Welcome to

Gethsemane
LUTHERAN
Church & Preschool

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday

The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:
GROW UP in His Word,
GROW OUT in his Ministry,
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

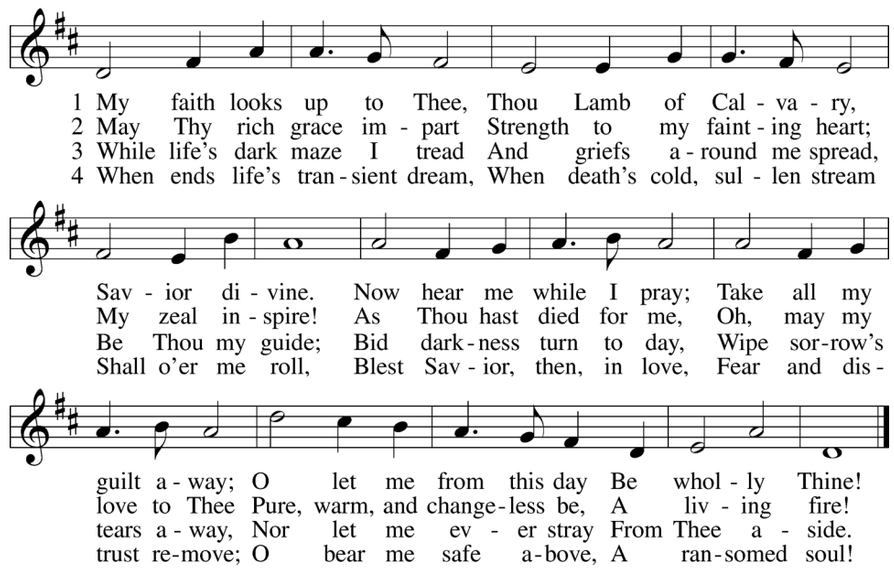
Pastor James Jennings
Preschool Director: Kim Perry
Administrative Assistant: Schawna Briney
Organist: Hsaio Lan Wang
Elder on Duty: Curtis Sitz

+ PRELUDE +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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+ 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.**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

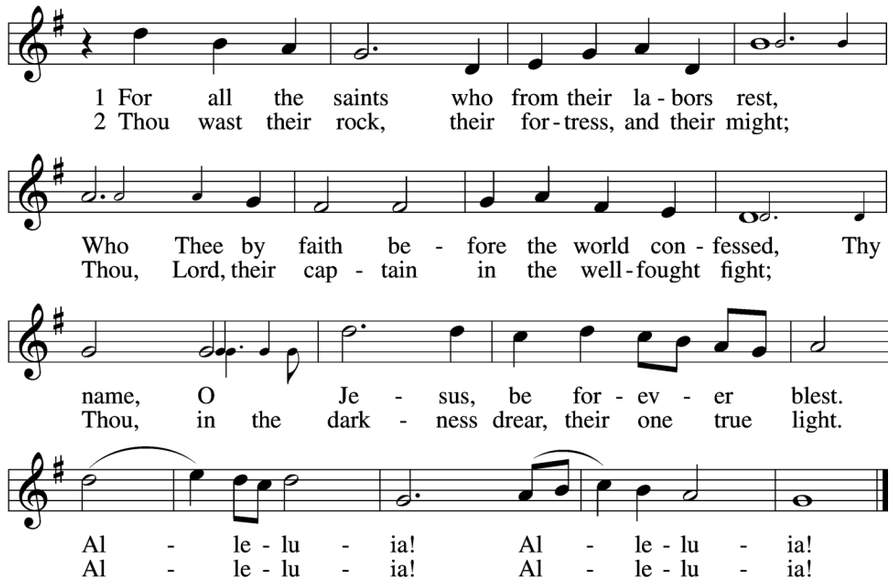
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ THE CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS +

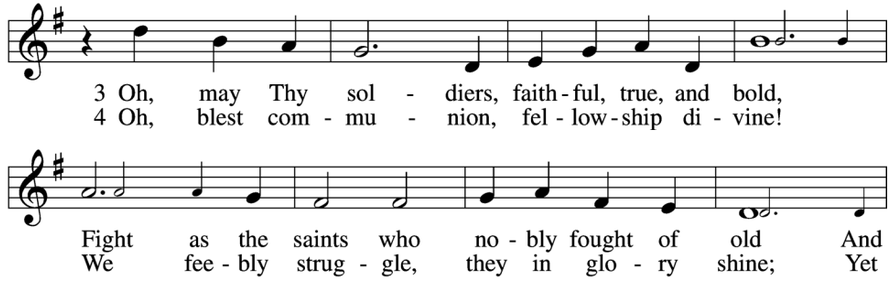
677 For All the Saints sts. 1-2

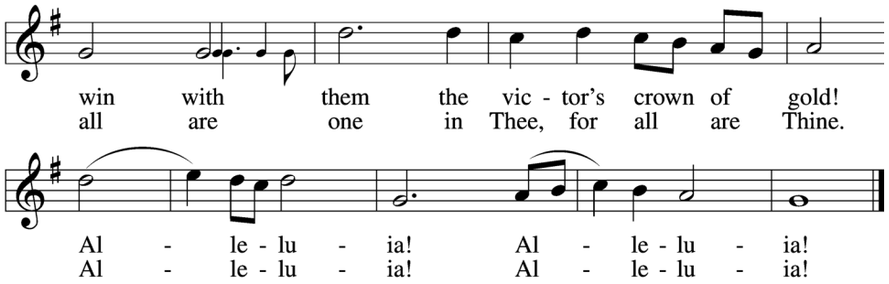


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A moment of Silence to remember the Saints of the Early Church who fought with courage for the Kingdom of God.

677 For All the Saints sts. 3-4

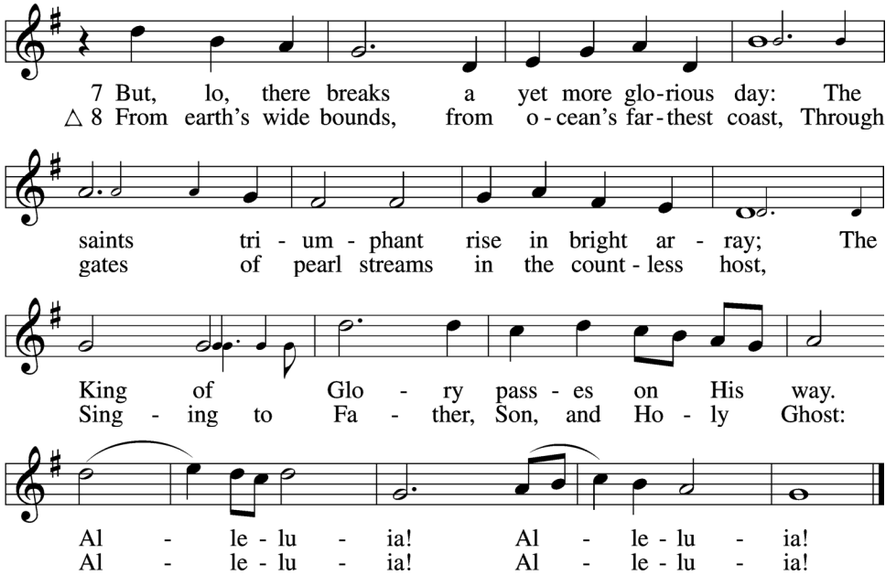




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A moment of Silence to remember our loved ones and friends who are now sainted at Jesus' feet.

677 For All the Saints sts. 7-8



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We remember our Beloved Saints
(Names of Those Who Have Died within the Last Year are Read)
In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before our Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all who are in our hearts and minds this day.

P Christ is risen. Alleluia!

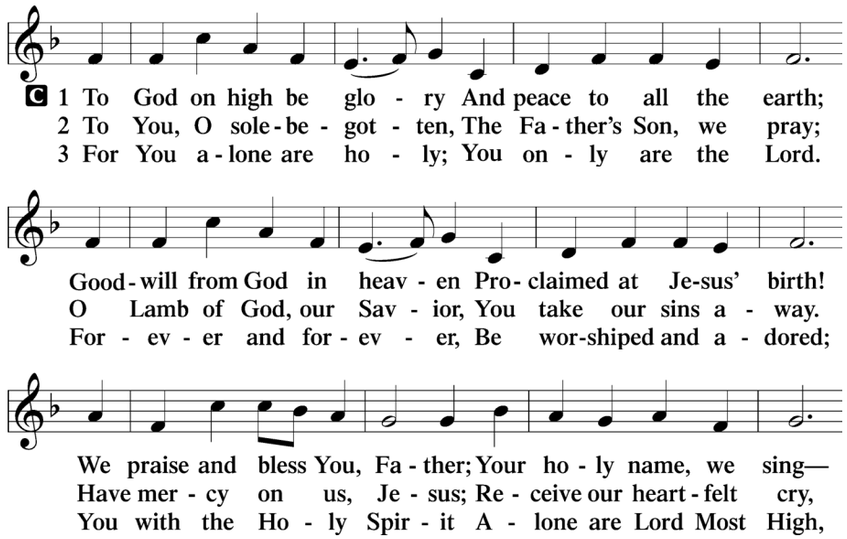
C **Alleluia!**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE LSB 204



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204





Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Revelation 7:2-17

2 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, 3 saying, "Do not harm
the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our
God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000,
sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

9 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, 10 and crying out with a loud voice,
"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 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, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and
ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed
in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 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.

15 "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.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 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.**

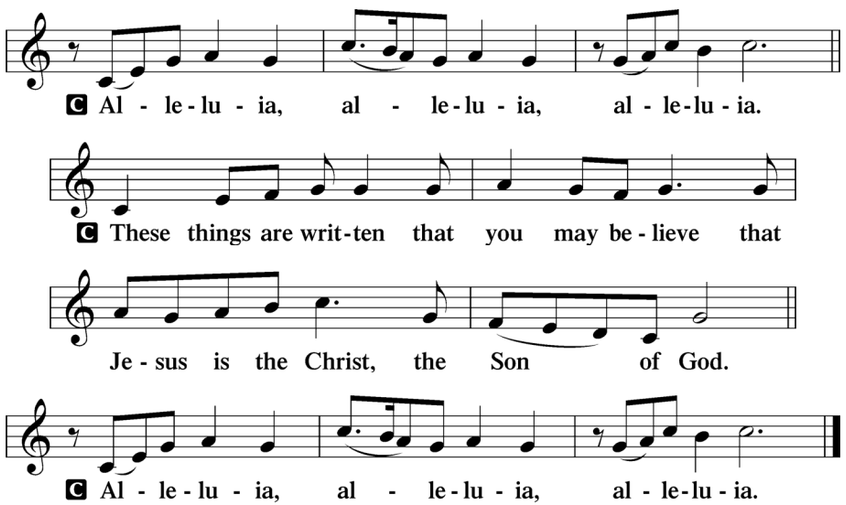
EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-3

[1]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. [2]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. [3]And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

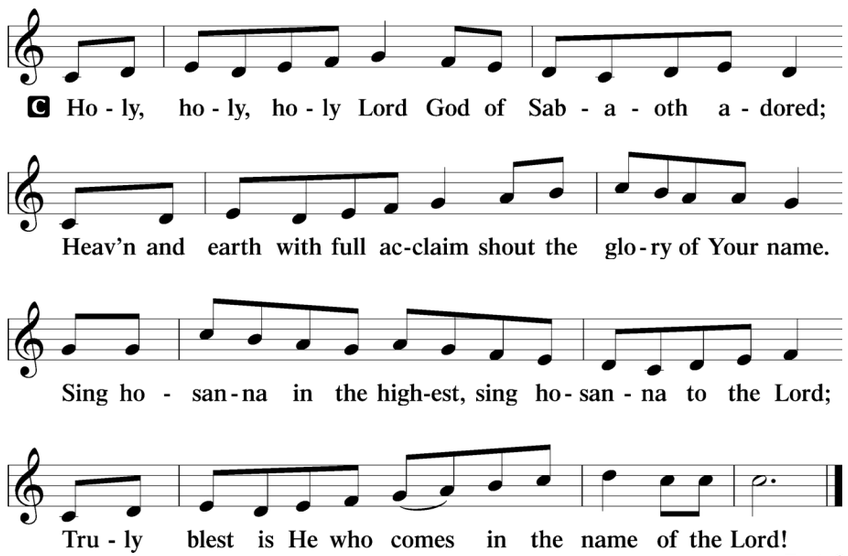
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary … evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS LSB 208



Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

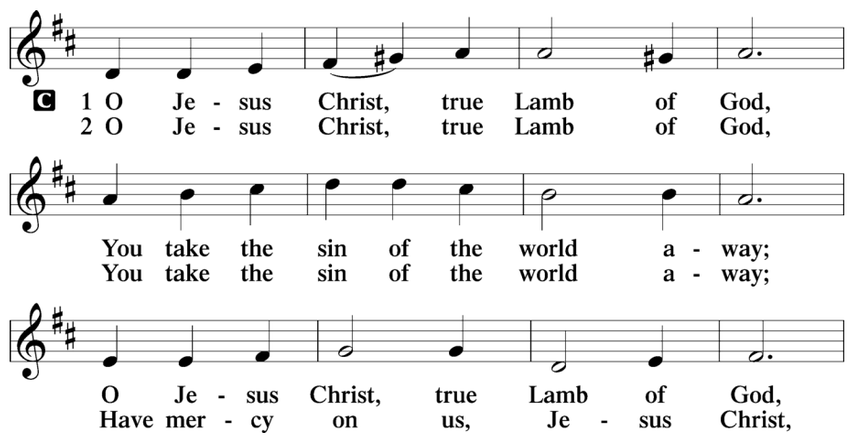
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

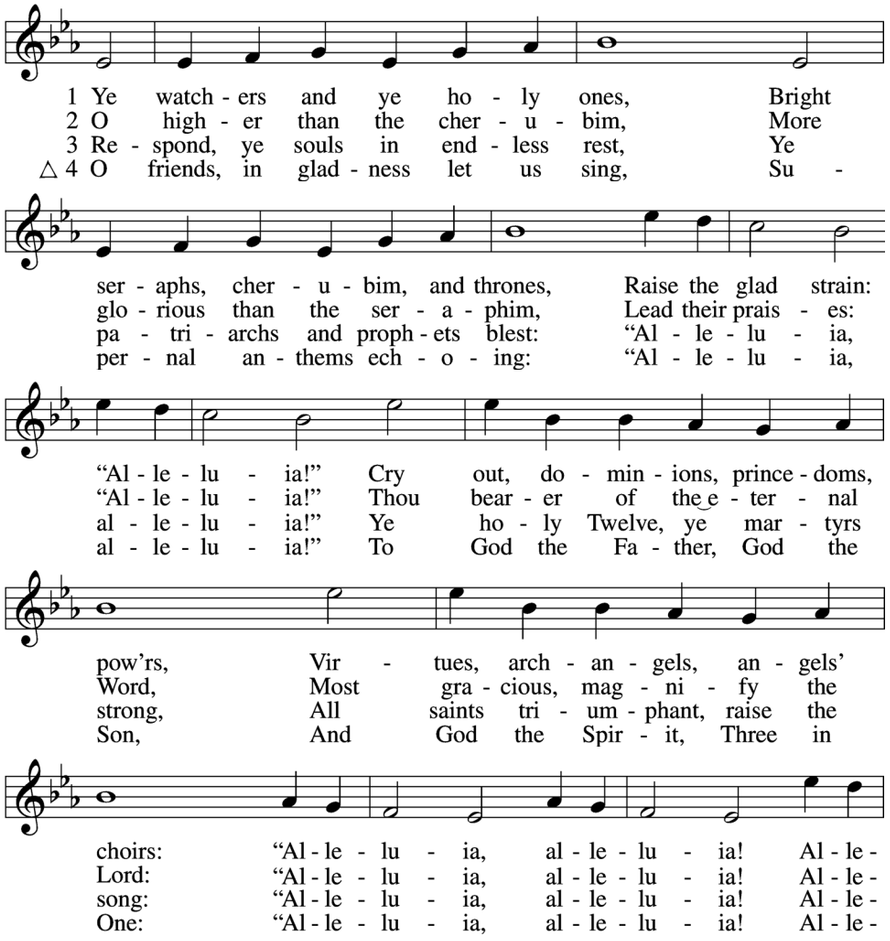




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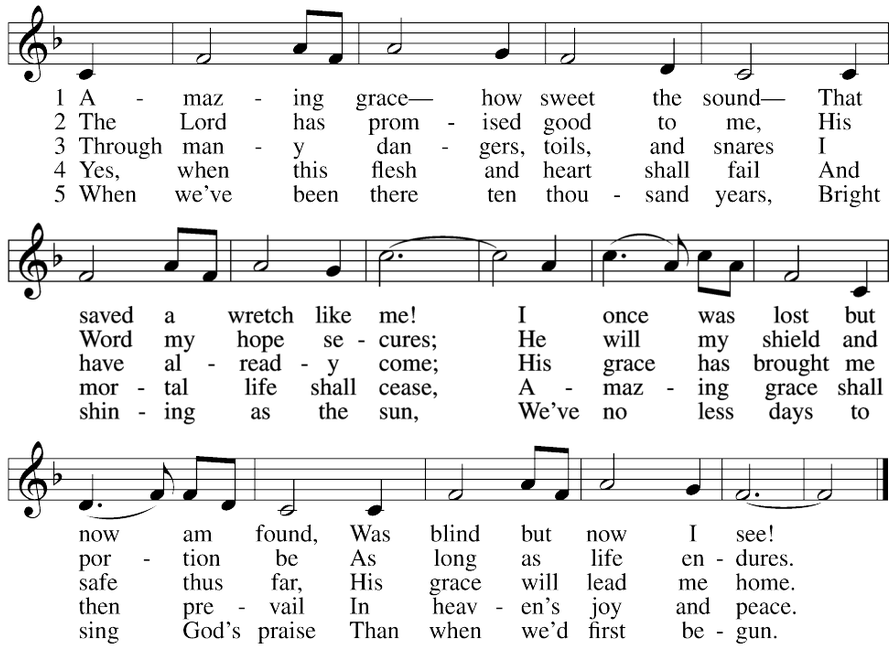
670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones





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744 Amazing Grace *sts. 1-5*



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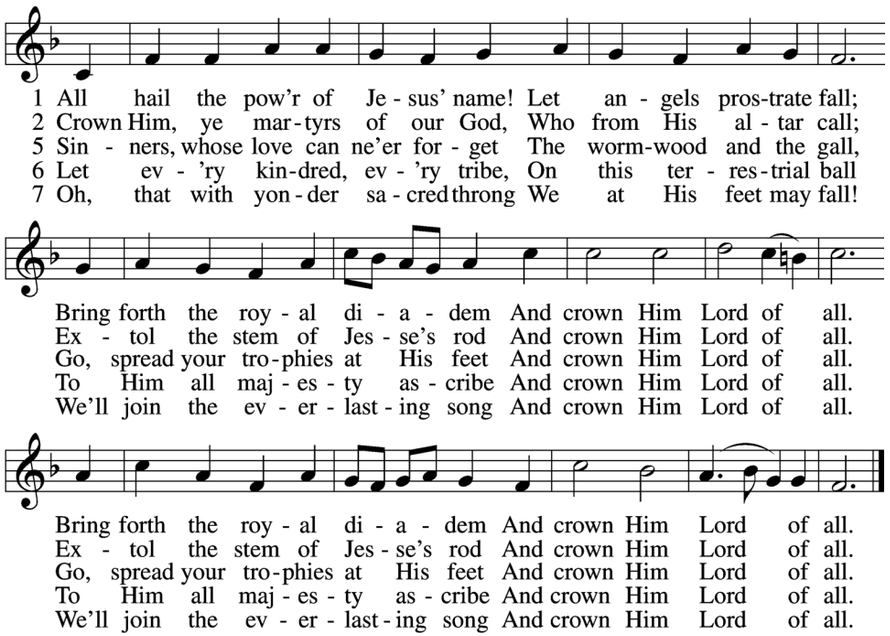
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS LSB 212

BENEDICTION

+ CLOSING HYMN +

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name sts. 1–2, 5-7



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+ POSTLUDE +

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What's Happening @ Gethsemane

Flowers for Sunday:

There are two openings left for November. Sign up now in the Narthex!

T-Shirt and Yard Sign Fundraiser!

See flyer in the Narthex, emailed newsletter or come stop by the office! All orders due by November 1st!



Decorate a Turkey Feather

Gethsemane is putting together our giant turkey in the Life Center and would love your help! Pick up a white feather in the Narthex to decorate. Bring back by November 3rd. We cannot wait to see how big the turkey will be this year!

Sunday Morning Bible Classes @ 10:15 a.m.
Stay for coffee and cookies after the 9 a.m. worship service then join a Bible class!

Women's Bible Study: "Bless These Lips" – Led by Maria Keeling – Meets in the Library

"Luther's Small Catechism" – Led by Pastor James Jennings – Meets in the Life Center

Tuesday Morning Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
Join our midweek bible study with Pastor James as we continue to take a "Bird's Eye" view of the Bible. **No Class 11/6**



November 9th from 10 to 1 pm. For those of retirement age for fellowship and games, followed by devotion and potluck meal at noon. RSVP to Maria Keeling.

Family Night Dinner
Join us for dinner on Wednesdays, from now through November 18th at 5:30pm in the Life Center for a home-cooked meal.



Dinner Price: (Cash only)
Adults - $5
Children (ages 5 to 11) - $2
Under 5 eat FREE!

Fall Congregational Meeting

Will be held November 15th after Bible Study.

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