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"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."
Revelation 7:9

Welcome

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit us today!
Please sign our Guest Book, located in the church entryway (Narthex), as well as the attendance sheet, which can be found in the red folder in each pew. Please let us know how we can assist you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** *are located in the Narthex.*

- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

- **QUIET/CALMING ROOM** *and a changing table are located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).*

- **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal. Trusting in the promises of his Word, "—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," they intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.*

- **RECEIVING COMMUNION** *Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup on the communion rail rack. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing "that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ."*

- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

Sundays at 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall**.
Sundays at 9:30 am: Sunday School: Grades 4th & 5th in the **Pine Tree House.**
Sundays at 9:15 am: Sunday School: Grades 6th – 12th in the **Pine Tree House**.
Tuesdays at 10:00 am: Tuesdays with the Pastor Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall.**
Tuesday 12:00 pm: Women's Potluck Bible Study in the **Fellowship Hall**.
Tuesday 6:00 pm: Pastor's Men's Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House.**

All Saints' Day
Divine Service Setting Two

The Mission of Messiah Lutheran is to grow in our relationship with God through worship, education, and service, while sharing Christ's peace and fellowship with all.

AS WE GATHER

"17For 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."
Revelation 7:17

It's always sad when we lose a loved one. The pain and mourning can be overwhelming, even crippling, as we try to handle the loss. But God promises us that for those who die in the faith, they haven't lost anything but rather gained everything! They are with Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, resting at His throne, and one day, we will be there with them, and our Lord, too.

PRELUDE & PERSONAL DEVOTION *(Quiet Please)*

+Confession and Absolution+

Stand

All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION *LSB 151*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

℣ **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS *LSB 151*

℣ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

℟ **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.**

ABSOLUTION *LSB 151*

℣ 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.
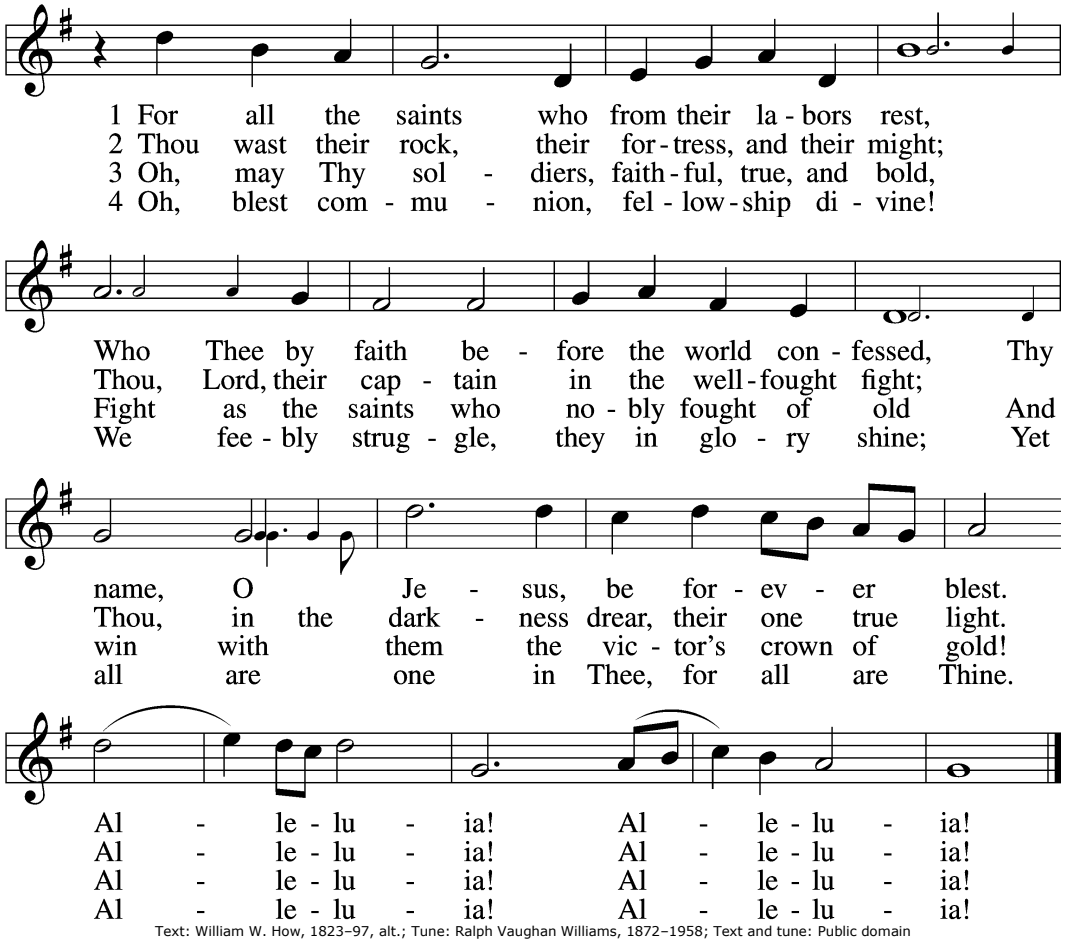
℟ **Amen.**

SHARING PEACE:

Please extend the hand of fellowship to your neighbors with the words:
"The peace of the Lord."

+Service of the Word+

ENTRANCE HYMN
677 FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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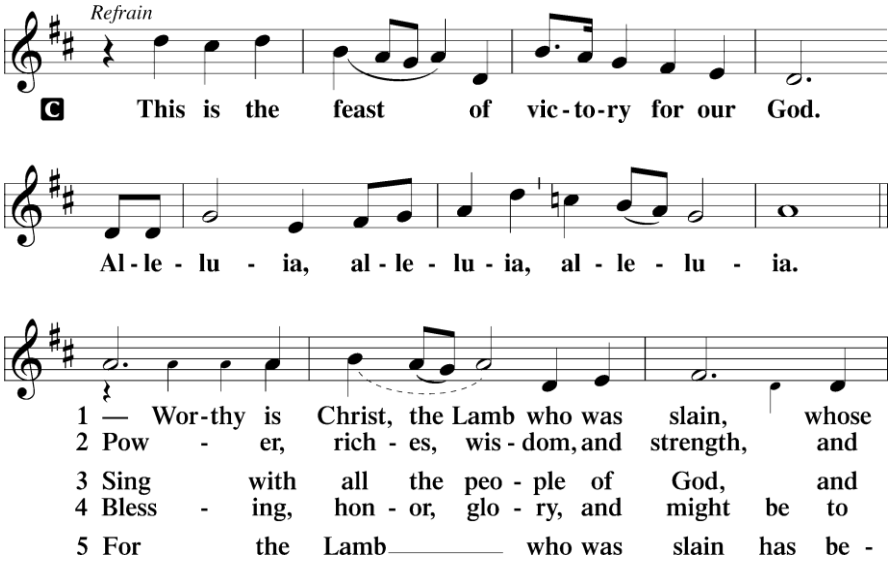
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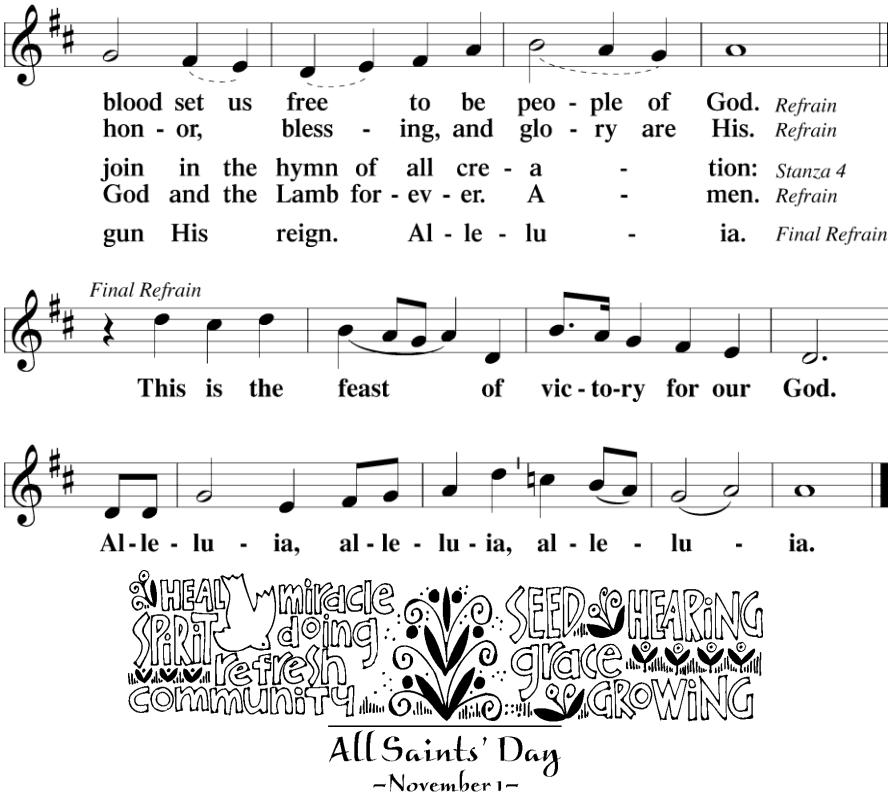
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**



THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155





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.**

Sit

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9–17

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.
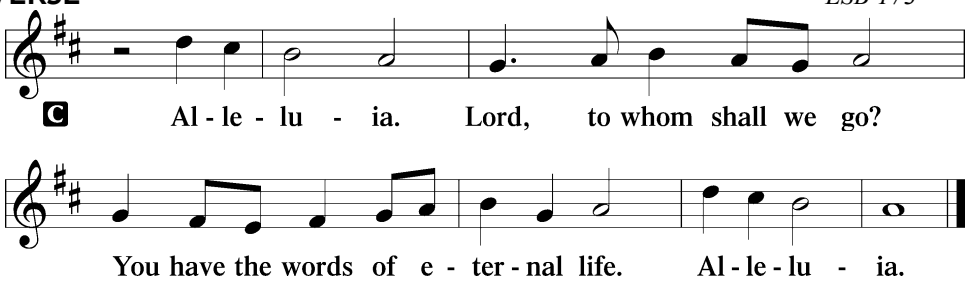
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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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.**

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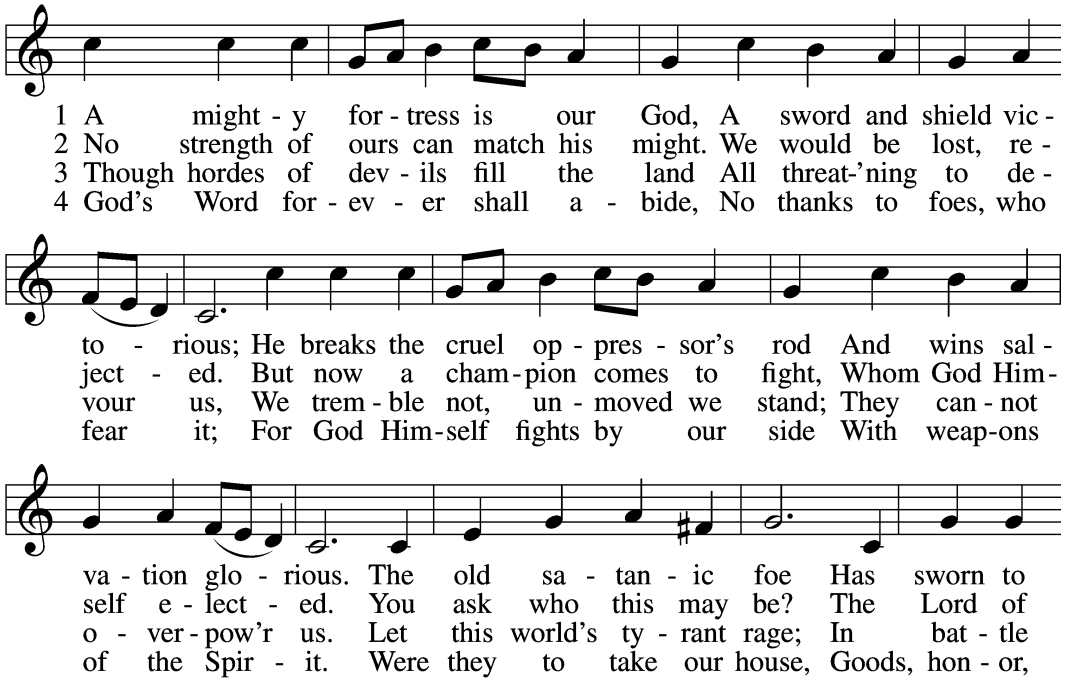
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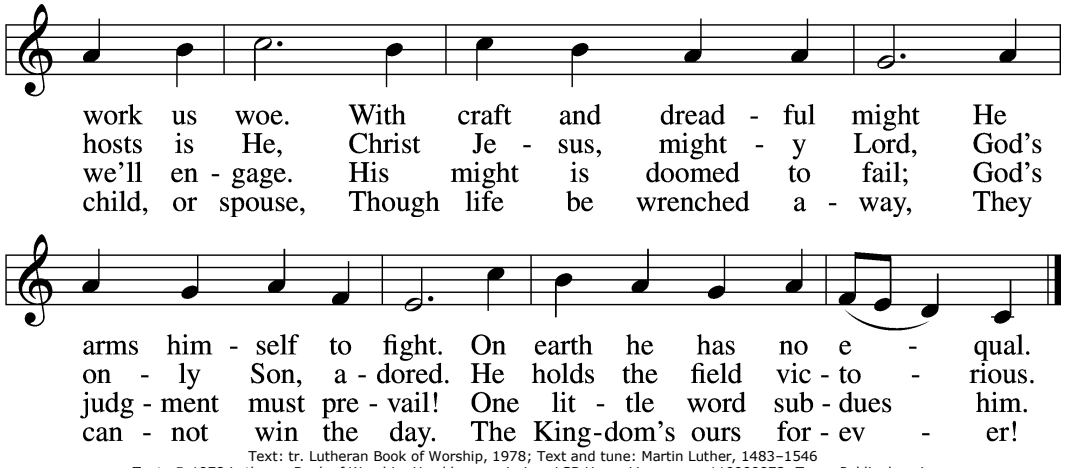


HYMN OF THE DAY

657 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

sts. 1–4





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SERMON **PASTOR STEPHEN WAREHAM**

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NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

I 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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we know Your great love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should

go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain all expectant mothers and their little ones. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, our King, You are Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to those who rule this land, that they may faithfully promote good and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous Lord, be near to the sick and the recovering. Grant them health and healing according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, we hunger and thirst for the righteousness of Your Son. Satisfy us as we feed on His body and blood under bread and wine. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, we give thanks and praise to You for the faithful lives of the saints, remembering especially this day those who labored among us, _____, serving Your Son with the gifts that You gave them. Grant us to follow their good example and seek out ways to serve our Master who so faithfully serves us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, we give You thanks that 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.**

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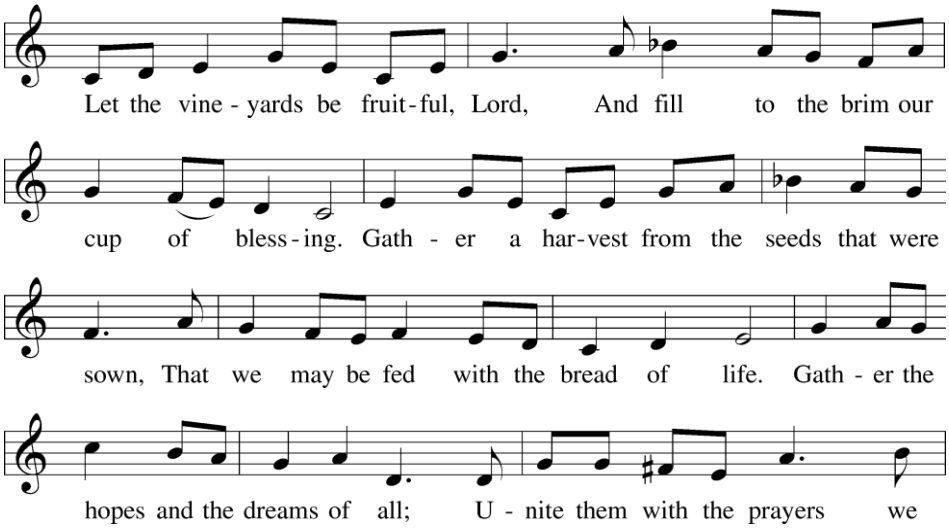
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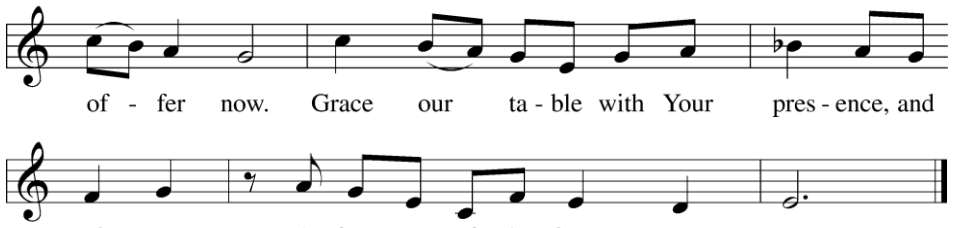
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OFFERTORY

955 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL





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+Service of the Sacrament+

PREFACE

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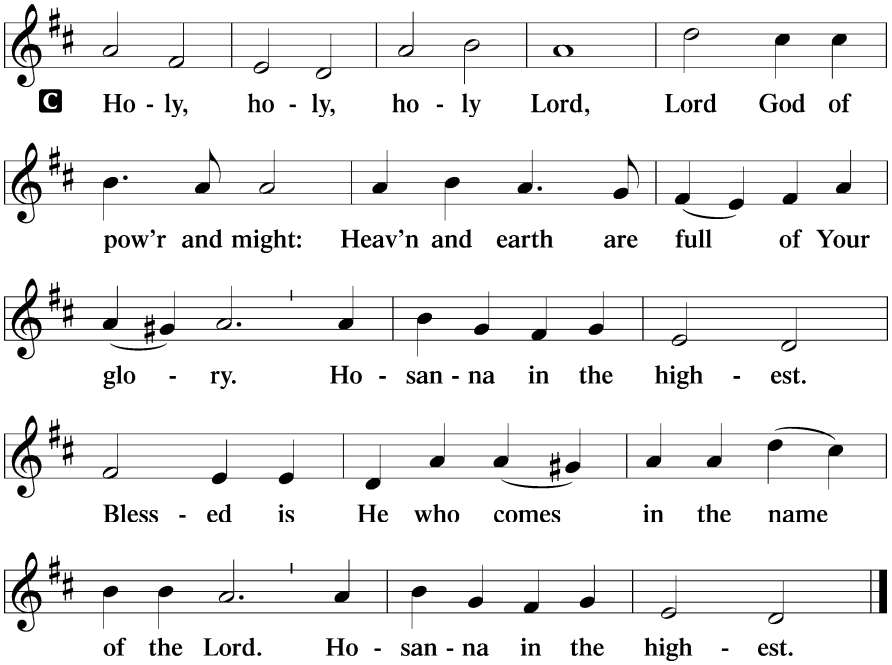
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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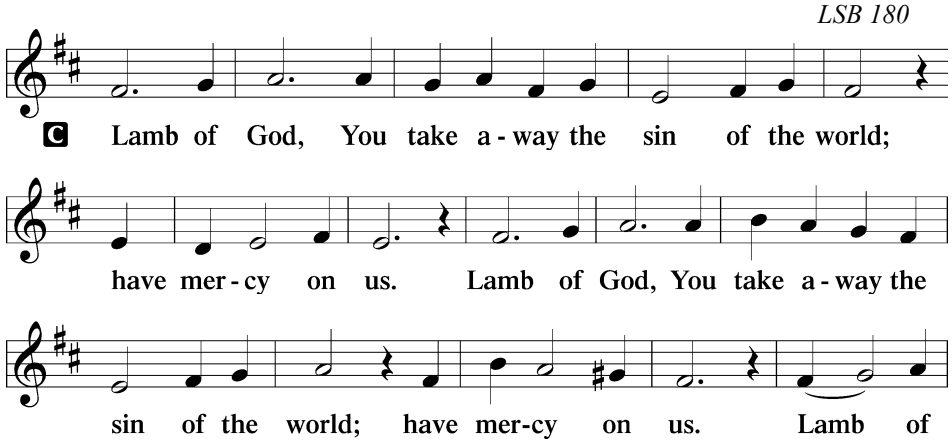
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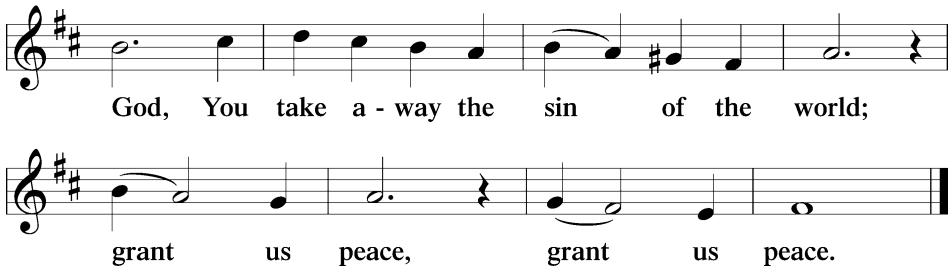
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

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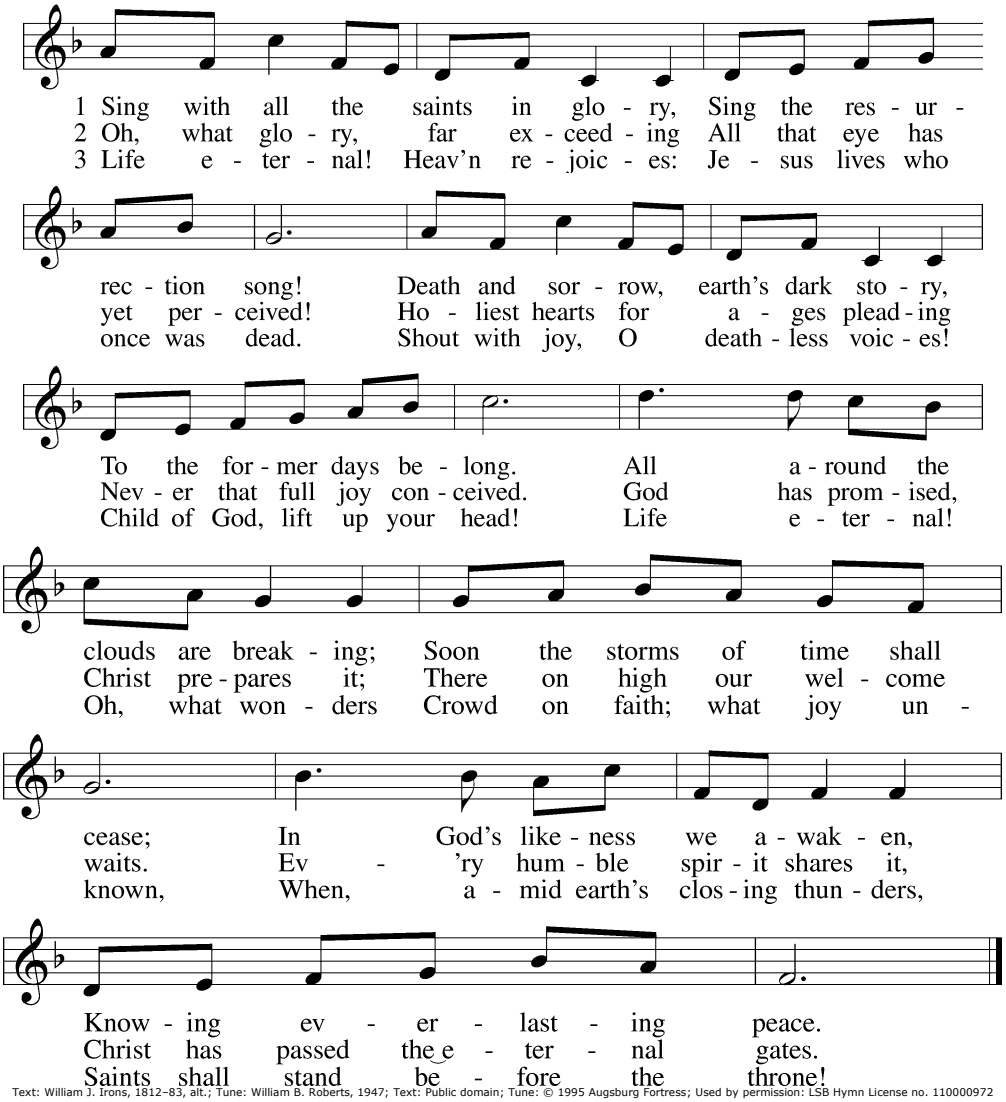




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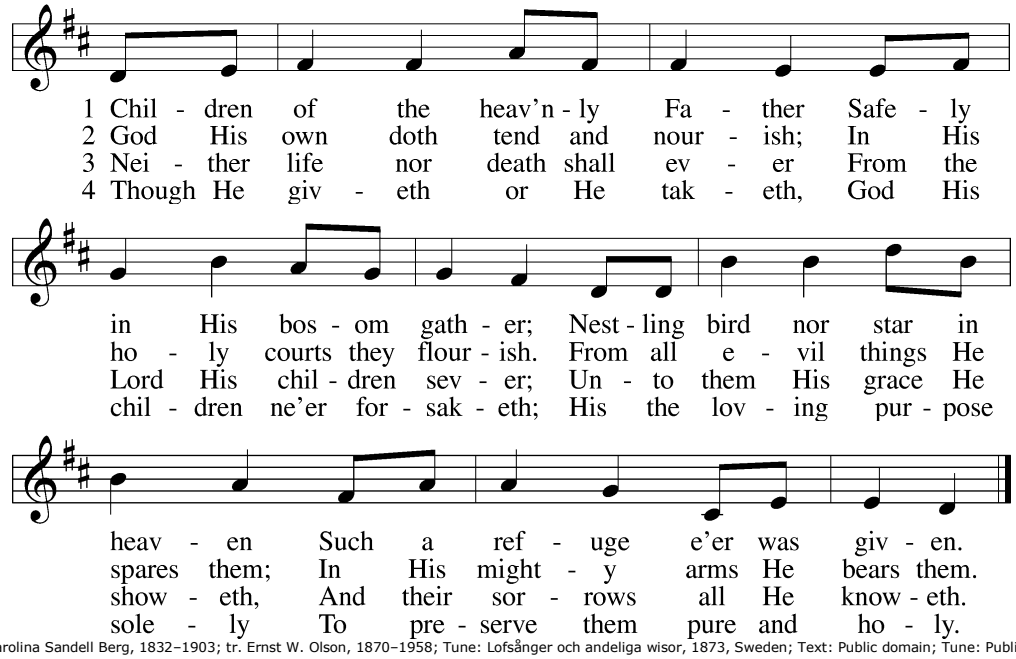
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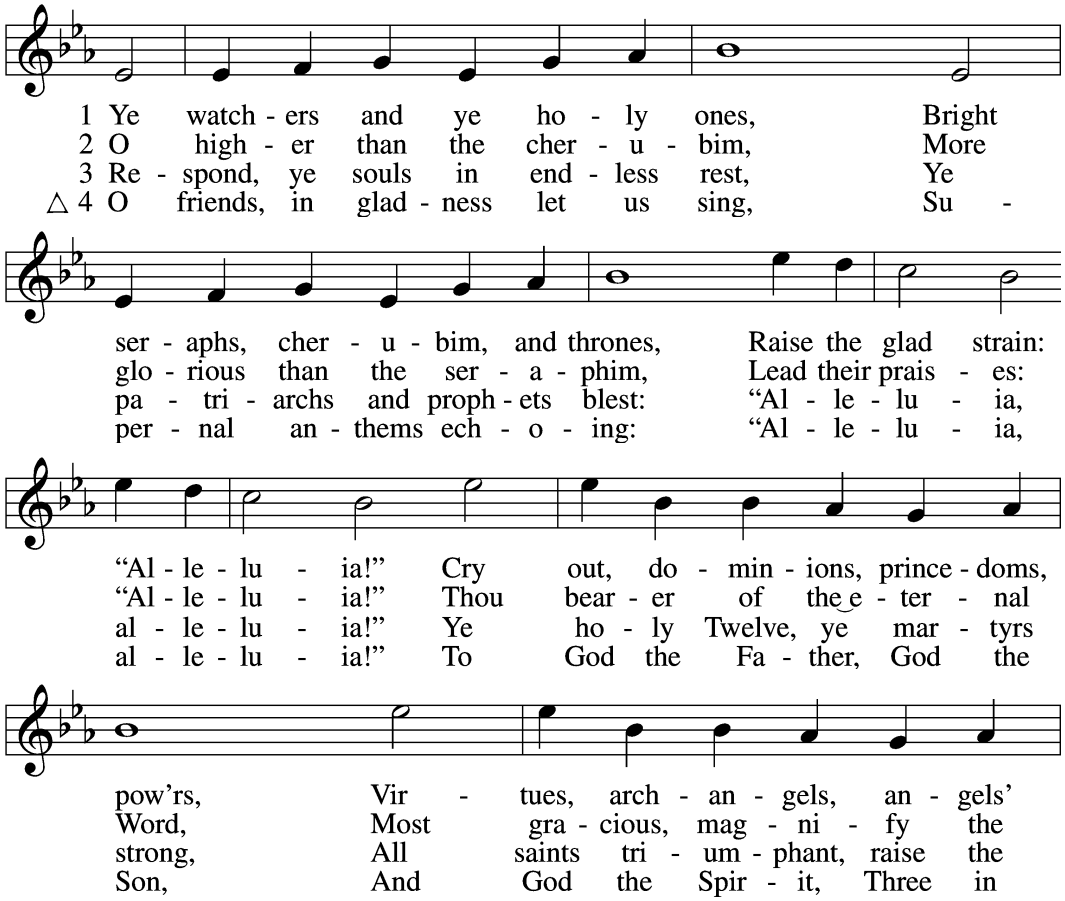
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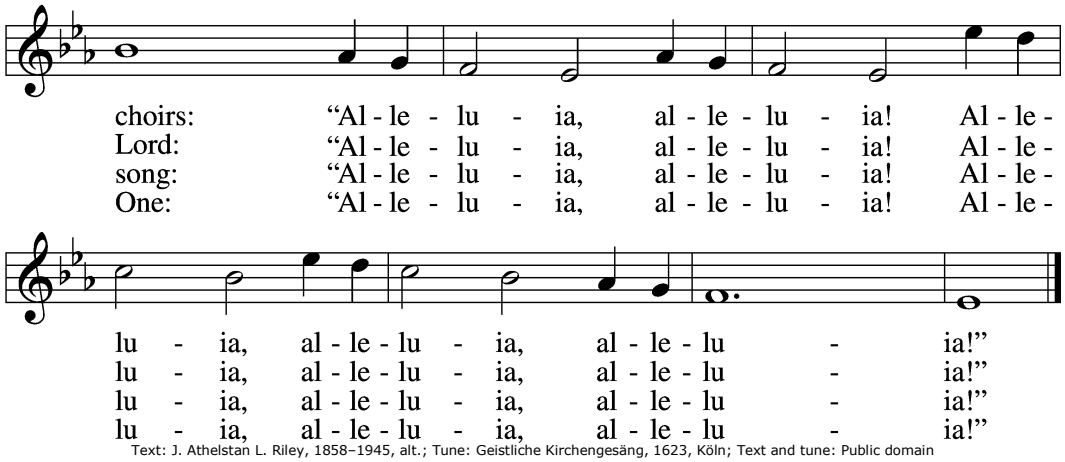
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670 YE WATCHERS AND YE HOLY ONES



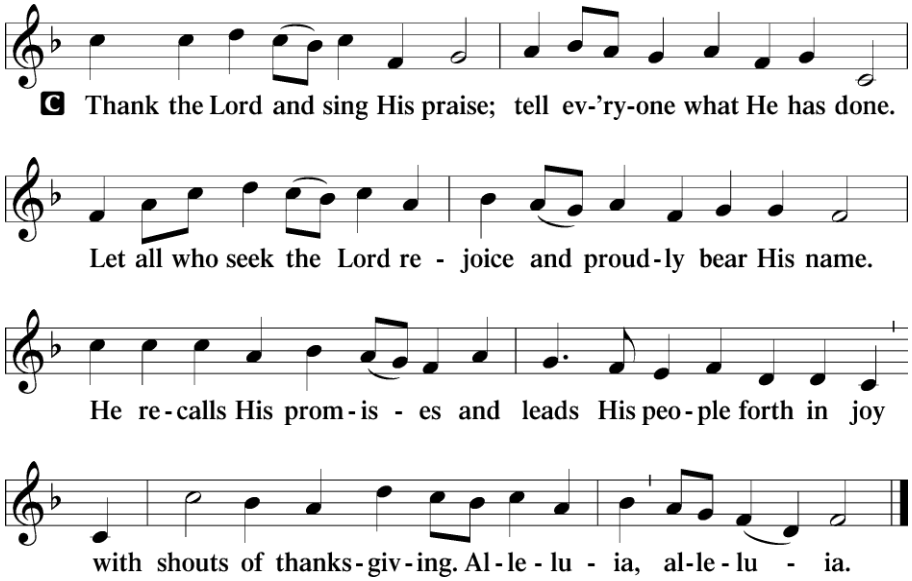


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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE
THANK THE LORD

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.

C **Amen.**

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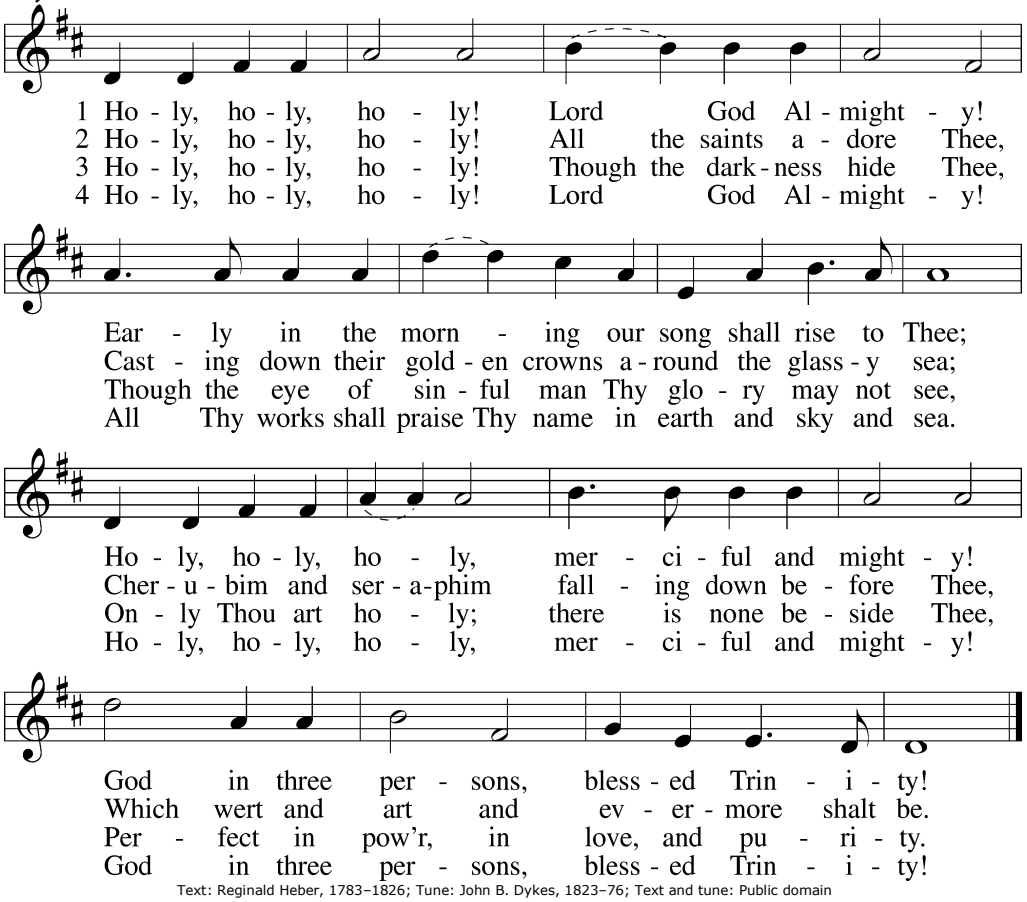
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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN
507 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

sts. 1–4



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

As we remember the faithful who have gone before us, let's honor the saints whose lives and love have touched ours. Though no other commemorations fall this week, their impact lives on in our hearts. "For all the saints who from their labors rest…"

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 5:18 – 24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18; Matthew 25:1 – 13

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Hebrews 12:1



† THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN †

TUES	**10:00**	**'Tuesdays with the Pastor' Bible Study**
	12:00	**Ladies Potluck Bible Study**
	6:00	**Mens Potluck Bible Study**
THURS	**9 – 12**	**Quilter's Group with Devotional**
	6:00	**Messiah Singers Practice**

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Thrivent will provide up to $3 million in matching funds for eligible online donations made through its giving platform that day. Eligible gifts may receive a match of up to $1 for every $1 donated.

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Thank you for supporting Messiah and the work we do together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S LWML BAZAAR TIME AGAIN!!!!

LWML BAZAAR – NOVEMBER 7th.

Join us from 8 am – 1 pm!



Handmade and baked good items donations may be dropped off on November 5th from 9 pm – 5 pm or November 6th from 9 am - 7 pm. Please place your desired pricing on your items.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! Please price and label baked goods, and indicate whether they contain nuts.

SPECIAL INVITE FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SHOP: Friday, November 6th, from 5 – 7 pm! Members get first choice! Questions?
Contact Nan Boyd at 229-834-4881.

Thank you!
The LWML Bazaar Ladies

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT OKTOBERFEST!

We had lots of great dishes, including bratwurst, hot dogs, side dishes, sauerkraut, red cabbage, traditional German favorites, and yummy desserts! The Fellowship Hall was decorated with festive Oktoberfest colors and banners, and Pastor provided the polka music to set the tone. If you weren't there, you missed a great time!

Thank you to Marcia and Mary Beth for their hard work coordinating the food sign-up, shopping, and decorating the Hall for everyone to enjoy. And also to our Elders, Mike and Charlie, for cooking the bratwurst and hot dogs. Many of us especially like the extra-charred ones! Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed a dish, and helped in the background. Lutherans always come through with food! Your attendance and participation make the effort worthwhile.

A special thanks to everyone who contributed to the Love Offering. Those dollars help defray the cost of food and other expenses while providing a financial base for our next fellowship event. Blessings to all!