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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence. You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s)which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

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ALL SAINTS DAY
November 1st, 2026 ✣ 10:15 a.m.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155**

*GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND PRELUDE *In Paradisum* Fauré

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✣ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.

We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
✙ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN *Shall We Gather at the River* ELW 423

*GREETING

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, 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.



WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING — Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

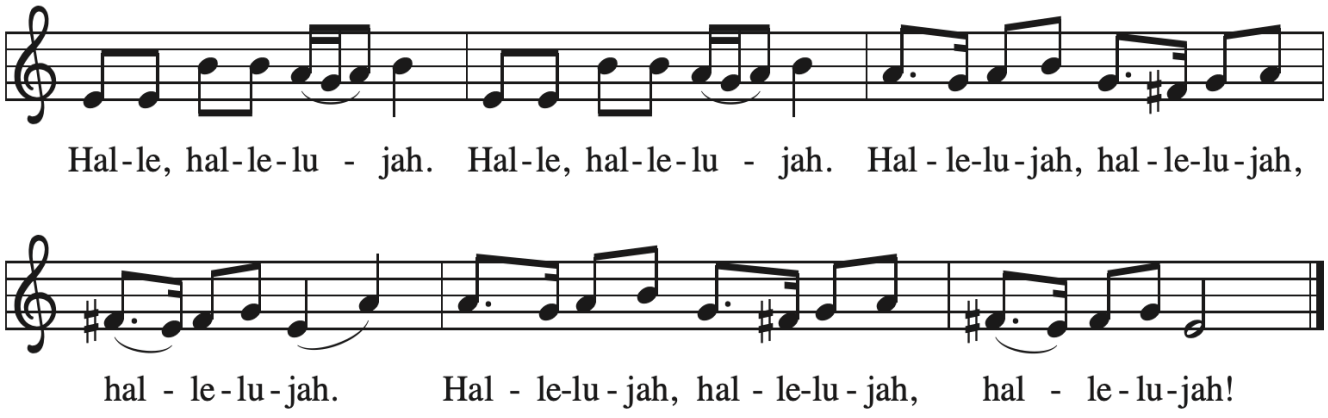
SECOND READING — 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — ACS 1088

Hallelujah



Text: Traditional
Music: SYRIAN HALLELUJAH, Syrian traditional

*GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *Rev. Philip Lund*

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Behold the Host Arrayed in White* ELW 425

*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He 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 the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially... . God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered in speech and silence.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, especially those from among us who have died during the past year... Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

*PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

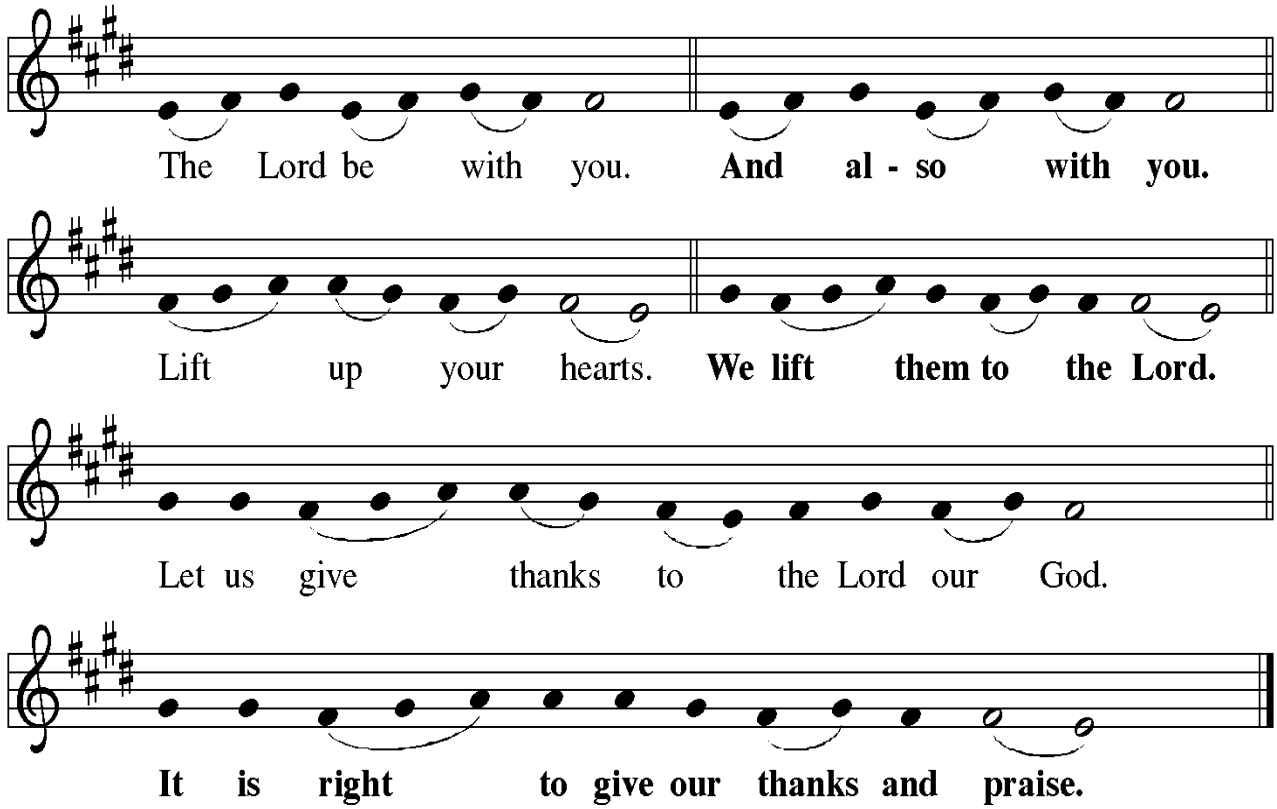
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Blessed Rest* Scott Perkins

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

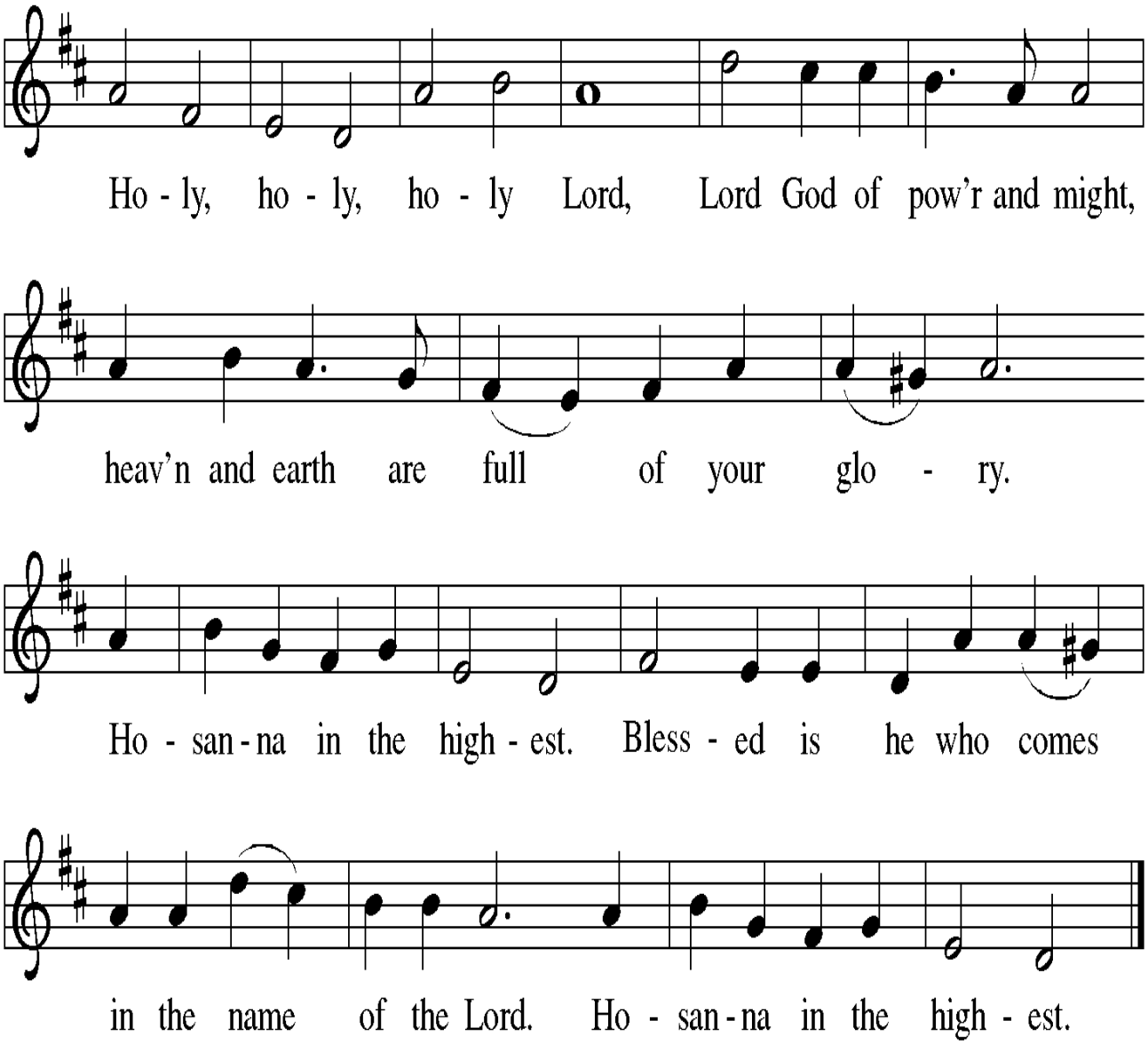
*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

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, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen



*LORD'S PRAYER

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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

DISTRIBUTION *The Beatitudes* Malotte

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BENEDICTION

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

*SENDING HYMN *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* ACS 950

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE "Worthy is the Lamb" from *The Messiah* Händel

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Philip Lund
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carrie Watkiss
MUSIC MINISTER	David Richards
SERVICE LEADER	Brandon Michaels
LECTOR	John Broussard
GREETER	Karyn Bute
LIVE STREAM	Paul Wakitss
USHER	Janet Broussard
ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN	Beverly Tarbox

IN THE PRAYERS...

Members of the Congregation: Larry Crachy, Elaine Haase, Staci Harden, Luddy Kovalsky, Karen Kubik, Robert Kubik, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lois Mika, and Gregg Valek. ***Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*** Mary Ann Babiar, Betty Bartel, Ann Boor, Rich Caliendo, Dan Costello, Tom Doran, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Lisa Martin, Artem Molovkina, Peter Spilotro, Marta Vrtichova, Brian Wickenheiser, and Tom Zajac.

Welcome back and thank you to **Rev. Philip Lund** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister in the liturgy this morning during our time of transition.

Homebound members wishing a visit from **Interim Pastor Ken Johnson** can use the contact information below to arrange an in-person or phone visit. Pastor Johnson will serve as the presiding minister at our services on the second Sunday of the month. In the event of a pastoral emergency Pastor Johnson can be reached via e-mail at Ken6168@sbcglobal.net or his mobile phone 773-947-4488.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family loved ones of **+Edward Sefara+**, who passed from this life on October 28th. We share the grief of Ed's loved ones, especially his wife Joanne and all in his family but find solace and hope in the promise of the resurrection given to us through our baptism into Christ our Lord. A celebration of Ed's life will be held at a later date.

Philip and Linda Painter have graciously offered a **fifty percent match** to any donations received beginning October 1st though December 1st designated for current, memorials, maintenance, and the building maintenance fund. Please use this opportunity to increase our giving. Thank you to The Painters for their generous offer.

Thanksgiving Day
November 26th at 10:15 a.m.

A Service of the Word
and Prayers of Thanksgiving
The monetary offering will benefit the Chicago Food Depository.





Today we remember the following persons who passed to their eternal rest since All Saints Sunday, 2025 listed here in chronological order of their death dates:

+Milton Podzamsky+
+Mary Sasuta+
+Gerald "J.T." Tarbox+
+Ann Vana+
+Ann Head+
+Edward Sefara+

A table is located at the front of the nave where you may place a votive candle in memory of deceased loved ones to remember with gratitude their dwelling among the communion of saints "who from their labors rest." Votive candles are located at the Woodside entrance where they may be lit and carried to the front.

Blessed Reward

All Saints Sunday, November 1st

Rewards are not gifts. You have to *do* something to earn a reward. When Jesus speaks of a heavenly reward in this day's gospel, it seems to imply that those who receive it have done something to earn it—something exceptional. What? The reward recipients have been "poor in spirit," "persecuted for righteousness' sake," and have undergone the indignities of being reviled and slandered on Jesus' account. In other words, it sounds as if they have been miserable. Is the reward a payback? Is it compensation for the suffering that seems to accompany being a follower of Christ?

Hardly! In this gospel Jesus paints a portrait of saints whose lives do not appear to exemplify what the world considers states of blessedness. The poor, the mourners, the meek, the persecuted—these do not fit the world's mold of success. They simply don't fit in. The First Letter of John says it well: The reason the world does not know us—children of God that we are—is because the world did not know God (1 John 3:1).

To be a saint is to follow Jesus on a path of hidden mission in the world. Despised, rejected, a failure on the world's scales of achievement, Jesus shows a new way of being a "success." It is the way of humble obedience, servanthood, seeing your life as a gift to be spent on others. Following Jesus on this path, we arrive with him at the destination of resurrection glory. Through suffering, through death, through a cross and open tomb, we will arrive with all God's saints at the surprising end of all our earthly stories, a joyful and gladsome reward waiting for us in God's eternal home.

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering
October 25th, 2026

Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2026:	$1,827.00
Offering Received for the Above Categories:	$1.668.00
Shortage:	$ 159.00

Benevolence is our commitment to SZS and ELCA missionary support. The budget's current need will be adjusted when a new pastor accepts our call.

Donations are welcome via Zelle at donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org.



Avers String Quartet

with guest pianist David Richards

Sunday, November 8th - 2:30 p.m.
Music by Haydn, Beethoven and Mendelssohn

Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church
250 Woodside Road, Riverside, IL

Free Admission. Donations appreciated.



Our parish musician David Richards is pianist for this choral concert.



Saturday, November 14th, 2026 - 7:30 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church, Forest Park, IL

Sunday, November 15th, 2026 - 4 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, IL

General Admission: $25
Seniors: $20
Students through high school: No ticket required

Beverly Tarbox is a member of Heritage Choir

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

All Saints Day
Sunday, November 1, 2026
The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 (TFF)
Monday, November 2, 2026
Educator Daniel Payne organized a school for African Americans in Charleston, South Carolina, that eventually became the largest school in Charleston. In 1835 the school was closed when the General Assembly of South Carolina passed a law preventing free African Americans and slaves from operating schools. Payne eventually enrolled in Gettysburg Seminary and was ordained by the Franckean Synod of Upper New York. No call was available to him in the Lutheran church, so he served a Presbyterian congregation in East Troy, New York. He went on to found Wilberforce College in Ohio.

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639
Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries
Saturday, November 7, 2026
Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.