### **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Missouri Synod



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> *Sunday* 9:00 AM Worship Service

**10:30 AM** Adult Bible Class Sunday School

Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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"For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Revelation 7:17)

# ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED) NOVEMBER 5, 2023

# **WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - When I am poor in spirit, when I mourn, when I am meek, when I am hunger and thirst for righteousness, when I show mercy, when I am heartbroken, when I make peace, when I am persecuted for Your sake, You bless me. Your blessing abounds in all circumstances. Guide me to be a blessing to the people around me. Fill my heart with peace as I remember those who have gone before me; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**AS WE GATHER -** Every year on either November 1 or the first Sunday of November, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. Lutherans teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, they are sinners redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and they are sinners who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember saints? Our Augsburg Confession of 1530 says it clearly: "Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling" (AC XXI 1). Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.

# **WELCOME**

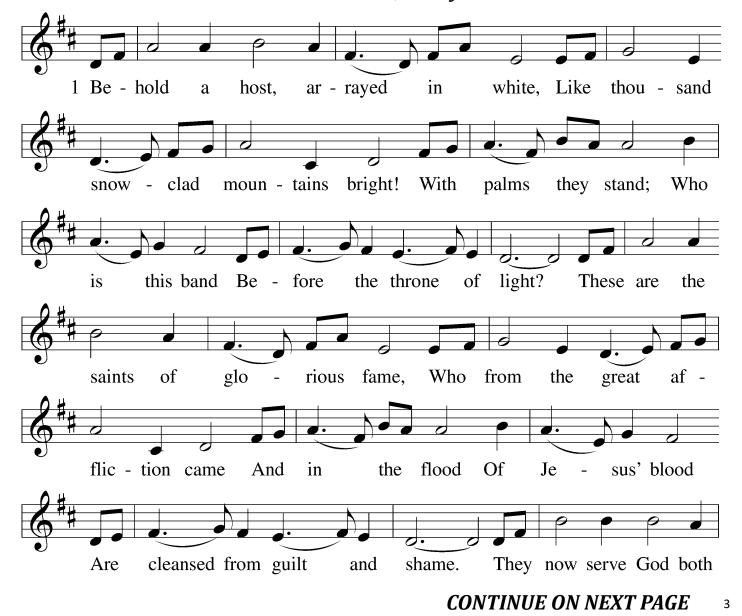
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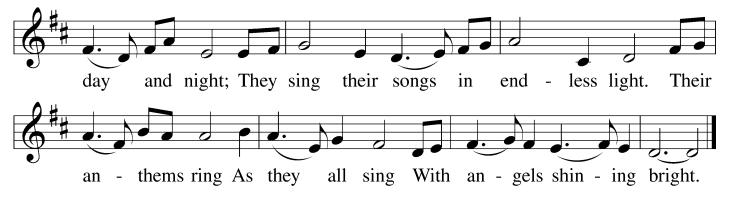
(A quiet time for prayer and meditation) PRELUDE **OPENING HYMN** 

**DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR** 

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

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2 Despised and scorned, they sojourned here; But now, how glorious they appear! Those martyrs stand, A priestly band, God's throne forever near. On earth they wept through bitter years; Now God has wiped away their tears, Transformed their strife To heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears. They now enjoy the Sabbath rest, The heav'nly banquet of the blest; The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board Himself is host and guest. 3

O blessèd saints in bright array Now safely home in endless day, Extol the Lord,
Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring
Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.
The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng! Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemer's song!

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# **INVOCATION**

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

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

- P 0 almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### **INTROIT** *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

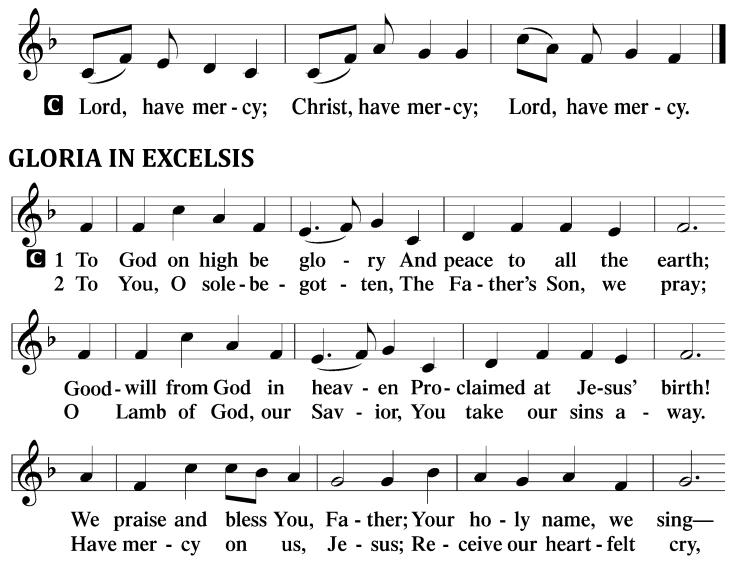
P So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the *CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE* 

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blood of the Lamb.

- C In You, O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness.
- P For You are my rock and my fortress; therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me.
- C Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- P So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

### **KYRIE**





Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

### SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P Let us pray. Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Please sit

# **FIRST READING** Revelation 7:(2–8), 9–17

(John catches a glimpse in a vision of God's restoration of all creation.) 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the *CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE*  Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and 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 dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM** *Psalm* 149

P Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints.

- C Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- P Let them praise His name with the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
- C For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.
- P Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds.
- C Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-

### edged sword in their hand,

- P To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;
- C To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
- P To execute on them the written judgment—this honor have all His saints.

Praise the Lord!

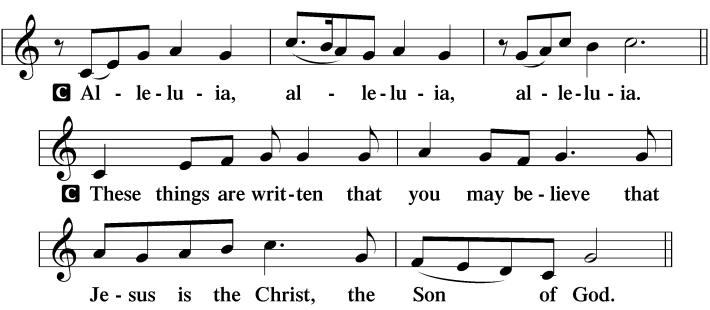
# **EPISTLE**1 John 3:1-3

(The Father loves us and calls us His children.)

1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:1–12* 

(Jesus blesses some of the least likely people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)

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

# C Glory to You, O Lord.

1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then 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 filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain 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 they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward 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.

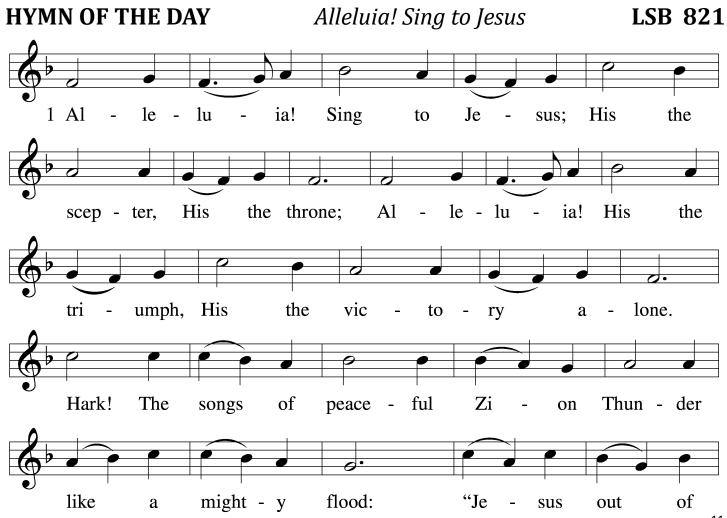
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All I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?
- Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne. As within the veil You entered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both priest and victim In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
  His the scepter, His the throne;
  Alleluia! His the triumph,
  His the victory alone.
  Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
  Thunder like a mighty flood:

#### "Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

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#### **SERMON** *"The Greatest Victory Celebration! Forever and Ever!* Amen!" (Revelation 7:9-12)

#### **OFFERING**

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**SHARING OF THE PEACE** "Peace be with you" (John 20:21) (Sharing through ASL (American Sign Language))

### **COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

P Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: "Precious in the sight of the CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE 13 Lord is the death of His saints." On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and entrance into eternal glory of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, we have mourned the loss of our loved ones in our church family and our extended church family. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end. We honor the life and give thanks to God for these His saints:

(As each name is read the bell will sound.)

June 13, 2023	Jeanette Weber
June 14, 2023	Lee Roy Veland

P ... and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord Jesus.

Let us pray. Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.
  - A time of silence.
- P That the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the saints who by God's grace were agents of Christ's life-giving service in the world, and for pastors,

church workers, and all people of the Church, that they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of our salvation with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; for all who serve in the armed forces; for victims of violence and war; and for our enemies, Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P For all those in any kind of need, those whom we have named and whom we name silently before You. [Time of silence]. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

# Additional bids may be added.

P For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts; having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

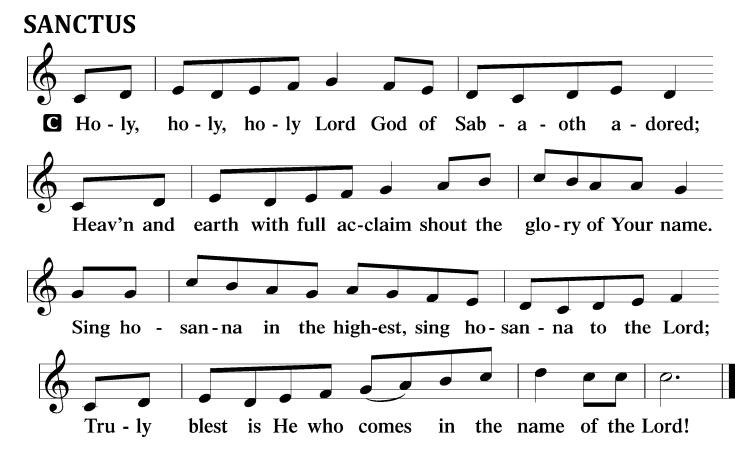
- P Hear us when we call upon You, most merciful Father, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to Your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

# PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- 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 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 sustains us with faith, fills us with undeserved grace, and works in us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P God of grace and glory, in love You created us and all living creatures. You called Abraham and Sarah to follow Your guidance in a confusing world. You fed the Israelites in the wilderness. You fed Elijah the prophet in a time of drought. Now, in the fulness of time, You sent Jesus, our Lord, who now feeds us with His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank You, Lord. We give You thanks for this gift of Christ's body and blood, shared at

this altar with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven. Feed our faith, fill us with Your grace, and guide us by Your Spirit.

C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

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

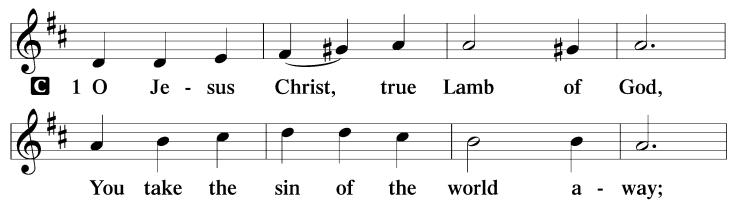
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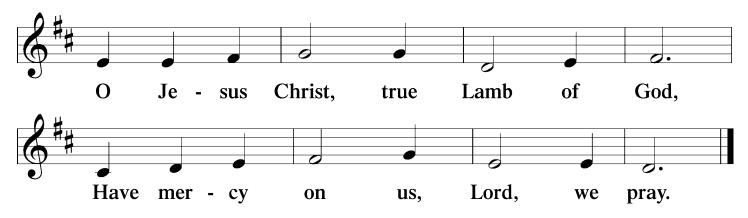
- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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





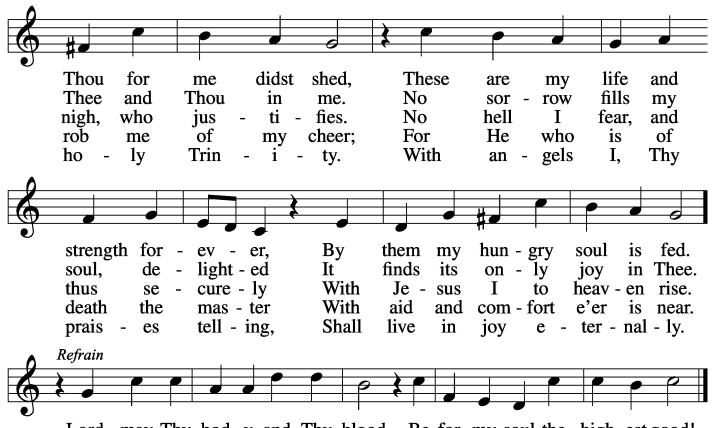
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

### Please sit

# SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

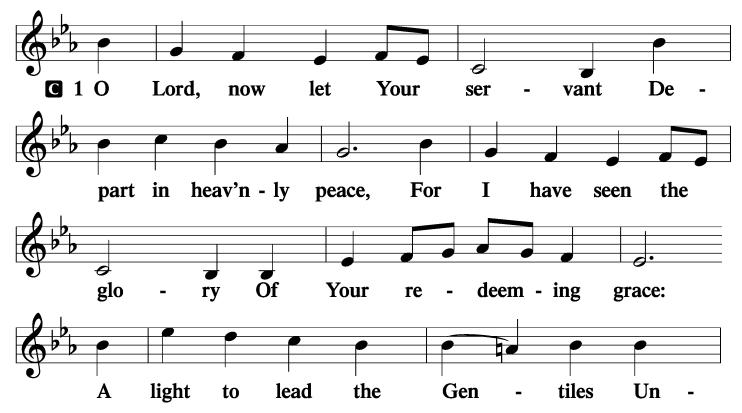


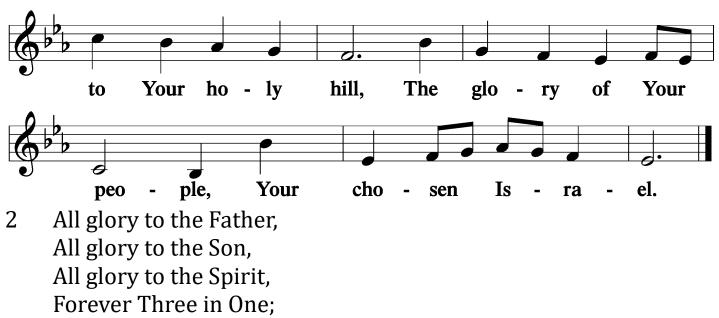


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#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**





For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,

God's triune name resounding

Through all eternity.

# **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P 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.

### BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

(Numbers 6:24–26)

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### Please sit

**SENDING HYMN** 

*For All the Saints* 

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#### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord!
- C Thanks be to God!

#### POSTLUDE



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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Portals of Prayer** for October to December 2023 are available in the Narthex or office.

Adult Bible Class/Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Weber will be leading the class.

#### November Activities

*Elders' Meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall* 

*Winter Texan Potluck Luncheon after Bible Study in the Social Hall Sunday, November 19th, 2023* 

Church Council Budget/Nominating Meeting Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

**Thanksgiving Service** Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. followed by Pie Social

*Office Closed, for Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23, 2023* 

#### Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

#### Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude ... from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–10). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:15). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward to our eternal home, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

10/29/20	23						
Sunday Worship Plate:		<b>42</b> \$ 133.00	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Readings:				
Envelopes: On-line Donation:		\$ 1,436.00	Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18				
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