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Fill an Empty Bowl

St. James has been invited to *Empty Bowls* on Thursday, Nov. 20, 5-7:30pm at Central Cabarrus High School. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from Carrabba's and Olive Garden and take home a handcrafted ceramic bowl. Tickets are \$10, benefiting local families facing food insecurity. St. James' own Lindsey Olsen teaches art at CCHS!

Operation Christmas Child – Due Nov. 16

Share God's love by packing a shoebox for a child in need! Boxes and instructions are in the portico. Return unsealed boxes by Nov. 16 to the pickup counter.

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Thank you for supporting St. James!

The Festival of All the Saints
November 2, 2025

The Holy Communion
10:00am



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Rev. William C. Ridenhour, Pastor

Welcome to St. James Lutheran Church

Maybe you need forgiveness, or maybe you need to forgive ... Maybe you're tired and you need a little space to breathe ... Maybe you're trying church for the first time, or maybe you're trying church for the last time... Maybe you've spent your whole life wondering if God really loves you... Maybe you're lonely... Maybe you're sick... Maybe you came here looking for a miracle... Maybe you came here looking for another church but got disoriented and came here instead, and now it's too late to get up and walk out... Maybe, with God, there are no accidents... Maybe, with God, there is hope and healing and miraculous companionship... Maybe, with God, there is space to breathe and forgiveness on top of forgiveness... Maybe, with God, there is love... Maybe, with God here in our midst, we will hear those words that still split open the heavens, "You are my son! You are my daughter! You are my beloved. You. In you I am well pleased!" Maybe this is why we gather together, week after week after week, here at St. James.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this place - not just by the Saints at St. James, but by the God who revealed himself in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our brother, and our friend.

Welcome to St. James.

If you are comfortable doing so, please introduce yourself to Pastor Bill. If you have visited with us a number of times and think you might want to "make it official," please speak to Pastor Bill. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the person next to you or to an usher.

Restrooms are located on the first and second floor of the Education Building. A nursery is available for children up to and including five years of age on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to help you find them.

If you're visiting or if you have been here for 99 years (and are willing to do so), please sign a pew pad.

Let us know you visited!



Scan to connect!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Nov. 2 – Mary Elizabeth Stewart, Patricia Weisel
- Nov. 3 – Kerri Kiker
- Nov. 4 – David Klein
- Nov. 5 – Debbie Wilkinson
- Nov. 6 – Ed Ballard, Sr.
- Nov. 8 – Shannon Nesbit

CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 2	<i>Salvation Army Meal Week</i>	
	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship
Monday, Nov. 3	10:30am	Quilting
	6:30pm	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, Nov. 4	10:30am	Mary Magdalene Circle
	6:00pm	Executive Committee
Thursday, Nov. 6	6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Nov. 8	7:00pm	Organ Concert 🎹
Sunday, Nov. 9	9:00am	Adult Sunday School
	9:00am	Choir
	9:30am	Children's Sunday School
	10:00am	Worship

Organ Concert – This Saturday!

Enjoy an evening of organ and timpani music on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 7pm, featuring Brice Burton, Principal Percussionist for the Charlotte Symphony, and Dr. Kevin L. Estes, Director of Music Ministry & Organist for St. James!

Congregational Meeting – Nov. 23

Join us Sunday, Nov. 23 after worship for our annual Congregational Meeting and potluck as we elect council members and act on the 2026 budget.

Family Advent Event – Nov. 30

Stay after worship Sunday, Nov. 30 for lunch and ornament making at our Family Advent Event!



St James Lutheran Church:
Growing in Christ through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service.

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Prelude

Elévation

Théodore Dubois

Please stand.

THE INVOCATION

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.**

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: #174 For All The Saints

Please see next page.

When not printed, harmonies are available in the green LBW hymnal.



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;

yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

THE KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

G **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

G **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **G** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** **A - men**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

G **Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us**

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen



Please sit.

THE FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ ‘As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.’

A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycomore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, ‘He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.’ ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.’ ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.’

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.
THE SERMON

Please stand.
THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #320 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

THE NICENE CREED
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit or kneel, as able.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that your church gathered around Word and Sacrament,
may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in
the world. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in
your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve
Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear
our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them
courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be
fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal
kingdom. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

REMEMBRANCE of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P We give thanks for the faithful witness of all your saints who now rest from
their labors and dwell in your eternal light. With affection and love we
remember those dear to us who have died. As we light these candles that shine
with the light of your love and unfailing promises, we give you thanks for the
lives of those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past
year. Especially we remember:

*As the names of those who entered the church triumphant since last All Saints Sunday
are read, a chime is tolled and a candle is lit.*

**Theresa A. Fleck
Martha Anne Fridlund
Tony R. Mosely**

P Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. Strengthen us to run
with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer
and perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with
each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final
victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your
mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please sit.

THE OFFERING

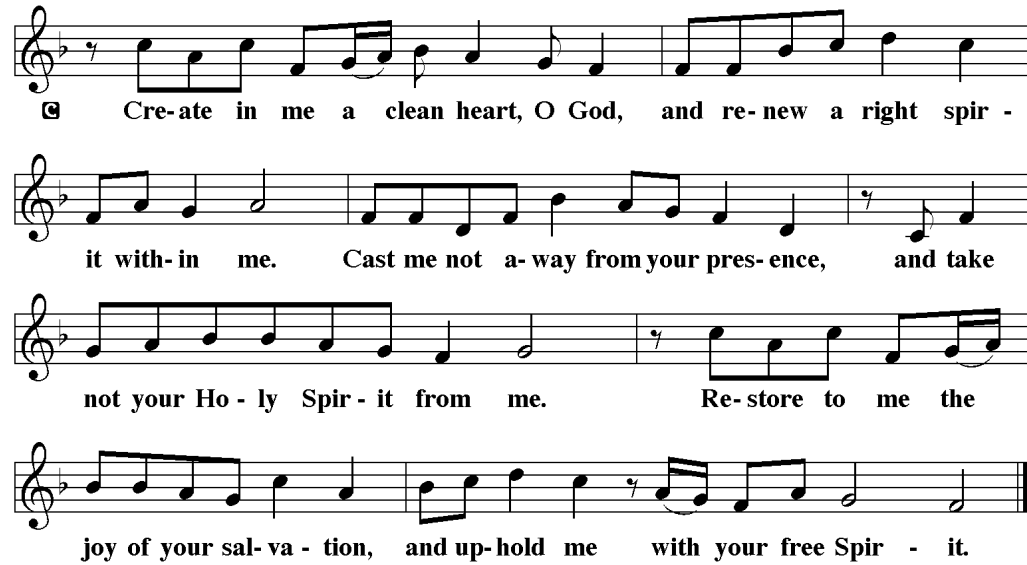
THE ANTHEM

Blessed Are the Men who Fear God Felix Mendelssohn
(from Elijah)

*Blessed are the men who fear God, they ever walk in the ways of peace.
Through darkness riseth light to the upright.
God is gracious, compassionate.
-Psalms 128:1, 112:4*

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



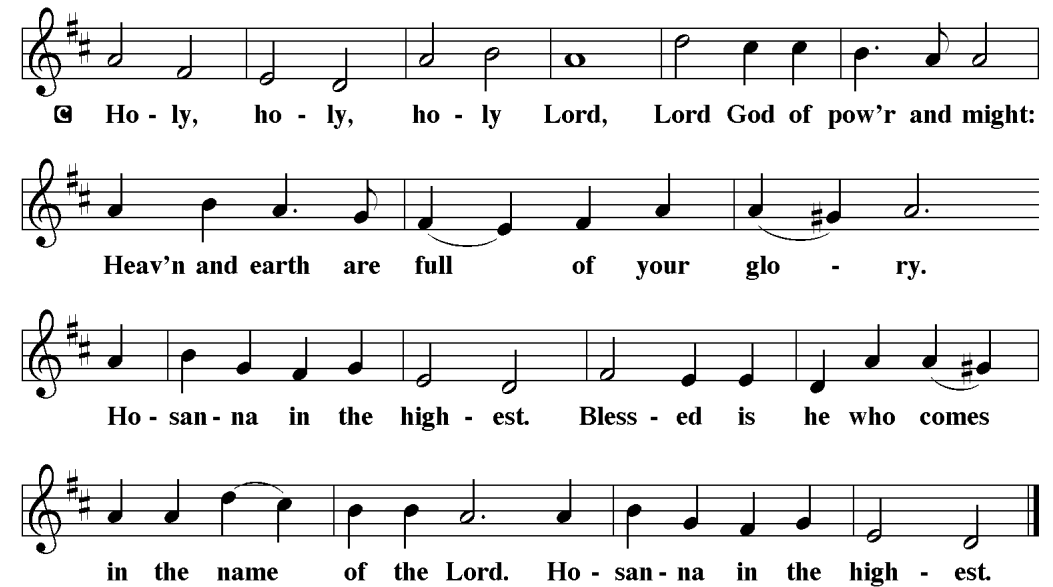
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
A Blessed are you,
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



THE COMMUNION RITE

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

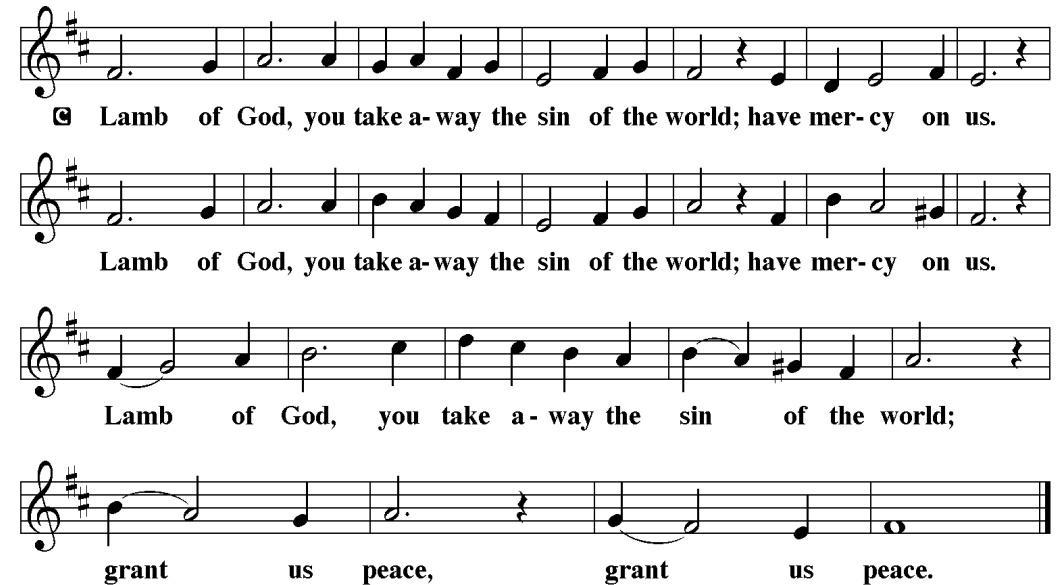
All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**



Please sit.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

A: Instituted by Christ himself, it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink.

Q: What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

A: We are told in the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins.” By these words the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

-Luther’s Small Catechism Part V

Jesus bids all the baptized to feast at his table. For those unable to partake of wine, white grape juice is available. If you wish for the pastor to bring communion to you. Please advise an usher.

Please stand.
THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.
P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen



THE BENEDICTION

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen

THE SENDING HYMN: #553 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Please see next page.

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE Fanfare Mathias



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Yet, on and on - ward still, with hymn and chant and song,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
through gate and porch and col - umned aisle the hal - lowed path - ways throng.

Refrain

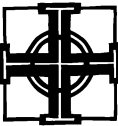


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

7 Praise him who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Congregational Meeting	Nov. 23 – 11AM (after worship)
Family Advent Event	Nov. 30 – 11AM (after worship)
Carols by Candlelight	Dec. 13 – 7PM
Christmas Eve Family Service	Dec. 24 – 5:30PM
Candlelight Service	Dec. 24 – 10:00PM