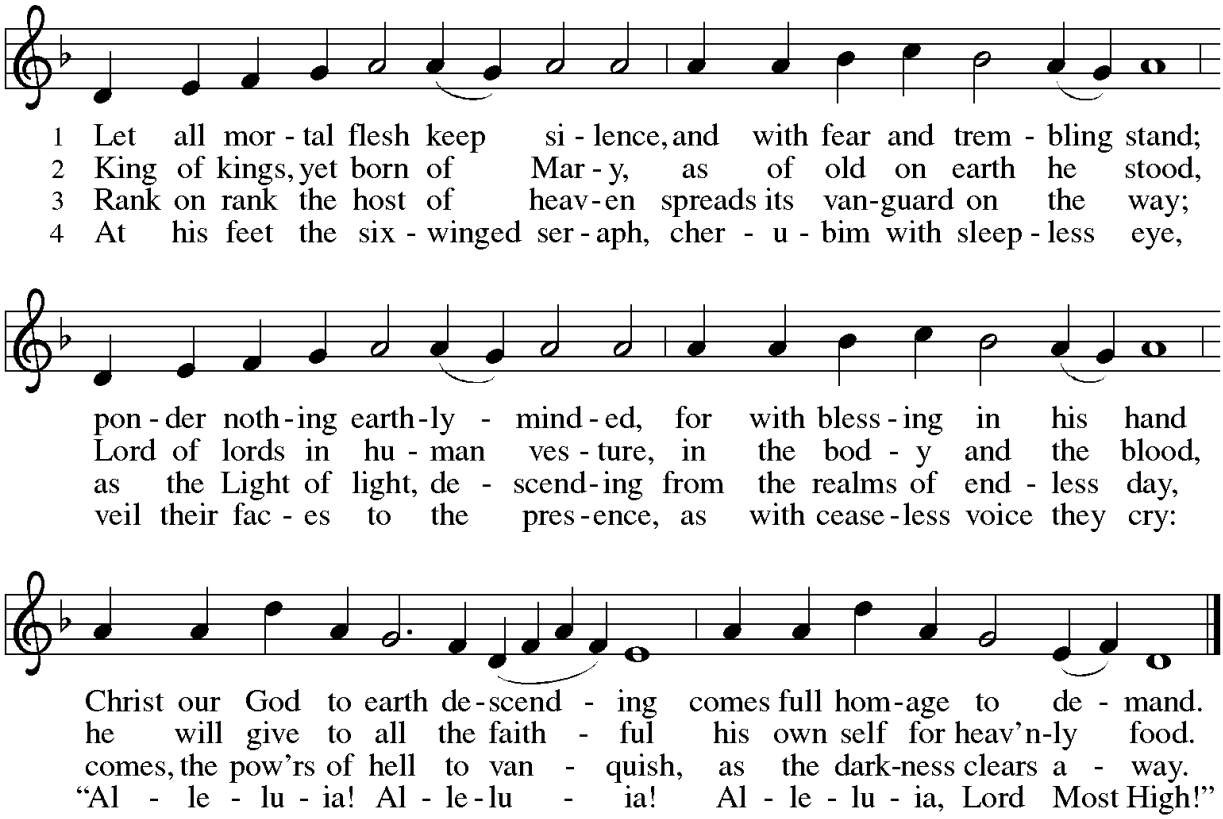
DISTRI BUTION OF COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

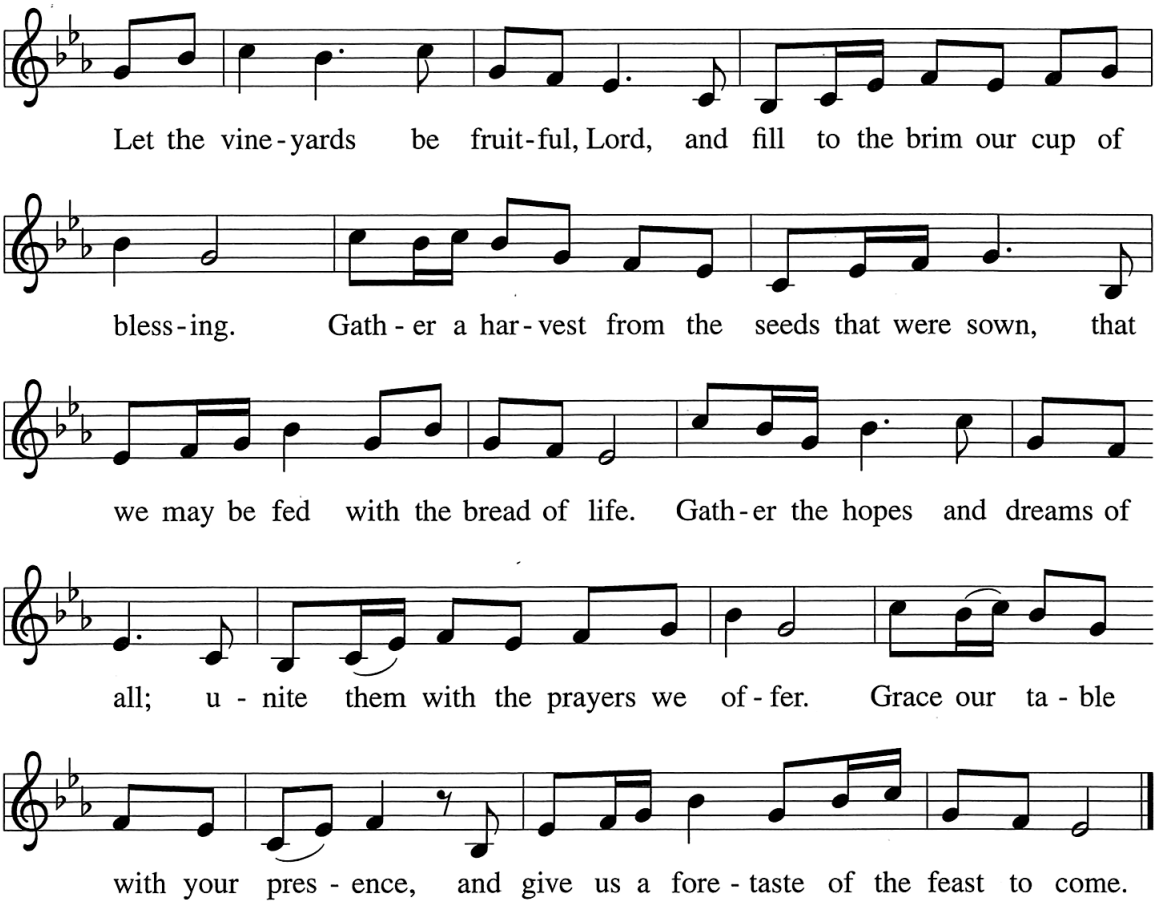
***PEACE**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY**

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful 184



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
On this All Saint's Day, let us give thanks for those who have come before us,
lift up with hope those who come after us,
and extend love and concern to those
with whom we share this moment in time. (brief silence)

We give thanks for the saints whose lives embodied your light and love.... who demonstrated both in word and deed what it means to walk as a child of your light .... who were selfless and compassionate in how they lived .... who sought to be a blessing to others .... and who anchored their lives securely in the promise of your forgiving grace. We give thanks for all who helped us to know with certainty that we are precious in your sight. We remember them with thanksgiving. <pause>. Lord in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for the poor ..... that they may know that they matter and that there is an honored place for them at your table of grace. And we pray for the wisdom and courage to dismantle those unjust systems that perpetuate poverty, that all may partake of the blessed life that you intend for all of your children to enjoy. Lord in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for peacemakers .... both here and abroad .... who are working to build a world where hostility and bitterness give way to greater understanding and cooperation .... where we find new ways to work together in our communities .... and where the nightmare of hatred and war is no more. We pray for our nation, that you would illuminate a pathway forward to a brighter future. Lord in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We pray for those who are grieving ..... for the loss of a loved one ..... because of disappointments or defeats .... or because of struggles in mind, body or spirit. (Names) Grant them grace sufficient for all of their needs. Lord in your mercy,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

We offer these prayers in the name of Christ Jesus, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come.
AMEN.

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

CLOSING HYMN For All The Saints vv. 5, 6, 7



***CLOSING HYMN vv. 5, 6, 7**

422 For All the Saints



***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.

Announcements

Altar Flowers
The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Grammy, in honor of JJ Stein's 6th birthday, and in loving memory of Dorothy & William Smalancke, given by Andrew, Jenny, Cameron & Jameson Palmgren.

Welcome Visitors!
A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after worship for a treat and a time of fellowship.

Communion By Intinction
All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping the wafer into the chalice of wine). There are gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Ketchup Club
Our Ketchup Club lunch will be at Olive Garden this month. We will meet at 11:30 this Tuesday,November 3rd. These lunches are fun way to catch up with old friends and possibly make some new ones. Please let Pastor Laura know if you plan to be there so she can make a reservation. If you unexpectedly find yourself free, please come join us and we will make room at the table!

Diaper Ministry Christmas Party
The Countdown for the Diaper Ministry Christmas Party has begun! Starting Sunday November 8, there will be a Giving Tree in the area outside of the office chock full of tags filled out with Christmas wishes for our families that come to Diaper Ministry. The gifts should be returned to church, wrapped and tagged with the original tag. Drop off in the office by Sunday November 29 for the December 5 party. Questions? Contact Lynn Helmke at lynnhelmke226@gmail.com. Thank you!

Adult Education Hour- MJCI Shalom
Join us in the lounge following worship on Sunday, November 15th, to learn more about MJCI Shalom, one of our tithe recipients.
MJCI Shalom is a locally led organization in Rwanda focused on community development and peacebuilding. They empower their community through agricultural and vocational training, nutrition support, access to clean drinking water, and savings groups.
This organization holds a special connection to our congregation—it was founded by a friend whom Laura Hermanns and Lynn Helmke met during Laura's time in Rwanda with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program. Come hear more about their inspiring work!

Diaper Ministry
Marianne Jensen is sponsoring the October Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Katharine Jensen. Thank you! If you have children's clothes or books that are no longer needed, please donate and we will give them a new home!
Our next distribution dates are October 28th from 4 - 6PM and November11th from 11am – 1PM.. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsenamylarsen2406@att.net with questions or to volunteer.

HCLC Food Pantry Updates and Requests for Donations
We're beginning to prepare for Thanksgiving and could use donations of the following: Chicken/Turkey stuffing mix, Jiffy cornbread mix, evaporated milk (12 oz), canned pumpkin (15oz), gravy mixes, instant mashed potatoes, jello, and bar soap. We also appreciate monetary donations for turkeys and are grateful for new or gently used children's books.

Donations can continue to be dropped off M, W, or F from 9am-12pm at the food pantry, otherwise, in the HCLC church office or narthex. We are so grateful to all our volunteers and church partners for making this ministry possible!

Craft and Bake Sale Fundraiser for Our Youth

To help the young people who will attend the 2027 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next year we are going to have a Craft and Bake sale after the worship service on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026. Please donate your crafts of any kind - soft goods, (table runners, napkins, hand or tote bags), wood items (Christmas trees, welcome signs, shelves), wreaths, paper goods, knitted, scares, hats or mittens. Please price your items. If you will be donating, please contact Joni Reske, sjreske@gmail.com or Linda Godson, lltgyg1020@gmail.com to let them know so they can figure out how many tables they will need to set up the sale. Not a crafter? How about baking something? Bake a loaf of bread, some cookies, a cake, brownies or pie, and donate that! We hope everyone will come to see all the wonderful items for sale after worship on November 8th and help us support the youth! If you have any questions, please contact Joni or Linda. Thank you!

Advent Videos

Our Worship & Music team will be creating videos for each day of Advent again this year. We're looking for families, individuals, couples, sets of friends who would like to participate. If you would like to participate, please speak to, text, or email Kate Potter Barrow, 262.498.7593, kpotterbarrow@gmail.com

Save The Date for the "Advent"ure Event

The Advent season begins on Sunday, November 27th. To help us prepare our hearts and minds for the season, we are having an "Advent"-ure event for people of all ages. Plan to stay after the worship service on Sunday, November 22nd! We'll gather right after the worship service. We will have fun activities and crafts for people of all ages, and of course some goodies to enjoy! .Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Birthday Club

If you have a November birthday, you are invited to come celebrate with the pastors on Thursday, November 12th at 10:00. Come enjoy a birthday donut, cup of coffee, and some fun conversation!

Upcoming Worship, Education, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday, November 1 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
1:00 – 4:00 Racine Theatre Guild - MHR
Monday, November 2 – 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, November 3 – 11:30 Ketchup Club @ Olive Garden
Friday, November 6 – 12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, November 8 – 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 Craft & Bake Sale
Monday, November 9 – 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, November 10 – 1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, November 11 – 10:00 Book Club
11:00 – 1:00 Diaper Ministry
Thursday, November 12 – 10:00 Birthday Club
Friday, November 13 – 9:00 Men's Group
12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, November 15 – 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
11:00 Adult Education – MJCI Shalom

In person attendance at worship on Sunday, October 25, - 123 Households watching worship online - 27!

Holy Communion Church Council

President Joleen Carlson president, Vice President Gary Wood, Secretary Laurie Knudson, Treasurer Kylee Albright, Members at large Rose Adamski, Steve Barootian, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

September Finance Numbers
Revenue: $ 39,459.89
Expense: $ 50,158.79
Net Income: $ (10,698.90)

Year to Date Finance Numbers
Revenue: $ 381,659.00
Expense: $ 421,024.31
Net Income: $ (39,365.31)



"We Are God's Children Now" (GB)

Refrain: We are God's children now.
What we shall be has not yet been revealed.

1- See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called the children of God.

2- What we do not know is this:
when God is revealed,
we shall be like God
for we shall see God's splendid face.

3- All who have this hope in God purify themselves,
for God is pure.

Robert Gall November 5, 2026

Chris Chomicki November 6, 2025

Christopher Martin Anderson January 9, 2026

Bonnie Jean Kaprelian January 15, 202

Kenneth Riedi January 19, 2026

Gregory Von Rieden January 27, 2026

Barbara Bednar March 1, 2026

Vanessa Casper March 11, 2026

Ralph Wayne Johnson March 19, 2026

Gerrie Thurber April 6, 2026

Sara Neubauer April 14, 2026

Janet Edith Kruger May 7, 2026

Judith Marie Erickson May 15, 2026

Carl Deveaux Hipp June 24, 2026

Patrick Anthony Taylor July 28, 2026

Barbara Salvo July 30, 2026

Philis Gleason August 3, 2026

Scott Robert Bucholz, Jr. August 8, 2026

Jacqueline Bucholz August 13, 2026

Ethan Kyle Lewis August 16, 2026

Donald James Bucholz, August 23, 2026

Pat Burnside Scaffidi September 5, 2026

Peter Theos September 8, 2026

Jerome Edward Madsen September 16, 2026

Richard Von Rieden September 13, 2026

Sandra Jo Jensen September 27, 2026

Roseanne Isbell October 1, 2026

Dale Steger October 22, 2026