

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us look to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-2

All Saints'

NOVEMBER 1, 2026 ✣ 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Today we rejoice to celebrate the Feast of **All Saints' Day.**



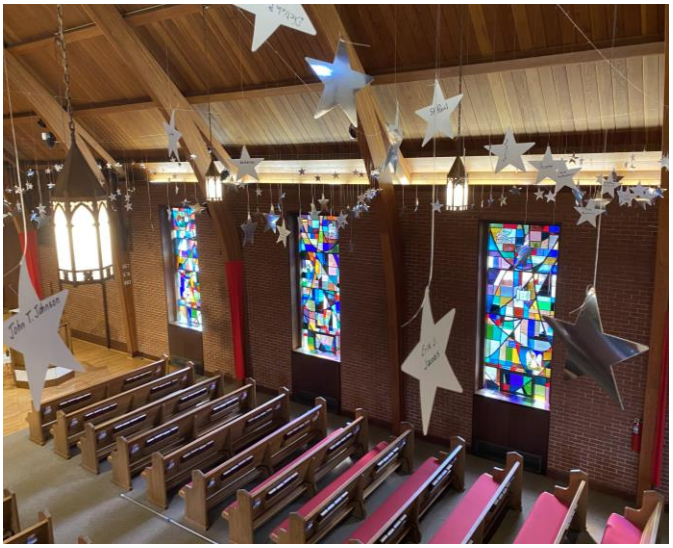
The Feast of All Saints' (Nov. 1) is one of the principal days of celebration in our Lord's church. The day began as All Martyrs', which concluded Easter by honoring the vast number of those who laid down their lives to confess Christ. In the 8th Century it became All Saints' and in the West was moved to November 1st. We observe it today on the first Sunday of November so that everyone can join in this important celebration!

It holds up for us to see the great cloud of witnesses from every nation, race, culture and language, who have come *"out of the great tribulation."* What makes them one is what they have received from the Lord; *"they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:14)* As you consider this crowd, you can see that some were famous and powerful, while most were unknown to history; some wealthy, most quite poor. Yet what captivates the attention of each is the same: the Lamb on His throne, the Lord Jesus Christ, victorious in His sacrifice of love. Therein lies the way to join this crowd and share their blessedness. "Fix your eyes on Jesus…" who humbled himself to become like us—a child of man—to raise us up to become as Him—children of God!

About the **sanctuary stars, representing the saints.**

Look up today and see over 500 stars gracing our worship at Ascension. On each is the name of a saint, a dear mother or father or friend in the Faith, who spoke God's Word into our lives. The Bible says of such: *"And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." (Daniel 12:3)* For the rest of this church year, you will be able to see and give thanks for those who have kindled and re-kindled our hearts with the light of Christ.

Advent and the beginning of Christmastime is only 28 days away. As the world grows cold and dark, Christians are reminded that God's Word—the same Word that made all things bright and good in the beginning—comes to visit us in the human flesh of Jesus Christ our Lord: *"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:3)* The scriptures and teachers of the church, including Martin Luther, constantly point to the stars as reminders that Christ has made ALL of us saints—higher than the angels—by uniting Himself to our flesh and uniting our spirit and purpose to His: We are being raised up to *"encourage one another, all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)*



Each Sunday, we are brought together as a vast cloud of witnesses, to pray for our world, remember and proclaim the good news of the Gospel, and to bless all God has made. The visible ones are only part of this vast cloud *"all the company of heaven…evermore praising God"* around His altar, as we behold the sacrifice and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Welcome To Those with Young Children



We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home and try these tips from parents who've gone before you:

Sit towards the front: That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

Help your child look and listen: Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminder of Jesus and His Good News.

Participate joyfully! Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

Involve your child: Encourage them to say and pray their parts: "*Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father...*" Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

If You and Your Child Must Leave: There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshiping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.



About Holy Communion

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- ☐ **Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?**
- ☐ **Have you been baptized and confirmed (or otherwise made public confession of your Christian Faith)?**
- ☐ **Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?**

If your answer to a question is "No", we invite you to join our study of God's Word between services and please approach our pastor anytime for clarification or direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing by folding your hands over your heart when you come forward. If you choose to remain seated, please join us in praying for the day when God removes all our divisions.

The "white" individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free.
For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.

Gathered Together...

PRELUDE

HANDBELL CHOIR

Abide with Me

Ron Mallory

After the announcements, please stand. Turn and face the cross as it processes.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Psalm 57:7-9

670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



Invocation

1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
Luke 18:13-14

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 16:19; John 20:19-23*
C **Amen.**

Stand.

Introit

Psalm 31: 1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14

The cantor and congregation will chant the song by whole verse.



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

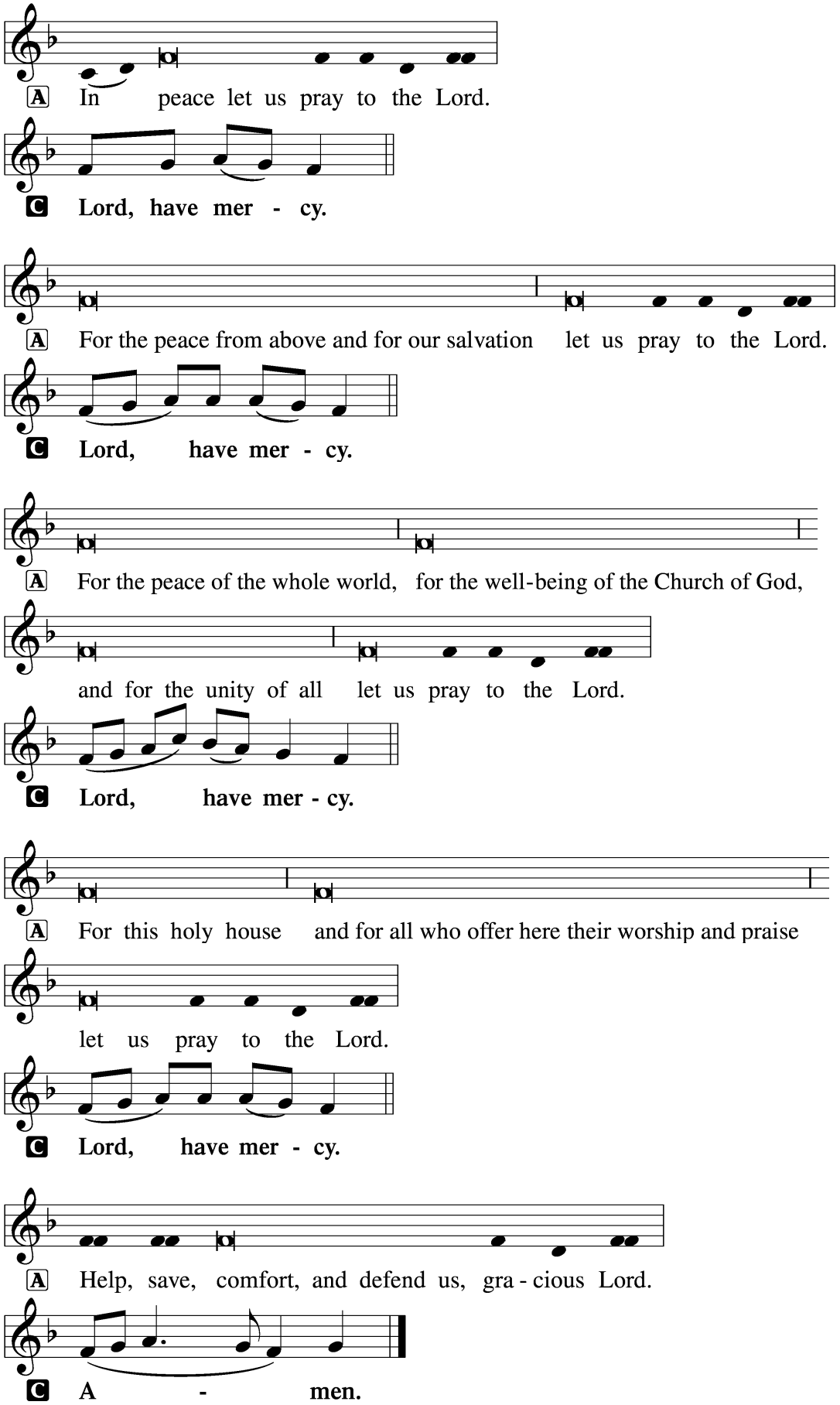
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

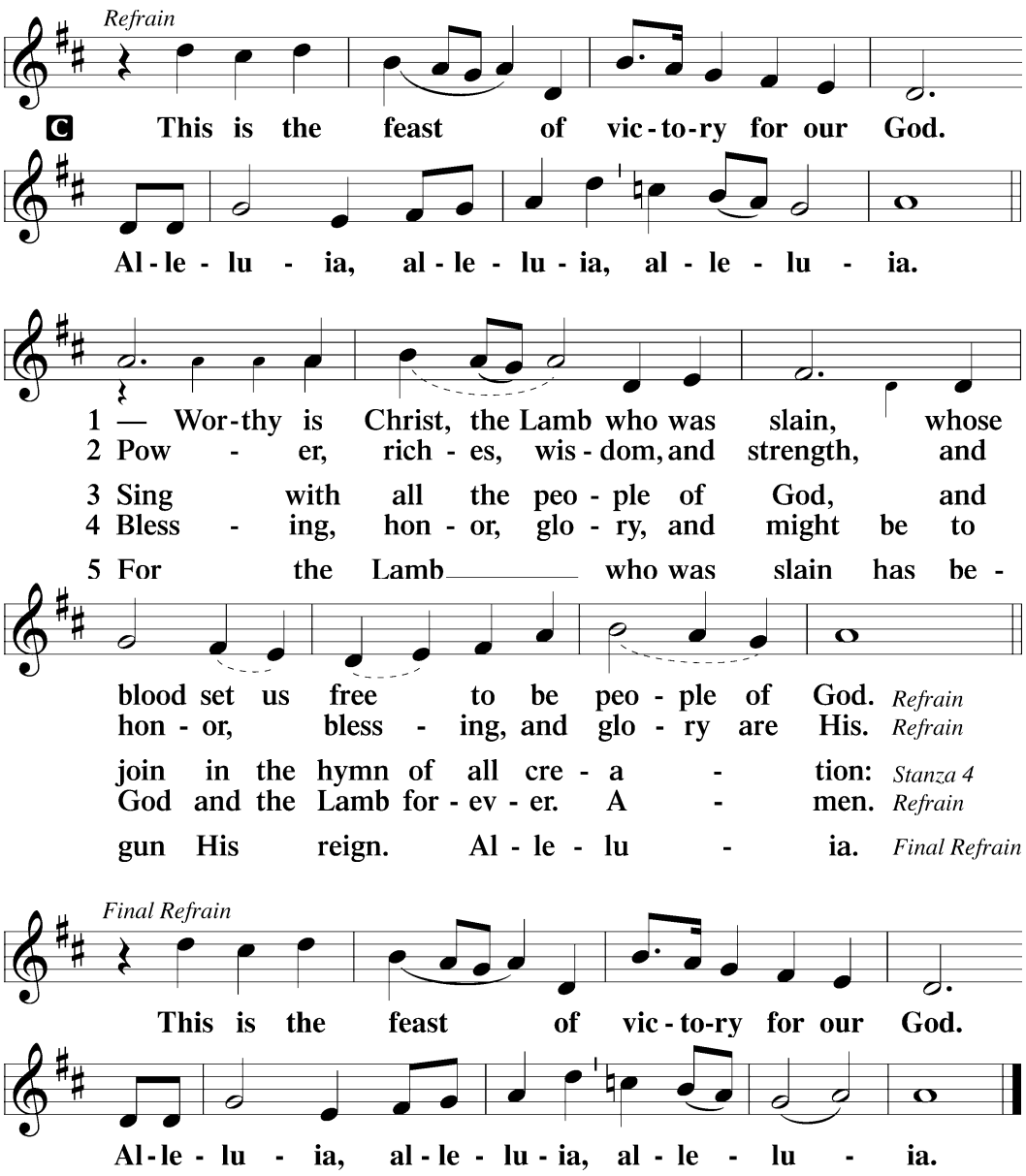
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Mark 10:47; Luke 18:13; Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1



This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9

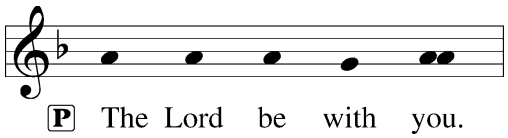


The angels in heaven pray for us, as does Christ Himself (Romans 8:34). So do the saints on earth and perhaps also in heaven (Revelation 6:9-10).

It does not follow from this that we ought to invoke angels and saints; pray to them…celebrate masses, make sacrifices…assign all kinds of assistance to them…This is idolatry. Such worship belongs to God alone. As a Christian and saint on earth, you can pray for me. However, on account of that, I ought not pray to you, hold a festival, make a sacrifice, perform a Mass in your honor and put my faith in you for salvation.

Martin Luther, Smalcald Articles, II.II.26-27

Salutation and Collect of the Day *Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22, et.*





L Let us pray.

A time of silence is observed prior to the Collect for the people of God to express their silent praises and prayers to God for carrying out His good and gracious will in the Church, the world, and among the relations and neighbors He has given each one to love. Then the pastor will lead the congregation in the prayer that gathers the whole church to God in its collective need.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit.

Our confession approves giving honor to the saints. This honor is threefold:
The first is thanksgiving; we ought to give thanks to God because he has given examples of his mercy, because he has shown that he wants to save humankind, and because he has given teachers and other gifts to the church. Since these are the greatest gifts, they ought to be extolled very highly, and we ought to praise the saints themselves for faithfully using these gifts just as Christ praises faithful managers (Matthew 25:21, 23).
The second kind of veneration is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we too are encouraged to believe that grace truly super-abounds much more over sin (Romans 5:20).
The third honor is imitation; first of their faith, then of the other virtues, which people should imitate according to their callings.

Apology Of The Augsburg Confession, XXI, 4-7

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

P On this Feast of All Saints, we remember with thanksgiving those of our parish who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They have been created by God to offer Him praise forever, loved and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and given new life in the Holy Spirit through Baptism. Nourished in the church by the Sacrament and prepared by God's Word, they were ready for that day when God summoned them to follow Christ into death to be revealed with Him in glory.

P Hear us, merciful Father, as we remember in love, your children:

Bruce Miller *(February 16, 2026)*
Hazel Peek *(March 12, 2026)*
Joyce Holland *(April 11, 2026)*
Donald Brownlee *(May 7, 2026)*
Tony Byrum *(August 23, 2026)*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!

C **"Blessed indeed," says the spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"** *Revelation 14:3*

P In joyful expectation for the life of the world to come, we remember to You, O Lord, all those beloved of our congregation who have passed before us in faith, who we now name in the company of Jesus, before Your altar of mercy:

Abigail O'Rourke *(niece of Siobhan O'Rourke, October 30, 2025)*
Patricia Duever *(Point of Grace Lutheran Church, Huntersville, NC, December 11, 2025)*
Nadia R. BouFawaz *(grandmother of Nadia M. BouFawaz, December 15, 2025)*
Judith (Judy) Louise Frerking Moore *(daughter of Pr. Frerking & Katie, December 27, 2025)*
Debbie Davis *(aunt of Julie Conlin, February 21, 2026)*
Al Nicholas *(brother-in-law of Maggie Bryson, July 17, 2026)*
Patrick O. Kane *(uncle of Heather Eckert, August 1, 2026)*
Joan Lee *(mother of Patia Bowman, August 29, 2026)*
Frankie Dean *(mother of Maggie Bryson, September 8, 2026)*
Evelyn Byrum *(mother of Tony Byrum, October 2, 2026)*

Hold them safe in Your saving love even as we hold fast to the certainty of your promises. May their memory among us be blessed, and may we follow in the footsteps of faith to Your eternal presence in the kingdom of heaven.

P You, Christ, are the King of Glory. *Te Deum Laudamus*
C **The eternal Son of the Father.**

P You overcame the sting of death
C **And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**
P You are seated at God's right hand in glory
C **We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood;
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

...Around the Word...

FIRST READING

REVELATION 7:2-17

A The First Reading is from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

Love Grows Here

Don Hesig

EPISTLE

1 JOHN 3:1-3

A The Epistle is from First John, the third chapter.

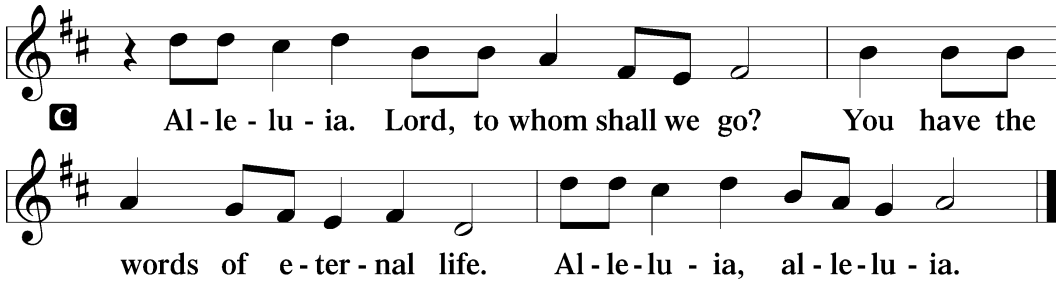
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be, has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit. At this time the children may come forward for a children's message.

Hymn of the Day

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



Sermon

Stand.

Supplication of the Faithful

Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26

P Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.

C **Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen**

...And Blessed

All those wishing to commune should examine themselves, as in the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Rescue me here from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.

...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Offering

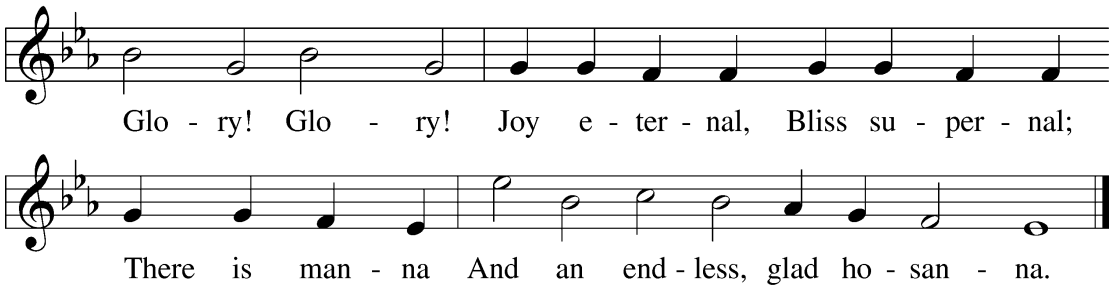
Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.
Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring *st. 3*





PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all the poor in spirit to be gathered unto Christ and made rich by the grace of God, their Almighty Father, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the proclamation of the Church, that here God's Spirit would gather the wandering and alienated, kindle and strengthen trust in God and sustain us in the witness of faith and love to the day of Christ's coming, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all members of families, including those separated by distance or death, for fathers and mothers to receive strength and wisdom to raise their children in the faith; for those who long for families, that their prayers would be answered; and for expectant mothers and their little ones, that they would be preserved and protected, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all peoples, nations and tribes, that they would know justice and peace under the rule of faithful leaders, and that God would bring the grace of repentance and reform as necessary, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and the recovering, that they would be granted health and healing according to God's wisdom. We pray especially for…

our members
Romain Bell
Margie Crane
Curt Schmidt
Jackie Elam
John Strohschein
Ted Cash
John Henry
Jasmine Timm
James Dake
Cissi Burtner
Elaine Elston

those at home:
Janet Miller
Lila Thompson
Doris Falconieri
Tom Hagen
Karen Priebe
Roy & Sharon Gugel
Mary Keefauver
Helen Gounis
Louise Nordman

those dear to us:
Elena Moul
Esterline-Laws Family
Alayna McLaughlin
Ann Gwinn
Brian Marshall
Grams Family
Susan Depalma-Spivey
Mark Smith
David Schulz
Matt Perrin
Patti Skinner
Melissa Voelker
Molly

Wyatt Dawson
Ruchelle Smith
Jim Melton
King Family
Carby Family
Judi Domeier
Steve Barringer
Mike Chaney
Toby Gowin

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may remember the Giver of every gift and find their joy complete in giving Him heartfelt thanks. We pray especially for…

our family birthdays:
Rick Burtner
Bryce Greeley
Brent Tweel
Branden Korzeniowski
Frank Moravec
Allie Homan
Tom Bixby
Jaylen Ruffin
Tramone Duncan

our newest members:
John & Jenna Kehr,
Jackson, John Luke & Joanna
Cole Townsend,
Ed & Charlene Jenkins,
Lisa Messina,
Hayden & Alex Dixon (**& Louise**, soon to be baptized)

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who commune this day, that their hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied by the body and blood of Christ under bread and wine, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Almighty Father, we give You thanks that, together with those beloved saints, through whom the testimony of Christ has shone through history to this very day, You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the book of life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

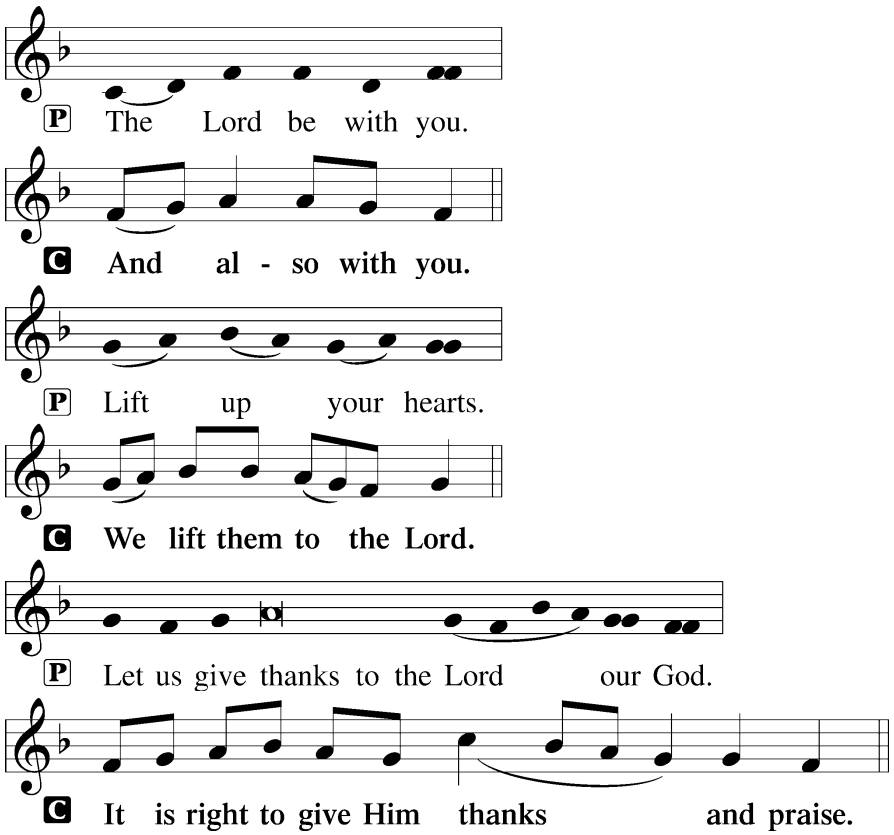
Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us share His peace with one another.

Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"

PREFACE

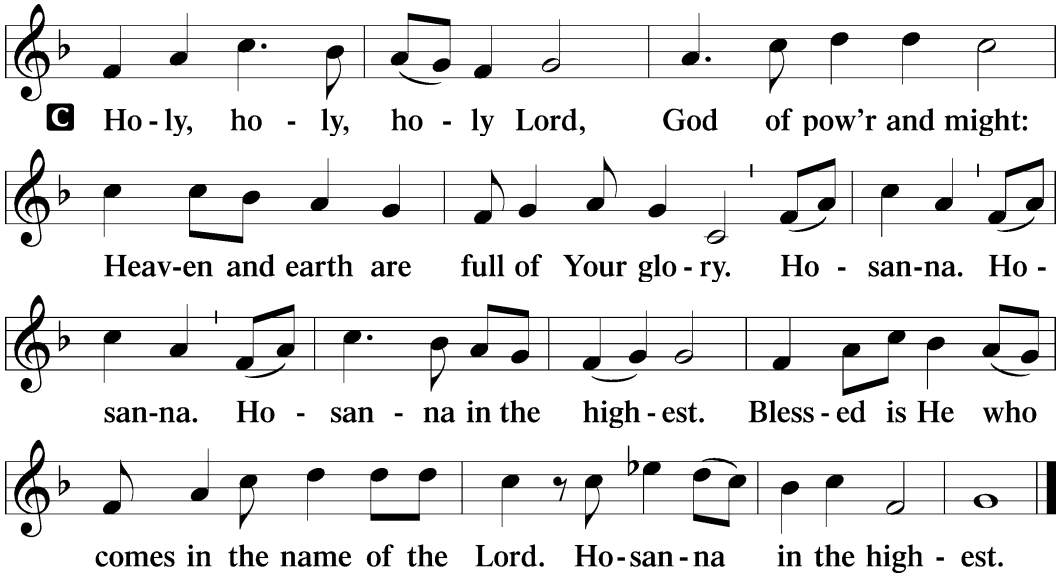
2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving *John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Ephesians 1:7*

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

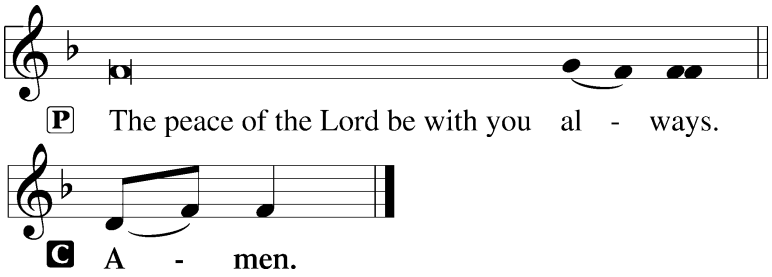
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

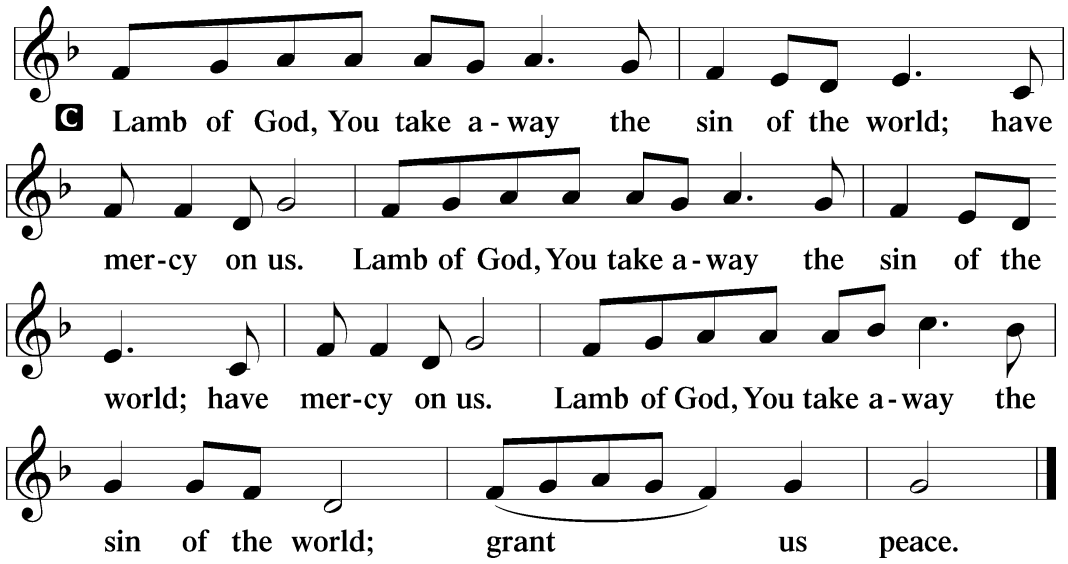
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *John 20:19*



Agnus Dei

John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12



Sit.

Distribution Hymns

Mark 14:26

677 For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 O happy harbor of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.

4 There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels dwell
And evermore do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen / Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:
Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting Sacrament. Bless our participation in Your body that we may depart from here with peace and joy, strengthened in our remembrance of Your forgiveness and in our witness to the knowledge that we are reconciled to God, in Your holy name. Amen.

Stand.

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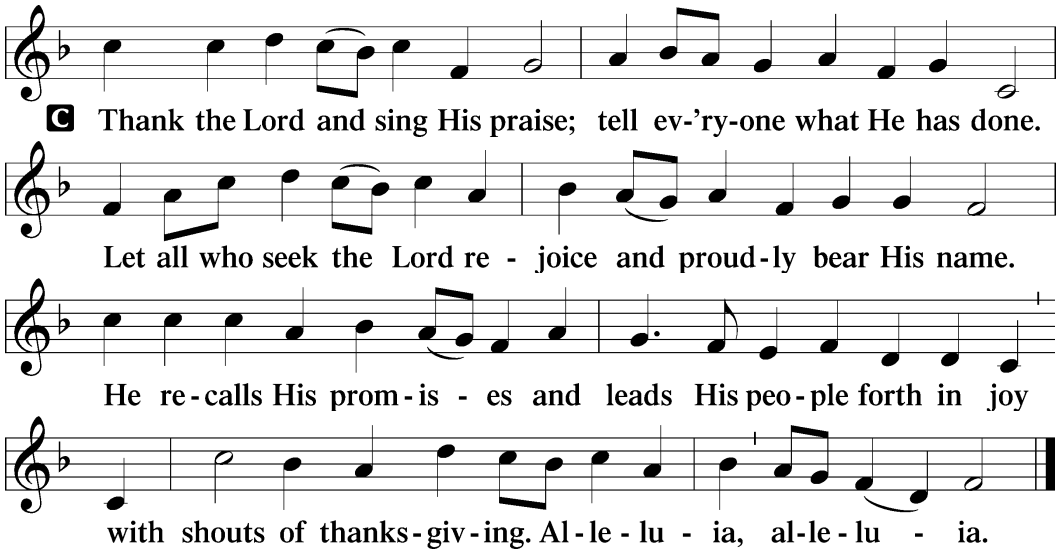
Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord

Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43; 1 Chronicles 16:8–10



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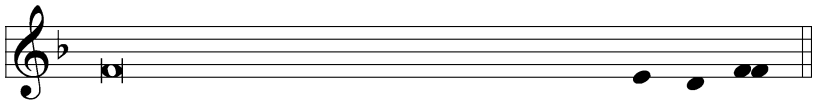
Isaiah 40:31; John 15:7-11; Romans 15:13

L Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

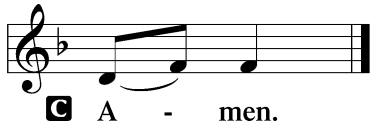


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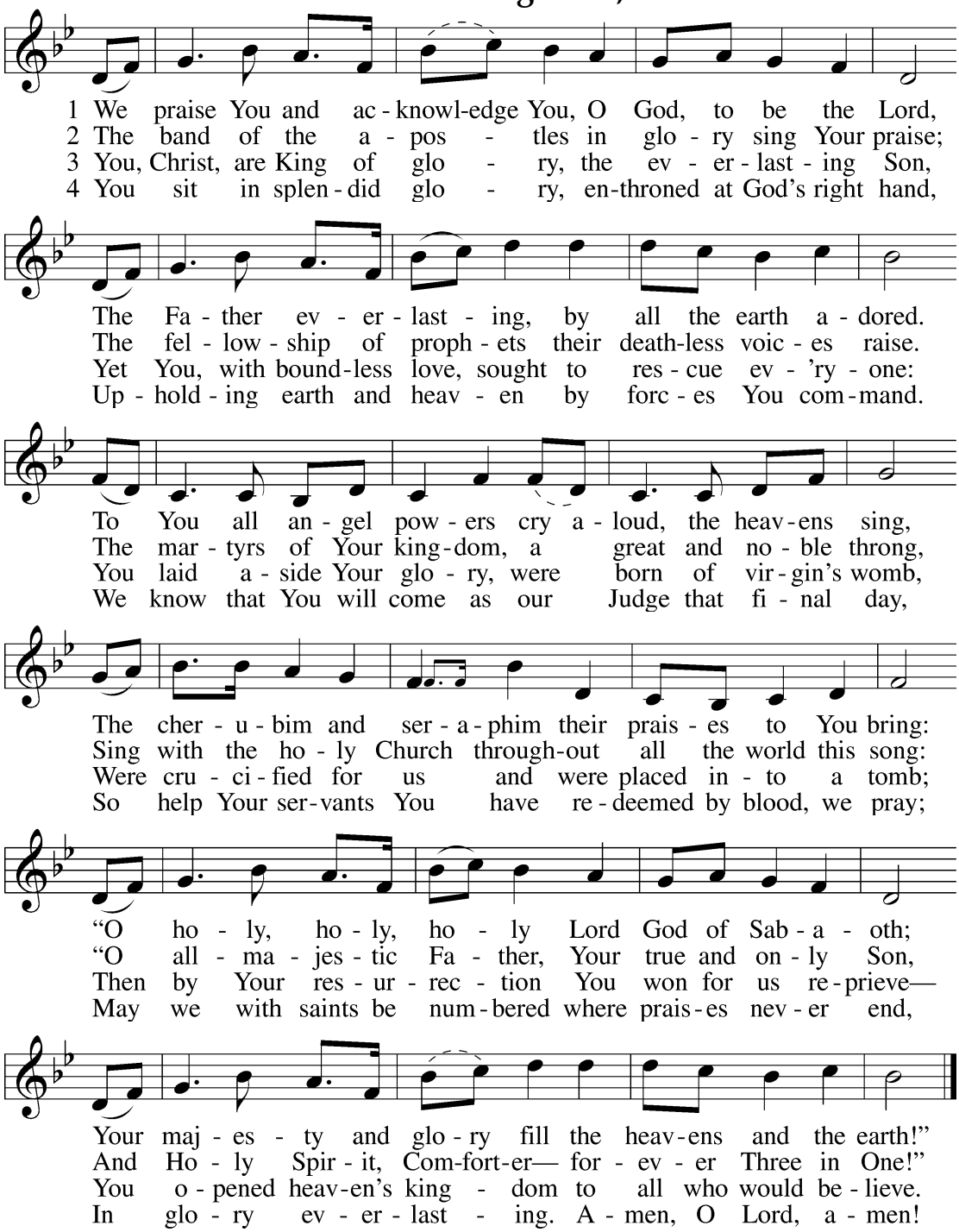
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.



Departing Hymn

Ephesians 5:19

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



Postlude

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Musicians: Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

Sunday School & Bible Study Year
9:45-10:45am
Nursery (under 3 yrs) *Church Nursery*
Ages 3-4 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 111*
Kindergarten-Grade 2 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 107*
Grades 3-5 *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 105*
Confirmation (Grades 6-8) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 209*
High School (Grades 9-12) *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 201*
Young Adult Bible Study *Ed. Bldg. Rm. 112*
Parent Bible Study *Adult Library*
Adult Sunday School (Everything New) *Luther Hall*

Ascension Soup Kitchen

Served lunch to 102 guests this Tuesday.

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

Soli Deo Gloria!

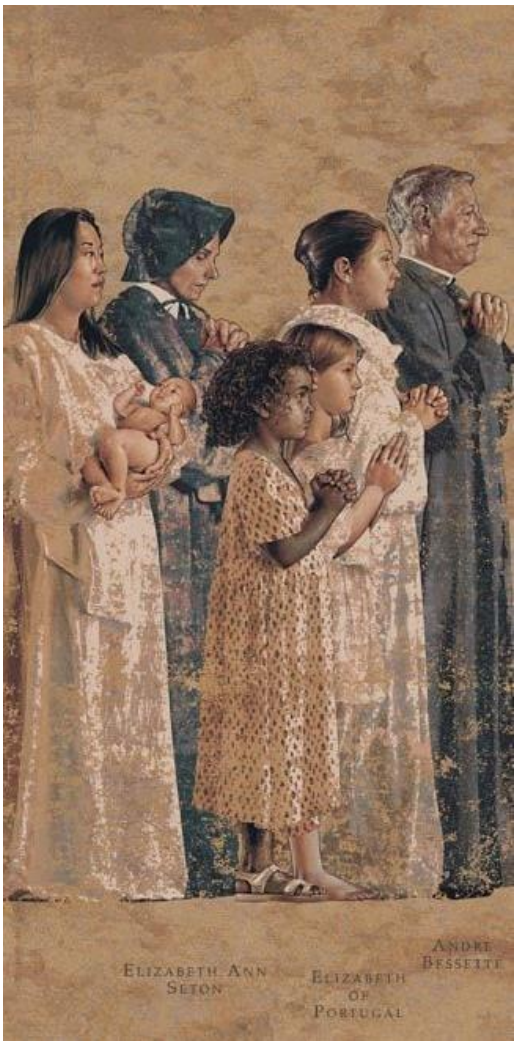
Ascension Food Pantry

Distributed one week of groceries to 31 families, 83 family members on 10/23 and 10/26.

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

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Sunday Divine Services are broadcast live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

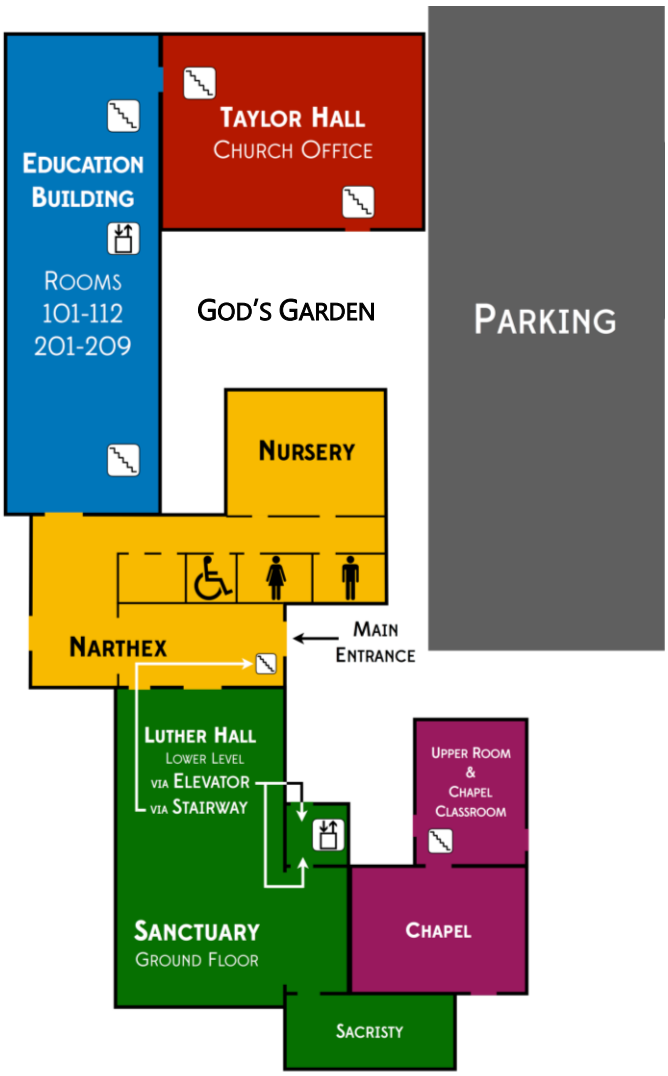
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What We Believe

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.

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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the narthex.

A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the Nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the Nursery and the Family Restroom (accessible).

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

Those in Critical Need

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.