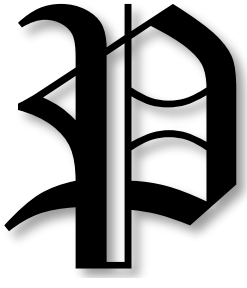
Trinitytide

November 1, 2026 • Sunday, 10:00 A.M.

All Saints' Day





reparing our hearts for Holy Mass:

As we gather to celebrate All Saints' Day, let us open our hearts to the hope and promise we share in Christ. We come as God's beloved children, united with the saints who have gone before us and those who worship alongside us today. May the Beatitudes shape our lives, strengthen us in times of trial, and remind us that our true blessing is found in Christ alone. As we approach the holy mysteries, let us give thanks for the saints' witness, renew our hope in the resurrection, and prepare to receive the Lord who leads us to eternal life.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who calls us your beloved children and gathers your saints from every nation into your eternal kingdom: Grant us grace to follow the example of those who have gone before us in faith, to live according to the teachings of your Son, and to persevere in hope through every trial. Purify our hearts, strengthen our faith, and bring us at last to that blessed company where every tear is wiped away and we behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Divine Service – Setting Three

"Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved" (Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a).

While joyful conversation is encouraged in the narthex, please enter the sanctuary in silence out of respect for those in prayer.
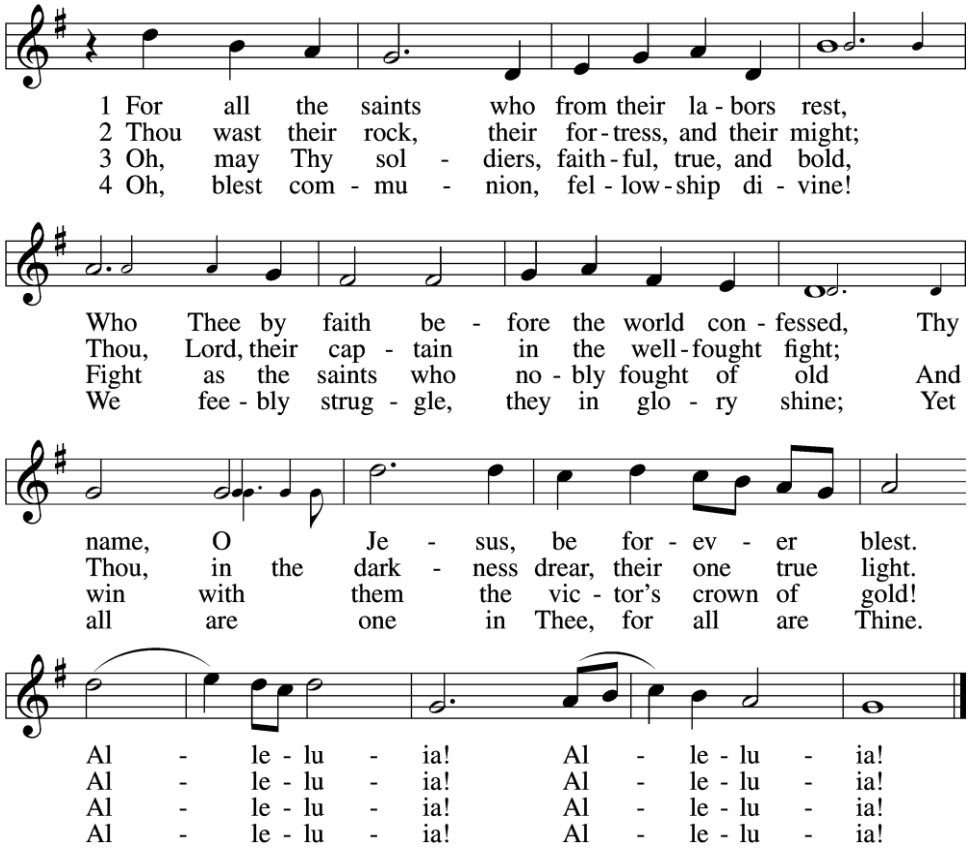
Prelude

Duke Street (I Know That My Redeemer Lives, LSB 461) Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

When the bell tolls, please stand and face the processional cross.

Processional Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 677 **"For All the Saints"**



Continued next page . . .

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

△ **8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✢ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

Kneeling or sitting forward

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. *[John 20:19-23]*
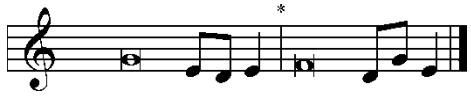
C **Amen.**

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

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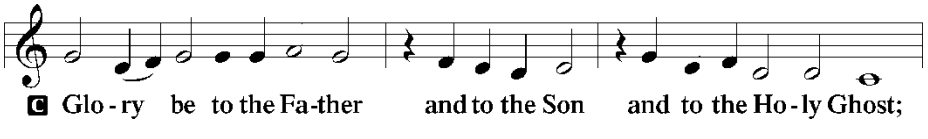


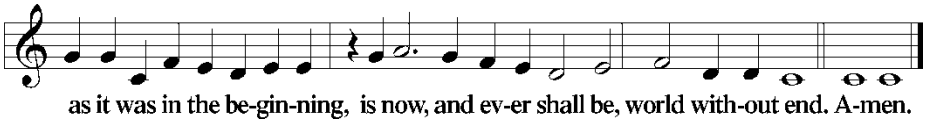
L These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

L In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

C **For you are my rock and my | fortress;***
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

L Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

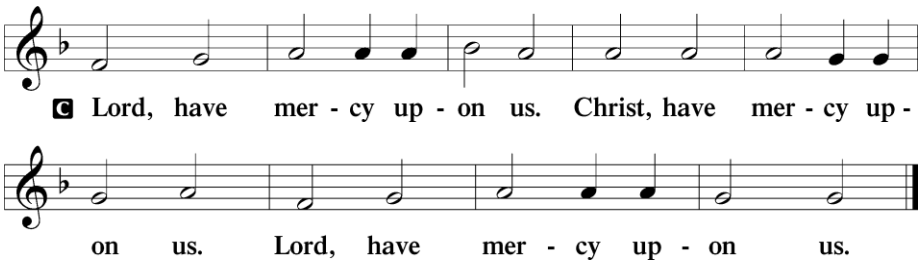




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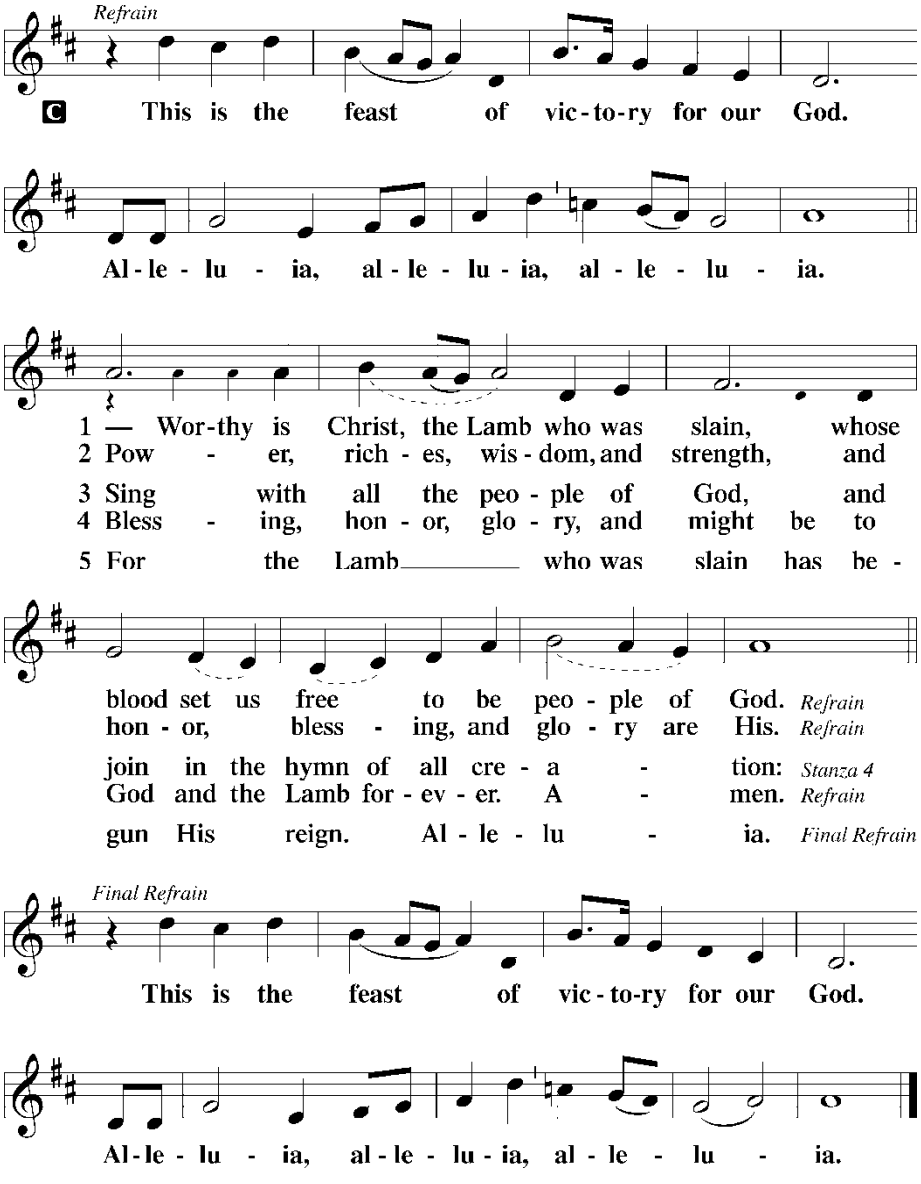
KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47
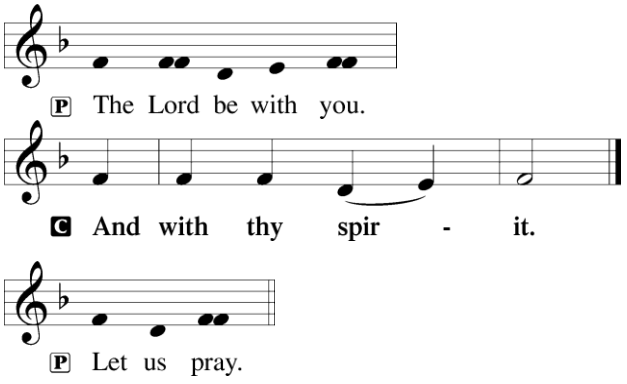


HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9
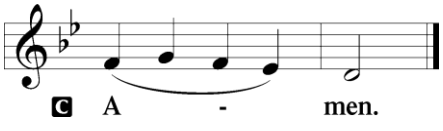


Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22



P 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 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.



Sitting

Prophecy **Revelation 7:2–17**

A The Prophecy is written in the book of Revelation, the seventh chapter.

A Behold, I, John, saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

A 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, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, saying:

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

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"
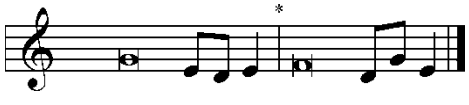
And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

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. 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. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5



L These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

C **Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,***
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

EPISTLE **1 John 3:1–3**

A The Epistle is written in the first letter of John, the third chapter.

A Dearly Beloved: 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. 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. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
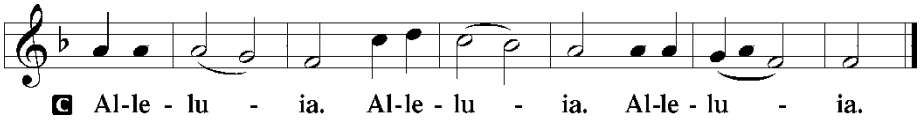
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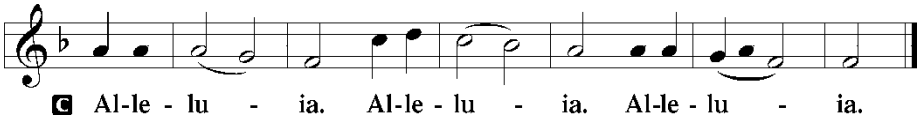
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ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a
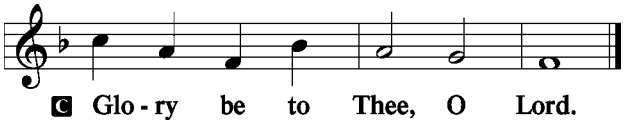


L Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



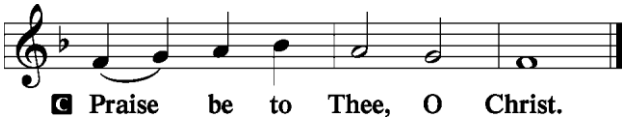
HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1–12**

P The continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



P At that time: Seeing the multitudes, Jesus went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 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.



Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,** *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*
the Father Almighty, *Psalm 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

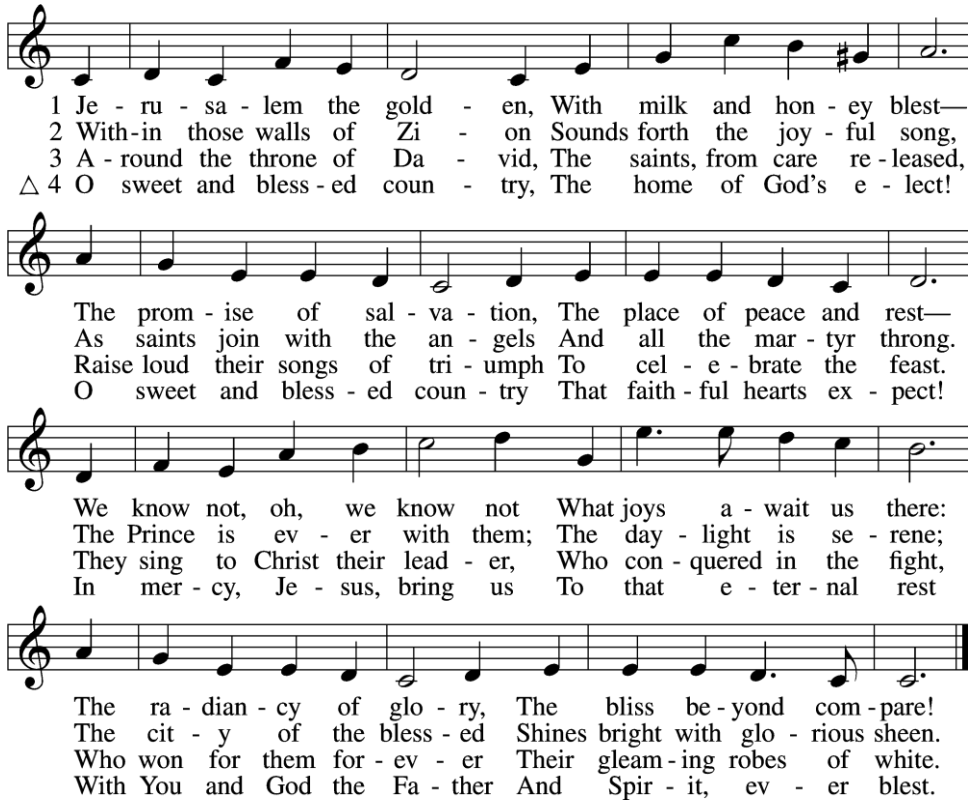
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*
very God of very God, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30; 17:22*
by Whom all things were made; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*
Who for us men and for our salvation *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*
came down from heaven *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*
He suffered and was buried. *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*
and ascended into heaven *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5: Revelation 21:14*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*
and the life ☩ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*
Amen. *Psalm 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

Sitting

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book 672 **"Jerusalem the Golden"**



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Sermon

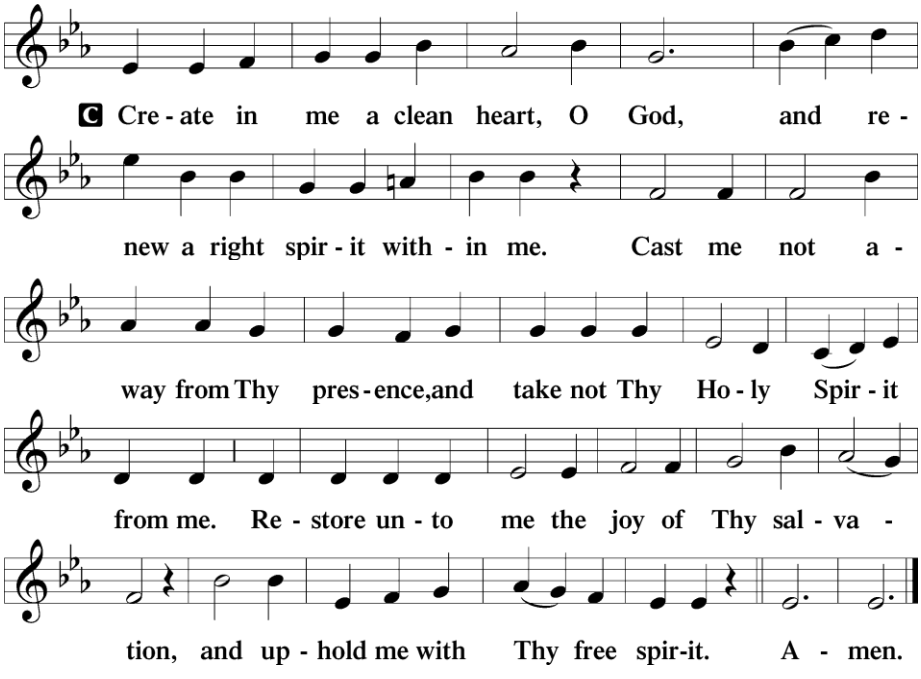
Taking God's Word to Heart:

Revelation 7:9–17, 1 John 3:1–3, and Matthew 5:1–12 come together in their vision of the hope, identity, and promise of God's people. Revelation pictures the great multitude of saints from every nation gathered before God's throne, washed clean in the blood of the Lamb and sharing in Christ's victory, where God wipes away every tear. First John reminds us that, through Christ, we are already beloved children of God, with the promise that one day we will see him as he is and be made like him. In the Beatitudes, Jesus describes the blessed life of those who belong to his kingdom, even amid poverty, grief, meekness, persecution, and suffering, promising that theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Together, these readings speak to the meaning of All Saints' Day: we remember those who have gone before us in faith, celebrate the communion of saints, and rejoice in the promise of eternal life fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the Lamb who saves us and the King who welcomes us into his kingdom. They also remind us that sainthood is not reserved for a select few but is our identity and calling as God's beloved children. Today, we are invited to live as Christ's people, trusting his promises, embodying the Beatitudes, and holding fast to the hope that one day we will share fully in his glory, where suffering and death will be no more.

Standing

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12



Sitting

Offering

Ewing (Jerusalem the Golden, LSB 672) Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche

Standing

Prayer of the Church/Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

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

Brief silence

P 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 He 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 [_____ and] 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 [especially _____]. 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.**

P "I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.'" Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were redeemed by God. He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table. In His mercy and wisdom, He summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may rest in His blissful peace forever.

Brief silence

P Yu Shia Dieska

Brief silence

P Scott Hendrix (friend of Adrian Popescu)

Brief silence

P John Kateen

Brief silence

P Douglas Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)

Brief silence

P Gerhard Knehans (brother of Jan Knehans)

Brief silence

P Jean Meyers (former congregational member)

Brief silence

P Suzanne Powell (mother of Bekah Beckman)

Brief silence

P Liz Slovik (aunt of Kati Durden)

Brief silence

P Sarah Staebell (friend of Jason Schoellen)

Brief silence

P Jane Troy (friend of Barbara Danner)

Brief silence

P Carolyn Wills (friend of Clara Smith)

Brief silence

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.
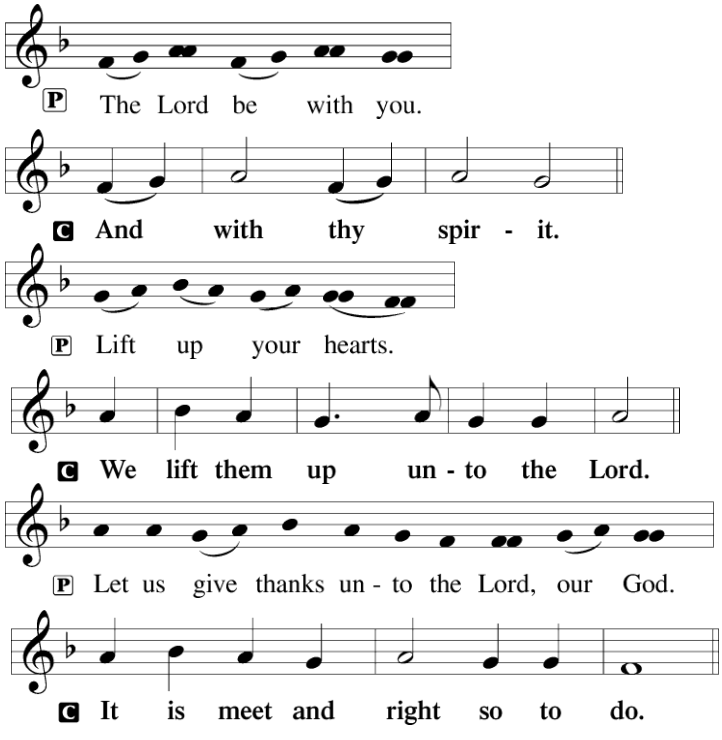
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

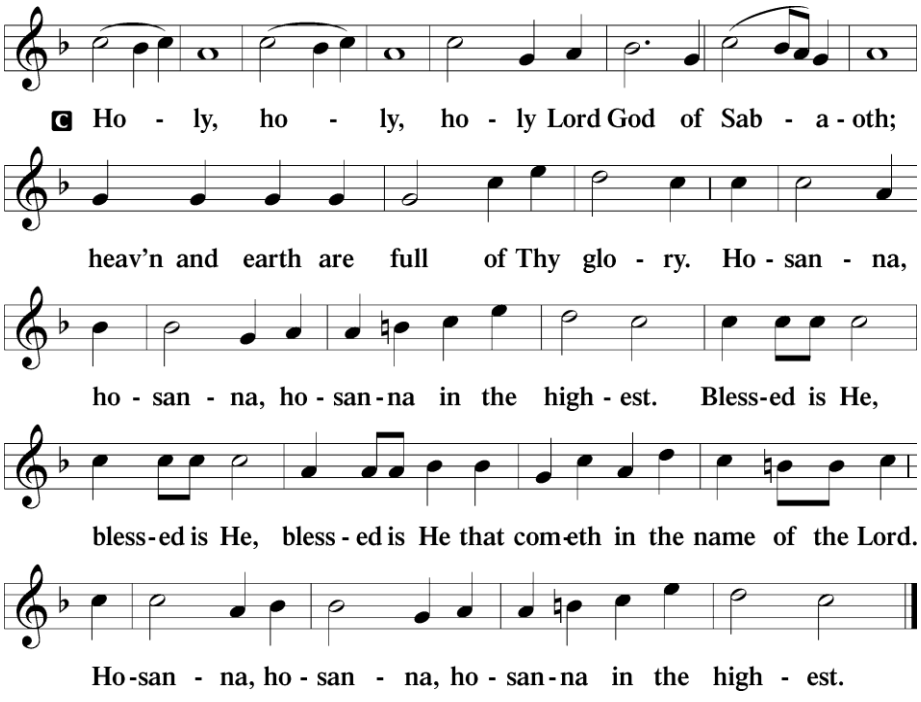
2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P It is truly meet, 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:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

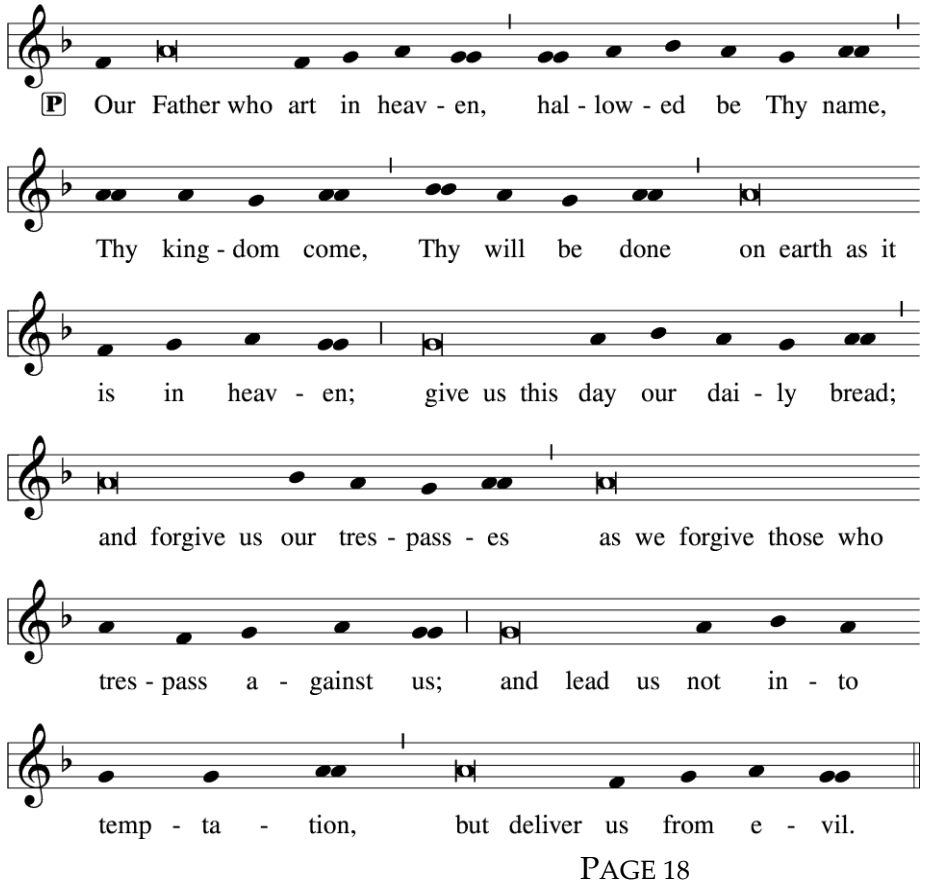
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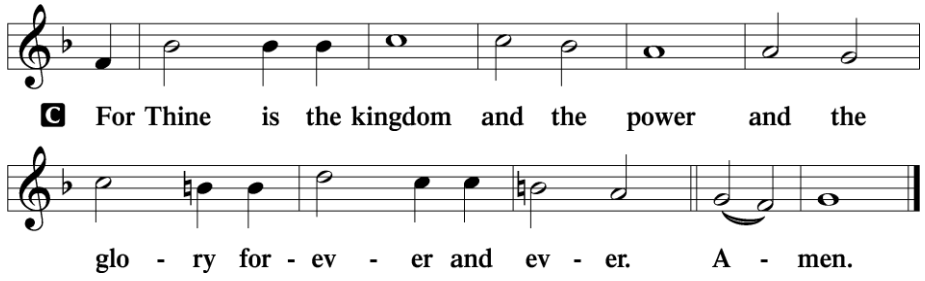


Kneeling or sitting forward

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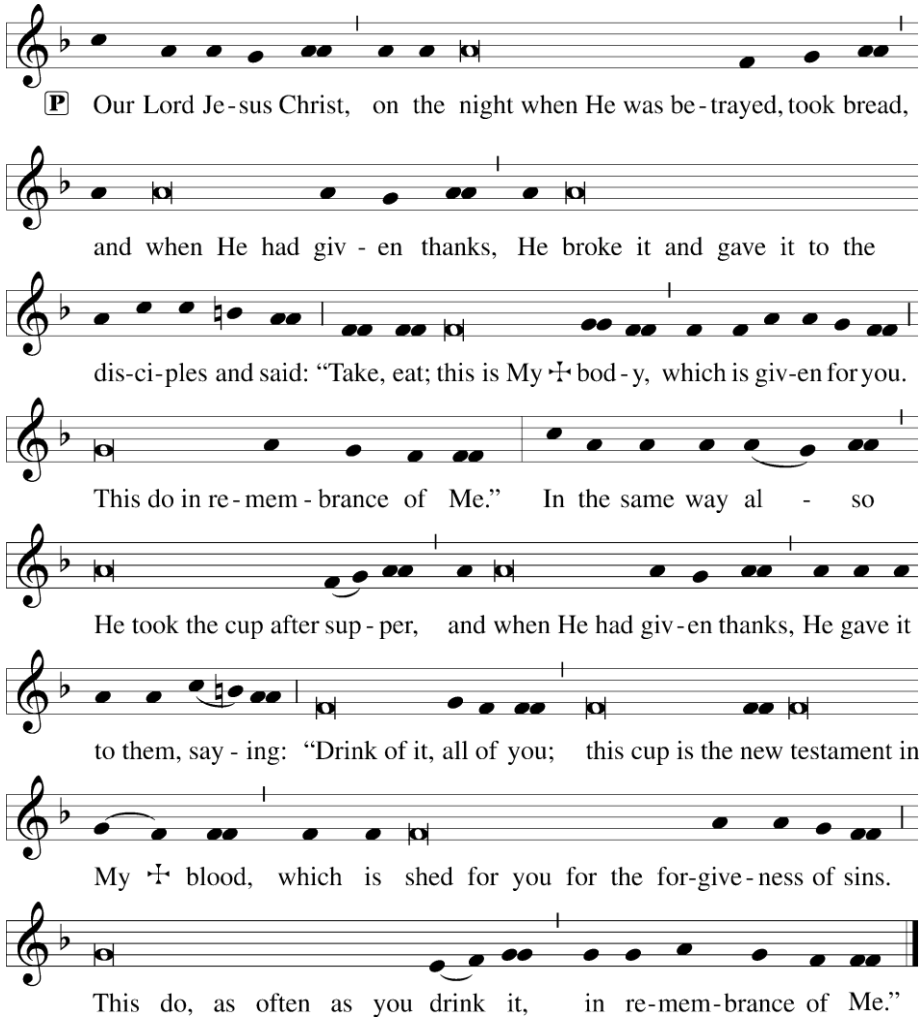
Matthew 6:9-13





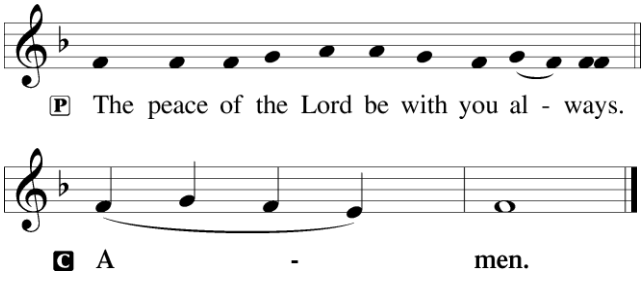
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



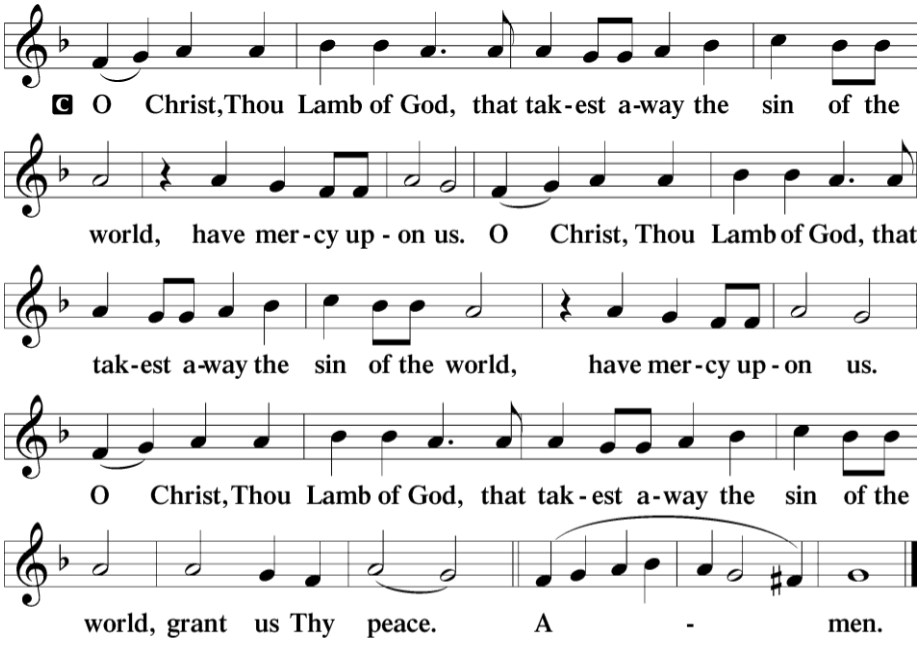
PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



Sitting

All guests and visitors in attendance for the first time, who have not yet announced their intention to receive Holy Communion, are asked to please refrain until having spoken to Pastor Miller or an elder beforehand. We invite anyone to come forward with arms crossed over chest in the shape of an "X" to receive a pastoral blessing.
This is in accordance with Lutheran practice: "No one is admitted to the Sacrament without first being examined" (Augsburg Confession XXIV:6-7).

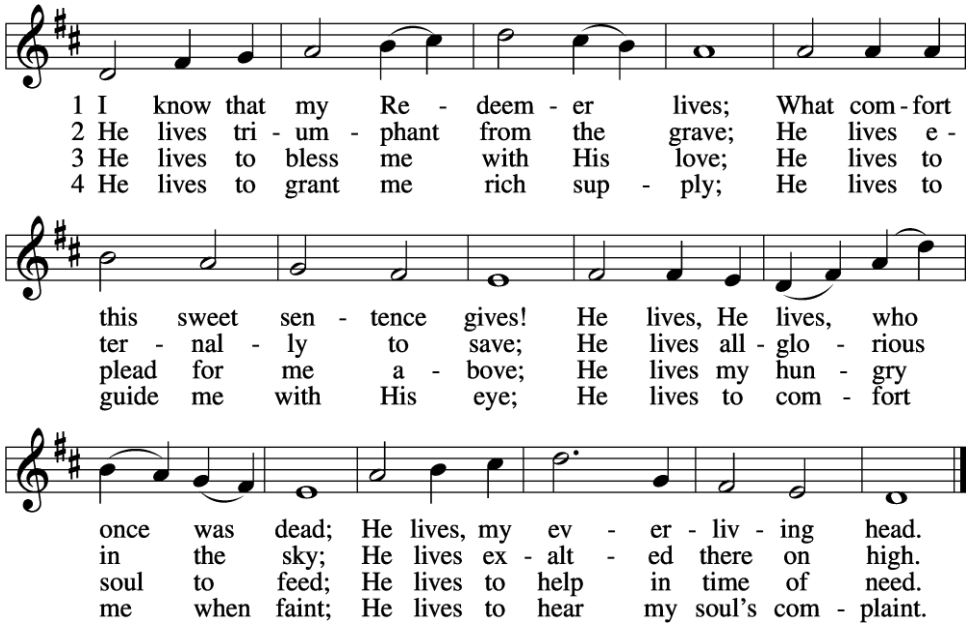
Preparing our hearts to receive Holy Communion:

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful Father, who has called us your beloved children and made us heirs of your eternal kingdom: Purify our hearts and strengthen our faith as we prepare to receive the Body and Blood of your Son. May we, who are joined with all the saints in his redeeming love, be renewed in his grace, shaped by his Beatitudes, and filled with the hope of his everlasting promises. Make us worthy witnesses of his love in the world, until that day when we behold him face to face and rejoice with all the saints in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music during the Distribution

Lutheran Service Book 461 **"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"**
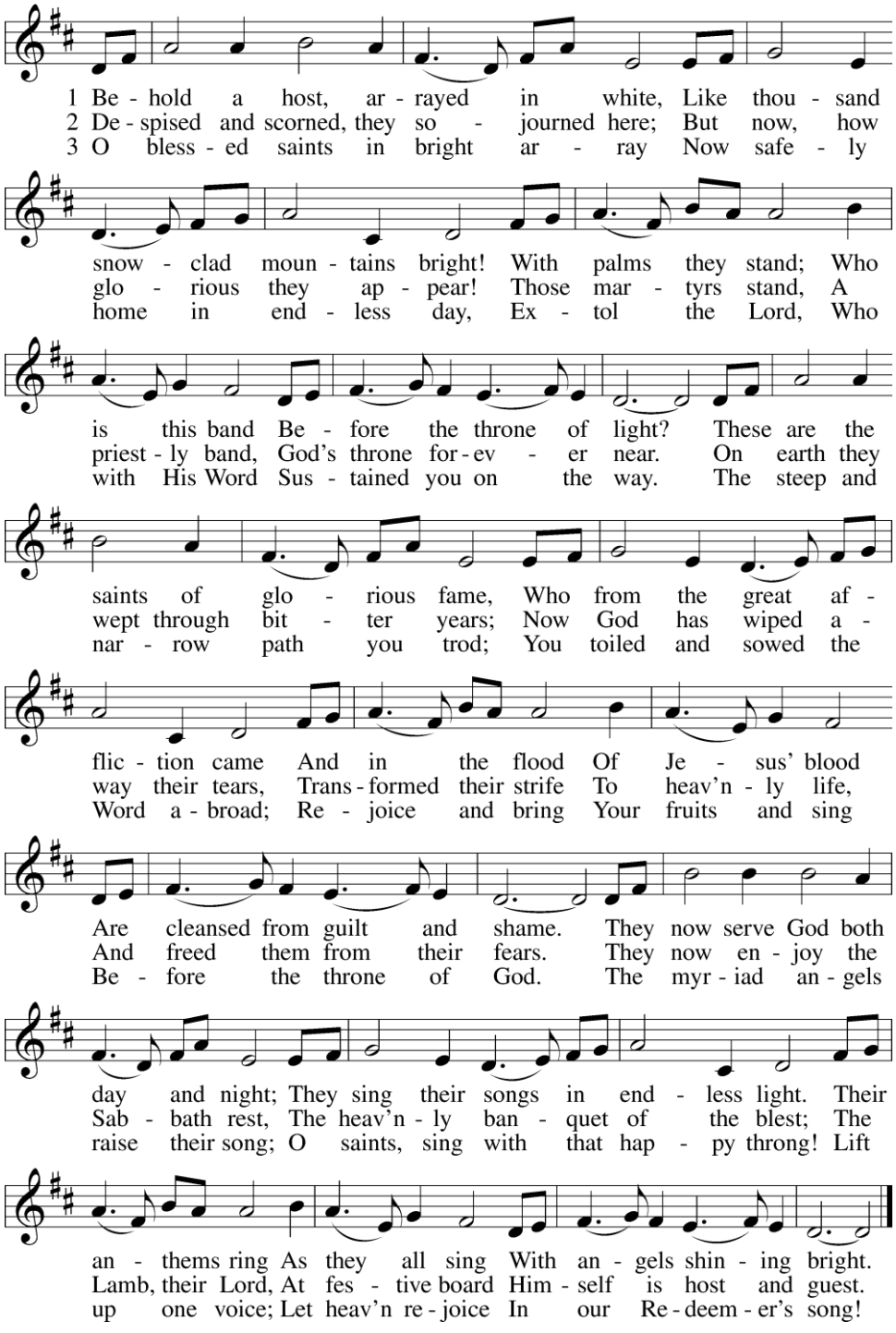


5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

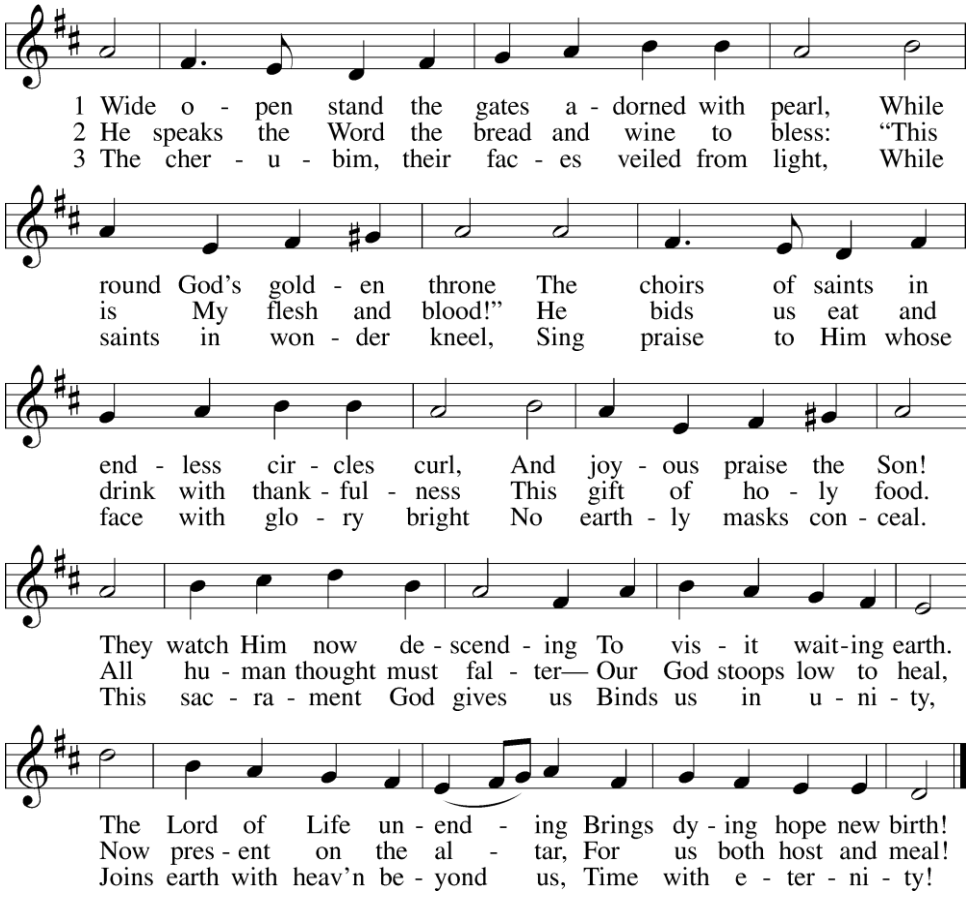
7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Returning thanks after Receiving Holy Communion:
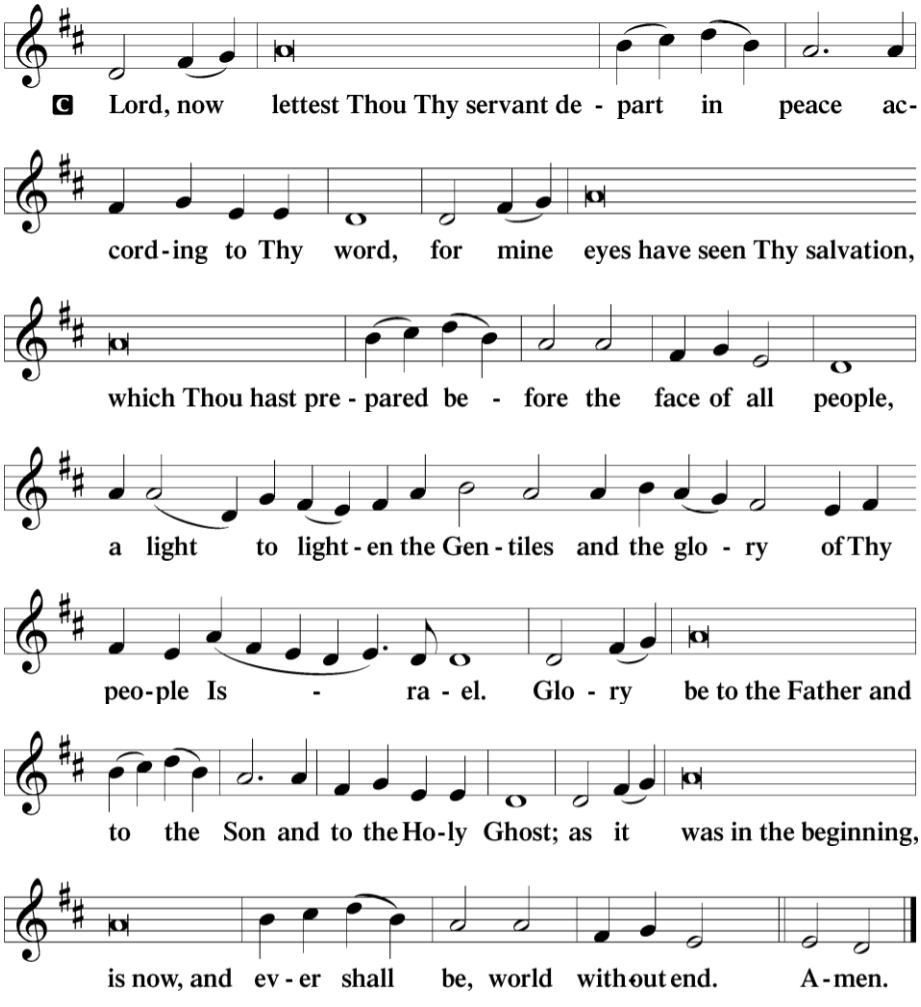
Let us pray.

Gracious and loving Father, we give you thanks for feeding us with the precious Body and Blood of your Son and renewing in us the promise of eternal life. May the grace we have received strengthen us as your beloved children, deepen our communion with Christ and with all the saints, and inspire us to live the blessings of your kingdom through lives of humility, mercy, purity, and love. Keep our hearts steadfast in faith and our eyes fixed on the glory yet to be revealed, until we join the blessed company of all your saints and behold you face to face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Standing

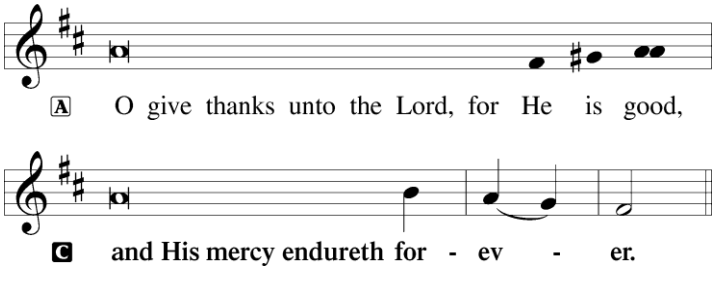
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32
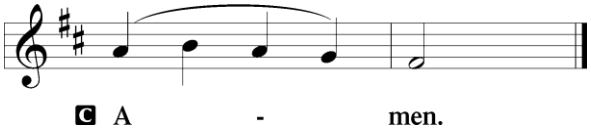


THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



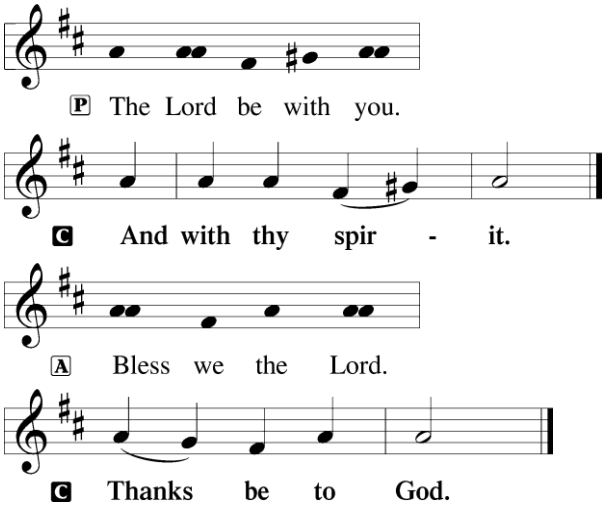
Post-Communion Collect

℗ 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.



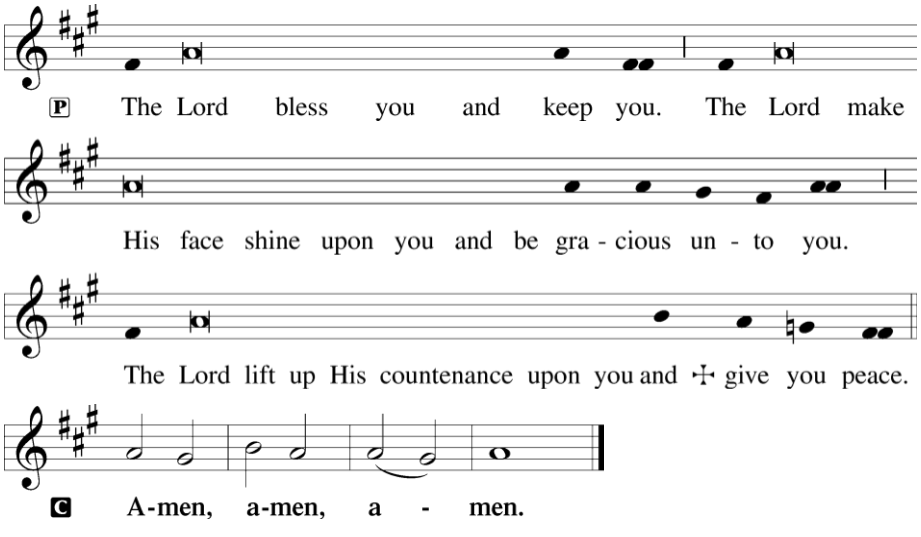
Salutation and Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



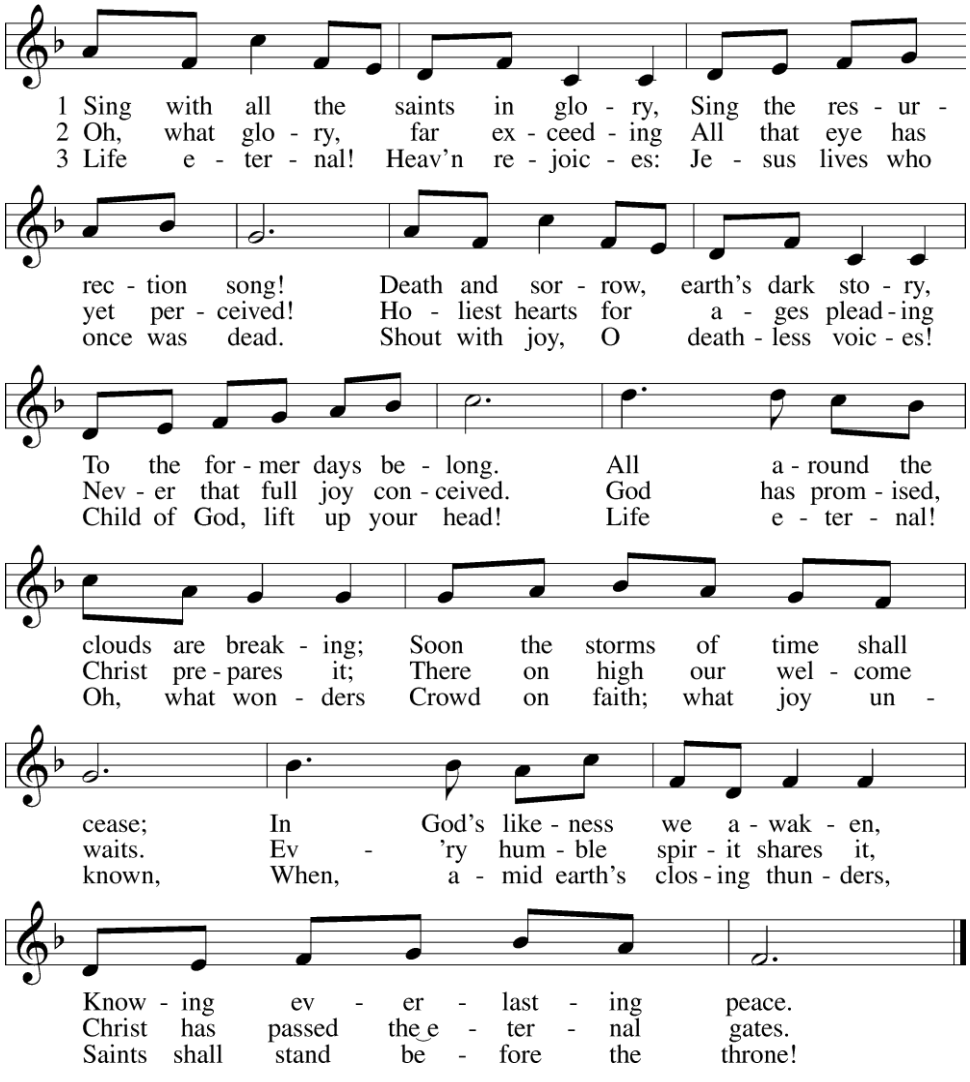
Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



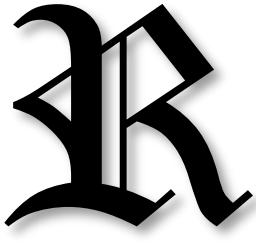
Recessional Hymn

Lutheran Service Book 671 **"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"**



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Postlude



enewing Our Hearts after Holy Mass:

Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, who has fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son and strengthened us by the hope of your eternal kingdom: Renew our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as your beloved children, grow in the grace of the Beatitudes, and follow faithfully in the footsteps of your saints. May the love of Christ shine through our words and deeds, sustain us in every trial, and keep our eyes fixed on the day when we shall see him face to face and rejoice with all the saints in your everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Serving In Our Worship

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Presiding Minister
The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)
J.P. Morr, *Elder*
Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*
Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Organist
Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

Cantor
Adrian Popescu

Musician(s)
Will Davis, trumpet
Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild
Jeni Miller/Eden Miller

Usher(s)
Grayson Beckman/Malcolm Abrahaman
(Ryan Licht)

Fellowship Host(s)
Darlene Beckman

Serving Next Week

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Presiding Minister
The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)
J.P. Morr, *Elder*
Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*
Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

Pianist
Carolyn McPherson

Musician(s)
Will Davis, trumpet
Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

Altar Guild
Ryan Licht/Kati Durden

Usher(s)
Grayson Beckman/Malcolm Abrahaman
(Ryan Licht)

Fellowship Host(s)
The Durden family

This Week's Calendar

Sunday 11/1	**All Saints' Day** Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: *"Who Do You Say That I Am?"* Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice Confirmation	 8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Monday 11/2	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office	 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 11/3	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office	 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/4	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM
Thursday 11/5	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office	 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/6	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office	 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/7	 Open Arms LCDC Church Office Veterans Appreciation Dinner	 Closed Closed 5:30 PM
Sunday 11/8	**Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity** Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: *"Who Do You Say That I Am?"* Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Adult Choir Practice	 8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour

Loving the Lord

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).

☩ Adult Bible Study: "Who Do You Say That I Am?" The Early Christological Controversies

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

Join us for an exploration of one of the most important questions of the Christian faith: Who is Jesus Christ? Together, we will examine the major Christological controversies that shaped the early Church, including Docetism, Arianism, Nestorianism, and others, considering how Christians throughout the first centuries wrestled with the mystery of Christ's full divinity and full humanity. This study will help us develop a fuller understanding of the person of Jesus Christ—and why what we believe about who He is matters profoundly for our faith, worship, and salvation. Come join us as we explore the history, Scripture, and theology behind these enduring questions.

☩ Pledge Sunday: Offering to God Our Time, Talent, & Treasure

Sunday, November 22 during Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

Pledge Sunday is an opportunity to prayerfully consider how we may offer our time, talents, and treasure in service to God and His Church. All that we have is a gift from His gracious hand, and our generosity is not a burden to bear but a blessing through which we grow in faith, express our gratitude, and participate in the work of the Gospel. As we give freely and joyfully, we are reminded that God does not need our gifts, but graciously invites us to share in His work for the good of our neighbor and the building up of His Church. In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter with a pledge card and accompanying materials to help you prayerfully consider your commitment for the year ahead.

✢ **Holy Mass: The Eve of Thanksgiving Day**

Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

As our nation prepares to celebrate Thanksgiving and remember the blessings surrounding its founding, the Church gathers to offer thanks and praise to Almighty God, the Giver of every good gift. Join us for a Divine Service on the eve of Thanksgiving as we give thanks for His abundant benefits, His gracious provision for our daily needs, and above all, the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. In grateful faith, we acknowledge that every blessing comes from His merciful hand and give Him the glory due His holy name.

✢ **CANCELLED: NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL NOVEMBER 29.**

✢ **Advent Midweek Mass: Truth, Goodness, & Beauty**

Wednesdays in Advent, December 2, 9, & 16 at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

Join us for three midweek Masses on Wednesdays during the Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year's theme explores the three transcendentals—Truth, Goodness, and Beauty—and what they reveal to us about the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming of Christ. Through Holy Scripture, prayer, and the Church's liturgy, we will reflect on how Christ embodies perfect Truth, reveals the fullness of divine Goodness, and manifests the Beauty of God's saving love, preparing us to receive Him with faith and joy.

✢ **Adult Bible Study: Sacrifice Fulfilled: *The Old Testament Sacrificial System and Jesus Christ***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning December 6.
Church fellowship hall

Join us for a study of the distinctive offerings and sacrifices prescribed in the Old Testament and how each prophetically pointed forward to the person and saving work of Jesus Christ. As we explore the meaning and purpose of these offerings, we will see how they anticipated Christ's once-for-all self-offering for the forgiveness of sins and the reconciliation of humanity to God. In Him, the New Testament reveals not only the fulfillment of the Law but also the culmination of all that the Law's sacrificial system foreshadowed, as every sacrifice finds its ultimate meaning and completion in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

☩ Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass (with Carols by Candlelight): Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Day Mass: Friday, December 25 at 10:00 A.M.
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist: Sunday, December 27 at 10:00 A.M.

☩ Sermons on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta/videos

Did you miss a Sunday service, want to revisit a sermon that especially spoke to you, or share God's Word with a friend or family member? Our weekly sermons are available on YouTube for your convenience. We encourage all members to subscribe to our YouTube channel and check back regularly for new sermon recordings. Whether you watch immediately after Sunday worship or revisit sermons throughout the week, we pray these messages continue to strengthen your faith and keep you rooted in God's Word.

☩ Private Confession and Absolution

Available by appointment

Have you considered making use of Private Confession and Absolution? Pastor Miller is available by appointment to hear confession and proclaim Christ's forgiveness personally and individually. While many Lutherans are familiar with corporate confession during the Divine Service, private confession has always been a treasured part of our Lutheran heritage. In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther encourages Christians to make use of confession and receive the comfort of absolution from their pastor. This gift is not something to fear or avoid—it is simply part of living the Christian life of repentance as a Lutheran. If you would like to schedule a time for Private Confession and Absolution, please contact Pastor Miller.

Loving our Neighbor

"And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:39).

✢ Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, November 7 at 5:30 P.M.
Church fellowship hall

The sixth annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner is open to all those men and women who have served in our United States military, as well as their families. All veterans and their guests are invited to join us at no cost to them or their loved ones. Others, who are not veterans, are welcome to purchase a ticket to attend the dinner in celebration of our veterans. 100% of all proceeds go to benefit Warriors Set Free, which is a special ministry organization that helps veterans to heal from their emotional scars and find personal freedom in Jesus Christ.

The event includes a homemade Italian dinner, patriotic fellowship, special guest veterans, raffle prizes, and other great surprises. The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is a can't-miss event! Be sure to mark your calendars.

Even more, please help get the word out to both veterans and non-veterans alike. You can visit the event website to RSVP free (for veterans and their families) or buy tickets (everyone else): vetsdinner.com. All questions may be directed to Jason Schoellen, whose information is in the church directory.

Ascension members, your help is also needed to ensure this event runs smoothly as the number of attendees grows each year! Please email Jason Schoellen to sign up as a volunteer for one of the following kitchen help roles: serving food to the veterans/attendees, help with food prep, handing out drinks, taking drink orders, other help as needed. Thank you so much!

✢ Advent Party

Sunday, December 6 after Holy Mass
Church sanctuary

Join us for our Advent Party! Congregational members are invited to stay after to help decorate for Christmas and prepare the sanctuary for the Open Arms Christmas Program the following Friday. We invite everyone to bring a snack or drink to share as we enjoy some fellowship and festive fun together. Thank you in advance for your time, helping hands, and generosity as we prepare to celebrate the season!

Lifting Holy Hands

"I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Timothy 2:8).

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✢ Joel May, 11/6

Baptismal Anniversaries:

- ✢ Titus Miller, 11/5
- ✢ Josiah Baumer, 11/7

Confirmation Anniversaries:

- ✢ None this week

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✢ Josiah Baumer, 11/2
- ✢ Titus Miller, 11/5
- ✢ Marion Griffin, 11/6

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✢ None this week

Recent Requests

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✢ The Rev. James Clark
- ✢ Robin Dempsey (mother-in-law of Matthew Licht)
- ✢ Shirley Kaiser (stepmother of Jeni Miller)
- ✢ Linda Meissner (aunt of Jeni Miller)
- ✢ Rick Miller (uncle of Jeni Miller)
- ✢ Jason Schoellen

Special Requests

- ✢ All those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the past year, that they might be comforted by the Gospel.
- ✢ All expectant mothers and their unborn children, especially Margaret Beckman, Haley Licht, Katie Licht, Mandy Kranzlein; and Lizzie Schnell; for health and safety.
- ✢ Jill Drachenberg, for a fair wage and meaningful employment.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✢ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✢ Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- ✢ Marion & Robbie Griffin
- ✢ Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✢ Ruth Henry
- ✢ Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- ✢ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✢ Charles Schnell (former member), for his pastoral formation.
- ✢ Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✢ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✢ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✢ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✢ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✢ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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