FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

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

*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



AS WE GATHER

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

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

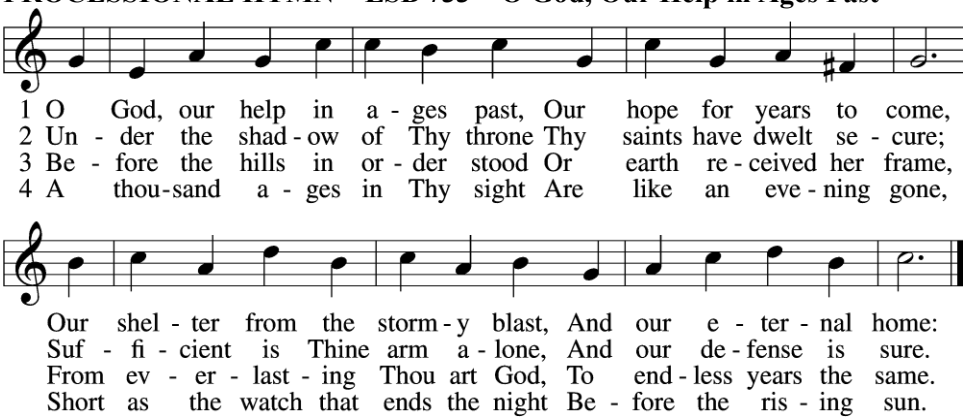
Rev. Eric J. Edwards ✢ ***Rev. Liwei Sui*** ✢ *Dr. Priscilla Gabriel, Director of Parish Music*

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✢ ✢ ✢ GATHERING ✢ ✢ ✢

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – LSB 733 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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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.

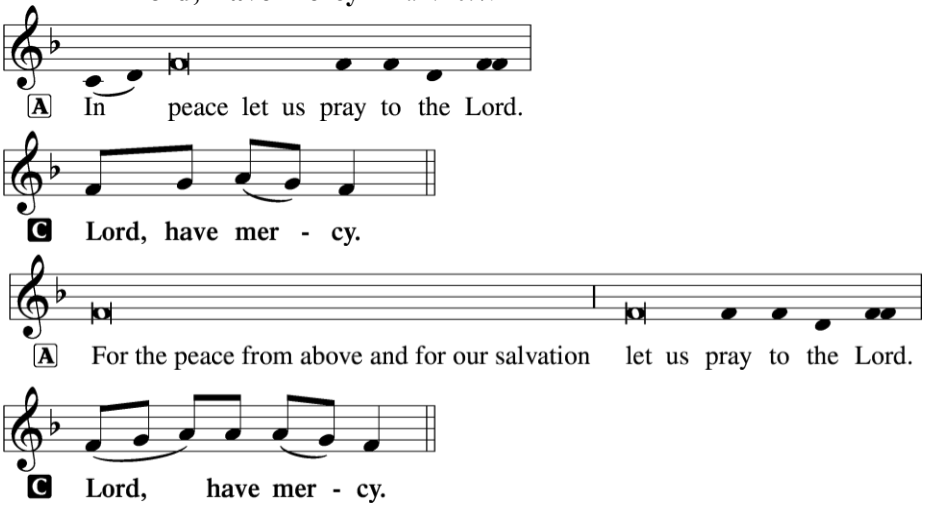
C **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;***
in your righteousness de- | liver me.



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.
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.

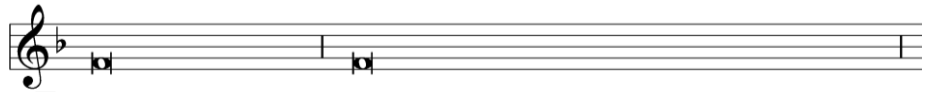
KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – *Mark 10:47*





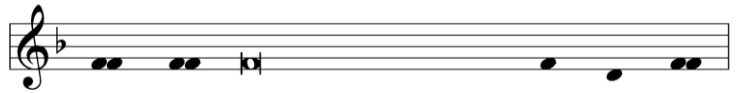










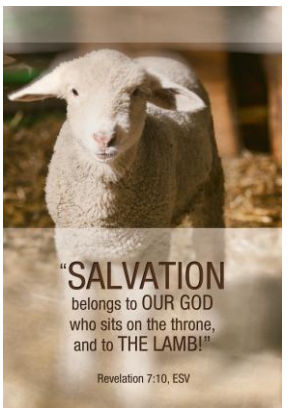


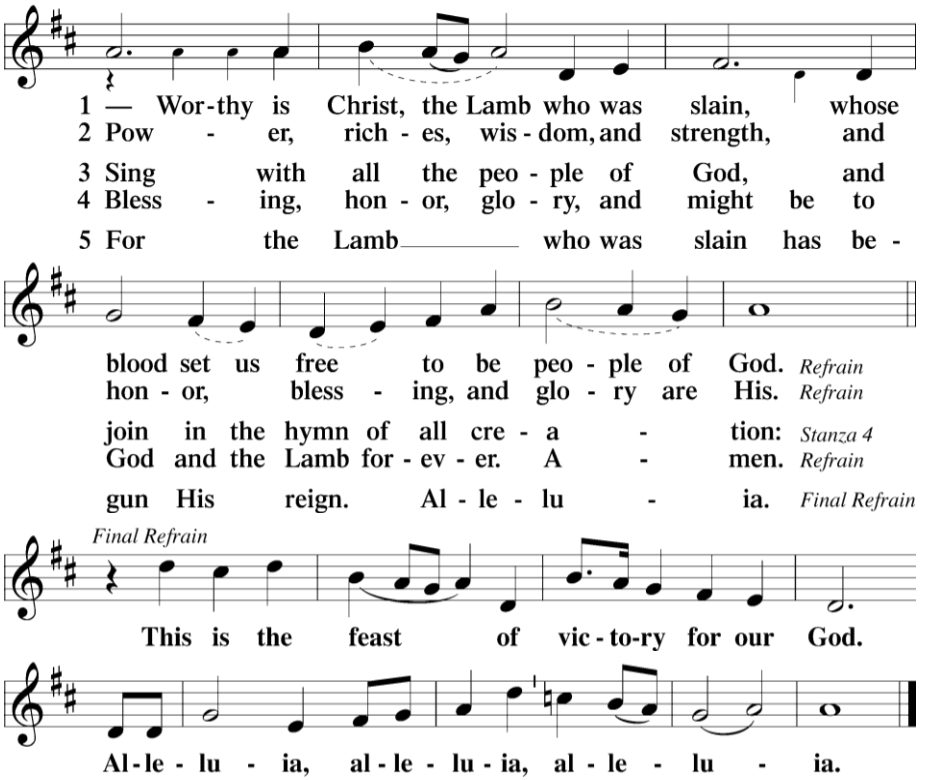


HYMN OF PRAISE – This Is the Feast









SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

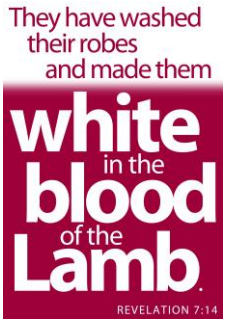
P … one God, now and forever.

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.”

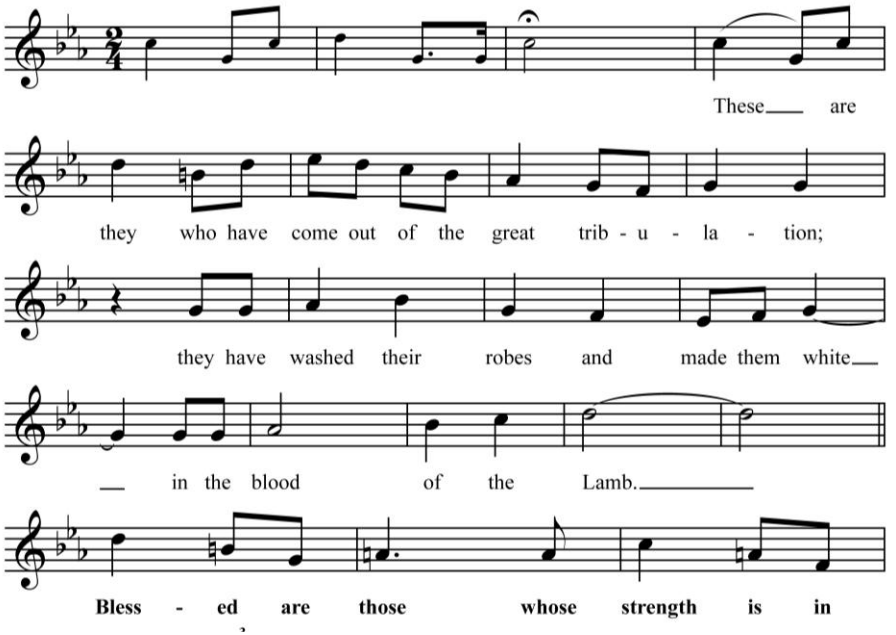


A This is the Word of the Lord.

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.

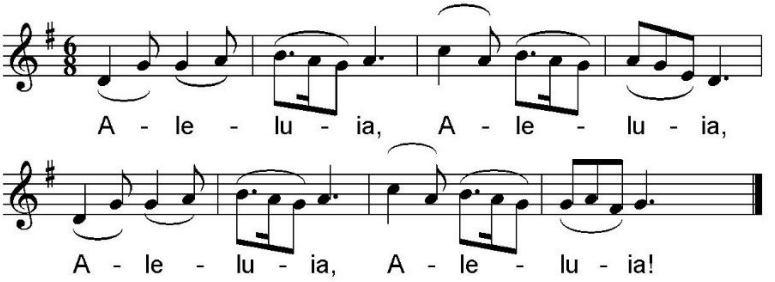


EPISTLE – **1 John 3:1-3** – We are called God's children now through His love.

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.

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

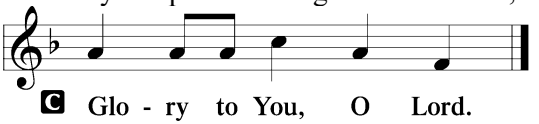
ALLELUIA and VERSE – Hebrews 12:1-2
Please join in singing the Alleluias before and after the verse.



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.



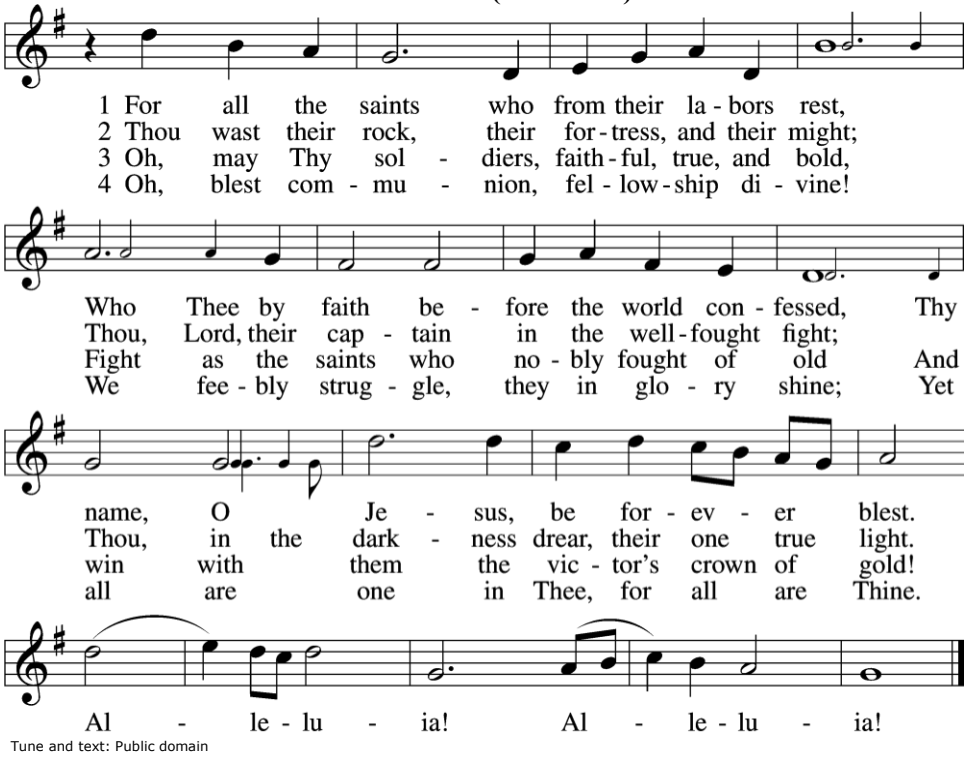
Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are 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.



C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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



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SERMON – *Blessed are the Saints of the Lord* – Matthew 5:1-12

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

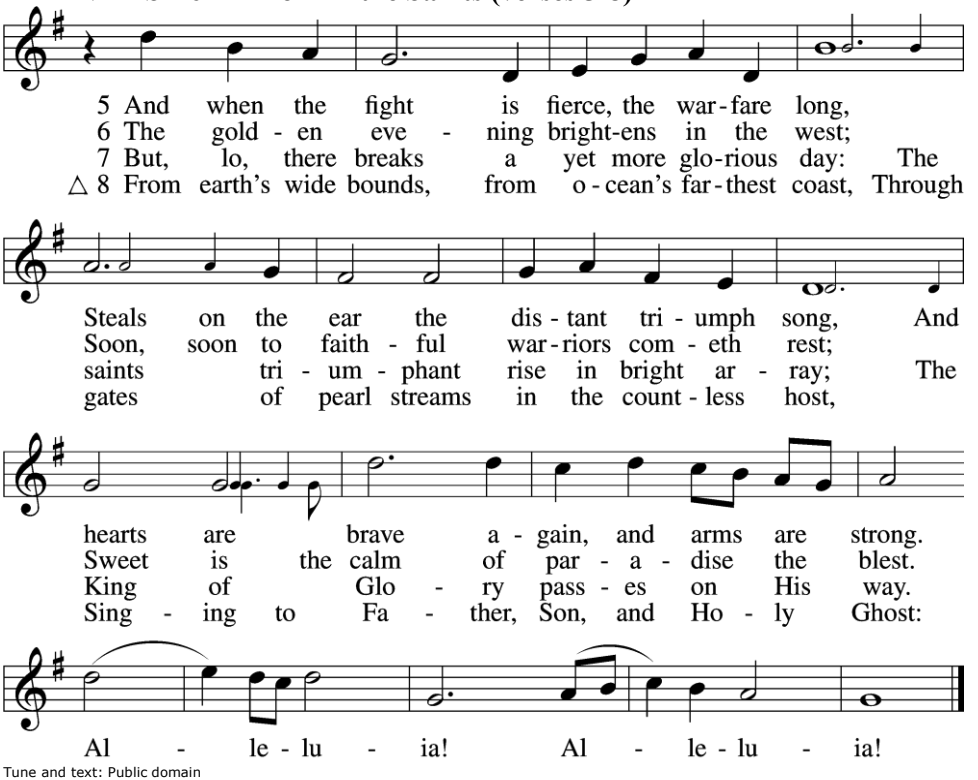
P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith this past year and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Bill Pfrommer
Fred Cooksey
Chuck Bartholomew
Don Donham
Anne Diskowski
Jim Suelflow
Jim Wilson
Line Childress

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 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,

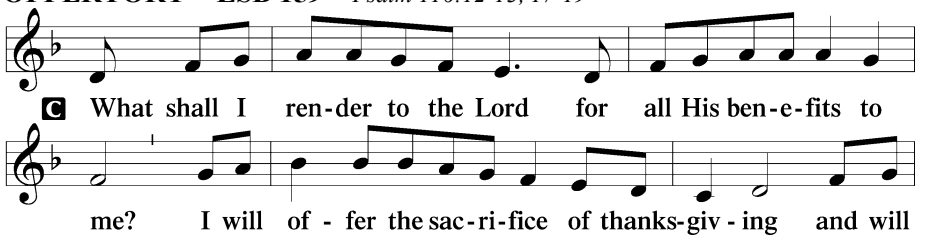
C **hear our prayer.**

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.

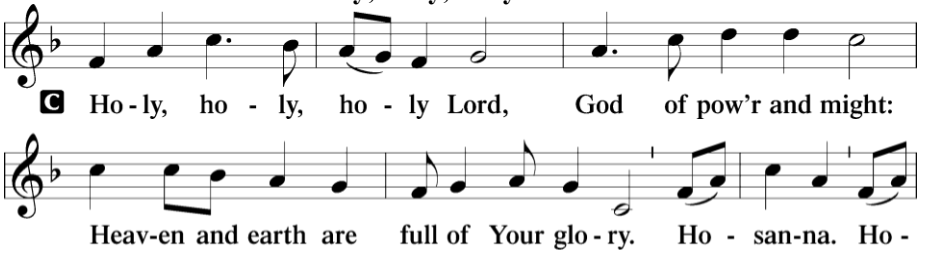
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

SANCTUS – LSB 161 – Holy, Holy, Holy



<u>For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament</u>

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.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P …one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **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 – *Rest for the Weary* (arr. Benjamin M. Culli)

A rest remains for all the weary;
Arise, sad heart, and grieve no more;
Though long the way, and dark and dreary,
It opens to the golden shore.
Before His throne the Lamb will lead you,
On heav'nly pastures He will feed you,
Cast off your burden, come with haste;
Soon toil and strife will be unraveled,
The weary way that you have traveled,
Sweet is the rest that you will taste.

The Father's house has many a dwelling,
And there for you a place will be.
With perfect love His heart is welling
Who loved you from eternity.
His precious blood the Lamb has given
That you may share the joys of heaven,
And now He calls out far and near:
"You weary souls, cast off your sorrow;
My light shines bright upon the morrow.
Come, sweetest rest awaits you here!"

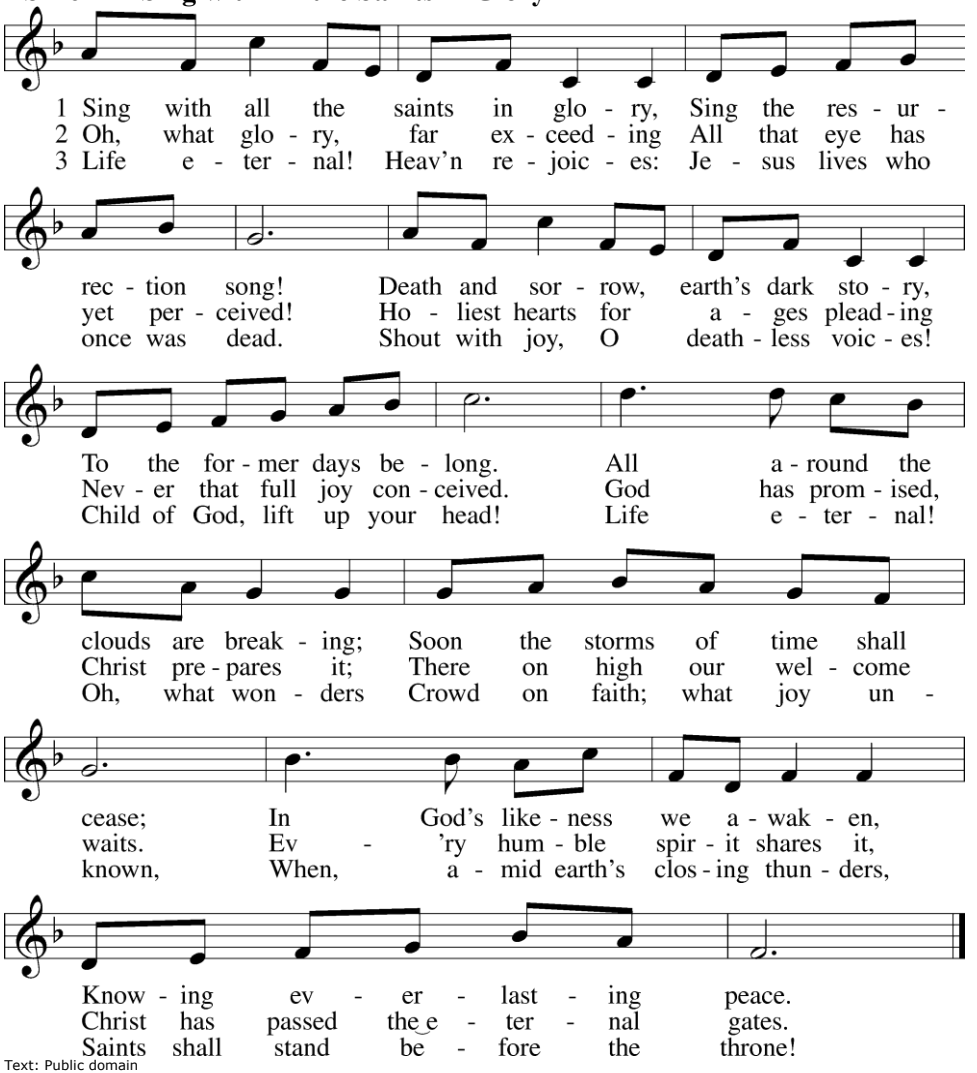
There rest and peace in endless measure
Will be ours through eternity;
No grief, no care, will mar our pleasure,
And untold joy our lot will be.
Oh, had we wings to hasten yonder—
No more this sinful world to ponder—
To join the glad, triumphant band!
Arise, my soul, forget all sadness,
For peace awaits you, joy and gladness—
The perfect rest and promised land.

-Johann Sigismund Kunth (1700–1779),
TLH 615

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

LSB 671 – Sing with All the Saints in Glory

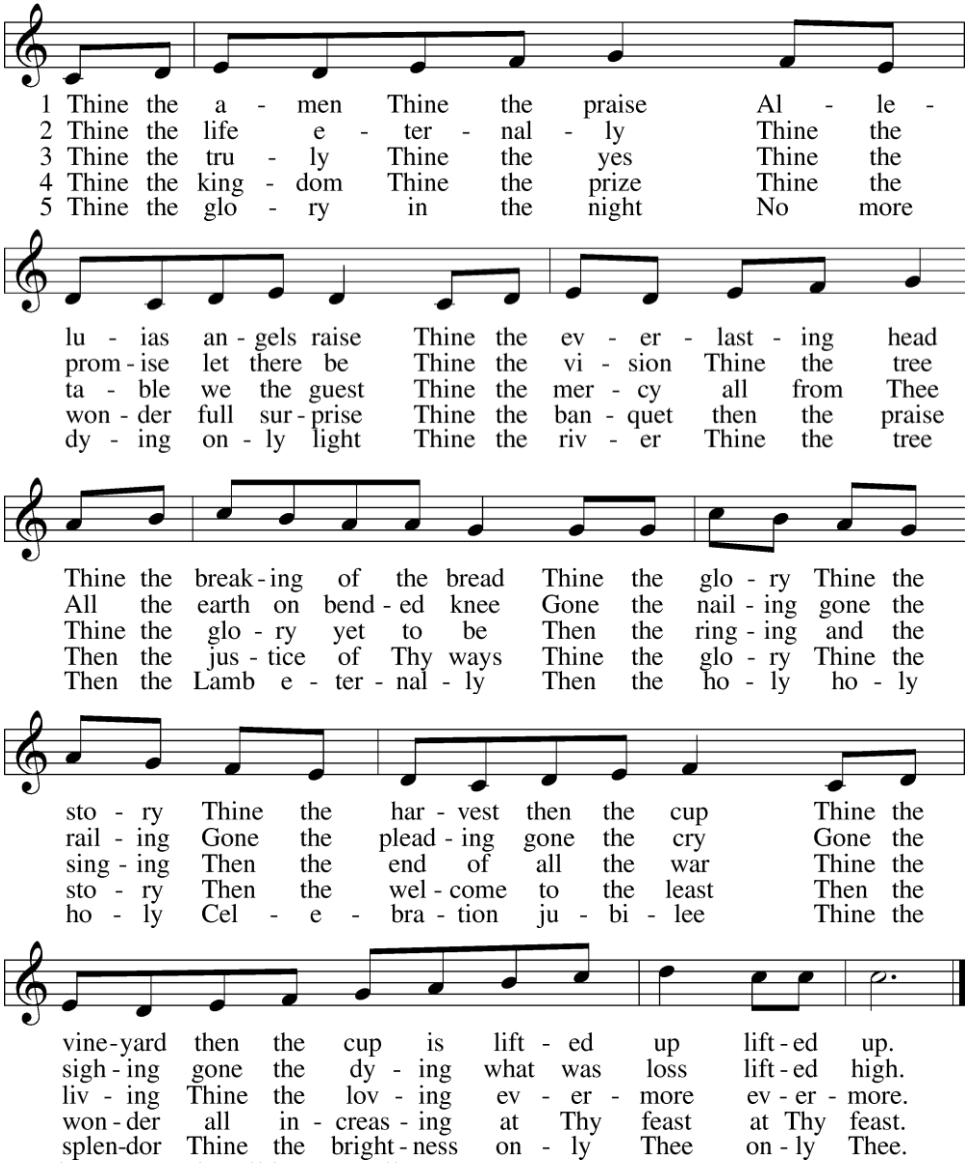


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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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. Wayne Wold)

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

Thomas Cavender, Jasmine Dickson, Andrea Dollinger,
Joshua Grimes, Noah Grimes, and Evan Huang



Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Sojourn House** in thanksgiving for the support by members of Faith.

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TUESDAY, November 3 *Election Day* – **Grand Hall used as polling site**
9:30am **Chinese Bible study**
5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C)

WEDNESDAY, November 4
10:00am **Midweek Bible study**
7:00pm **Senior Choir**
7:00pm ***What Do We Believe?* class** (Zoom)

FRIDAY, November 6
4:30-6:00pm **Fall Festival** (ages 6 and under) See back page for details.



Secretary - Membership Coordinator

- Do you have a heart for the people of Faith?
- Are you detail-oriented?
- Do you have a sunny (mostly) disposition?
- Are you proficient with basic office technology?
- Are you looking for part time, flexible and meaningful work?

Come **talk with Pastor Edwards** to learn more.

WEDNESDAY, November 11
11:15am-12:00pm **Lunch & Learn**: *"It Is a Matter of Life and Death: Living to the Fullest"* (Joy Harter, MS - Mental Health Counselor, Death Doula, Elder Care Consultant - Anchored Passages, LLC)

SATURDAY, November 14
10:00am **Altar Guild Annual Meeting** *(Grand Hall)*
Whether you are a **current or prospective** Altar Guild member, we hope to see you at this one-and-only meeting of the year. **Learn more and consider** serving the Lord and our congregation on the Altar Guild in the coming year, and sign up for your month(s) if you feel called to do so.

- The Altar Guild serves an important role behind the scenes by preparing for communion, changing the worship paraments, keeping the chancel area clean, and more.
- The commitment is minimal during the year, but you do need to reliably fulfill your duties when scheduled (or arrange a trade).
- Members serve in pairs, a month at a time, normally two times per year. New members are paired with a veteran, ensuring that you are well trained.

There's no obligation if you attend. Come and see! If you have any questions, or are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please contact *Deanie Bently* (812-330-0328).



Please remember Pantry 279 as you shop, especially over the next month, in preparation for their Thanksgiving distributions. Donations may be taken directly to Pantry 279 or left on the pantry shelves in the narthex (near the Preschool/Sunday School hallway) as usual. Thanksgiving-specific donations are needed **by November 15**.
Visit **https://pantry279.org/thanksgiving** or the bookshelves in the narthex for details.

It's subscription time for *The Lutheran Witness*!
This monthly magazine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is filled with articles, stories, essays, interviews, Bible studies, and more, and each issue includes an insert with local news from within the Indiana District.

To either RENEW or add a NEW subscription for 2027 please sign up on the podium or contact the church office by **Sunday, November 15** with the name/s and address to use.

Payment of **$25.50** 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).

Voters' Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

in the sanctuary, following the 10:30 service



- Election of officers
- 2027 Budget
- Housing resolutions
- Ministry reports
- Call Committee updates

All communicant members age 18+ are automatically voting members.





Tuesdays: December 1, 8, 15, 22

Salvation Army Bell-ringing

Faith will once again ring for Salvation Army at *Kroger East* each Tuesday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. **Please note** that we are ringing at BOTH doors this year, but the day is shorter, with shifts from 10am-6pm.

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



Join us **THIS Friday** for this joint activity for **families of our Preschool and Congregation**.

Please **sign up** on the podium in the narthex, or use the links in Friday@Faith and at FaithBtown.org to support or participate in this event in a variety of ways:

- **Host a Trunk**
- **Help** in a classroom (with game or activity)
- **Donate** candy or supplies

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