ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2026

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Sunday 9:00 AM
Worship Service

10:30 am
Adult Bible Class
Sunday School

Holy Communion:
Every Sunday

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Office Hrs, M-F
8am to noon



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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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you… this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17–34.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH - 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 me so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, I 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.

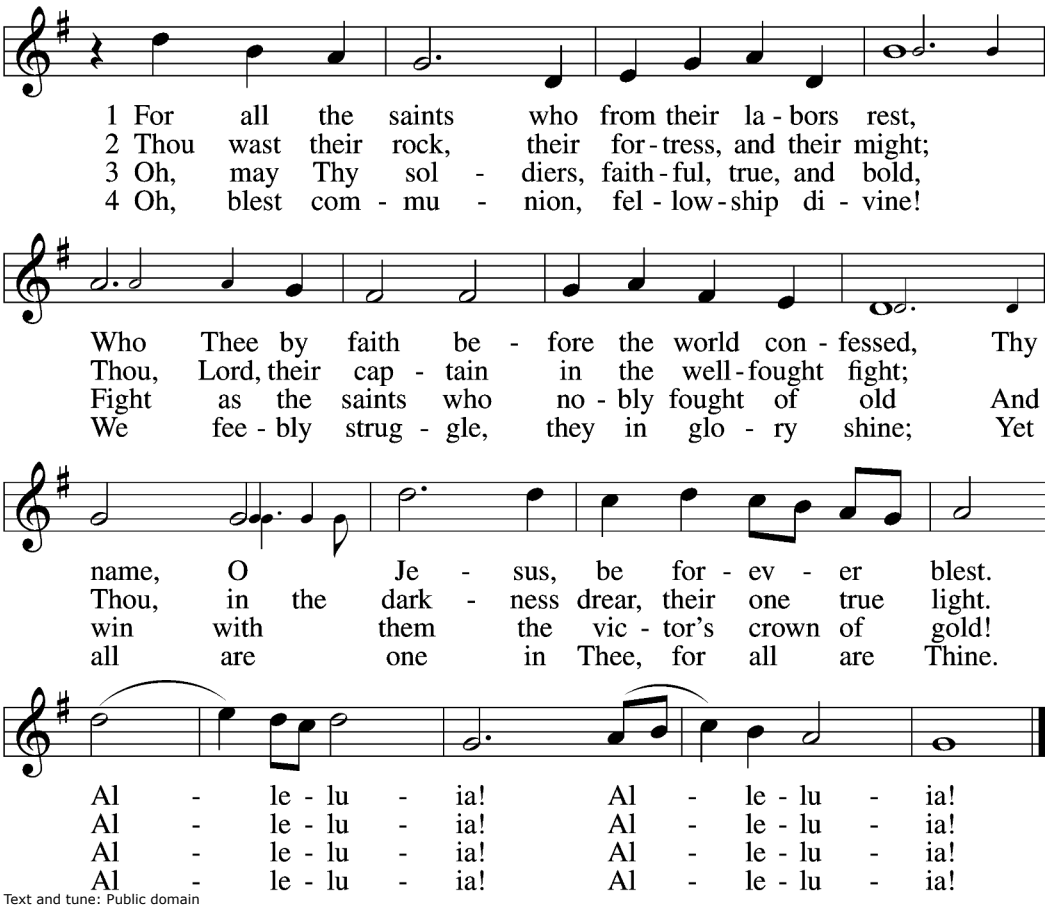
AS WE GATHER - All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN **For All the Saints** **LSB 677 vs.1-4**



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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

P O 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 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.
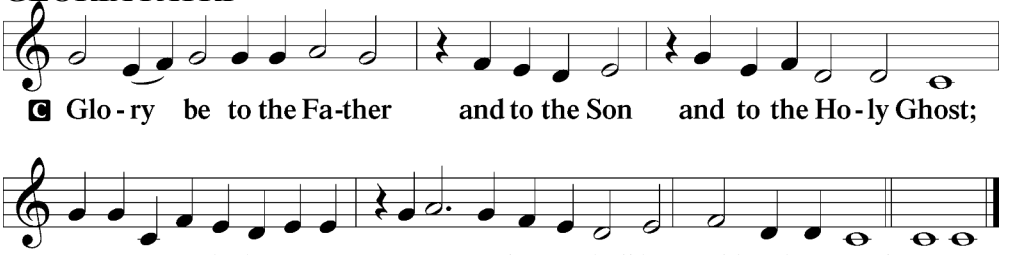
C In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.

P For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.

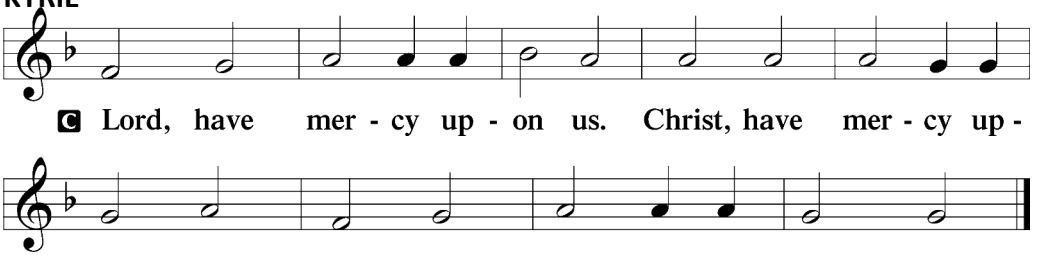
C Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

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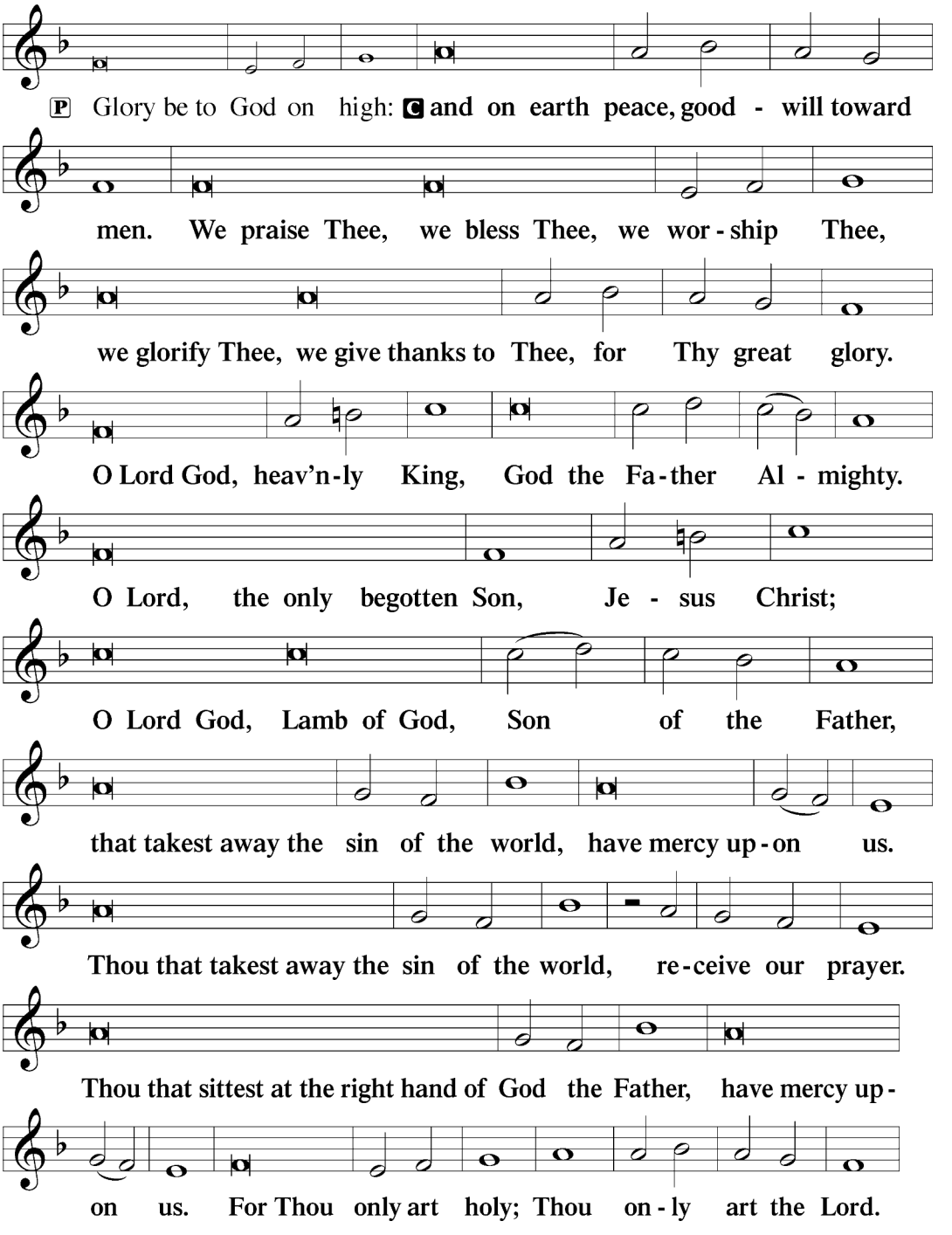
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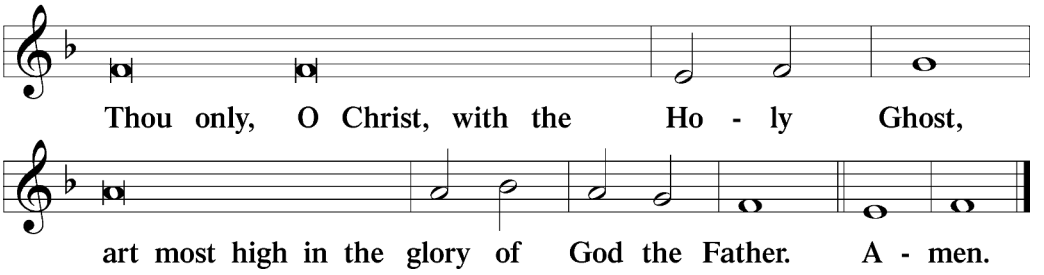


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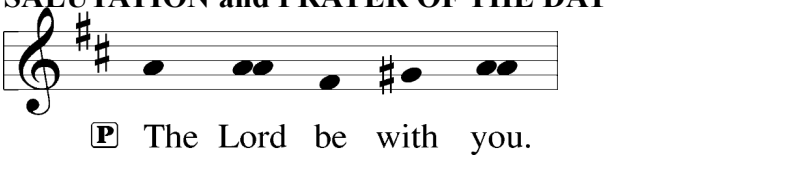


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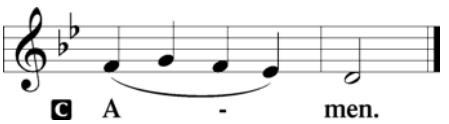




SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



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Please sit

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

(John's heavenly vision sees an uncountable multitude whose robes have been made white in the blood of the Lamb.)

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 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.

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P For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.
C Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints.
P Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
C Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
P For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.
C Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.
P Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,
C To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;
P To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
C To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints. Praise the Lord!
P For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

EPISTLE **1 John 3:1-3**
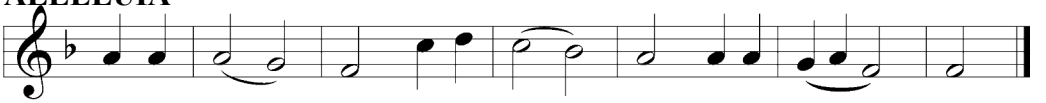
(The children of God await with hope the transformative appearing of Christ.)

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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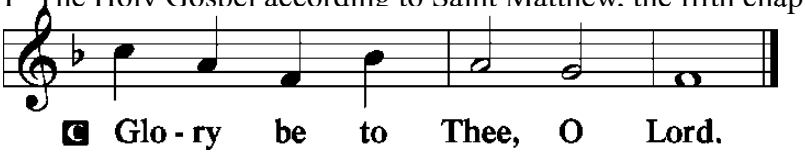
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HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**
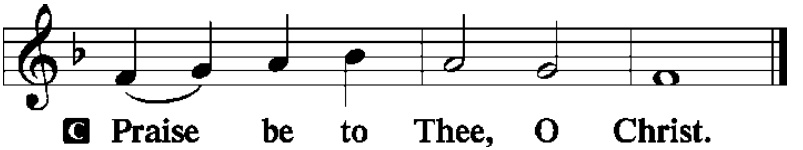
(Christ announces blessings upon the lowest and the least.)

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter,



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



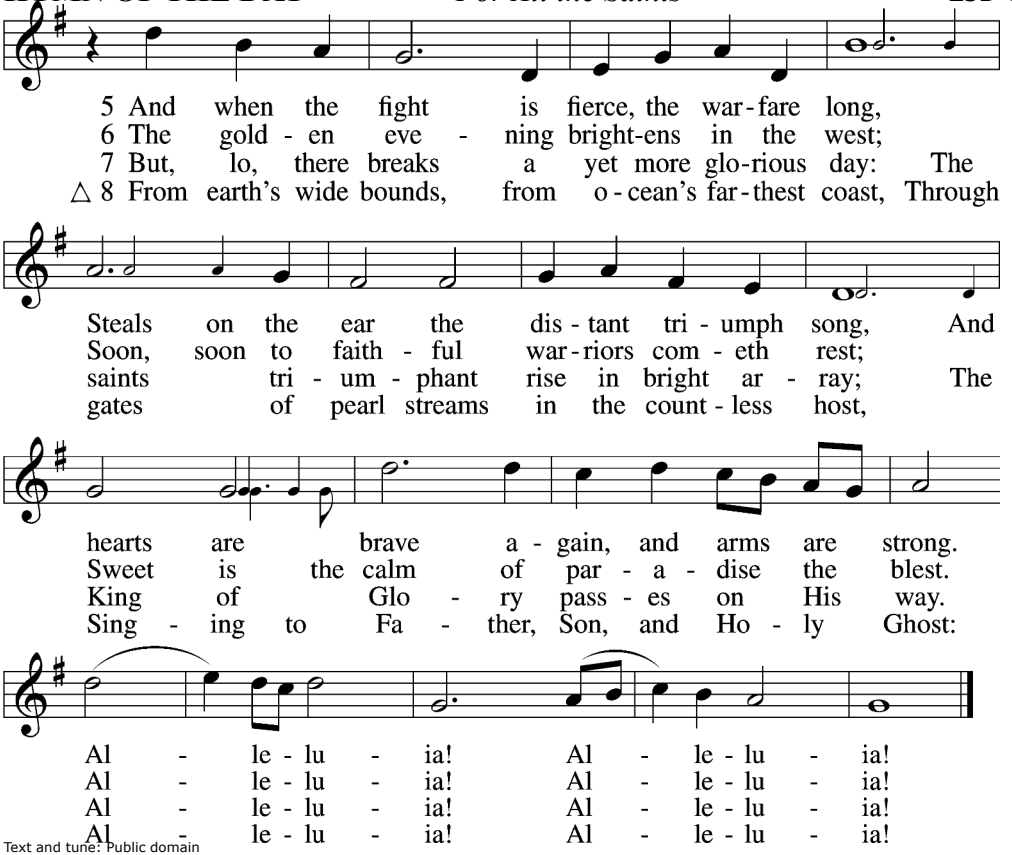
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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *For All the Saints* **LSB 677 vs.5-8**
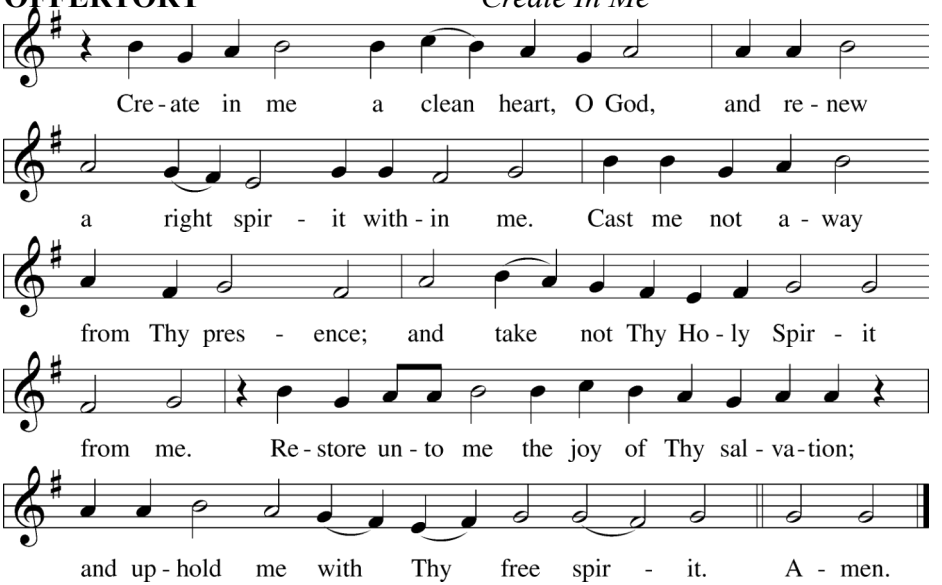


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SERMON "Children of God!" (1 John 3:1-3)

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OFFERTORY *Create In Me* **LSB 956**



SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Revelation 14:13

P Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:

C Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

P "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,

C "for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!

P On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

Names of departed saints from the past year are read aloud, accompanied by a tolling bell

+Suzanne Wehling+ June 4, 2026

+Terry Powers+ January 11, 2026

+Caroline Green+ January 20, 2026

+Mildred Twenhaufal+ December 31, 2025

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world. Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed.
Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, [especially . . .]. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

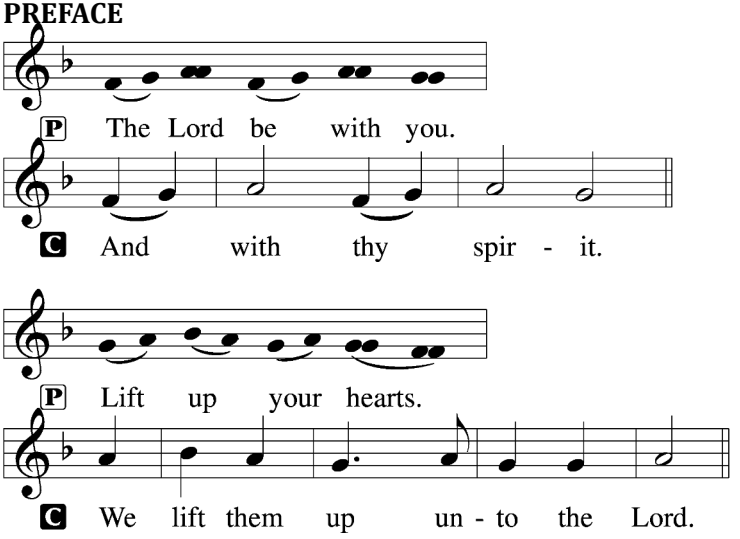
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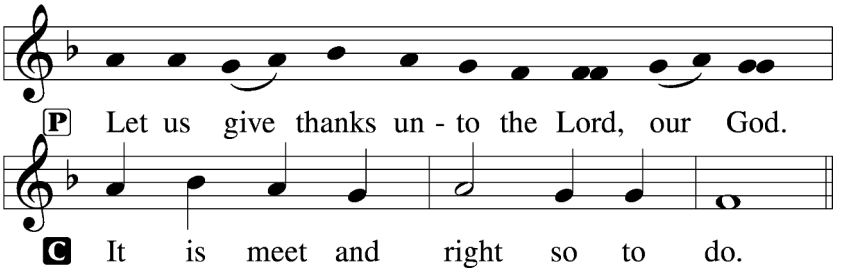
P For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

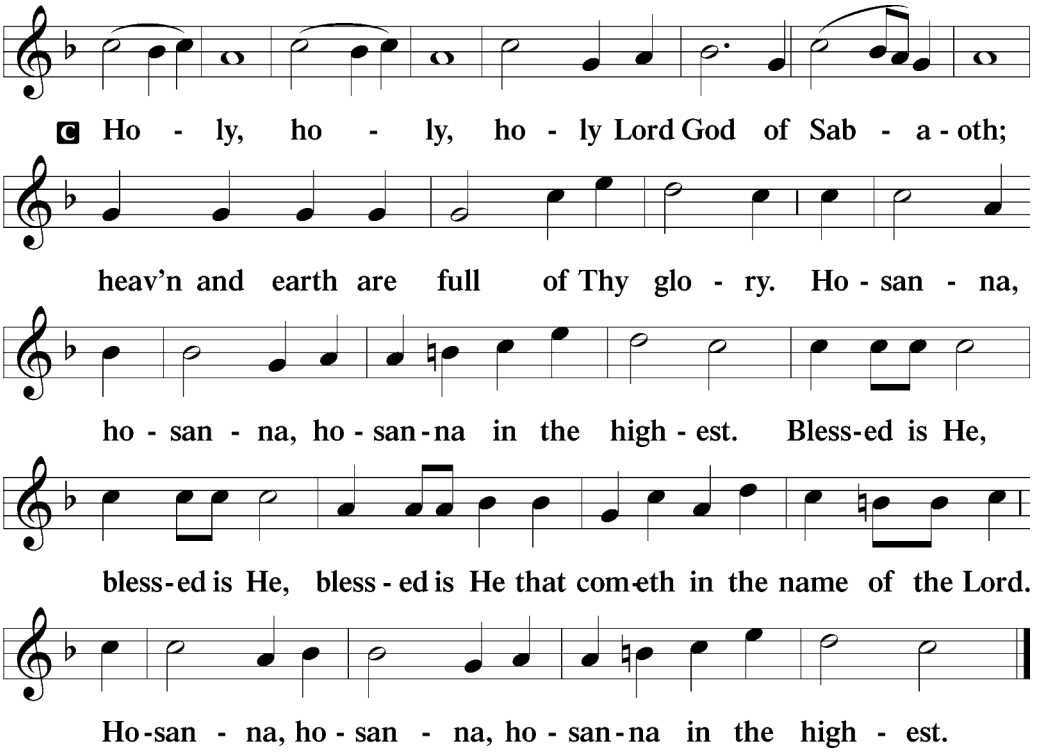
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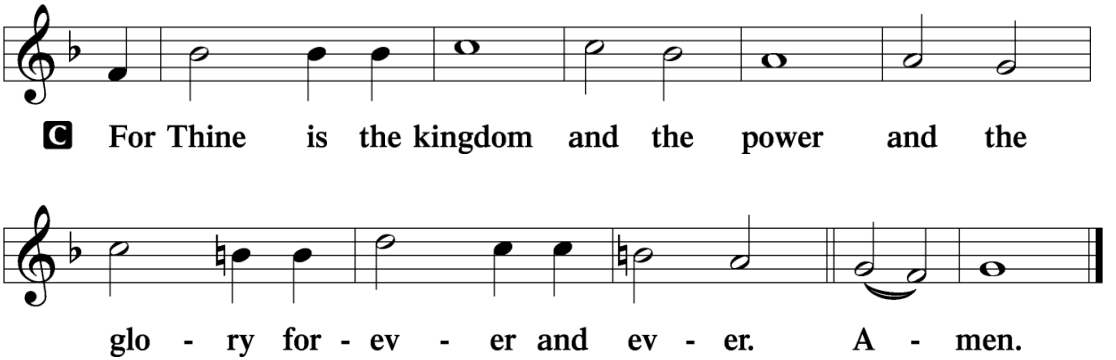




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

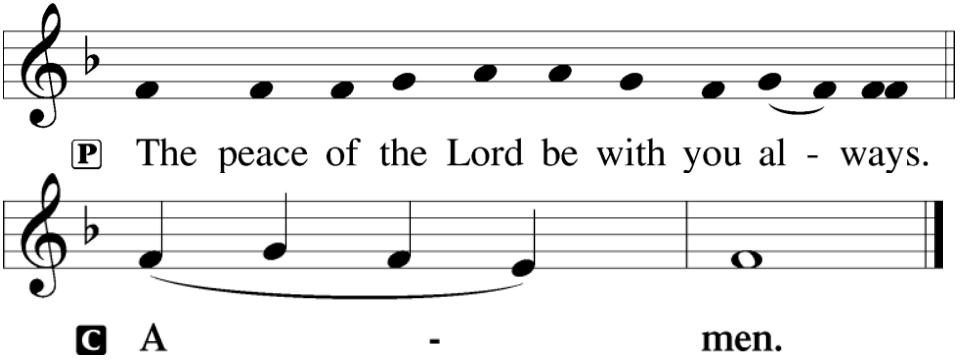


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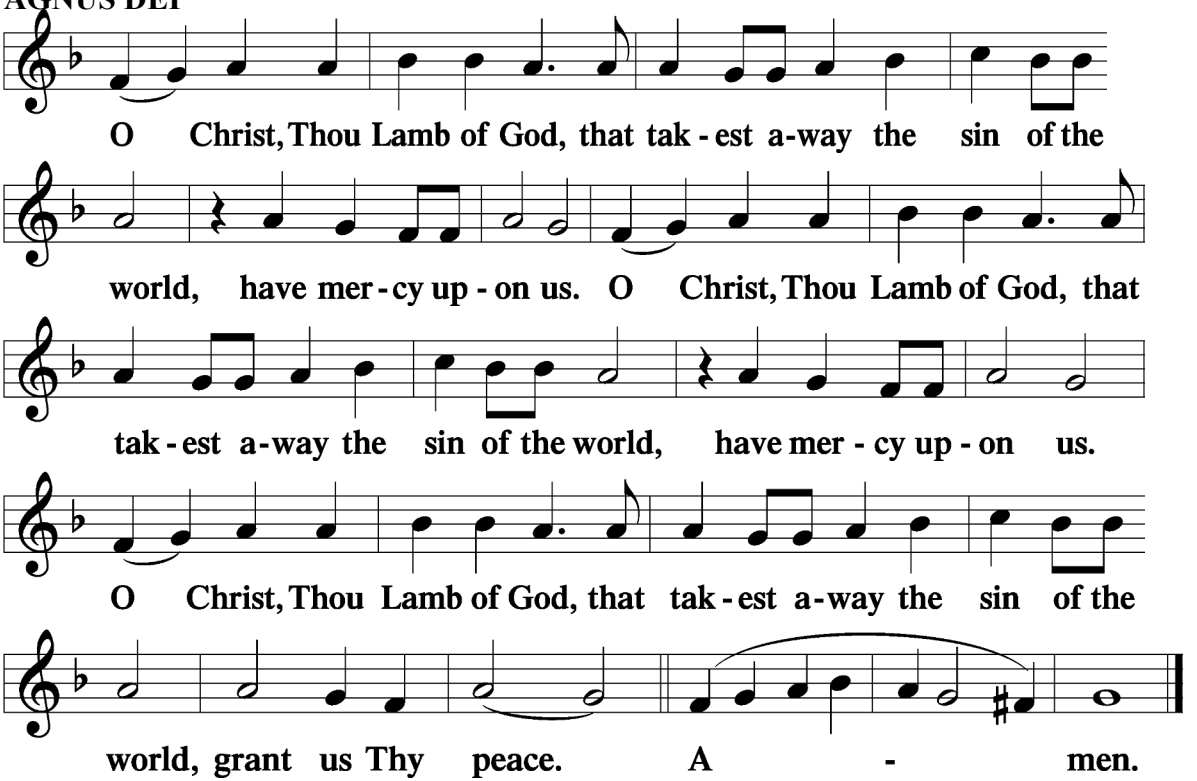
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

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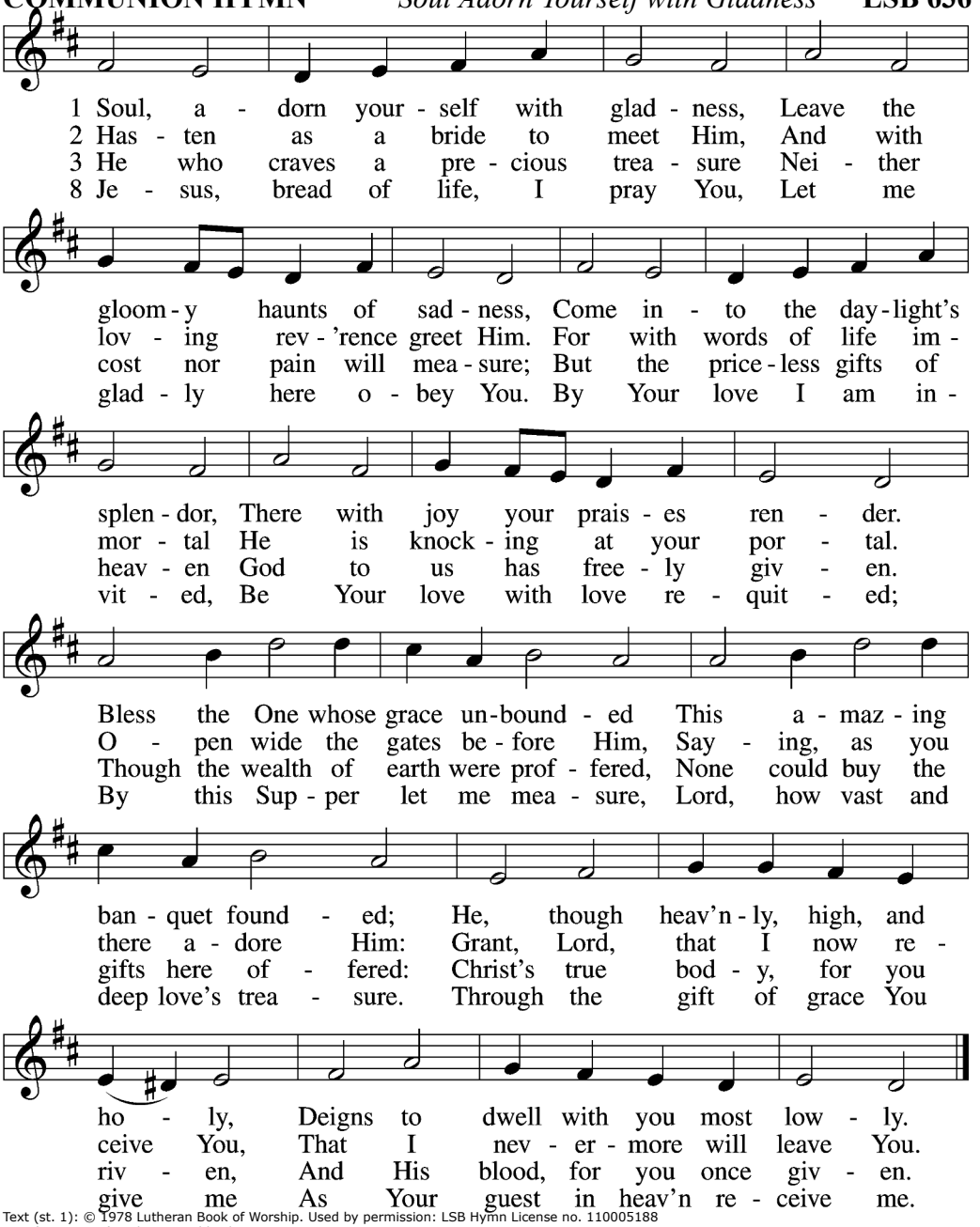


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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.
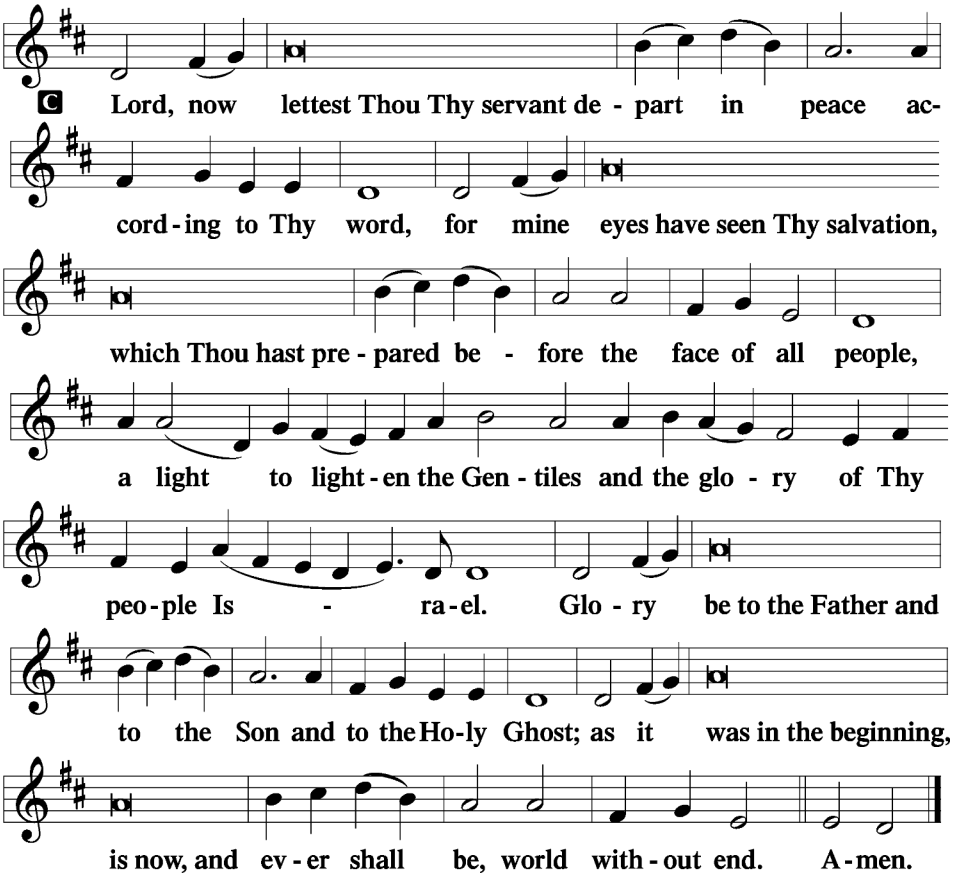
COMMUNION HYMN *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness* **LSB 636 vs. 1-3,8**



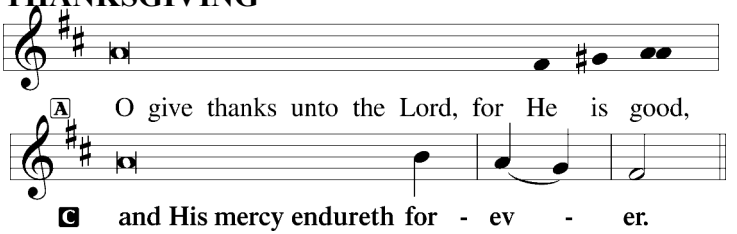
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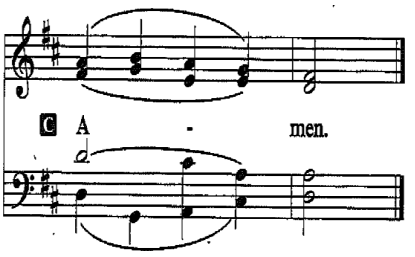


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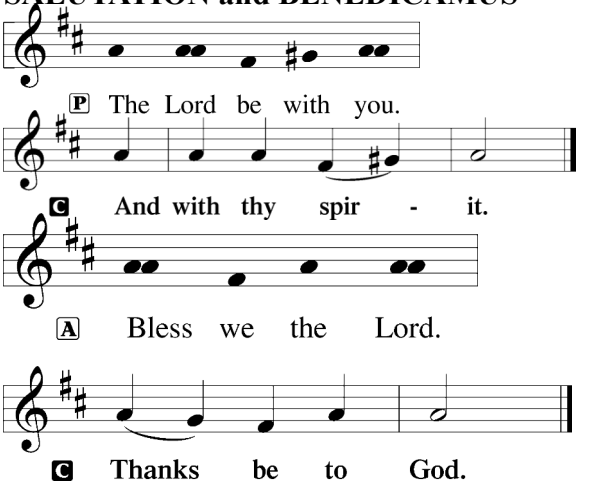


P: Let us pray.

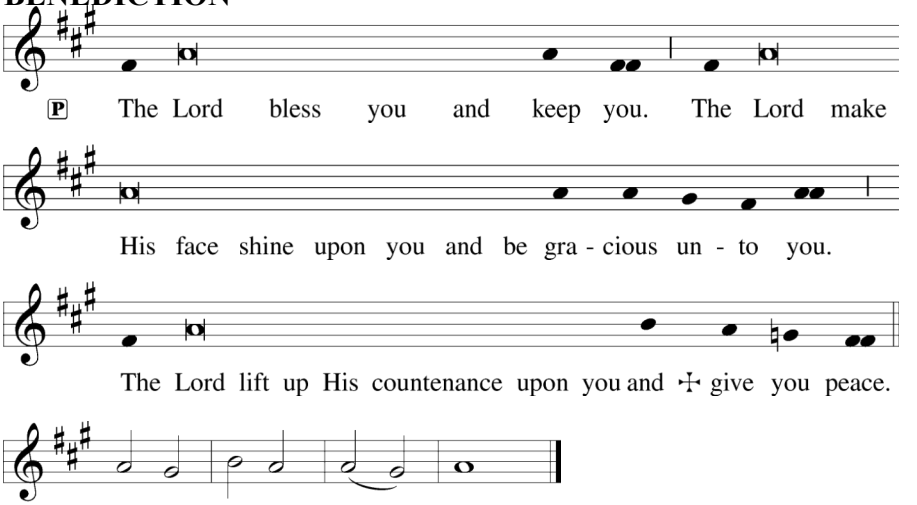
Through this Meal, O Father, You once again mark us with the mercy that makes us Your saints. Fed and fueled by the gifts of Christ, prepare us for every good work, that we might know that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will 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.



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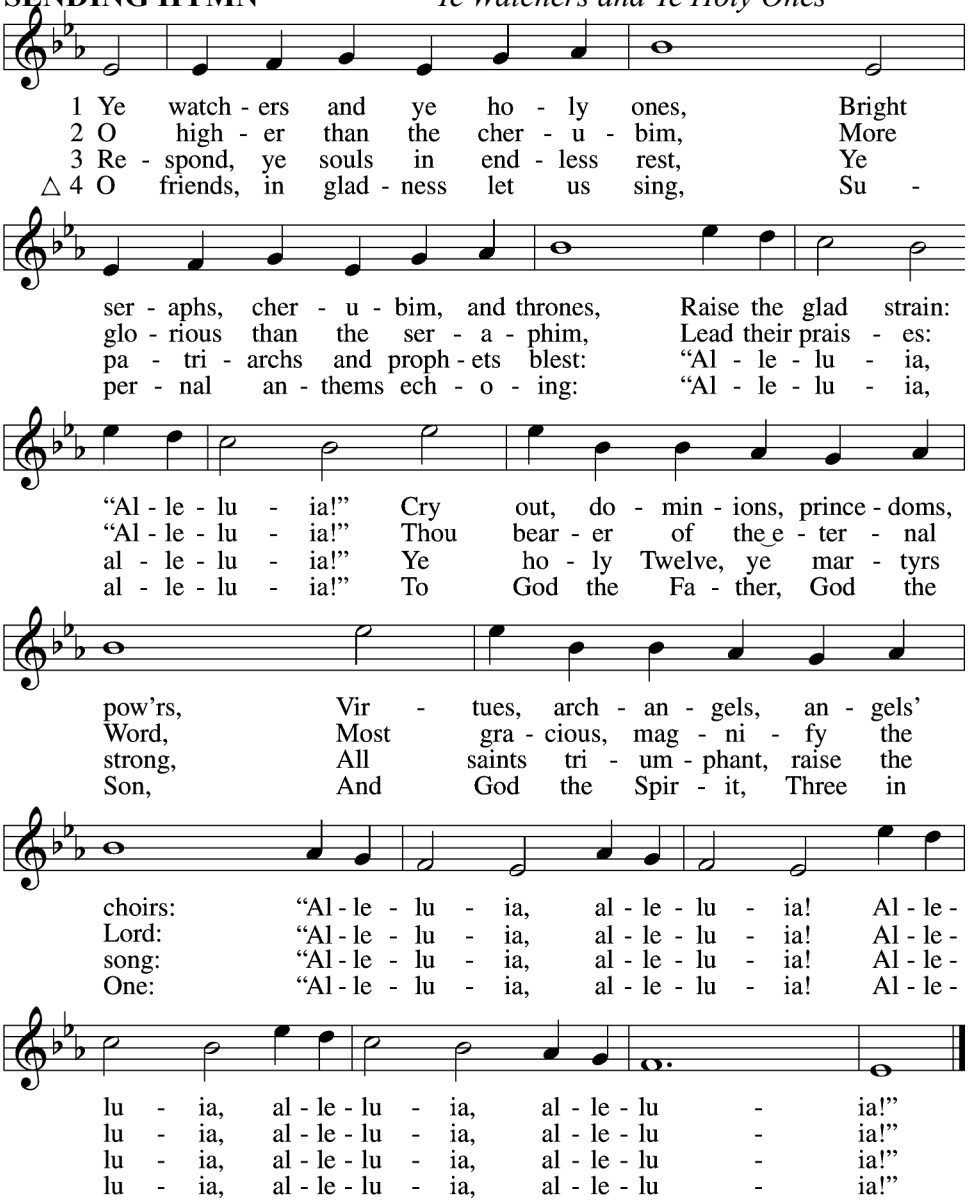


BENEDICTION



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SENDING HYMN *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* **LSB 670**



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NOVEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Portals of Prayer for October to December 2026 are available in the Narthex or office.

>Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Weber is leading the class.

> Plastic bottle caps and can tabs are still being collected.

> Confirmation Class - Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

>LWML Fall Rally: Saturday November 7, 2026; El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church,1929 Pecan Blvd., McAllen, TX. Registration: 10:30am and Meeting begins at 11:00am.

> Immanuel Lutheran School: Veterans' Day Parade - Saturday, Nov. 7th @ 10 a.m. downtown Mercedes (Texas Ave.). If you are a veteran, and would like to participate, please notify Mrs. Lorri Marchant @ 956-472-4313.

SERMON NOTES

October 25, 2026	
Sunday Worship:	**40**
Plate:	$ 661.00
Envelopes:	$ 3,938.00
Online/Tithely:	
Other: Lutheran Witness/BB Field/Ramp	$ 2,292.00
Memorial:	
Other: Bible Class: **NA**	$.00
Total	$ 6,891.00

Budgeted need YTD:	$ 197,138
Actual Giving YTD:	$ 140,048
Overall/(shortfall):YTD	($ 57,090)
Budgeted Need Weekly:	$4,480
For church balances, see treasurers reports	

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).

Bible Memory Verse Challenge
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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(PROPER 27)

November 8, 2026

Amos 5:18–24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

Biweekly Church Activity Schedule

	November Sunday Servants
Elder:	Don Vogel
Altar Guild:	Laurie Brown/ Maggie Weber
Music:	Doris Pickering
This week:	***All Saints' Day***
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30am
Next week:	***Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
Usher:	Ken Eilers
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service 9:00am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:30am