All Saints Lutheran Church
Albuquerque, NM
Worship with Holy Communion
Creation in Christ, November 22, 2026



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement/Call to Worship

We gather in the name of God, ☩ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

We gather on the traditional homelands of the Tewa and Piro peoples.

The roads that brought us here today were a place where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land and still do today.

We gather to honor the Creator and all creation–human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky–that belong to God.

Gathering Hymn *Kneeling in the Dust to Form Us ~* ACS 1099

Greeting and Litany

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.

Creation in Christ Sunday celebrates the ongoing creation of the world in and through Christ, who sustains, unites and holds all living things. We hear today of the triune God who creates all things: sun and moon, shining stars, sea monsters, creeping things and flying birds—and, yes, even human beings. God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation.

Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world.
We praise you, O God:

We praise you, O God.

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos, and for light and dark, we bless you, O God:

We bless you, O God.

For the cosmos beyond our earth, for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning, we exalt you, O God:
We exalt you, O God.

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God:
We magnify you, O God.

For the sun to rule the day, for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars, we extol you, O God:
We extol you, O God.

For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep, we glorify you, O God:
We glorify you, O God.

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth, we adore you, O God:
We adore you, O God.

For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat, we worship you, O God:
We worship you, O God.

Bless us, your creatures.
Accept our praise, and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer for the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Creative God, **in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading **Genesis 2:4b – 9, 15-22**

… God's Story, our story.

Thanks be to God

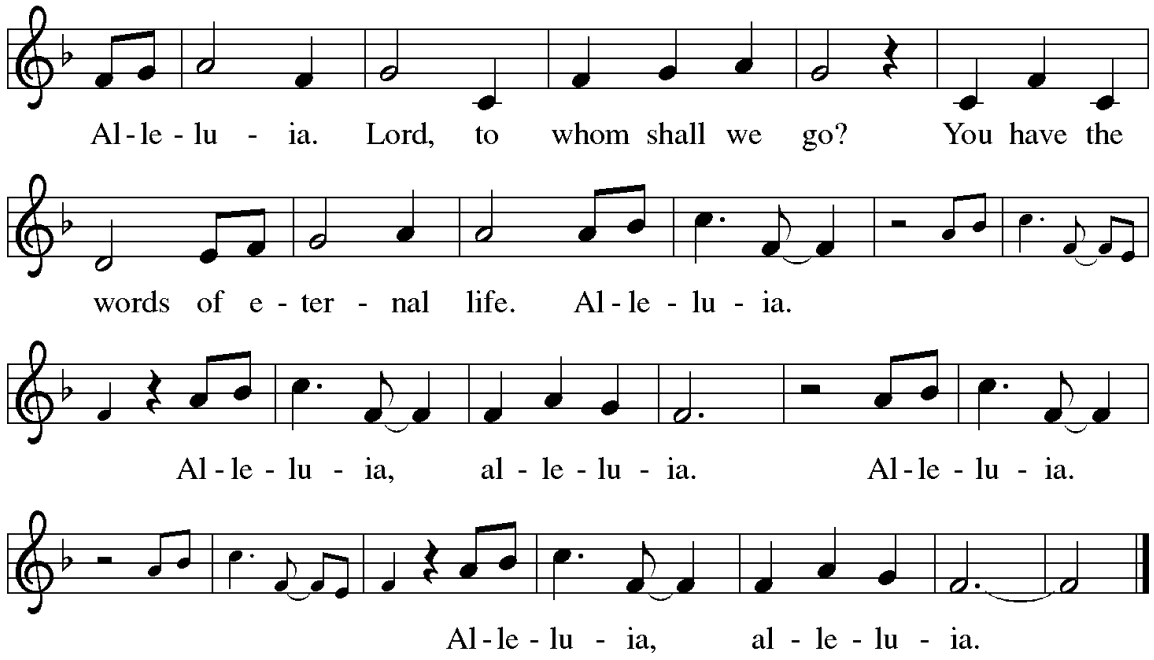
Psalm 19

Please read the psalm in unison

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens
and its circuit to the end of them,
and nothing is hid from its heat.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Gospel Reading **John 1:1-5**



The Word made flesh dwells among us.
Full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
[2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being [4] in him was
life, and the life was the light of all people. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overtake it.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ
Praise to you, Word of life!

Sermon Rev. Lucas Grubbs, Director, NM Conference of Churches

Hymn of the Day *Many and Great, O God* ~ ELW 837

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;
who descended into hell, and on the third day rose from the dead.
Jesus, Our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Each petition ends with the words, Hear us, O God,
and the congregation responds, **Your mercy is great**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.
We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.
We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.
Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts
to do your will. Amen.
All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of ☩ Jesus Christ,
and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you

Offering our Gifts *For the Healing of Creation* ~ Susan Briehl and John D. Becker; All Saints Choir

Offering Hymn *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ~ ELW 484, v. 5

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, **your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

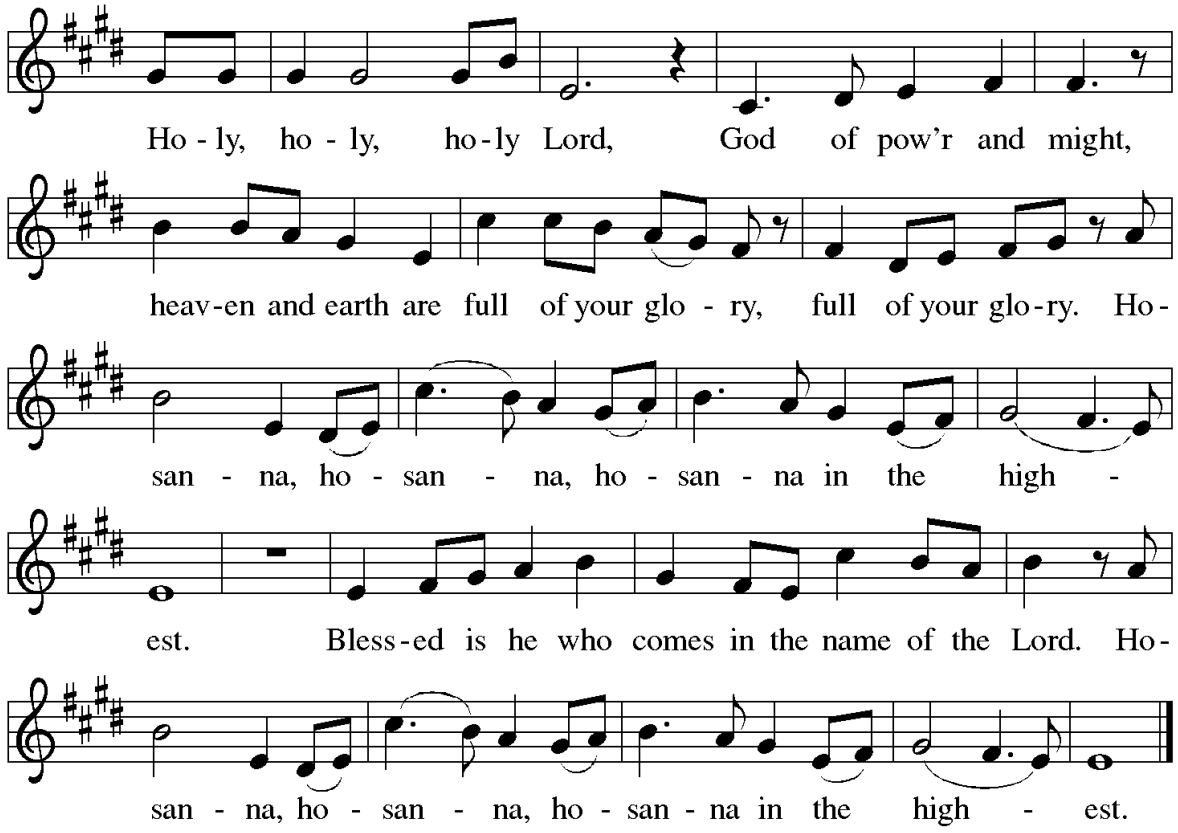
Prepare your hearts.

We prepare our hearts for God's presence.

Let us give thanks to our loving God

It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy… join their unending hymn:

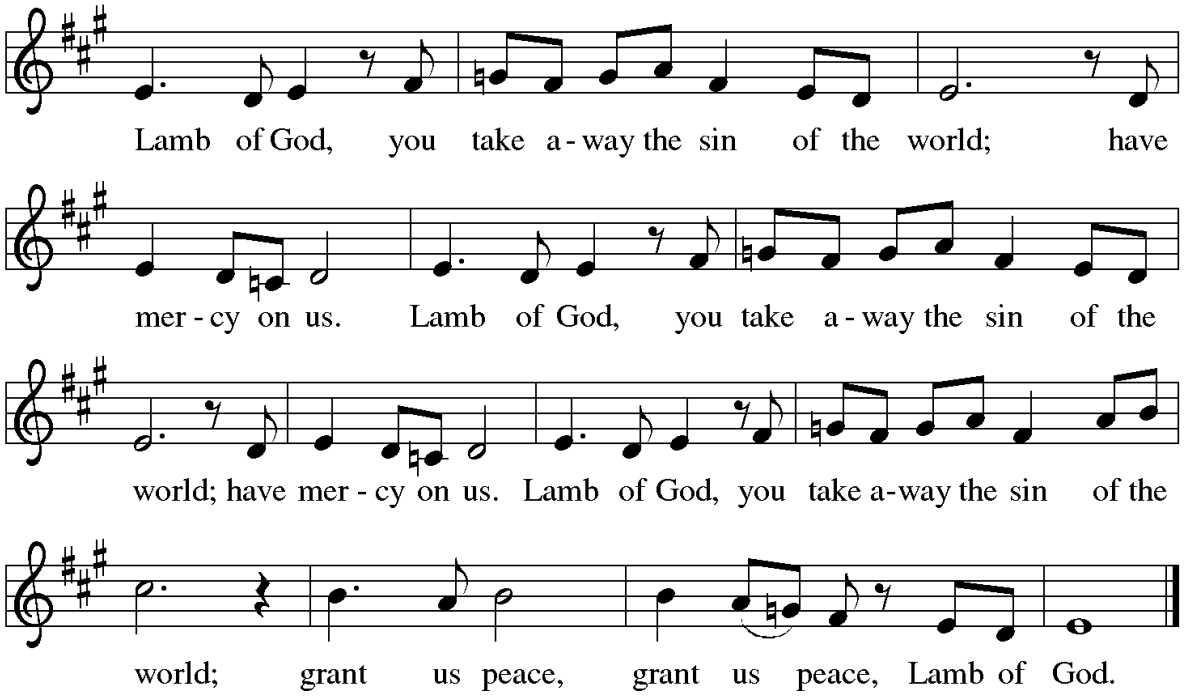

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of new beginnings, God of sacred endings…
Give us the peace which only you can give,
and teach us to pray with your son, our savior:

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.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest


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, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn *Beautiful Savior* ~ ELW 838

Blessing after Communion

Prayer After Communion

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

God our Mother root you deep in grace.
God our Neighbor stand with you in strength.
God our Nourishment sustain you in hope
and bless you unto everlasting life.

Amen

Sending Hymn *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ~ ELW 771

Sending

Go in peace. Serve God and all creation.

Thanks be to God

Postlude

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church!



We are called by Jesus to love God and one another. We recognize that each person is a unique creation made in the image of God and we commit ourselves to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to welcome them with radical hospitality. Therefore, we commit to the continuing work of anti-racism, liberation, and social justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of all people. This includes sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all who have experienced exclusion or abuse because of race, ability, body type, culture, nation of origin, or economic status. We affirm the sacredness of those who struggle, whether it be with addiction, physical or mental health, or the things that seek to divide us from each other. **Know that you are accepted and affirmed just as you are, no matter where you are in your lifelong faith journey.**

We believe that through our open welcome we all grow in faith and love, and we invite everyone to participate as volunteers and leaders in our community. We need each other. It is by being in community together that we know God is here.