FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Feast of All Saints

November 2, 2025

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

AS WE GATHER

"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 countless 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, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. 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).

Rev. Eric J. Edwards ✢ ***Rev. Liwei Sui*** ✢ *Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, Director of Parish Music*

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✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC - *Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils Are Ended* (Johannes Brahms)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 821 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**.

✢ ✢ ✢ WORD ✢ ✢ ✢

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

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

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

C **Into your hand I commit my | spirit;**
You have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
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.
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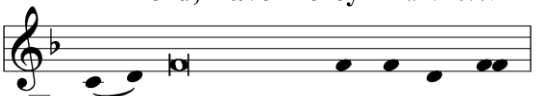
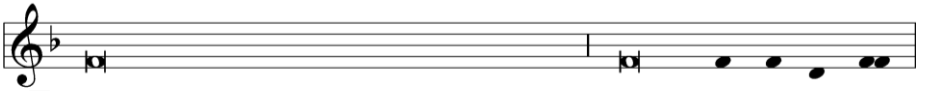
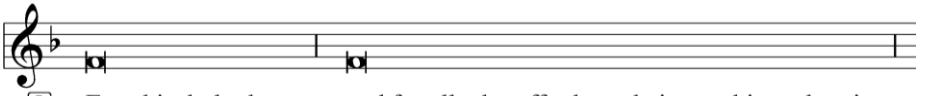
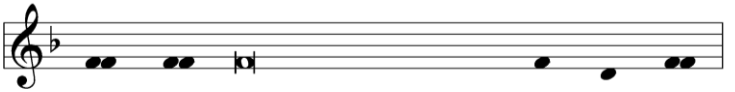
KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*

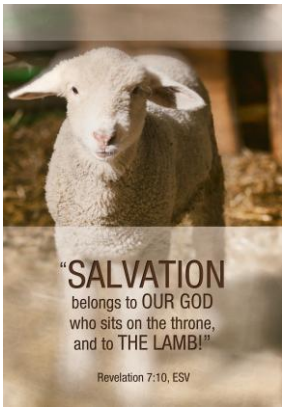








HYMN OF PRAISE – This Is the Feast



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P … one God, now and forever.

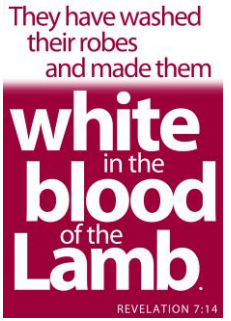
C **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON – Revelation 7:9-17 – Saints of the Lord cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God…"

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in
white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to
our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne
and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from
where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming
out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – Revelation 7:14, Psalm 84:5

The congregation joins in singing the portion in **bold type**.

The **Gradual** for the final Sundays of the Church Year uses imagery from the Revelation to St. John and the Book of Psalms to turn our attention to the end times. As the days grow shorter and colder with the approach of winter, we are surrounded by reminders of our own mortality. But God promises us His strength for our journey and renews our souls with the promise of the crown of life in the glory of the world to come.

EPISTLE – 1 John 3:1-3 – We are called God's children now through His love.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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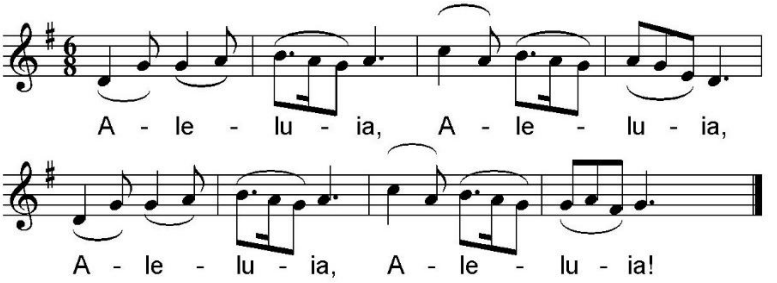
C **Thanks be to God.**

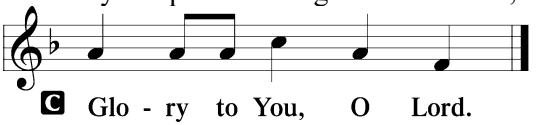
ALLELUIA and VERSE – Hebrews 12:1-2
Please join in singing the Alleluias before and after the verse.



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

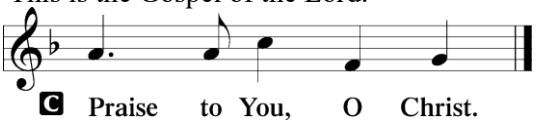
HOLY GOSPEL – **Matthew 5:1-12** – Blessed are the Saints of the Lord.

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

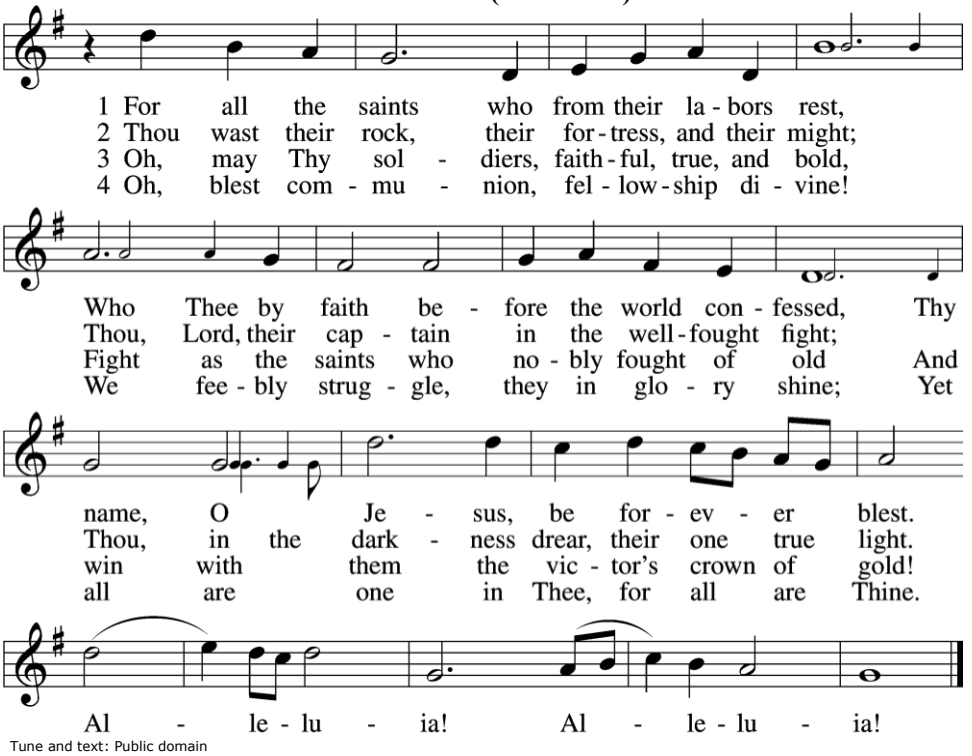


Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN – LSB 677 – For All the Saints (verses 1-4)



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SERMON – *Saints of the Lord* – Revelation 7:9-17

NICENE CREED

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.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

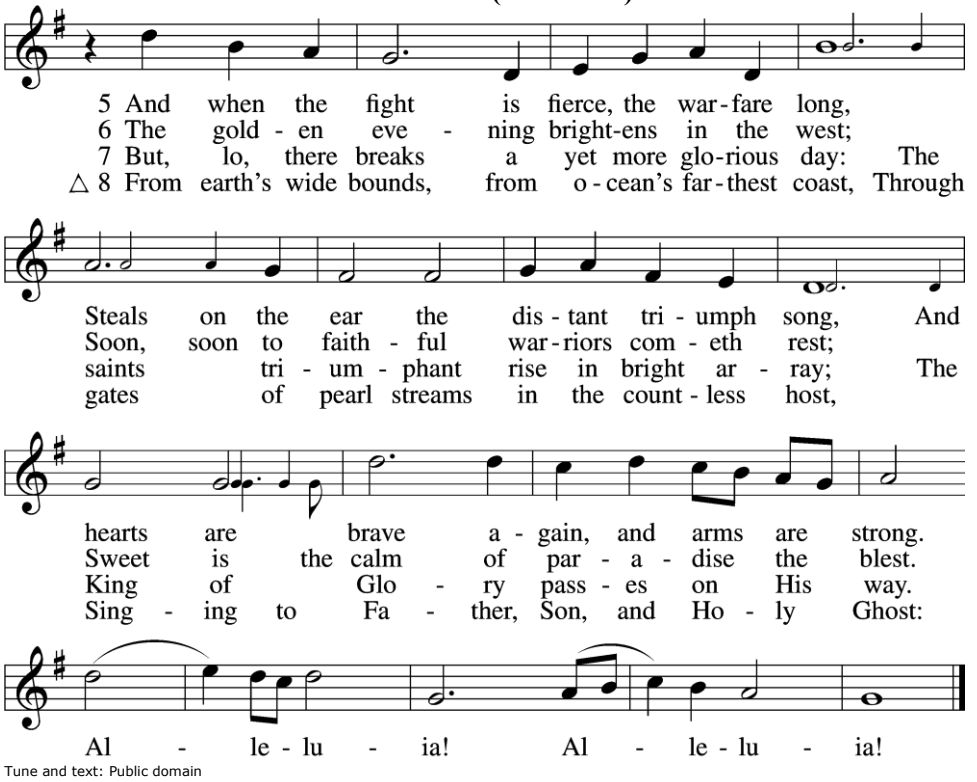
P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith this past year and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Gene Roegiers	**LouAnn Lybrook**
Norm Horn	**Janet Donham**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving Your servants *[names],* who trusted in Christ and who now stand in Your nearer presence where all sorrows are turned to joy. Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come that we may await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN – LSB 677 – For All the Saints (verses 5-8)



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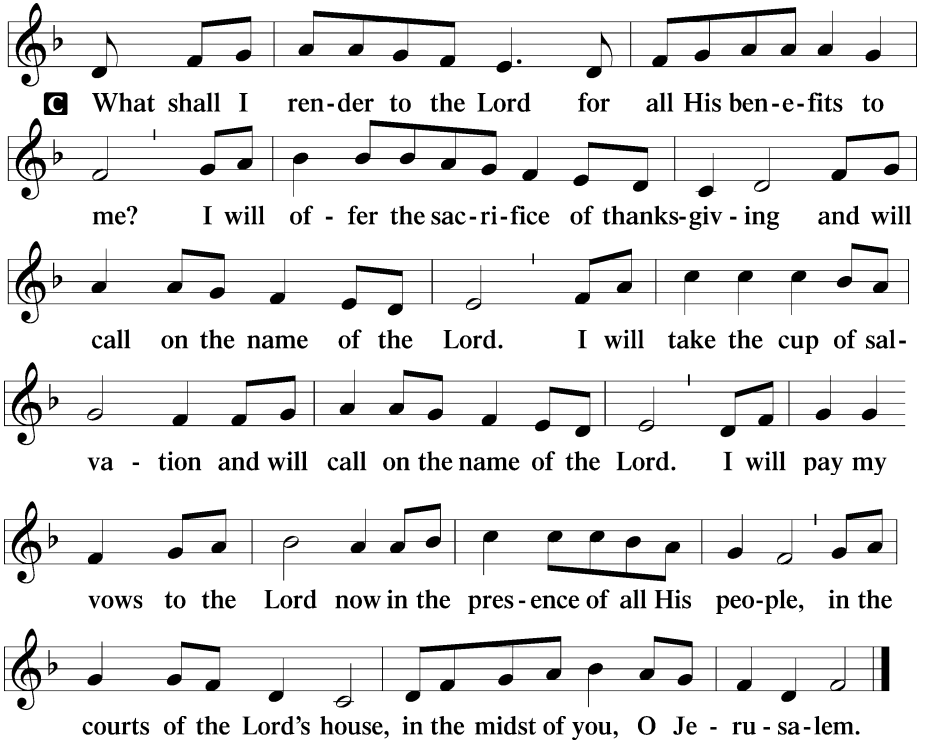
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A …Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A … one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

OFFERING – *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* (arr. Walter L. Pelz)

OFFERTORY – **LSB 159 –** *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



✢ ✢ ✢ SACRAMENT ✢ ✢ ✢

beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith**, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper**, please speak with one of our pastors.

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary …evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 161 – Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

℗ …one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

℃ **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.

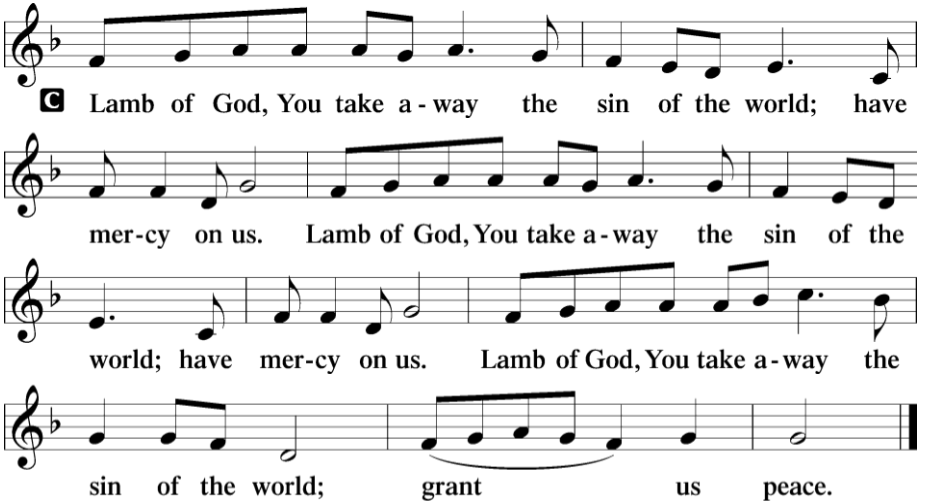
WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI – **LSB 163 – Lamb of God –** *John 1:29*



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine***,** is available in the center of the tray.

DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Pie Jesu* (arr. John Rutter)
Nadine Adisho, soprano

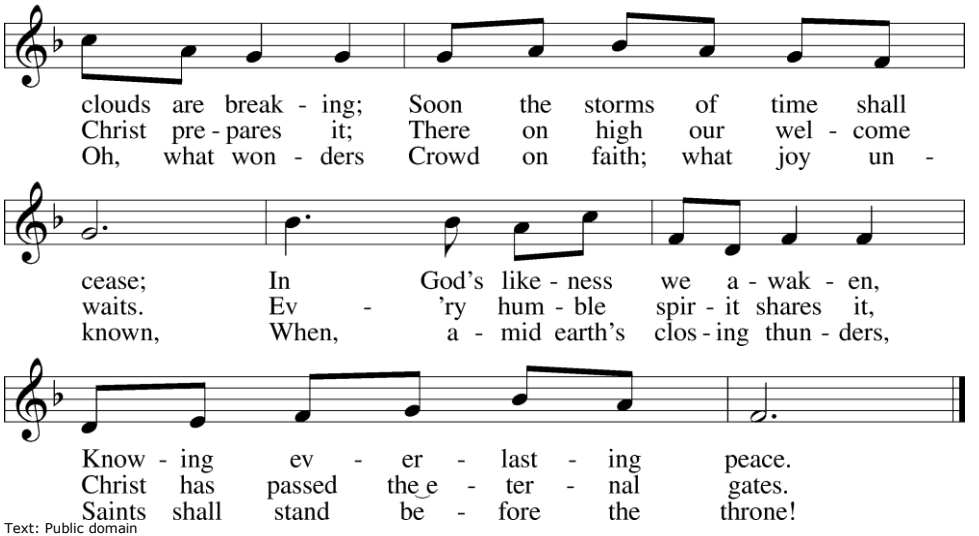
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.
Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest.
Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them everlasting rest.

LSB 671 – Sing with All the Saints in Glory

God grants all the faithful the eternal, Sabbath rest of sins forgiven and life restored in Christ. When we face the hour of death and the day of judgment, we can sing with the hymn writer, "The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia!" *LSB 677.6*

-Rev. Brian Hamer



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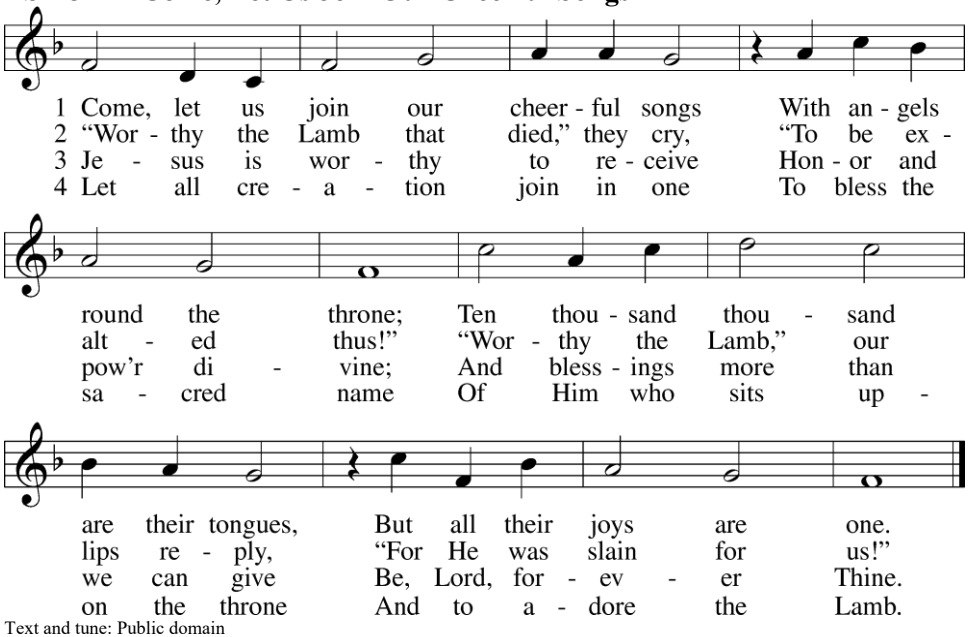
LSB 812 – Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



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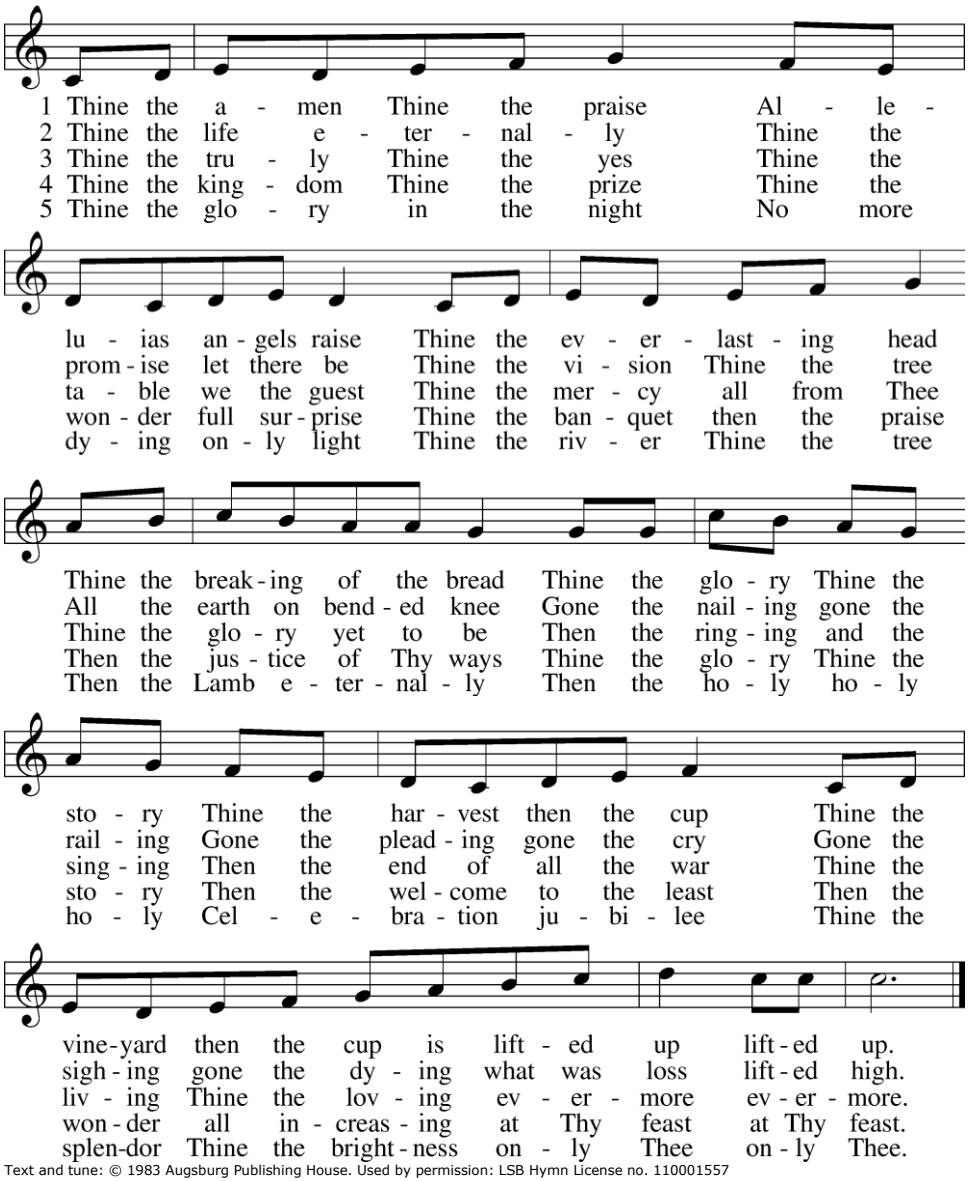
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Please stand for Verse 5.

Vs. 1: Women *Vs. 3: Choir*
Vs. 2: Men **Vs. 4-5: All**



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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION – *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

C **Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 336 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

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SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *For All the Saints* (arr. Richard Heschke)

Thank you to the Senior Choir and our festival instrumentalists this morning:

Peter Bye, Jasmine Dickson, Joshua Grimes,
Noah Grimes, Evan Huang, & Brian McDonie

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by *Steve & Janet Hitzeman* in thanksgiving for all the saints who from their labors rest; especially **Paul and Lillian Hitzeman, Gilbert, Leola, and John Stoppenhagen.**

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Tuesday, November 4
9:00am **Playgroup**
9:30am **Chinese Bible study** (Grand Hall)
1:00pm **Fellowship Ministry Team** (narthex)
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C)

Wednesday, November 5

10:00am **Midweek Bible study – *2 Peter***
11:15am **Lunch & Learn: *Atrial Fibrillation*** (Julie Frey, P.A.)
7:00pm **Senior Choir**

FRIDAY, November 7 – SUNDAY, November 9
AMPLIFY: Indiana District Senior High Gathering

SATURDAY, November 8
9:00am **Spiritual Respite Companion Care Workshop** (Seymour)
Visit Voice of Care (voiceofcare.org) or contact Janet Hitzeman for more information.

Sunday, November 9
9:15am **Belize mission trip presentation** (Hitzemans)

Saturday, November 15
9:00am **Fall Work Day** *with Tree Planting from Canopy Bloomington*
10:00am **Altar Guild meeting** – returning and prospective members *(men and women)*

Sunday, November 16

- 4:00pm **Service of Reconciliation**
  Details for this special service will be shared shortly.
- **Subscriptions DUE for *The Lutheran Witness***
  To either RENEW or add a NEW subscription for 2026 please sign up on the podium or contact the church office with the name/s and address to use. Payment of **$24** may be in the form of cash (in an envelope with your name and *Lutheran Witness*) or check made payable to Faith Lutheran Church (with *Lutheran Witness* in the memo line) by Thanksgiving.
- **Thanksgiving Meal Drive ends.** Help us as we partner with The Salvation Army to fill plates – and hearts – with hope this Thanksgiving. See the poster in the narthex for remaining needs.

Tuesdays: December 2, 9, 16, 23
Salvation Army Bell-ringing
Faith will once again ring for Salvation Army at *Kroger East*
each Tuesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Visit faithbtown.org – or contact *Janet Hitzeman* - to sign up for a 2-hour shift.

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