✝ ALL SAINTS' DAY ✝

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion
If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms
Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book
If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room
Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts
Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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Church

The classic image of a church built on the rock finds a fresh treatment in this icon. A circular bounding shape creates structure for the icon and alludes to traditional associations with both unity and eternity. Twelve windows are included as a subtle reference to the importance of the number twelve in Christian theology.

Season after Pentecost

The Beginning of the End

Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end.

Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. Until that time, God wants us to remain rooted to him by hearing his Word, receiving the sacraments, trusting in his promise of forgiveness, and then, telling others about his love!

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It's Time to Focus on the Future

The time in between Christ's first and second coming is full hardship, especially for believers. How do we bear it? One way is by remembering that our present sufferings are only temporary and not worth comparing to the glory that awaits us in heaven. Happier times are coming!

This truth is made crystal clear on our celebration of All Saints' Day. Today we remember every saint who has gone before us. We have in mind all those who believed in Jesus – the heroes of faith in Scripture, our faithful family members, and all Christians of all times. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy!

It's the beginning of the end. As we journey through this time in between, how do we endure? We remember what God has done for all the saints and focus on the glory that awaits us too!

The Service

Setting One

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

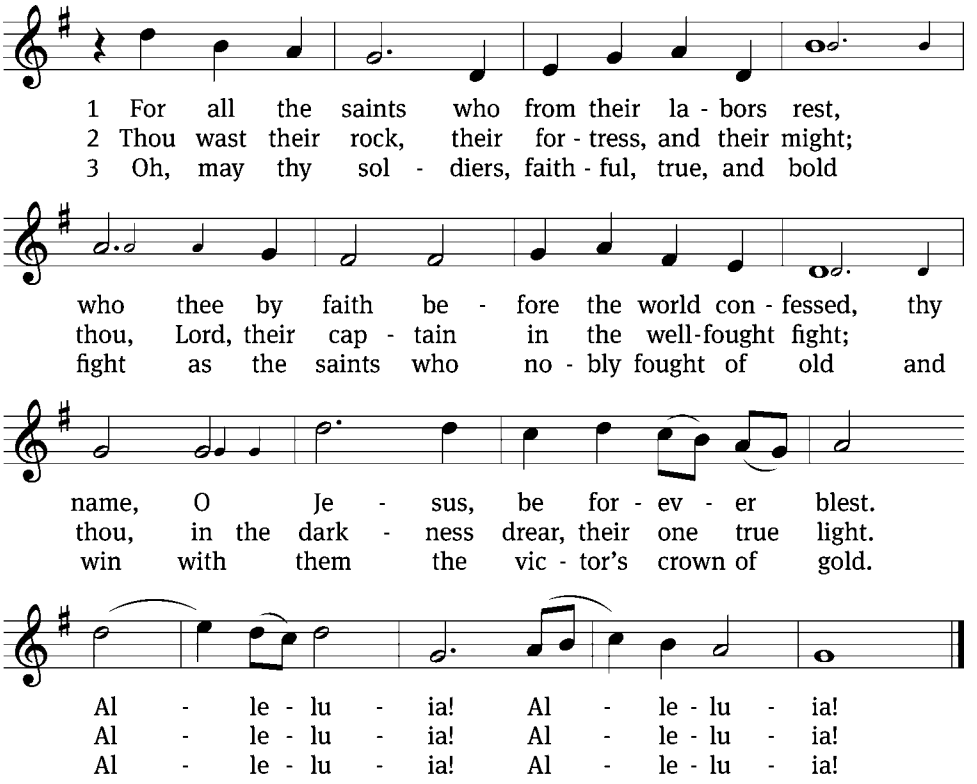
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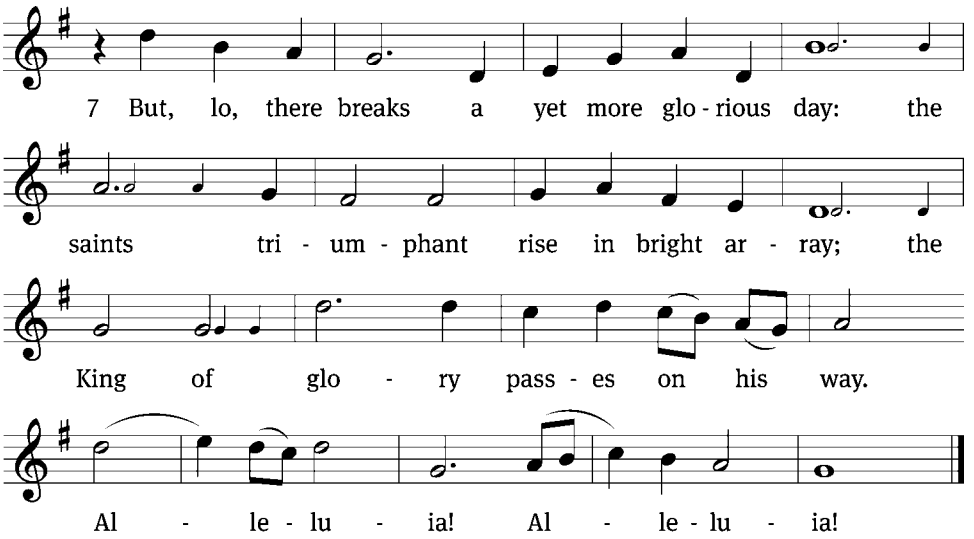
Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

The Preparation

Opening Hymn *880 "For All the Saints" (stanzas 1, 2, 3, 7)*



Please stand for the last stanza and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel



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Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution
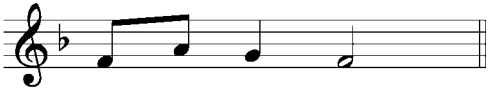
(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
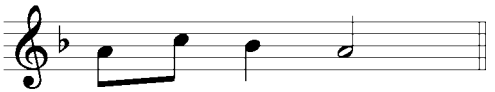
Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)
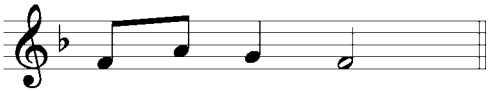
In peace let us pray to the Lord.
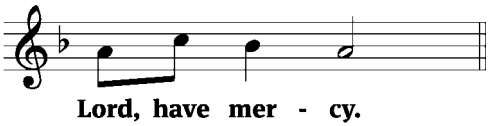


For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



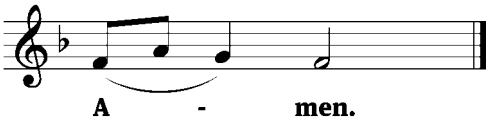
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
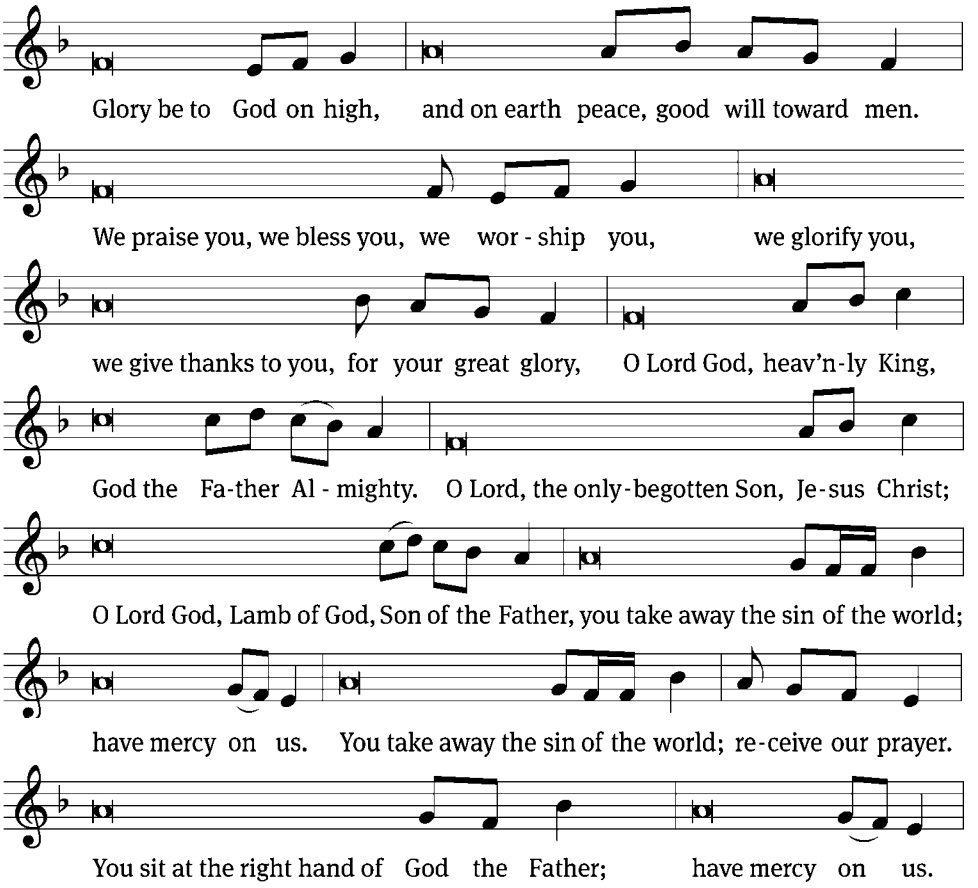


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

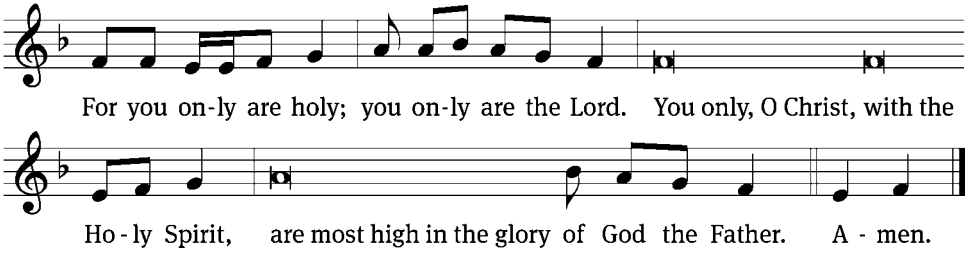


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Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)





The Word

Salutation

(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that 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.
Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17

St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven so that we might remember the future glory that waits for us.

9 After these things I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing in front of the throne and of the
Lamb, clothed with white robes, and with palm branches in their hands. 10 They called out
with a loud voice and said:

Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb.

11 All the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living creatures. They
fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying:

Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might
belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.

13 One of the elders spoke to me and said, "These people dressed in white robes, who are
they and where did they come from?"

And I answered him, "Sir, you know."

14 And he said to me:

These are the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15 Because of this they are in front of the throne of God,
and they serve him day and night in his temple.
He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.
16 They will never be hungry or thirsty ever again.
The sun will never beat upon them, nor will any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs of living water.
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

The Word of the Lord.
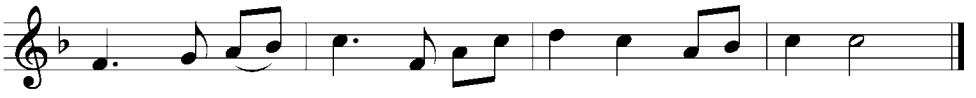
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

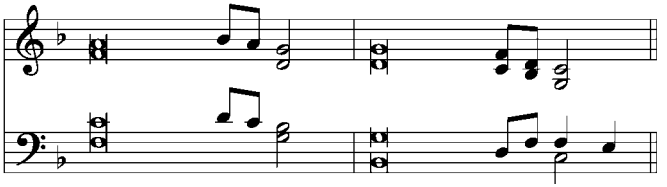
Psalm 149 B *"Sing the LORD's Praise in the Assembly"*

The Church sings Psalm 149 in services that remember all of the believers in Jesus who have preceded us. The psalm encompasses the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant.

Refrain



Tone



Sing to the LORD a / new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful / people.
Let Israel rejoice in their / Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad / in their King.
Let them praise his name with / dancing
and make music to him with tim- / brel and harp.

Refrain

For the LORD takes delight in his / people;
he crowns the humble with / victory.
Let his faithful people rejoice in this / honor
and sing for joy / on their beds.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

In love, God the Father adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.

3 See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. [2] Dear
friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We
know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.
[3] Everyone who has this hope purifies himself just as Jesus is pure."

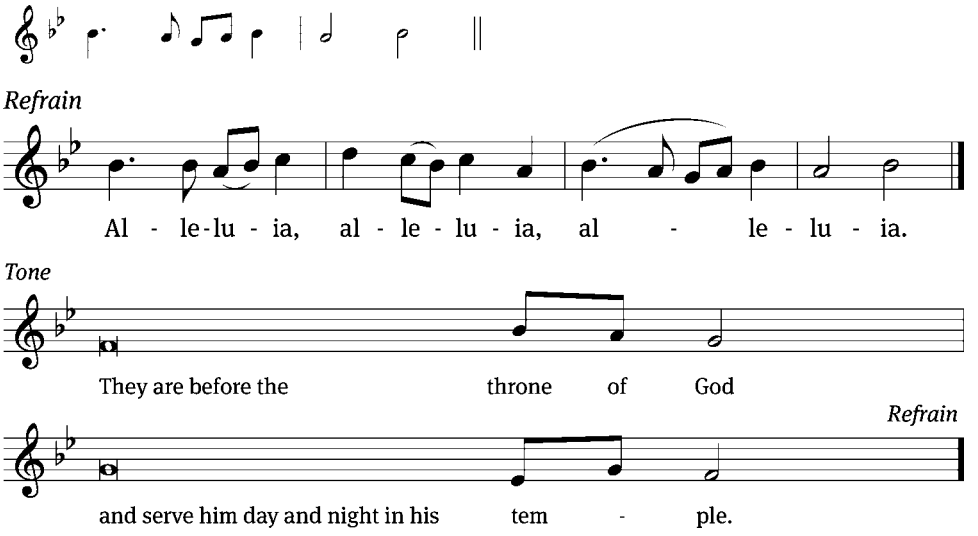
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 7:15

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced



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The pastor processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Sorrow, hardship, and persecution are temporary. Future glory and eternal blessings are coming, a gift from God to all his saints.

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up onto a mountain. When he sat down, his
disciples came to him. [2] He opened his mouth and began to teach them. He said these
things:

[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] Blessed are those who mourn,
because they will be comforted.
[5] Blessed are the gentle,
because they will inherit the earth.
[6] Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.
[7] Blessed are the merciful,
because they will receive mercy.
[8] Blessed are the pure in heart,
because they will see God.
[9] Blessed are the peacemakers,
because they will be called sons of God.
[10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

[11] "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven. In fact, that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
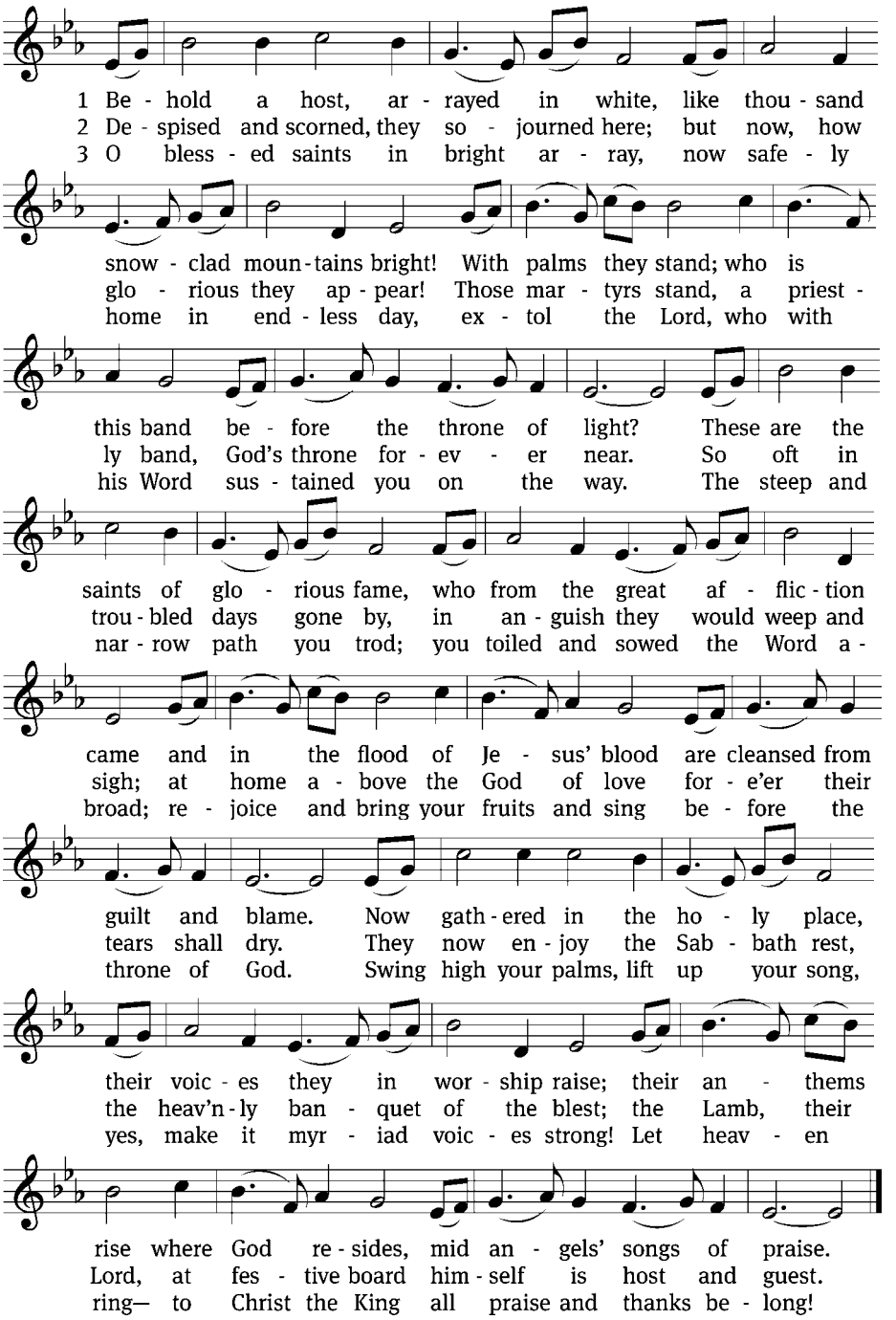
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

883 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"



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Sermon Revelation 7:9-17 *"The Great Multitude of Heaven"*

Nicene Creed *Credo* *(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

Please stand

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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 be seated

Offering Collection *(Proverbs 3:9-10; Matthew 6:19-34; Romans 12:1; 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; Galatians 6:6-10)*

Offerings

God, who blesses us with all we gave, gives us the privilege of thanking him in many ways. One way is by offering a portion of our income to financially support the ministry of our congregation and synod.

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering.
We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' gracious love for you!

If you would like to give an offering, you can place it in the collection plate when it is passed to you.
If you wish to give your offering via PayPal, you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.
Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Friendship Registers

You are invited to write your name in the Friendship Register - the maroon book at the end of each pew. Please write down your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

Prayer of the Church & Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Let us pray.

With grateful hearts, Lord, we remember before you this day that great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

We remember the reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

We remember your faithful followers of every age whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

We remember our own loved ones whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

We remember the members of Nain who were called home this past year. Thank you for washing them clean in Holy Baptism, teaching them your Word of truth, feeding them with your Son's body and blood in the Lord's Supper, preserving them in faith, and finally taking them safely to your side in heaven.

We remember…

- Yvonne Block (December 20, 2025)
- Wayne Koepke (May 31, 2026)

A moment of silence is observed in memory of these saints

With grateful hearts, Lord, we also remember before you this day believers from other congregations who were brought to your side this past year, as well as believers who were called to heavenly glory in previous years. We remember…

The pastor reads a list of names

A moment of silence is observed in memory of these saints

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *(John 3:16)*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.
"Yes," says the Spirit, "because they will rest from their labors, for their works will follow them." *(Revelation 14:13)*

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them in heaven.
Amen.

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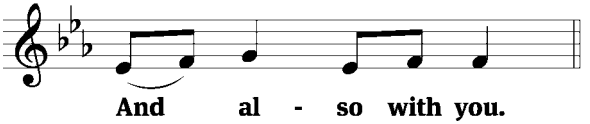
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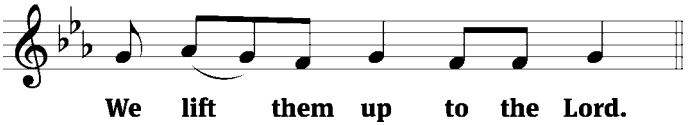
Prefaces

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)
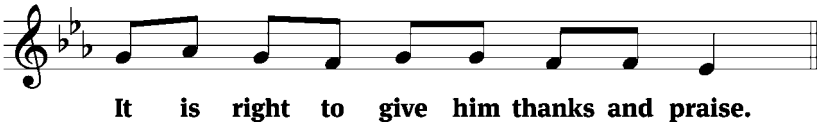
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



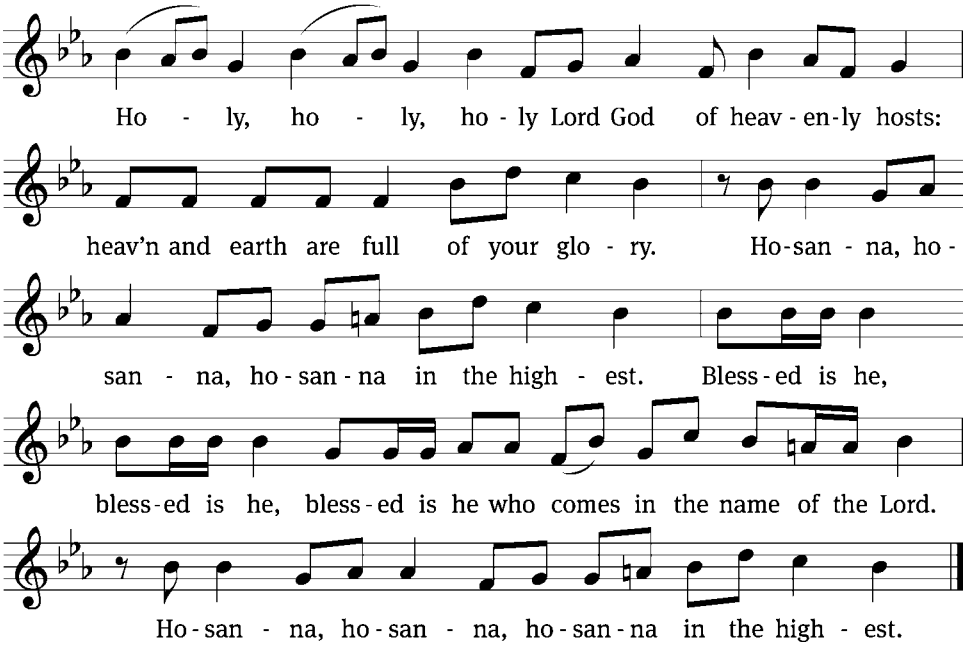
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* *(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*



Prayer of Thanksgiving *(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)*

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

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.

Words of Institution *Verba* *(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

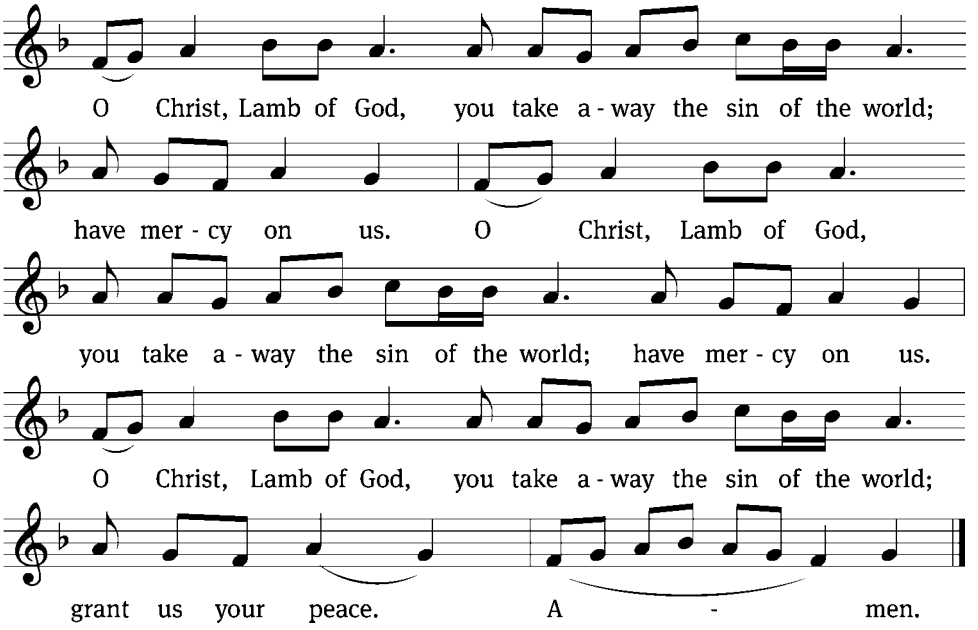
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini* *(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)



Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

As he distributes the elements, the pastor says to the communicants:

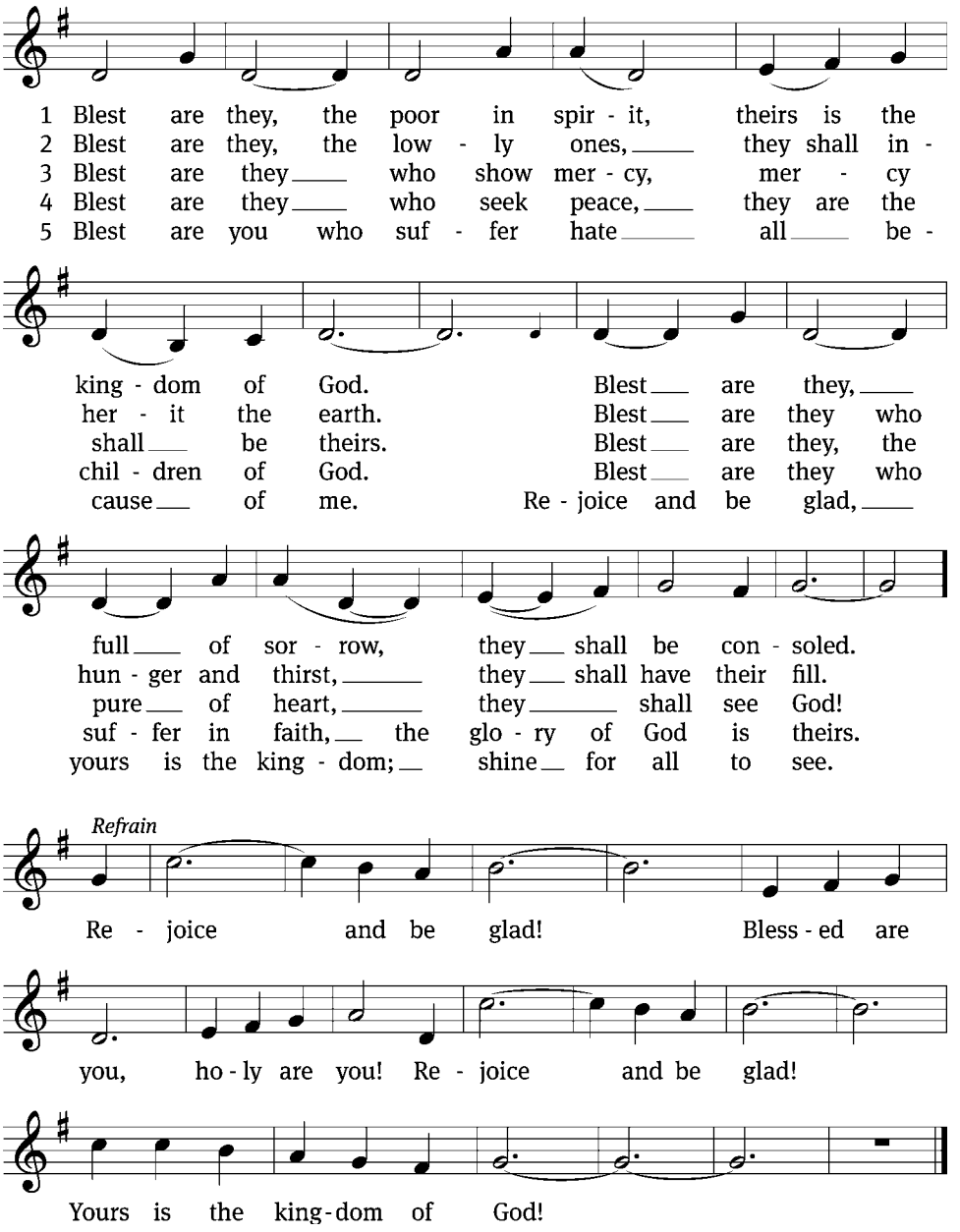
The body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.
Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the pastor says:
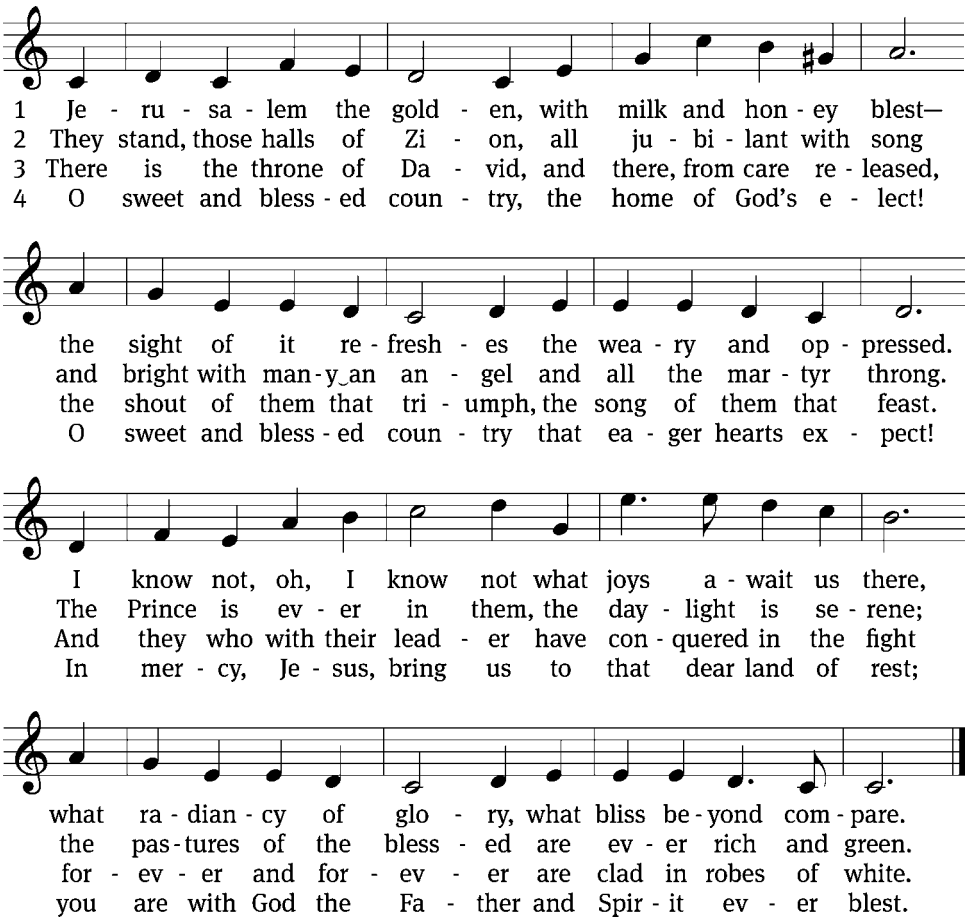
The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go T in peace.
Amen.

Distribution Hymn *690 "Blest Are They"*



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Distribution Hymn *890 "Jerusalem the Golden"*



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Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

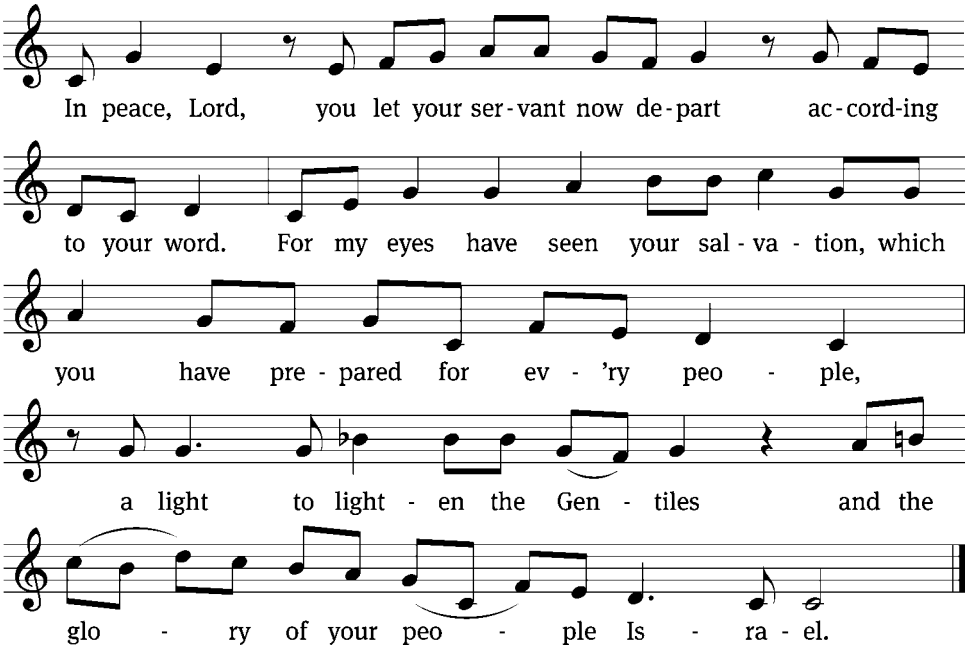
The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Post-Communion Canticle *968 "In Peace, Lord, You Let Your Servant" Nunc Dimittis*

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



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Thanksgiving *(Psalm 118:1)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Proclamation *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

(Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)
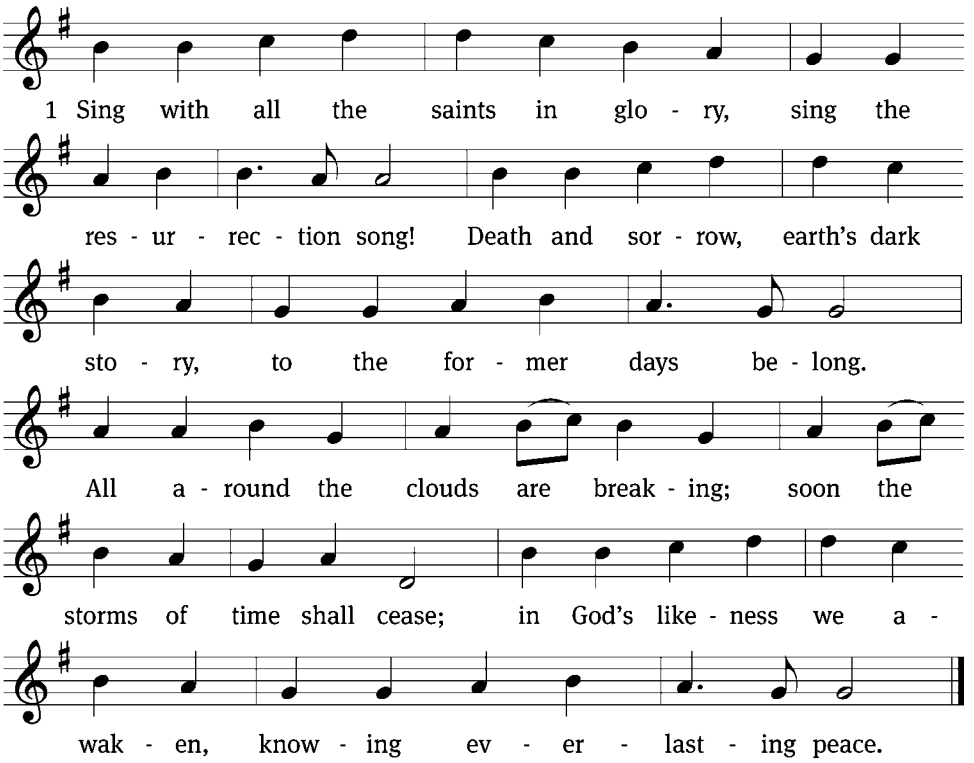
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

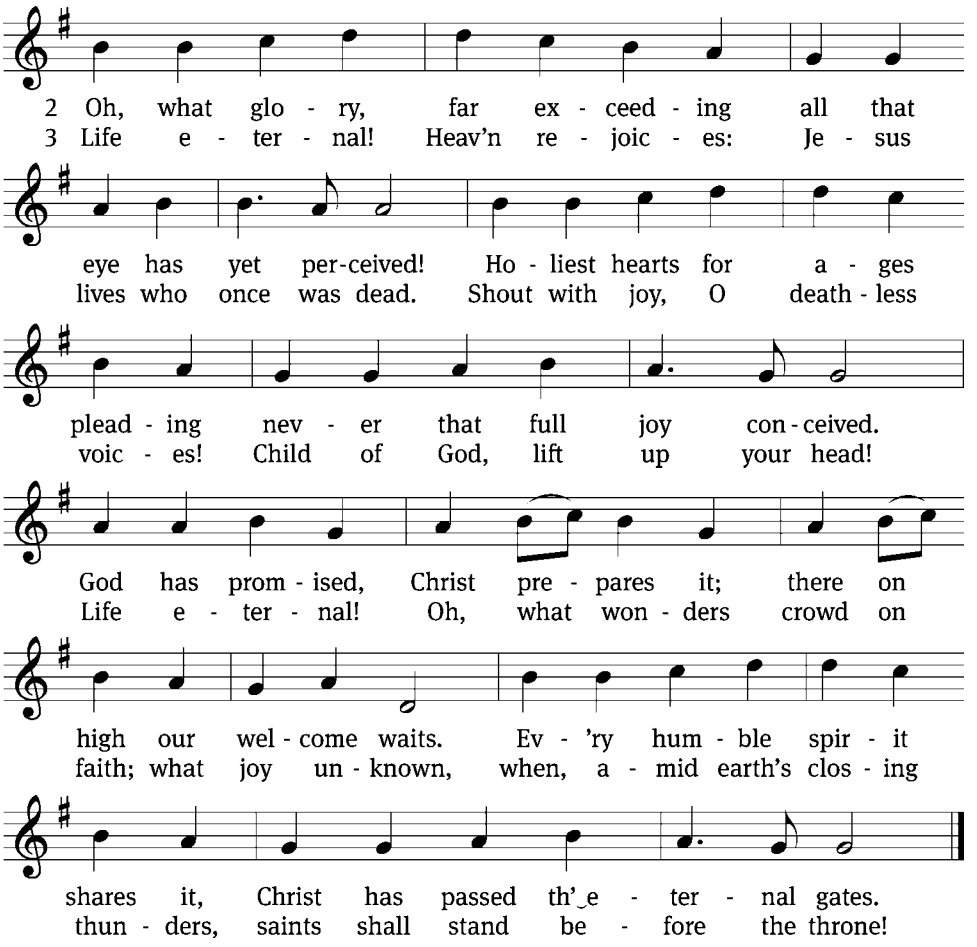
Closing Hymn

881 "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

Please remain standing for the first stanza and follow the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave



Please be seated



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*A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave**.*

***Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!*

Special thanks to:

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*For more information about today's Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "Worship Resources" page of our website to read this Sunday's **"About the Propers,"** a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.*

*All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the "Nain Messenger"** to stay informed about all congregational news. Printed copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

***"The Congregation at Prayer,"** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "Worship Resources" page of our church website.*

*Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.***
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