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LUTHER MEMORIAL
CHURCH & ACADEMY



1 NOVEMBER 2026

The Feast of All the Saints

10:30 am

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Luther Memorial Church and Academy are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people. These lands were ceded by the people of the Six Nations on October 22, 1784 in a treaty ratified by the United States Government in 1785 and never ratified by the people of the Six Nations. We gather in this place indebted to these peoples for their forced generosity. While some peoples were successful in resisting assimilation and genocide, and still live on dwindled homelands now, many were absorbed into other peoples, exiled, or annihilated by the United States government for their land. For those who remain and for the land on which we gather, we give thanks to the Creator and to those who have been custodians of this part of Turtle Island since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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+ Please note that our 10:30 service is livestreamed at: youtube.com/LutherMemorialOnline. While the cameras usually only broadcast the first third of the pews and chancel (where all the action happens), faces may be visible as individuals return to their seats from Communion.

+ Everything you need to follow along in worship is included in this bulletin. You are invited to stand and sit—as you are able—as indicated herein.

+ If you have a need to **children**'s bulletins, coloring pages, crayons, or other supplies they are available on the Welcome Table. You can proceed out the door next to the pulpit and find the Welcome Table near the door.

+ An all-gender and accessible **restroom** is available out the door next to the pulpit, up the ramp, and to the right. Follow signs for "Handicap Bathroom." Other restrooms are available down the hallway next to Faith Chapel across from the parlor.

+ You do not need to turn off or disconnect here! However, please be mindful of those worshiping around you and turn your phones and devices to silent. Feel free to take pictures of our beautiful sanctuary or post about the sermon. However, we ask that you ask permission before taking any people pictures.

+ We welcome all to worship and to the Table trusting that it is the Holy Spirit that draws us all together. If you would like information about joining the congregation or receiving the Sacraments of the Church, be sure to talk to Pastor Jay after worship (you can usually find him next to the pulpit after the service).

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GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – "How Can I Keep From Singing?" S. K. Tucker

Handbell Choir

The assembly may rise in body or spirit and face the procession at the Columbarium.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL THE SAINTS

The presiding minister leads the remembrance in these or similar words.

Let us remember all the holy ones of God.

Here you may lift up the names of your beloved dead silently or aloud.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you, especially those whom we hold dear:

JUDITH, JOYCE, RICHARD, SAM, PAUL, SHIRLEY, DIANE,
JOANN, DON, RAYETTA, LAURIE ANN, JOHN, MARY LOU, SUSAN

Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

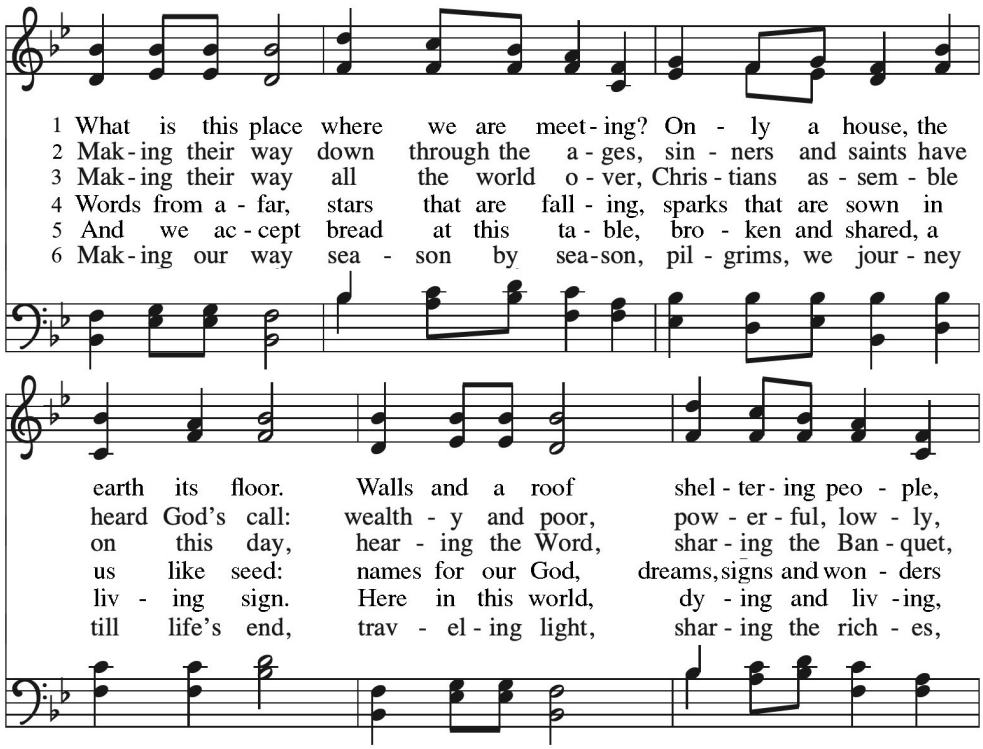
ONE: With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.
ALL: Amen.
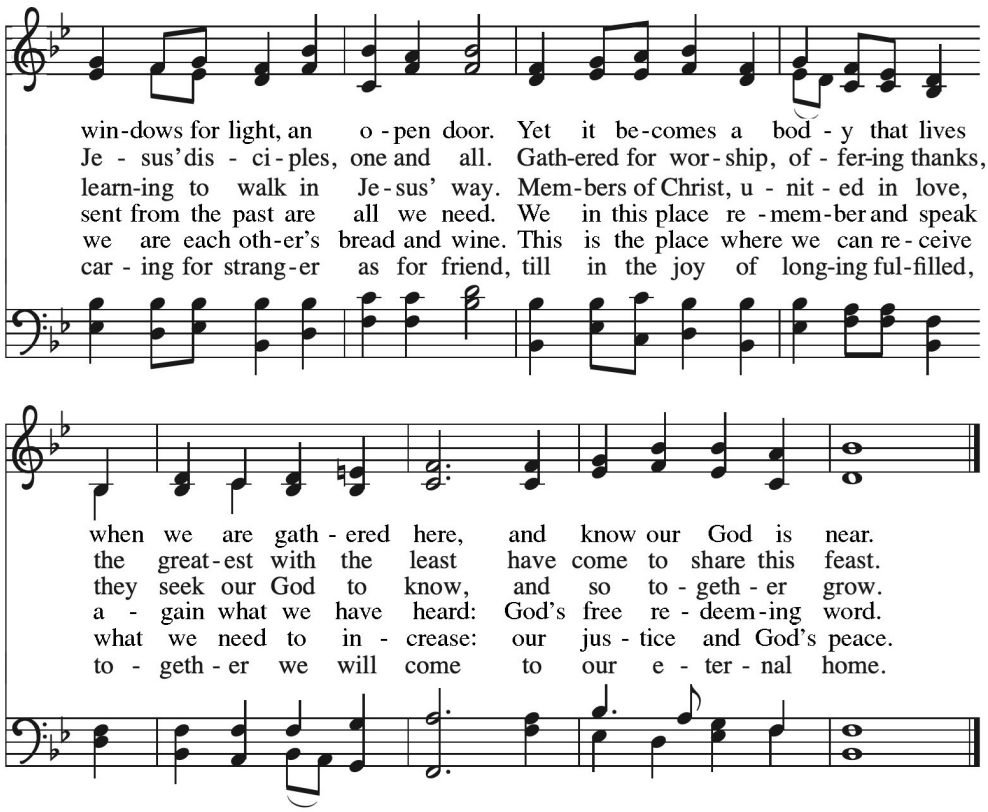
Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
And you will find rest for your souls.

GATHERING HYMN **ACS 979/ELW 524**

Making Their Way / What Is This Place





Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003
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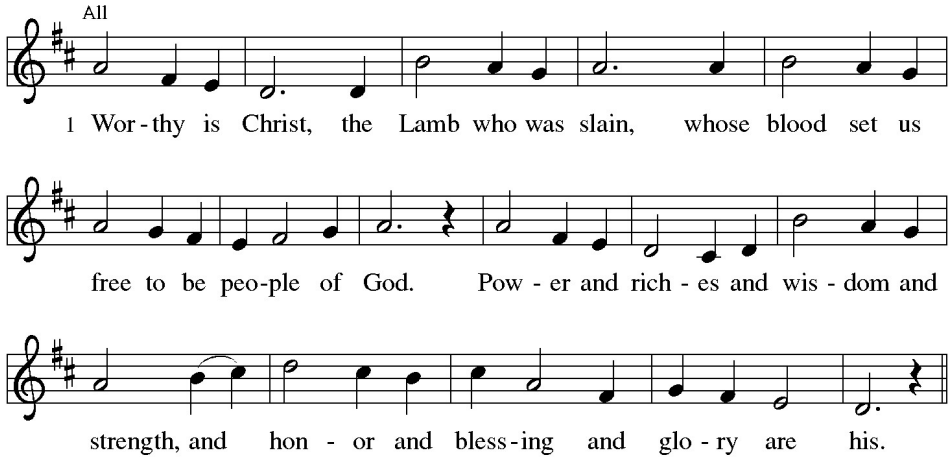
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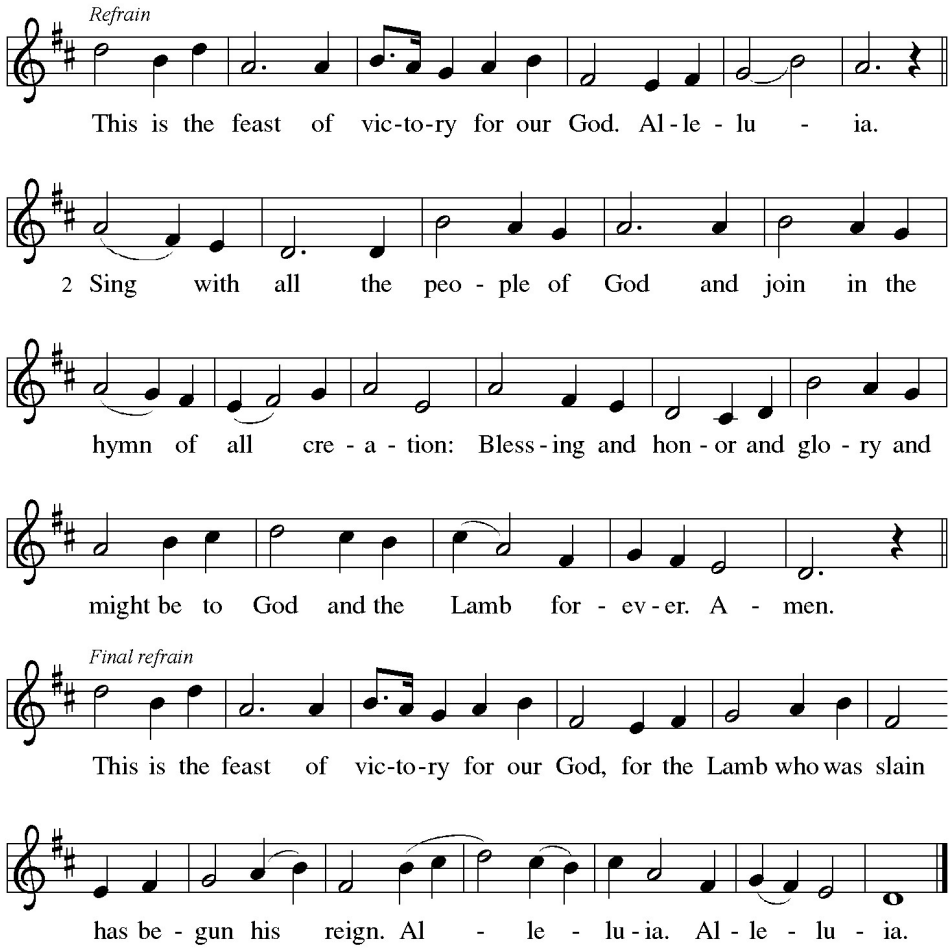
GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

♬ *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Silence is held during which all join their hearts in prayer. The presiding minister, on behalf of all, prays:
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.

The assembly may be seated.

WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

Let us pray. God Almighty, … O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

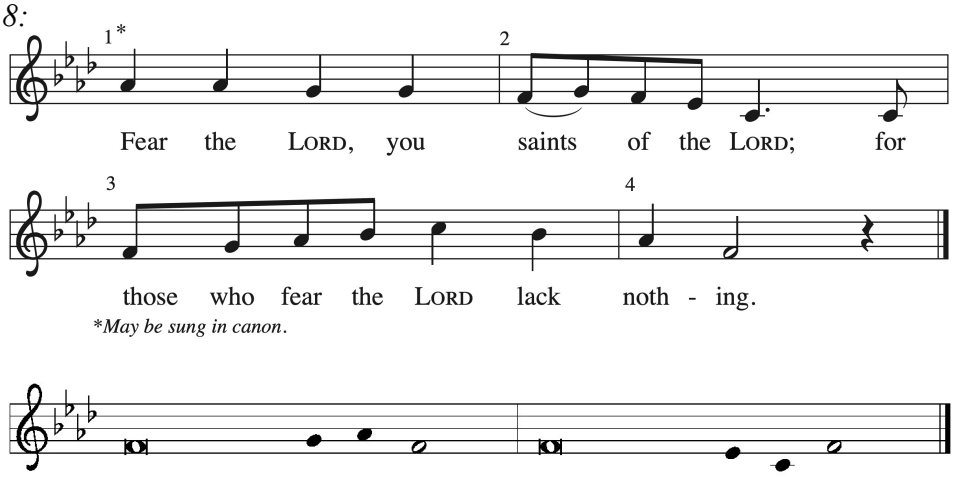
FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then the elder 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. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

*The choir introduces the antiphon, echoed by all and where indicated (**A**). The psalm is chanted responsively according to Tone 8:*



I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice. *A*

Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles. *A*

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. ***A***

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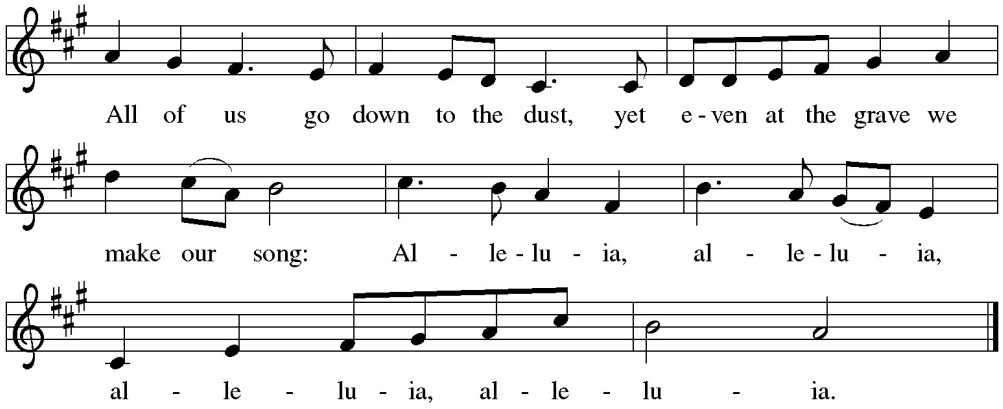
See what love our Holy Parent has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed,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

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly may rise in body or spirit to greet the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *The Kontakion for the Dead*
setting by M. Mummert

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.



You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

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

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

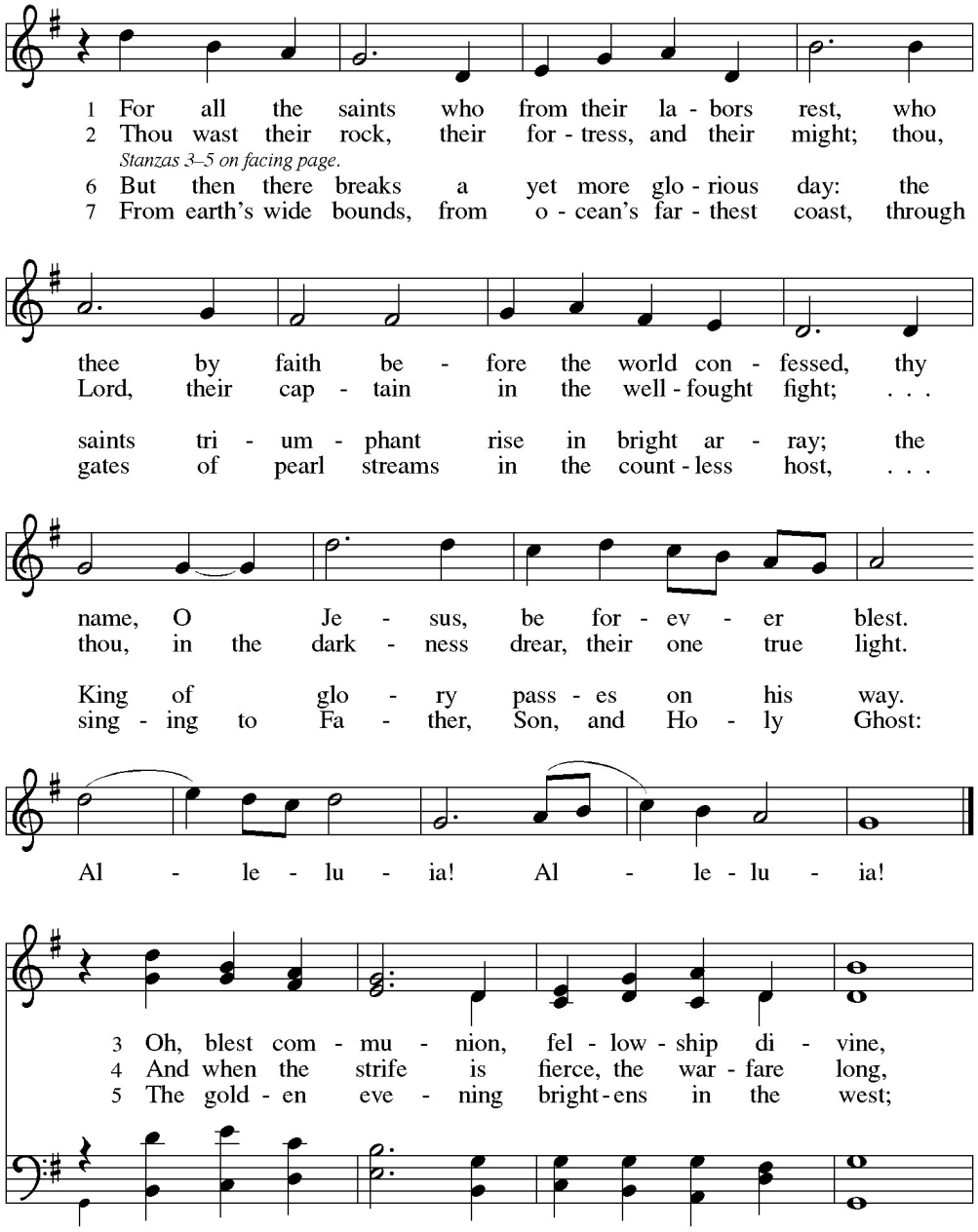
The assembly may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.
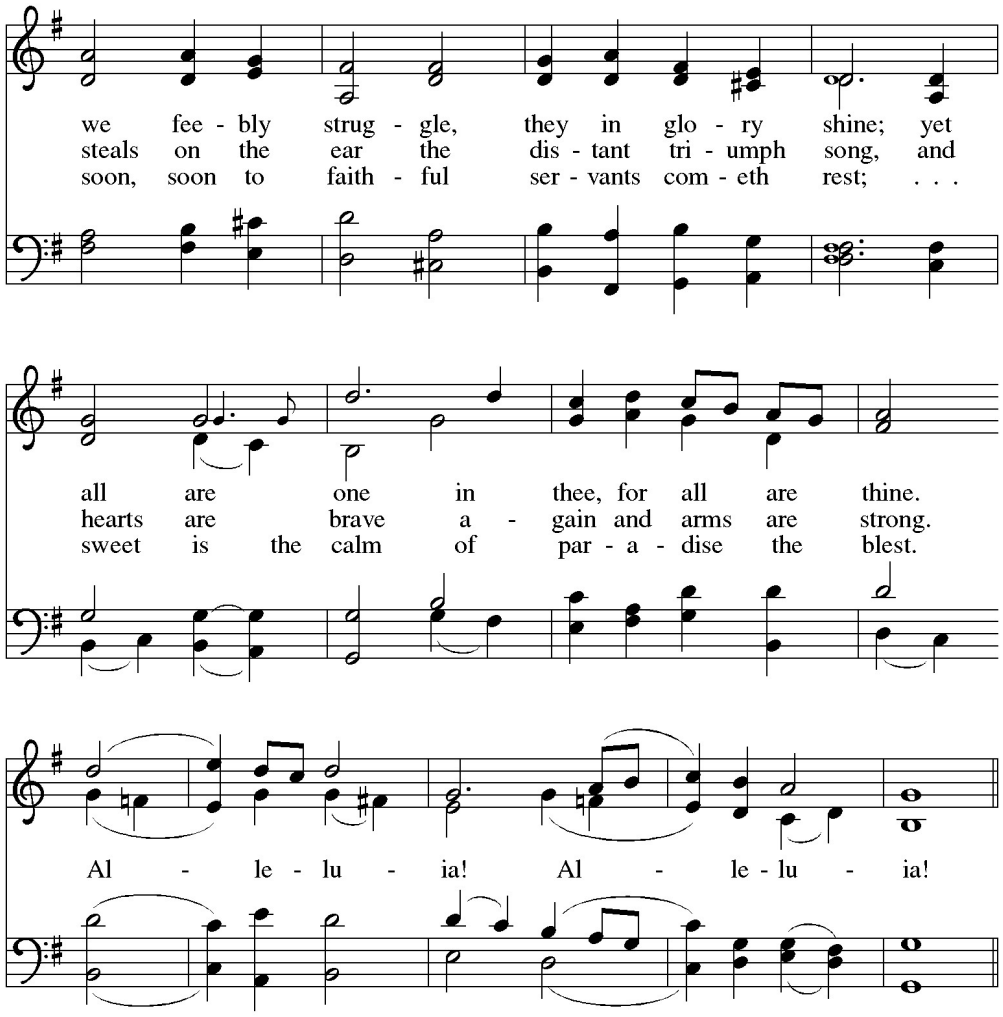
SERMON Pastor Jay

After a silence for reflection, as the music sounds, the assembly rises in body or spirit to proclaim the Word of God in song. During the singing of the Hymn of the Day, the assembly is invited to come forward to light a candle in the columbarium in memory of loved ones. Please remember to place your candle as close to the center of the sand as possible to allow others to safely place their candles.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 422**

For All the Saints



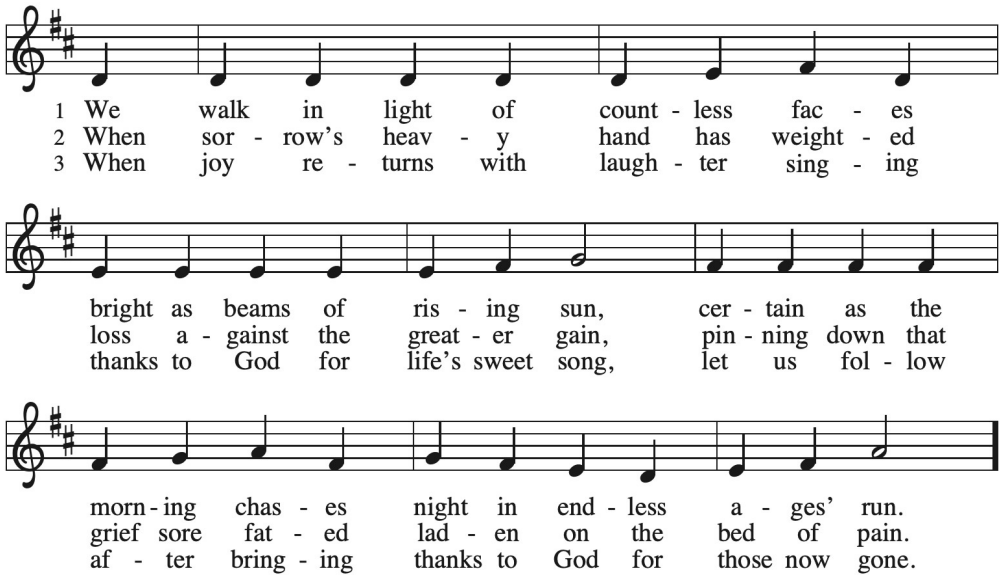


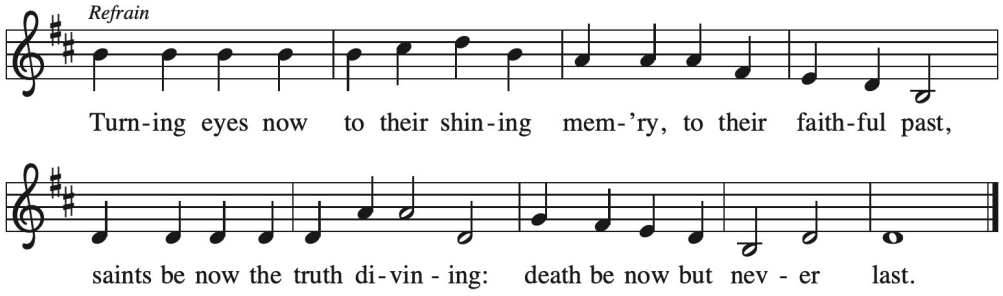
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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE **ACS 1030**

The choir introduces the first verse. The assembly joins on verses 2 and 3.

Death Be Never Last





Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever
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The assembly may rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING OF THE COLUMBARIUM

Let us pray:
Holy God, Holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our siblings—who we have here entrusted to their rest—in the company of all your saints. At the last, O God, bring us all to share with the faithful of every time and place in the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Praise to you, O God, for your gift of water—the darkness of water swirling before Creation, the life-giving waters of Mary's womb in which Jesus danced, the powerful waters that you continue to shower upon us. From before the worlds began you have formed our lives by water and you have made water your inescapable gift of life.
Praise to you for living waters.

Glory to you, O God, for the waters which have saved your people for generations: Noah and the animals escape the floods, Miriam and Aaron and Moses lead the people of Jacob through the sea dry-shod, David sings of the still waters of your goodness, Jeremiah cries out of your living water poured into our cracked cisterns, Ezekiel witnesses the waters of your Spirit enliven the dry bones among which he stood, John the Prophet stands in the waters of the Jordan proclaiming your coming Christ.
Glory to you for saving waters.

Blessed are you, O God, for the waters that washed our Lord Jesus in that same Jordan and which have been sign and seal of the cleansing and new birth of your people for generations. In Baptism, you united us to Christ's death and resurrection. In Baptism, you knit us into the Body of Christ one with another. In Baptism, you shower your Spirit upon your people. You call us to live reborn from these waters into a world parched to hear of your grace, mercy, and love.
Blessing to you for baptismal waters
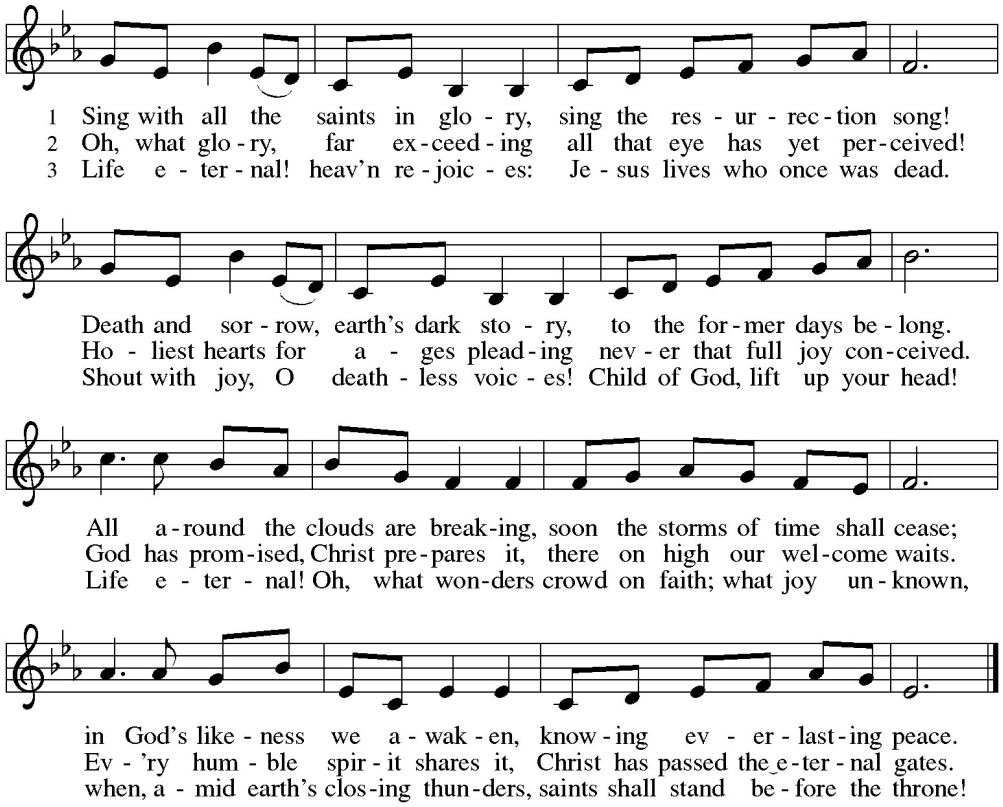
Thanks be to you, O God, for our baptisms. By water with your Word and Spirit, you have claimed and named us your beloved. By water with your Word and Spirit, you have joined us to generations past and yet to come. By water with your Word and Spirit you sustain us until we gather on the banks of the River that flows under your Tree of Life. Washed and numbers with the throngs of the faithful around you, we lift our voices in thanksgiving for the inexhaustible, unconditional, and vital gift of your Holy Water.
Thanks be to you for our baptisms!

Upon the waters you bear us, O God. Through the waters, you breathe your life into us, O God. By the waters you save us and send us, O God. Keep us now and always in the promises washed over us by these waters until we come to the fulfillment of the promises of these waters.
Amen.

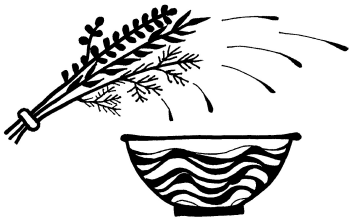
SPRINKLING SONG **ELW 426**

During the singing, the assembly is sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of baptism. It is customary to make the sign of the cross when the water reaches you to remember that the baptized are "sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

Sing with All the Saints in Glory



Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt.
Music: MISSISSIPPI, William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947
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THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

The assembly may stand, sit, or kneel as is comfortable.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all our beloved dead, particularly those of the past year:

JUDITH STEFF
JOYCE ZWILLING
RICHARD COME
SAM SEGGI, JR.
PAUL THOM
SHIRLEY MESSENGER
DIANE COME
JOANN PERRY
DON MACGREGOR
RAYETTA (CHICKIE) BULOS
LAURIE ANN COMI CHINTALAPALLI
JOHN KLOMP
MARY LOU BREYLEY
SUSAN AGENS

and those whose names we cry aloud now:_____. Keep us, with them, in the promises of baptism until we gather around the Mercy Seat of the Lamb. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PEACE
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of Christ.

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

The assembly shares a sign and greeting of peace. Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch. After, the assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

God feeds us with Jesus Christ.

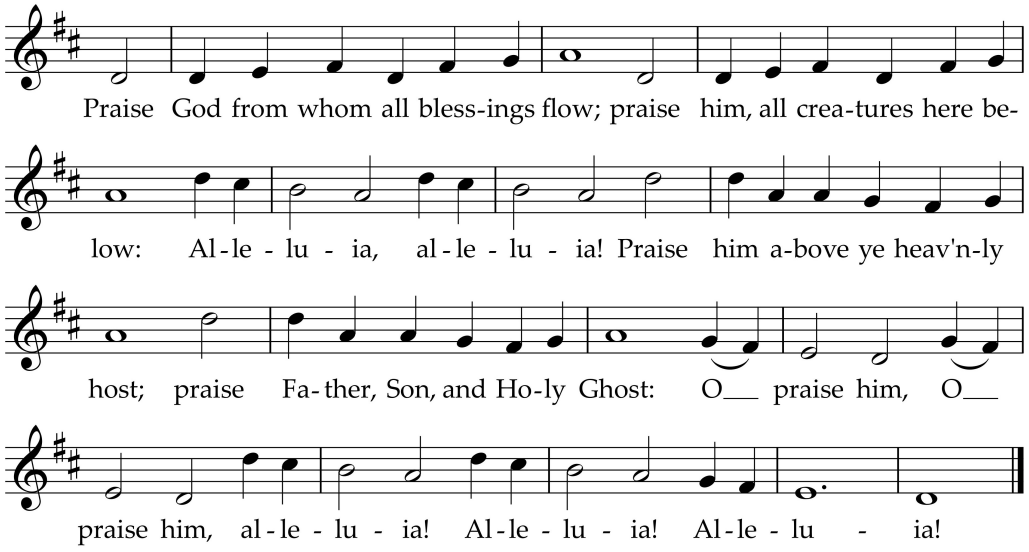
OFFERING

An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Oh What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be" P. Abelard

The assembly rises in body or spirit as the gifts of bread and wine for Communion and our offerings are brought forward.

OFFERTORY HYMN

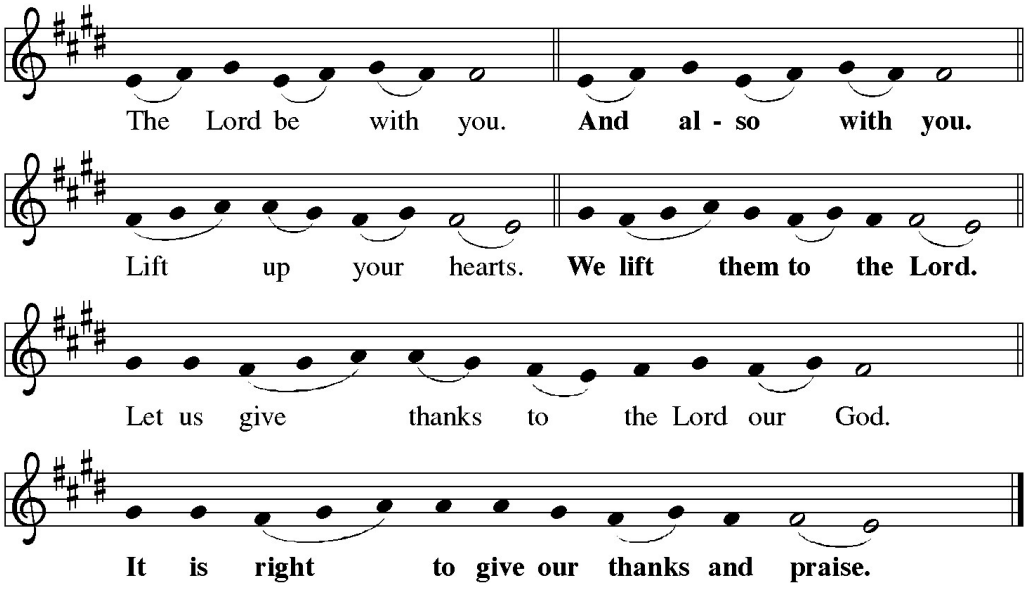


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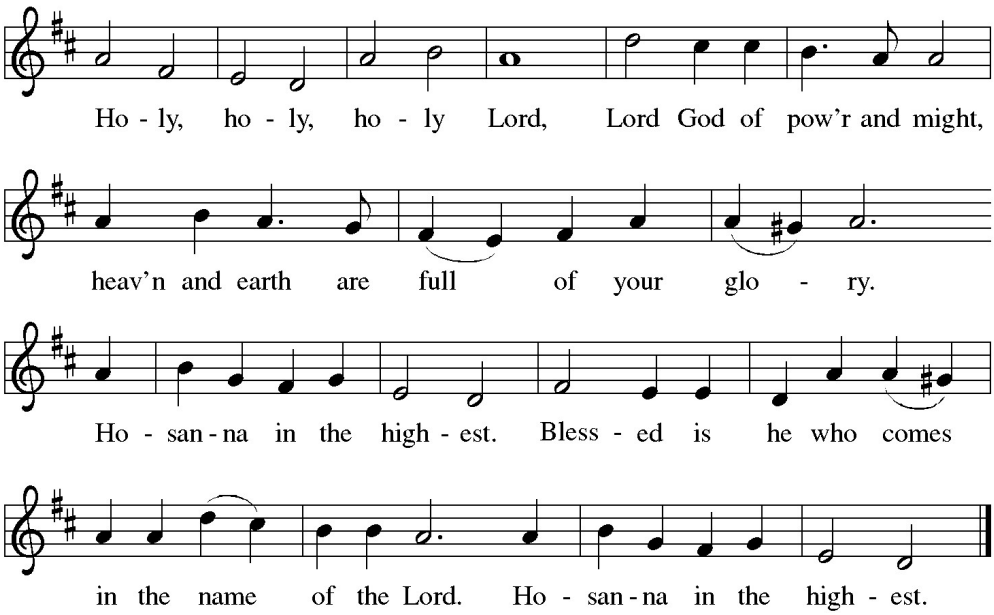
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right…unending hymn:



With all the saints of Africa and Asia, Europe and the Americas, India, Australia, and the islands, we praise you, O God, for creating the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for providing mortals with food. With all the faithful in tents and mansions, cities and farms, past and present, we worship you, O God, for sheltering the generations. With all your holy people who minister in the church, who serve the poor, who walk the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for journeying with us in Jesus.

With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

On the night before he died, he 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.

With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.
Amen!

With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.
Amen!

With John, the theologians, and the mystics, we celebrate Christ present with us, exclaiming Amen.
Amen!

With the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, your mother and first among your saints; and with all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Imbue this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the merciful body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek.

With grandparents and god parents, with the Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals, Evangelicals, and independents, and with JUDITH, JOYCE, RICHARD, SAM, PAUL, SHIRLEY, DIANE, JOANN, DON, RAYETTA, LAURIE ANN, JOHN, MARY LOU, SUSAN and all our beloved dead we remember before you now____, lead us into a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself.

Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout:
Blessing! Glory!
Wisdom! Thanksgiving!
Honor! Power! Might!
be to you, our God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Gathered into one with all our beloved dead, 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.
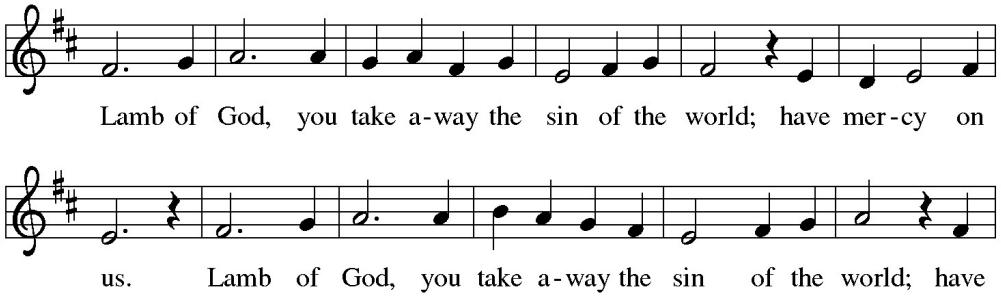
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

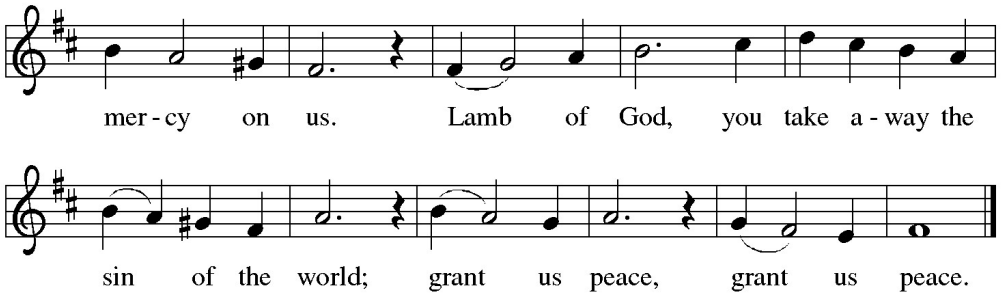
The assembly may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is present whenever we feast together. ***<u>You</u>*** *are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. Receive the bread in your open palm. All bread is gluten, nut, soy, dairy, and wheat free; it contains egg. Proceeding to either communion assistant, hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. Non-alcoholized grape juice is in the pre-filled cups. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the bowls. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing. If you need communion brought to you, please let a neighbor know to inform the presiding minister.*
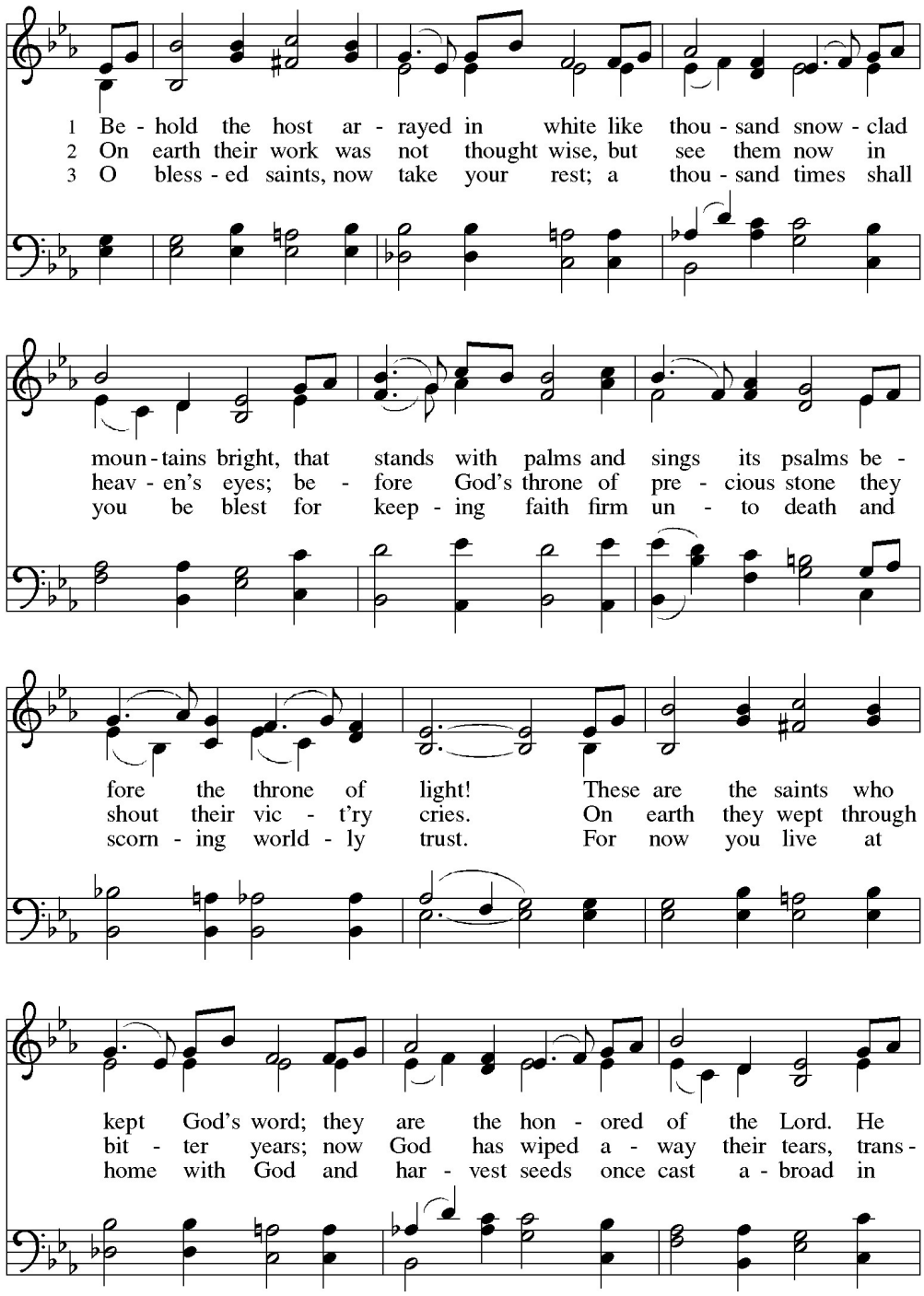
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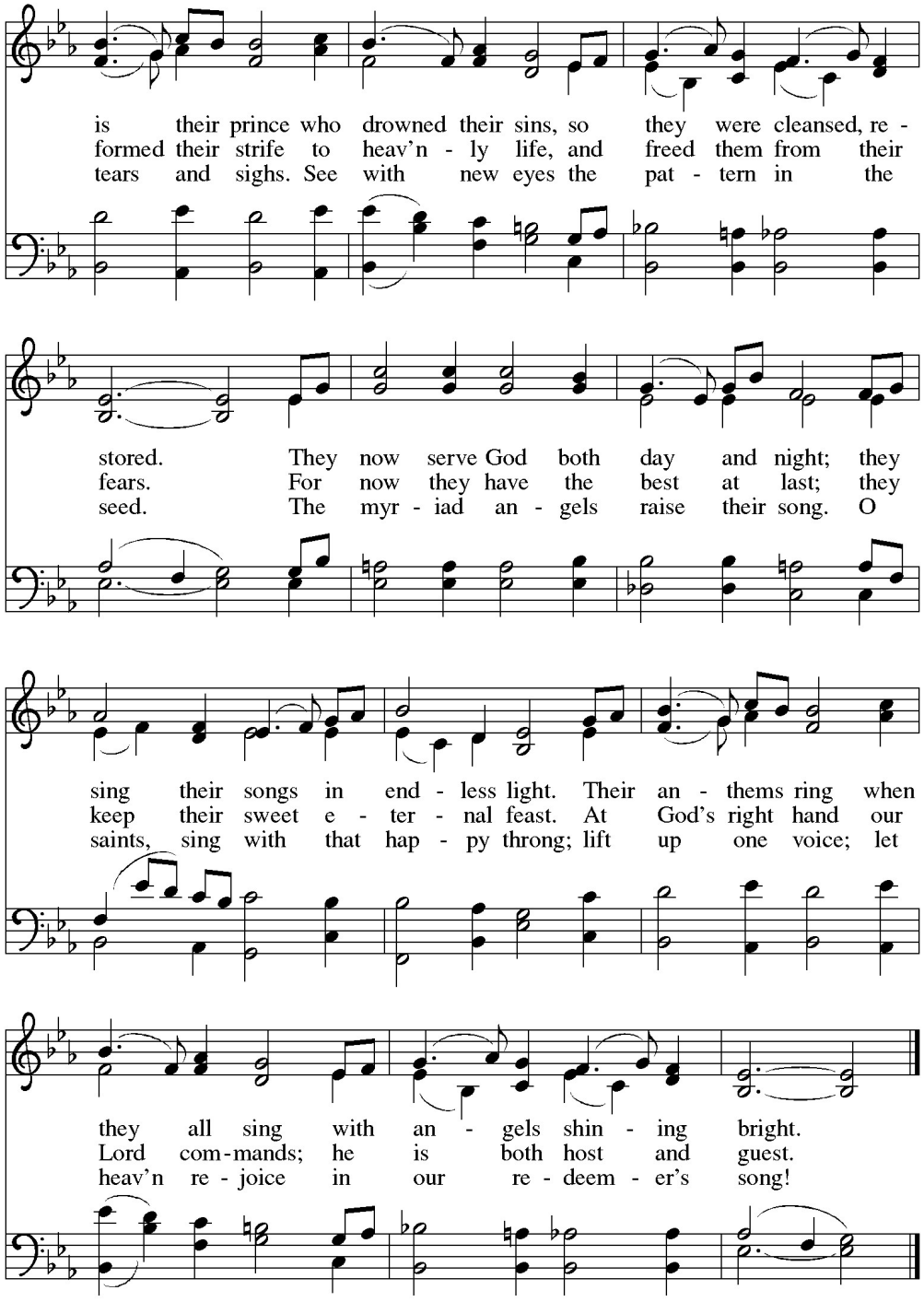




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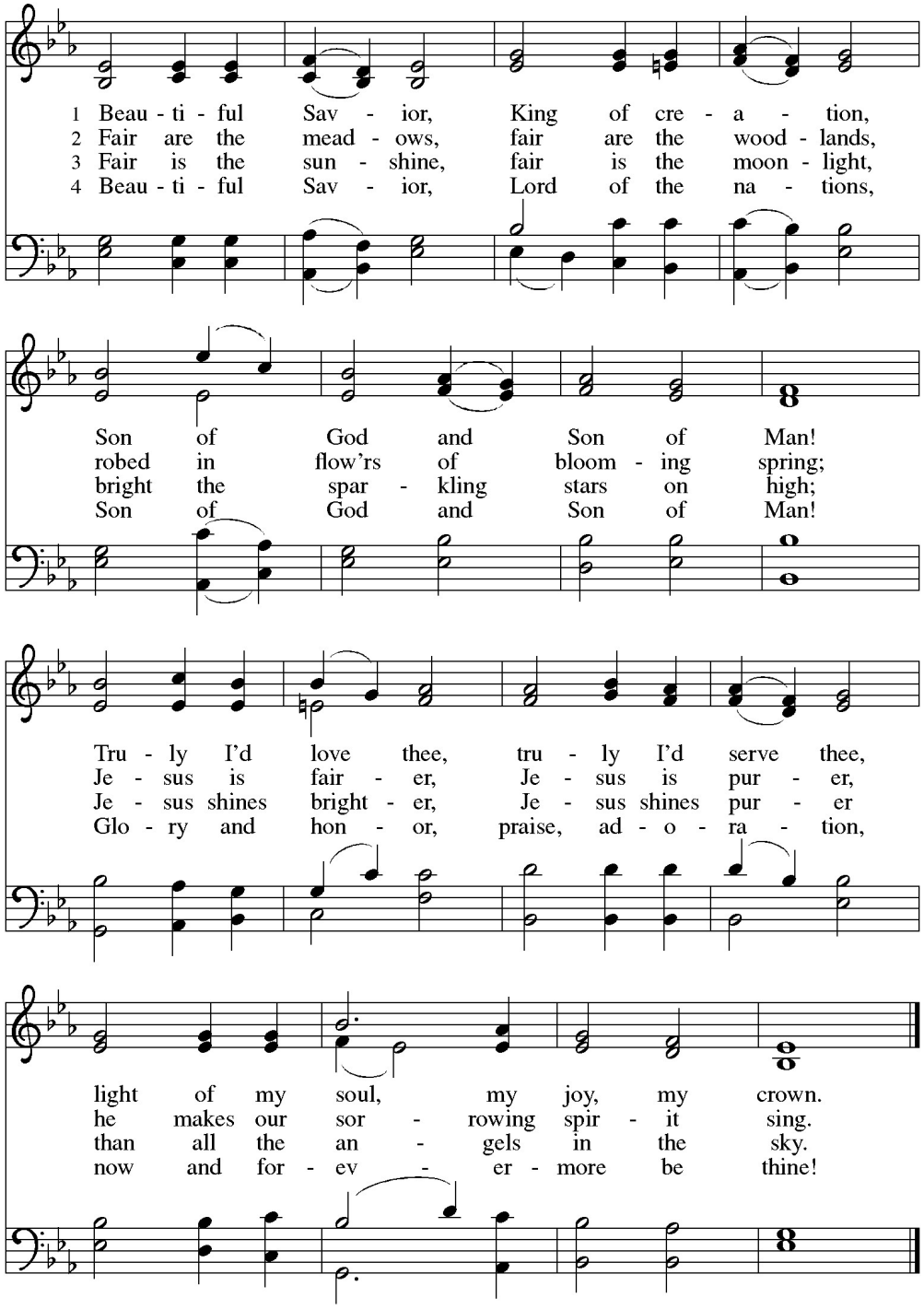
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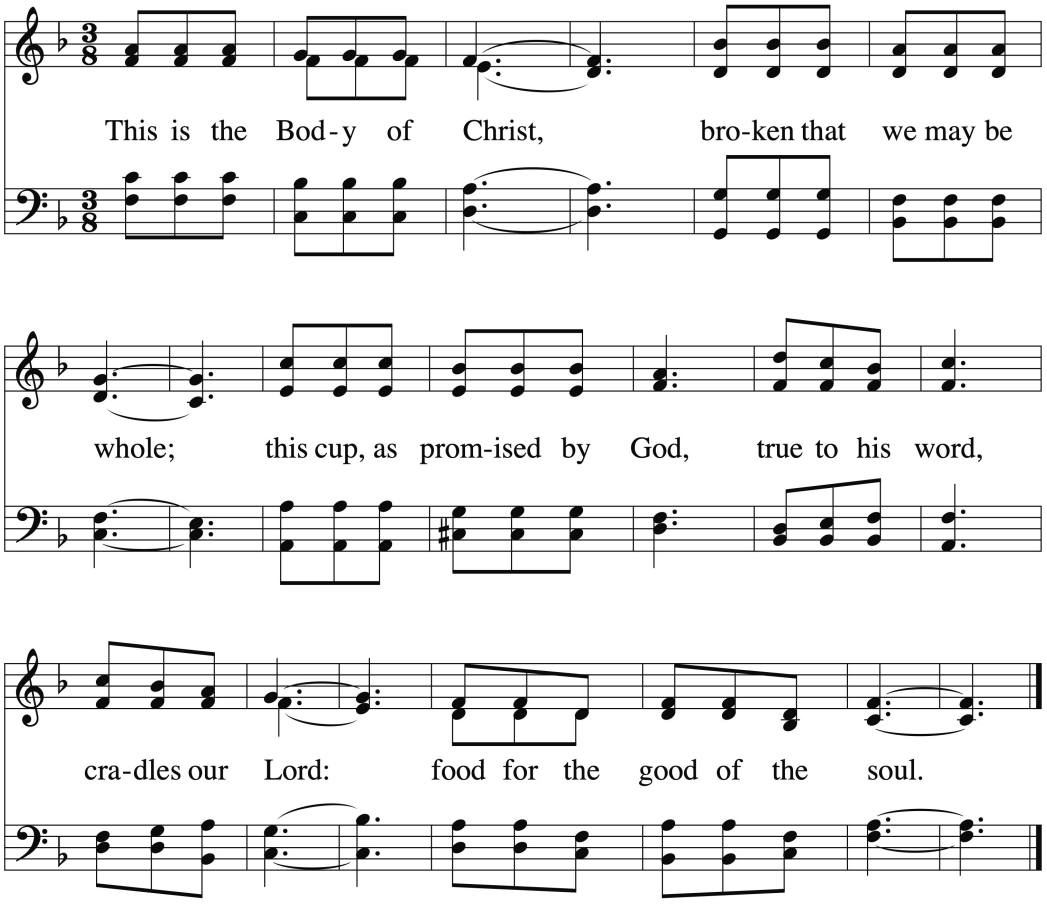
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Beautiful Savior



Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

This Is the Body of Christ



Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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After all who so desire have received the Sacrament of the Altar, the assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**
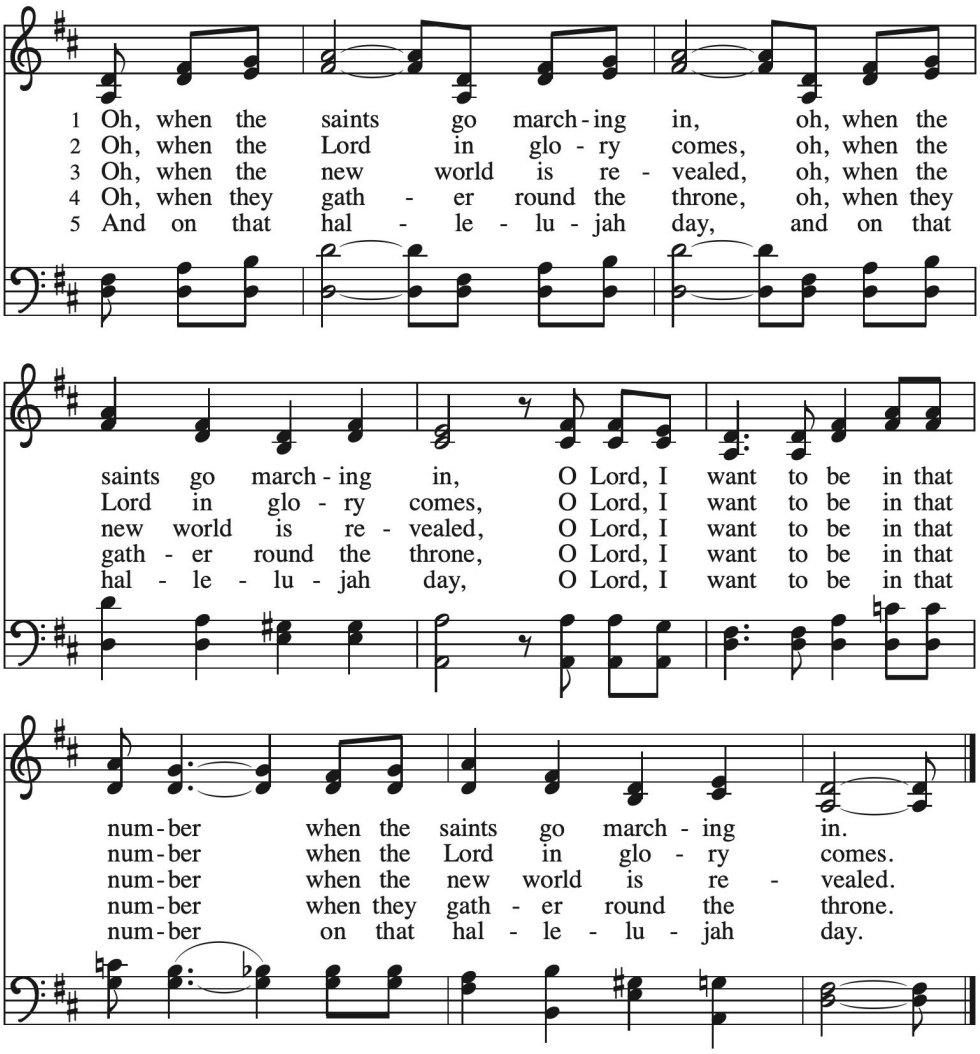
SENDING

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN **ACS 950**

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – "Finlandia" J. W. Kerr

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—— EXPECTED TO LEAD IN WORSHIP TODAY ——

PRESIDING MINISTER – The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell
ASSISTING MINISTER – Zachery Middaugh
COMMUNION ASSISTANT –
LECTOR – Ron Middaugh
USHERS – Jessica Copfer, Holly Middaugh, Carl Moore
ALTAR GUILD – Mary Daniels
VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams

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Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by Dorothy Youngman.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sylvia Johnson by her daughters and families.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert G. Young, who would have been 90 on November 5, by Pat and family.

Our love and sympathy is with the family and friends of Susan Agens who died Sunday, October 25. Our prayers are with her sister, Pat Bellingham. Visitation will be held at Burton Quinn Scott, 26th and Powell, on Monday, November 2 at 11:00am. The service will begin at 12:00 noon with Pastor Karen Thompson officiating.

Today's Events

Pictorial Directories are available at the Welcome Tables this morning. If you would like a pdf version of the directory please contact Norma in the church office and one will be emailed to you.

A joyous welcome is extended to Becca Estanek who will be received as a new member this morning. Please greet Becca following worship and welcome her to Luther Memorial.

#ELCAvotes

This Tuesday (11/3) is Election Day! Don't forget to #VoteFaithfully! If you are in need of a ride to the polls or company while you wait, please let Pastor Jay know! #VotingIsASacredDuty!

Worship *Matters!*



ABOUT THE SENDING HYMN: The Second Line is a cherished and holy tradition in many communities, particularly those with African American heritage. In the United States, it is a characteristic part of New Orleans' culture. Brought to North America from African tradition by those enslaved brought to the American South, Second Lines use music—particularly Jazz—to embody the emotions of the community. Appropriate for our celebration of All Saints' Day, perhaps the most abiding occasion for a Second Line Procession is a funeral. In this case, solemn jazz is played as the grieving family and friends accompany their loved one to the cemetery. After the committal, much more festive jazz—often including songs such as *When the Saints Go Marching In*—accompanies the family and friends as they leave.

This use of music helps to express the complex emotions around death: there is sorrow at the loss of a loved one, yet for we who hope and trust in the Resurrection, there is joy as well. This morning, as we join in a quintessential Second Line hymn, let us sing with joy and gusto. Let us give thanks for those who have gone before us in lives of faith and holy living and let us join our voices with their number until we, too, claim the promises of baptism and join their number around the Throne.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation brochures are available at the Welcome Table.
Class dates are listed for children, youth, confirmation and adults.

Bible After Dark (BAD) meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row (1317 State St.) for a time of conversation and fellowship. ***YOU*** are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 3.

Brown Bag Bible (B^3) gathers on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Conference Room. You bring a lunch, Pastor Jay brings something to talk about. We will continue our study on the book of Revelation. Our next gathering will be Thursday, November 5.

FAITH5! Join us for our new program called Faith5: Cross+Gen. This program gathers all ages around various topics to share in single "eduworship" opportunity. We will gather in the Parlor at 9:15am on the Second Sunday of each month and share a chance for everyone from our oldest to our youngest members to share and learn and grow and have a fun time growing deeper and broader and higher and further in faith together! It won't be the same without you! Our next Faith5: Cross+Gen gathering will be Sunday, November 8. See you there!

Sunday Flower Update

We have been notified that Larese Floral Design is out of business. This notification was effective immediately on Monday. Larese was offering our flowers at a discounted rate. As such, please know that the price of altar flowers is very likely to increase in the coming weeks. We are in the process of shopping around for the more economical florist for our altar flowers. A reality of today is that while many things are more expensive, flowers are very often imported from warmer climates increasing their cost exponentially. We have already been told there is a high likelihood that special requests of types of flowers may incur an additional charge.

Thank you for understanding as we do our best to make the offering of altar flowers as affordable and accessible as possible. We are very hopeful to have a firm price for flowers by the December newsletter. So, check back here and then the December-January newsletter for more information on this ongoing process!

If you know now that you are no longer interested in altar flowers, please let the church office know at your earliest convenience.

A reminder that memorials may be given toward bulletins any week. These memorials are also listed in the bulletin like altar flowers and one week of bulletin sponsorship remains at $40 per week. There are other occasional needs that also need sponsorship and could have memorials listed in the bulletin. If you are interested in either of these, please speak with Pastor Jay or the church office.

Outreach

Giving offerings to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually.

On November 29, the fifth Sunday our morning offerings will be given to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. This includes Bethlehem at the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church along with several schools and the university. **If you would like your offering to be donated to this ministry, please note on your offering envelope "ELCJHL".**

Concert Events

Many Voices, One Song will be presented by Inter-Church Ministries at Luther Memorial Church on Friday, November 13 at 7:00pm. The evening will be filled with offerings from a variety of musical groups; St. Paul's Cathedral Choir, Kelly's World with African Songs, Erie Day School Choir, to name a few. There is no charge; a free will offering will be taken which will benefit Inter-Church Ministries' Voucher System for Emergency Assistance.

Opportunities for Fellowship

L.I.A., Lutherans in Action, gather the second Tuesday of each month to help with community and service projects. Bring the family down and lend a hand. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695 as outings are also posted on the app. We're hoping you can join us.

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Enjoy a relaxing morning with friends at the Magic Fingers Grace Group as you knit your cares away sprinkled with some laughter. Join us November 10 for knitting and crocheting. We will not meet November 24. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. Contact Norma in the church office or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Cantor Bryan will visit the OWLS on Wednesday, November 18 at 11:00am to answer all the questions about the beginning stages of our new organ and how the process will proceed. Lunch will be served following the program; please bring a dish to share. Reservations are due to Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476, or the church office by Sunday, November 15.

Time to Shop at our Craft Show on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-3:00pm. Professional crafters with unique artistries and lots of variety will help you check off all those gifts for the holidays. Admission is $2. Free admission for educators with ID badge. Proceeds benefit our youth group.

Supporting our Youth

Holiday meals will be a snap when you order from a variety of delicious meats from Gahr's Hamloaf. Sausage flavors in links or bulk, country style breakfast sausage, Philly cheesesteak and, of course, hamloaf will make everyone's mouth water. Orders are due Sunday, November 29; pick-up is Sunday, December 20. Payment is due with your order; checks may be made to Luther Memorial Church LYO. Order forms are located at the welcome tables and the church and school offices. Proceeds benefit our youth. Thank you.

Bethany Outreach Center

"A Handful of Thanks" Fundraiser / Raffle: Bethany Outreach Center is selling Raffle tickets from now through November 20. Each ticket is entered into Five (5) drawings to win a valuable Gift Card – one on each of the following 5 days: (11/21 through 11/25), as shown on the face of the tickets:

A Handful of Thanks – 2026

Day 1 (11/21): Thankful for Little Treats - $50 Starbucks
Day 2 (11/22): Thankful for Simple Joys - $50 Cinemark
Day 3 (11/23): Thankful for a Fresh Look - $100 Target
Day 4 (11/24): Thankful for Full Tables - $100 Walmart
Day 5 (11/25): Thankful for Financial Stability - $200 Cash

$5 per Ticket, $20 for 5 tickets

If you win, you will be notified by the Phone # or Email that you provided on the ticket-stub you turned in to our Bethany Outreach volunteer. See Pat Bellingham or Eric Hedlund to purchase your ticket(s).

Finance Seminar

Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting an education presentation by our local Thriven representative, Vince Kremer on Tuesday, November 17 at 1:00pm. Vince will be speaking on the topic "Your Legacy: Family, Church, and Charity". There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for $1 each or 6 for $5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Our Members:

Betsy Brumagin	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Lois Smith
Diane Parsons	Les Fobes	Karen Zamperini	Dennis Martin
Donna Sedelmyer	Mary Mumford	Paul Meucci	Brian Hubbard
Ella Graffius			

Friends and Family:

Hannah Jacob	Gail Lesuer	Sue Rinder	Erin N.
Brian Doresch	Jim Scobel	Ellie	Peggy S.
Kimberly Dunahue	Peter Maker	Shirley	Brynlee
Kevin Soles & family	Kathy Colvin	Anthony Benacci	Susan Sasala
Jessica Kinzig	Lynn	Kathy Nicewander	Connor & family
Lisa E.	Mary Phipps	Nichole Jones	Linda & Brian
Abigal & Madison Beatty	Mark Daniels	Brooks Davis	Linda Wozniak
Ted Kemp			

Grief:

Susan Agens family

Our Military Service Men & Women:

Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	Justin Gajewski

Readings and Commemorations This Week.

2 November – Daniel Payne, teacher, pastor, 1893 -- Psalm 5; Jeremiah 5:18-31; I Thessalonians 2:13-20 -- *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.*

3 November – Martin de Porres, renewer of society, 1639 – Psalm 5; Lamentations 2:13-17; Acts 13:1-12 -- *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.*

4 November – Psalm 5; Proverbs 16:21-33; Matthew 15:1-9

5 November – Psalm 70; Amos 1:1-2:5; Revelation 8:6-9:12

6 November – Psalm 70; Amos 3:1-12; Revelations 9:13-21

7 November – John Christian Frederick Heyer, 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, 1918; missionaries – Psalm 70; Amos 4:6-13; Matthew 24:1-14 -- *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.*

CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2	8:30am	LMA Picture Re-take Day
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3	10:00am	Pericope
	12:00pm	Deborah Circle
	3:00pm	W/ELCA
	6:30pm	BAD (Calamari's)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4		
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5	10:00am	Diabetes Program
	12:00pm	Brown Bag Bible
	1:00pm	Grief Group
	5:30pm	Handbells
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	6:45pm	Choir
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6		
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7	10:00am	Quilting
	3:00pm	Craft Show

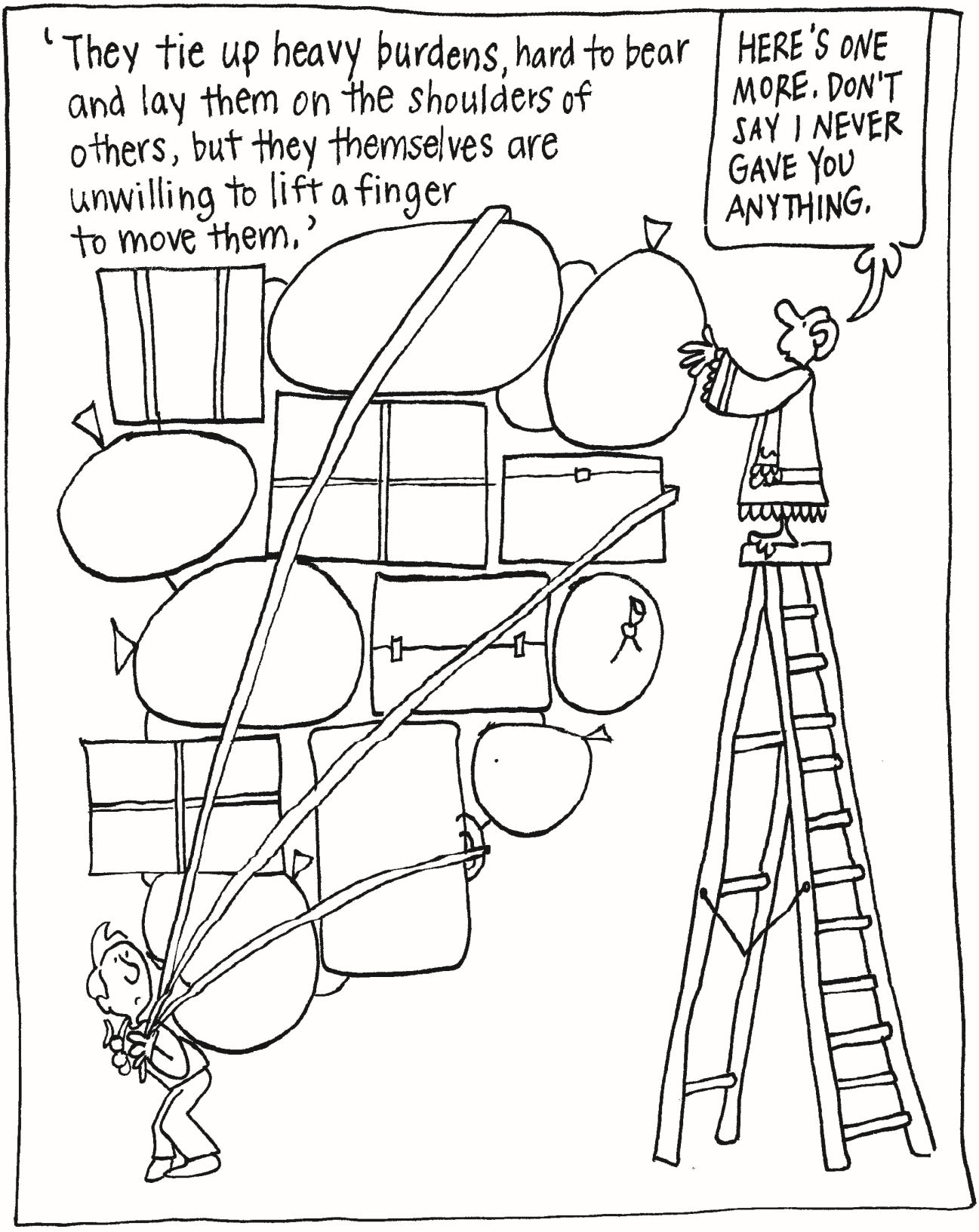
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026A
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (EXTENDED)

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.

FAITH5! will meet at 9:15am.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistant *(1 needed)*	10:30am	
Lector *(1 needed)*	10:30am	Karen Braendel
Altar Guild	8:15am	Pastor Jay
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Nick Lang
Counters	10:30am	Ken Kraut, Skip MacInnes
Ushers *(4 needed)*	10:30am	Carl Moore


'They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.'
HERE'S ONE MORE. DON'T SAY I NEVER GAVE YOU ANYTHING.