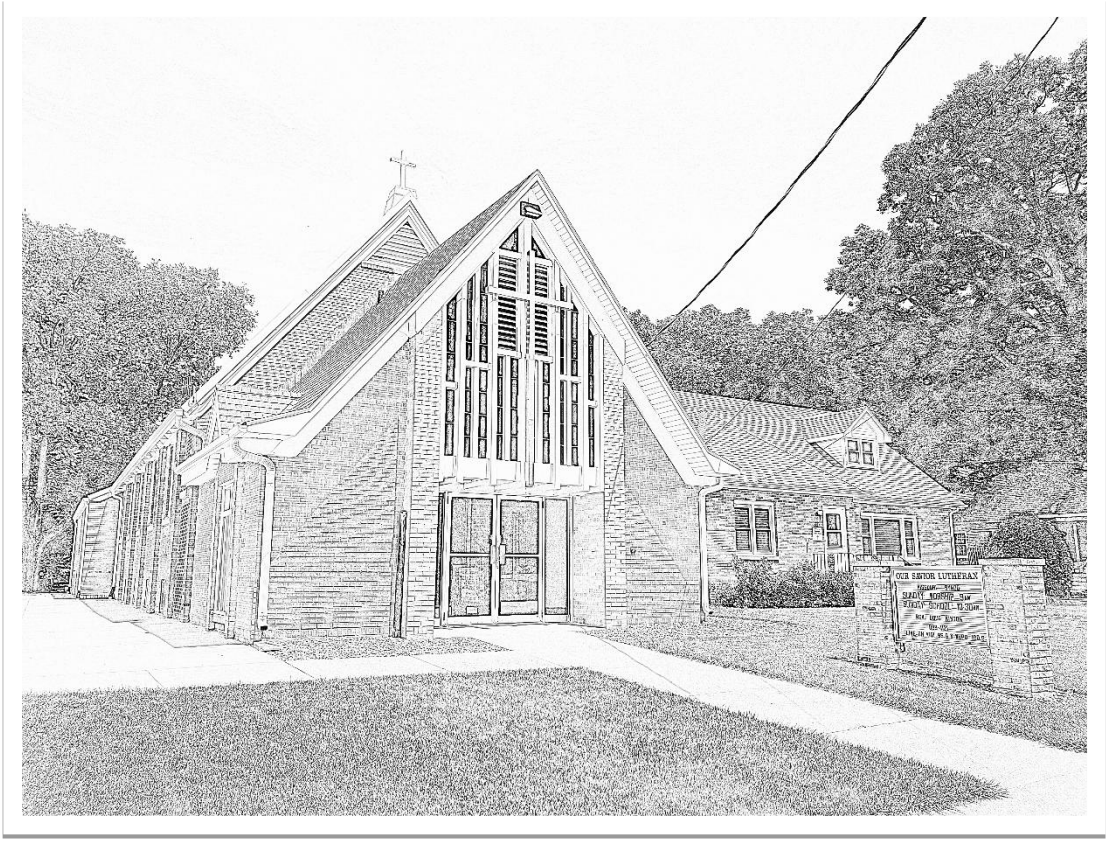
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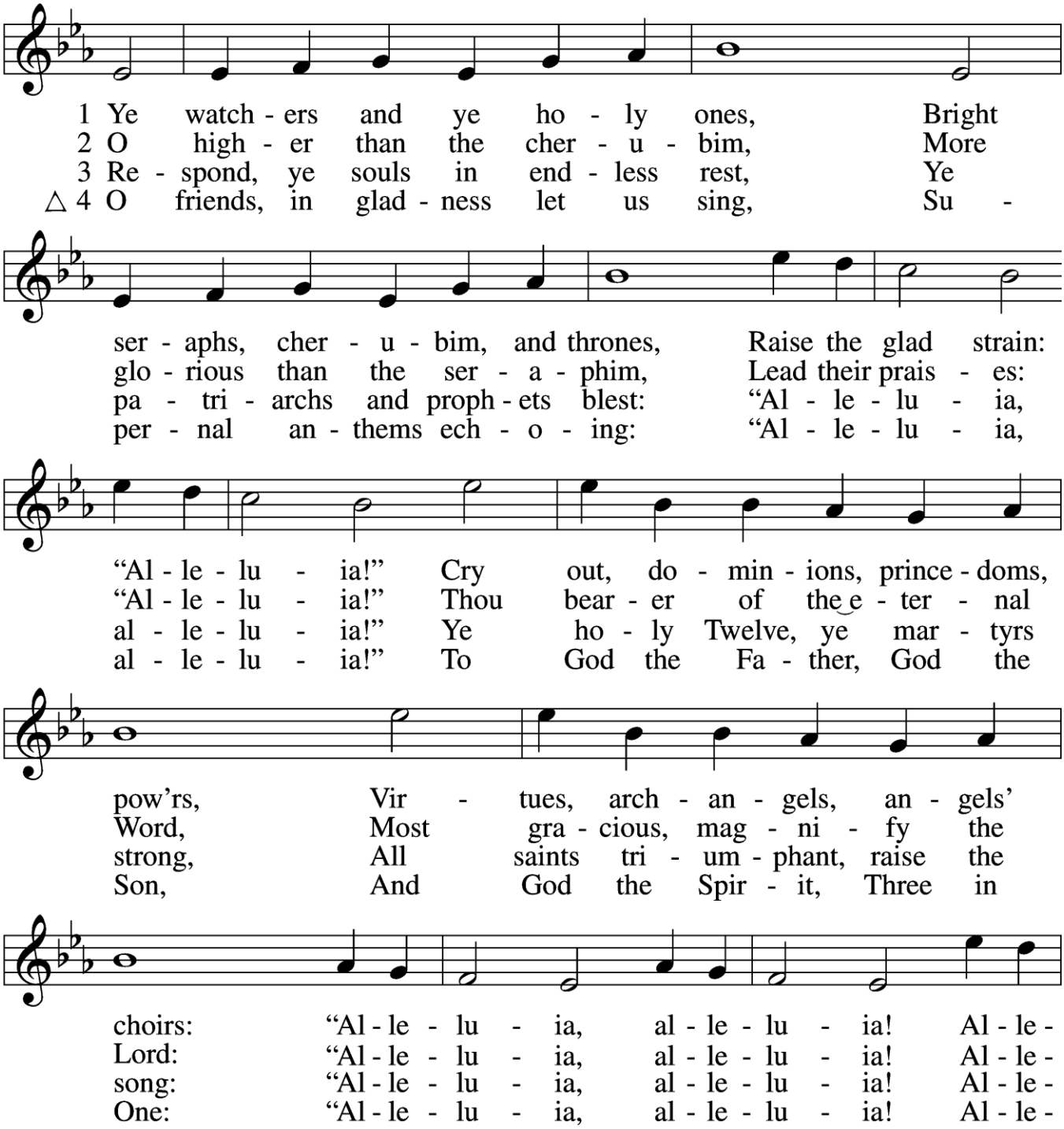
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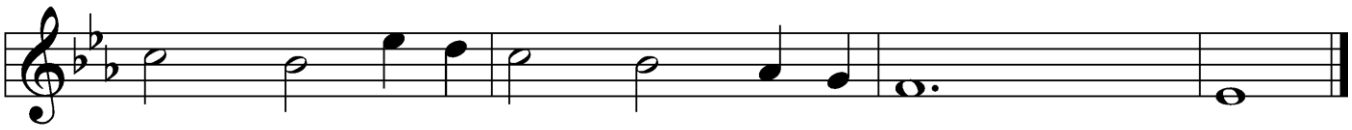
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Divine Service, Setting One

Opening Hymn — "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

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Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

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

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.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

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

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 beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

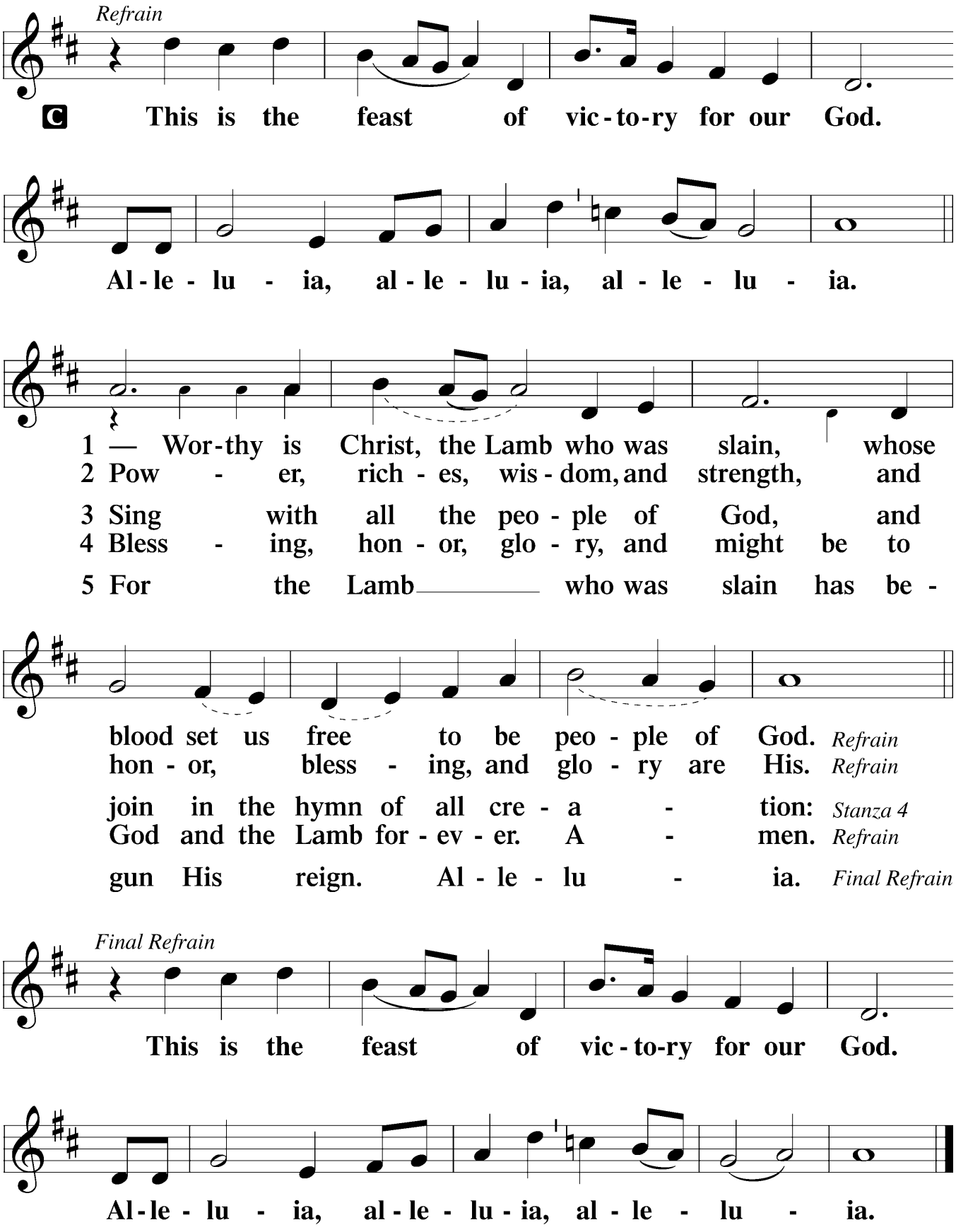
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
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 so 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Revelation 7:2–17*

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the
seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who
had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth
or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their
foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every
tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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.**

Epistle

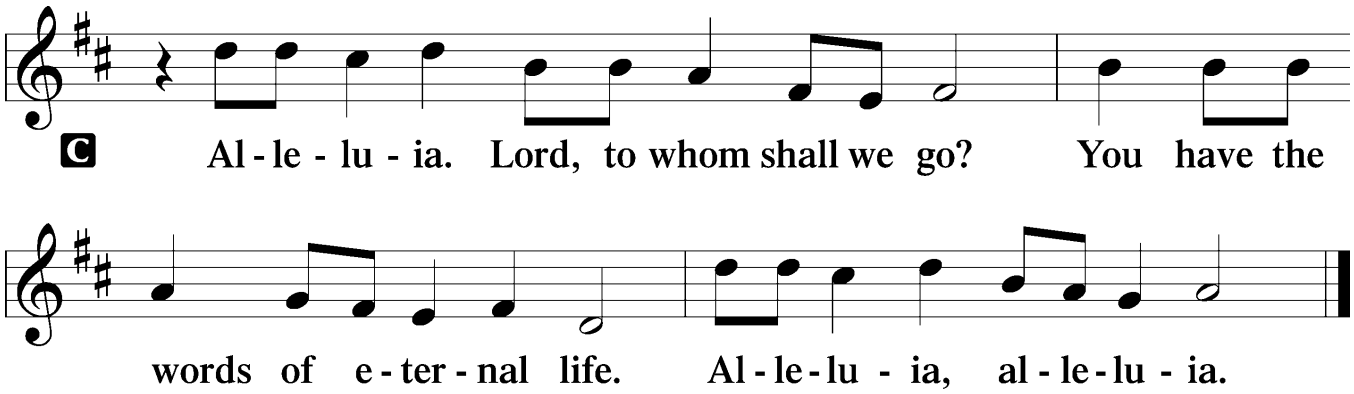
1 John 3:1–3

[1]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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

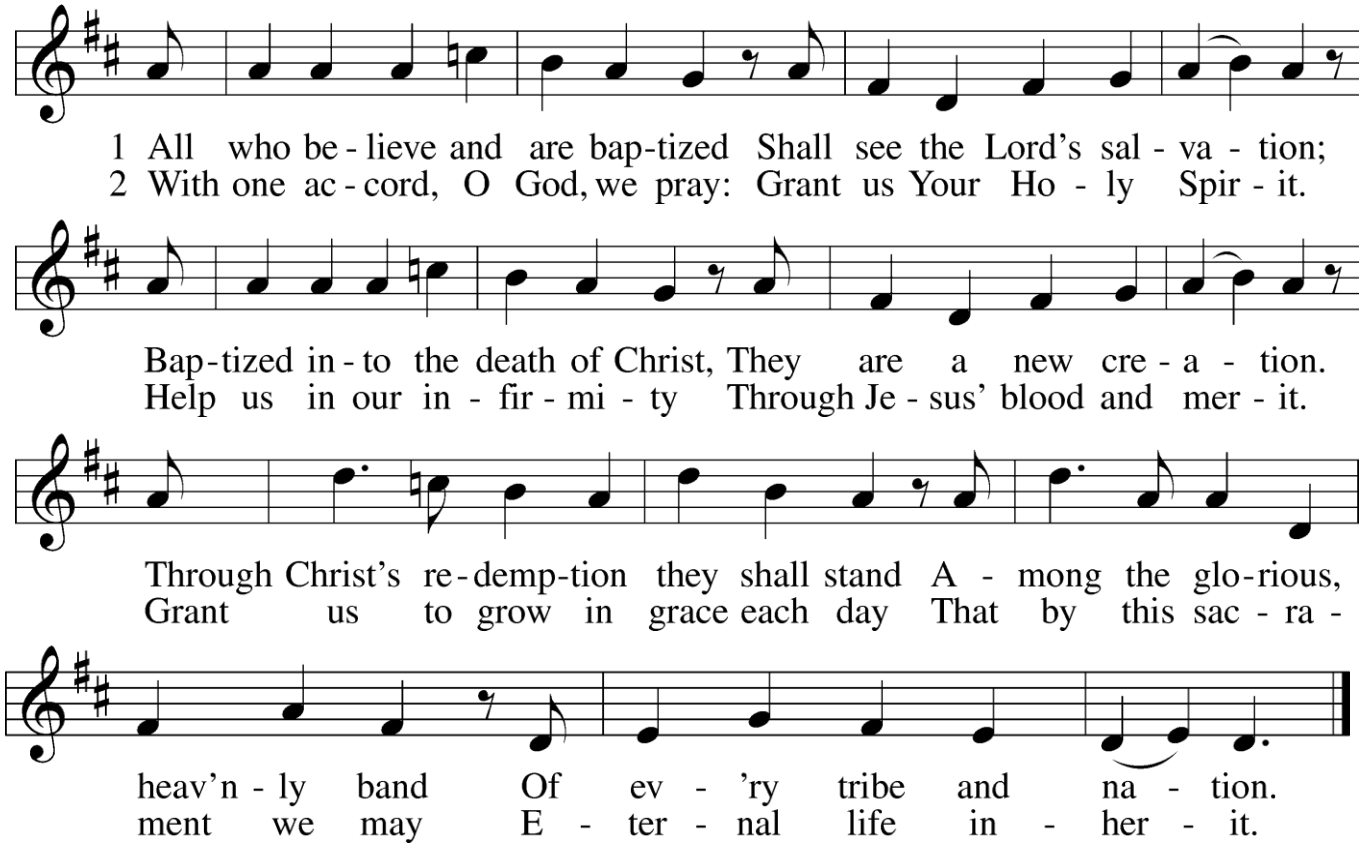
[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed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

Sermon Hymn — "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"

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Sermon — "Blessed are You… Now and Forever"

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.

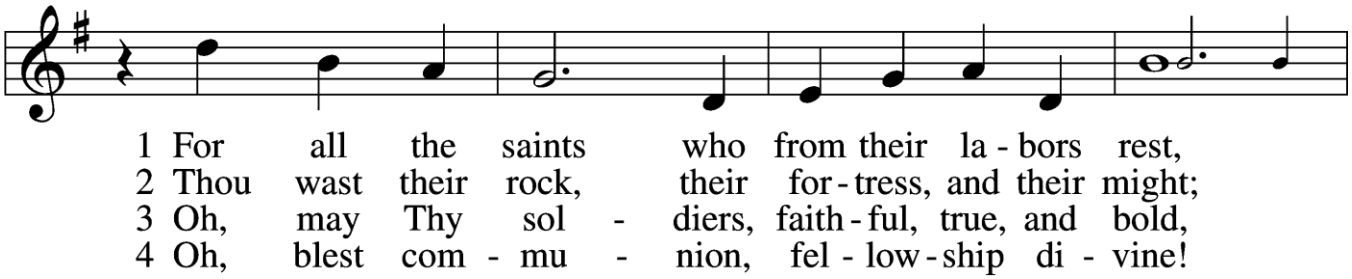
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

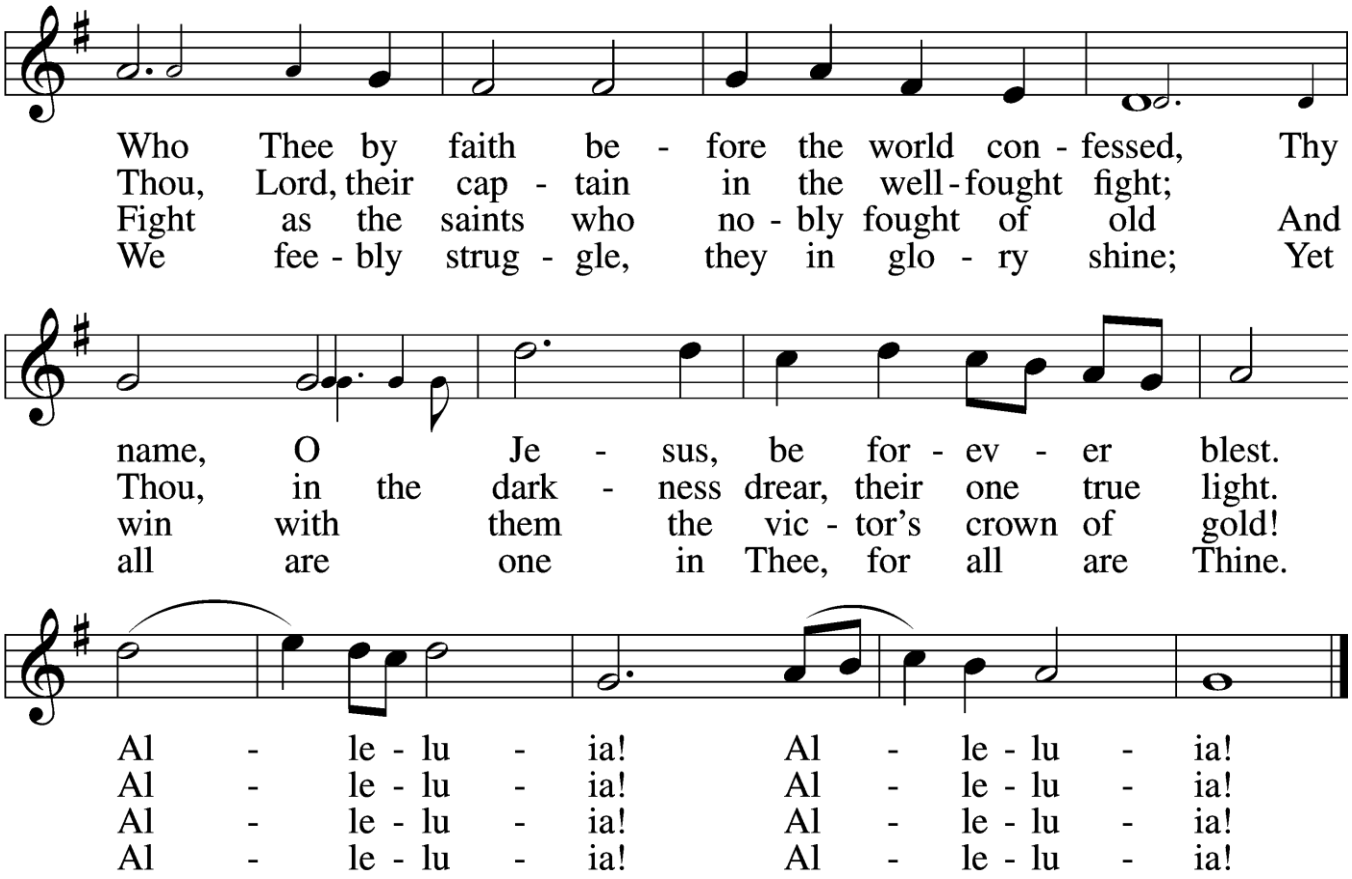
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
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.

Remembrance Hymn — "For All the Saints After"

LSB 677





COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pastor: Let us remember with thanksgiving those to whom our Lord gave new life through the waters of Holy Baptism, whom He nourished by His Word and Supper, and has now summoned from this world to the glory of His everlasting presence.
A reading from Revelation 7 and 14: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are before the throne of God, and the Lamb will shepherd them to springs of living water; God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Pastor: As we remember the saints arrayed in the white robe of Christ's righteousness, flowers are placed upon the altar while the names of the faithful departed this past year are read:

- Donald Estes, born October 1, 1942; entered eternal rest November 25, 2025.
- Melvin Rieches, born November 7, 1926; baptized December 5, 1926; entered eternal rest December 6, 2025.

- Dorothy Knake, born March 15, 1929; baptized April 14, 1929; entered eternal rest December 10, 2025.
- Brenda St. Peter, born August 28, 1944; baptized October 8, 1944; entered eternal rest January 1, 2026.
- Delmer Henrichs, born April 20, 1940; baptized May 12, 1940; entered eternal rest March 14, 2026.
- Those who died in infancy, the miscarried, the aborted, and the stillborn.

"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21)

Pastor: Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**.

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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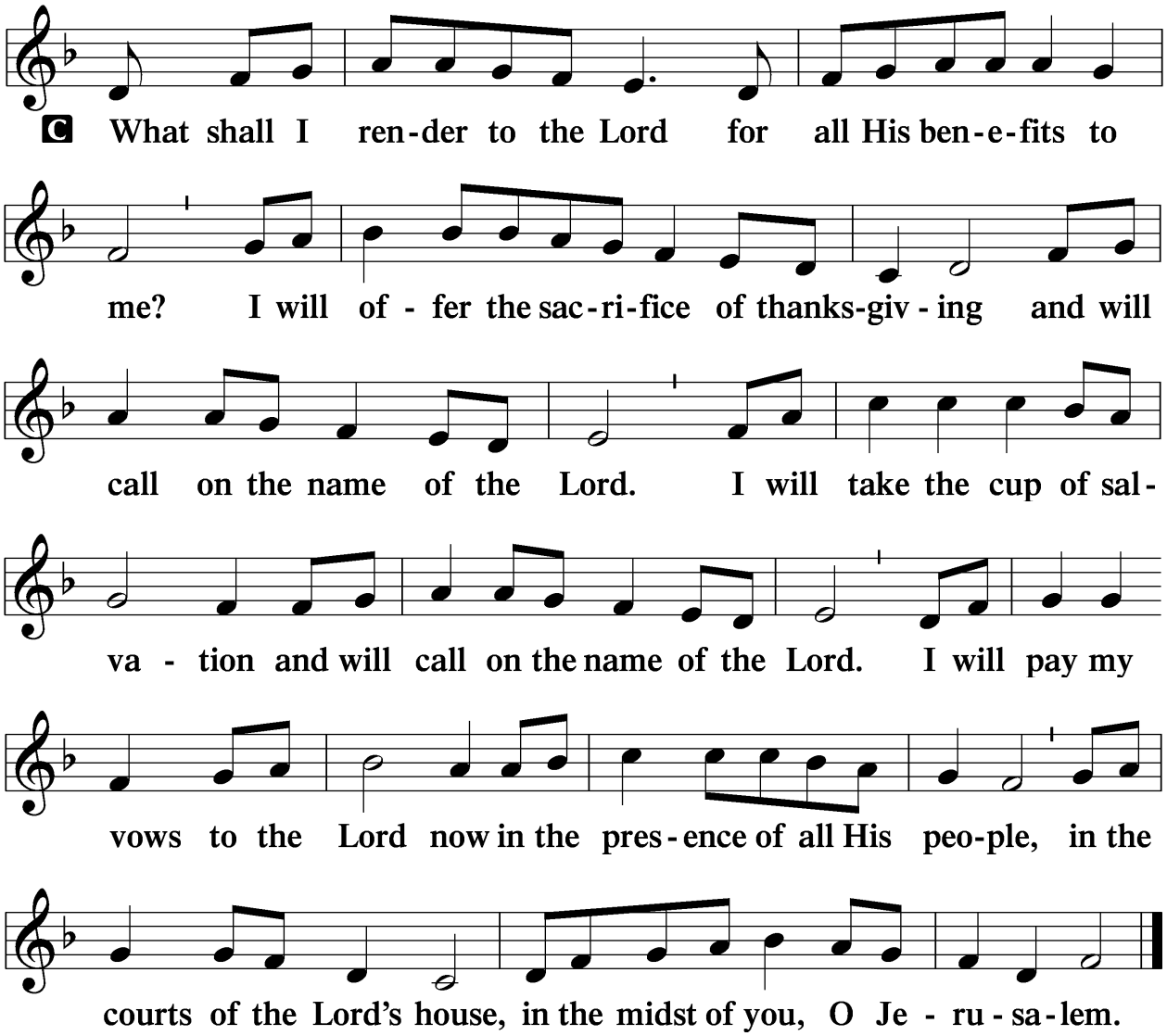
Prayer of the Church

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Offering

Offertory



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

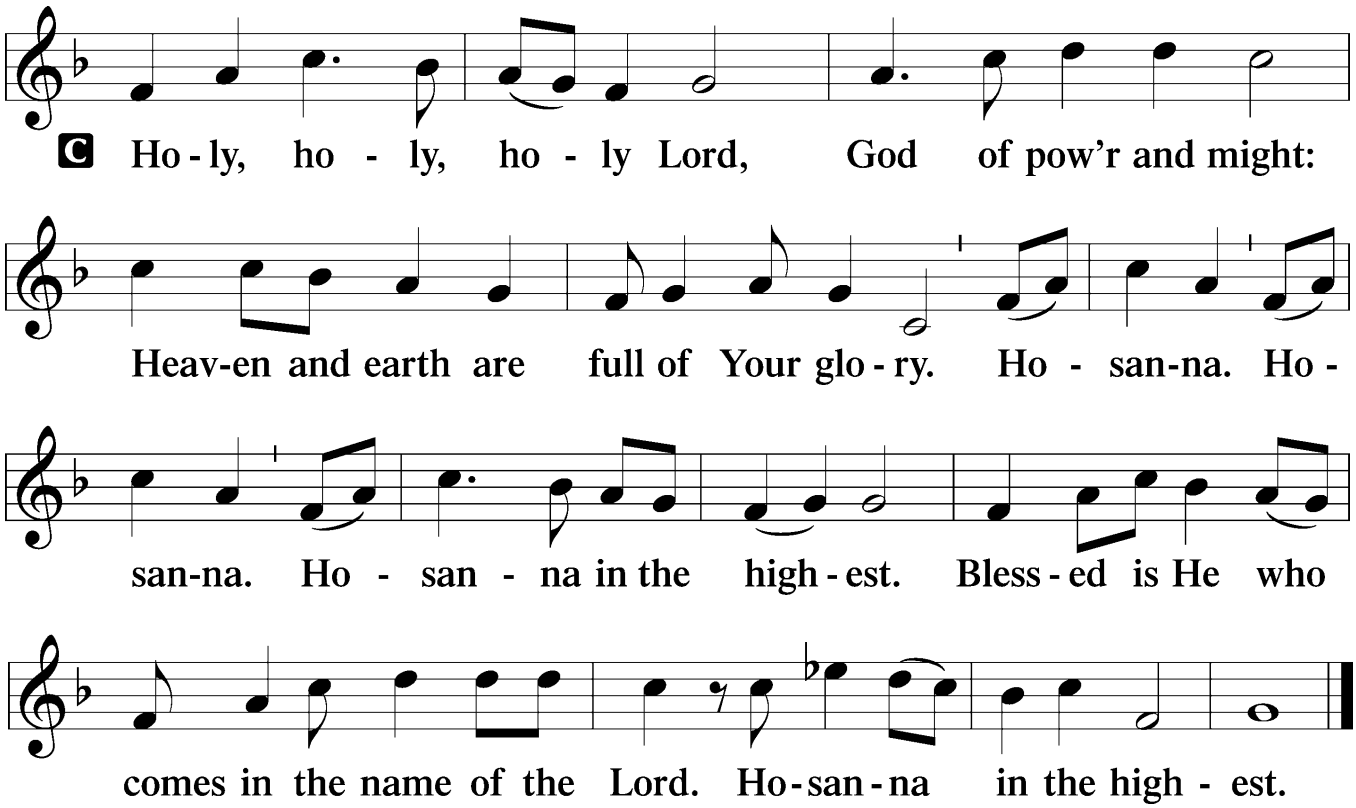
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 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



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

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

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

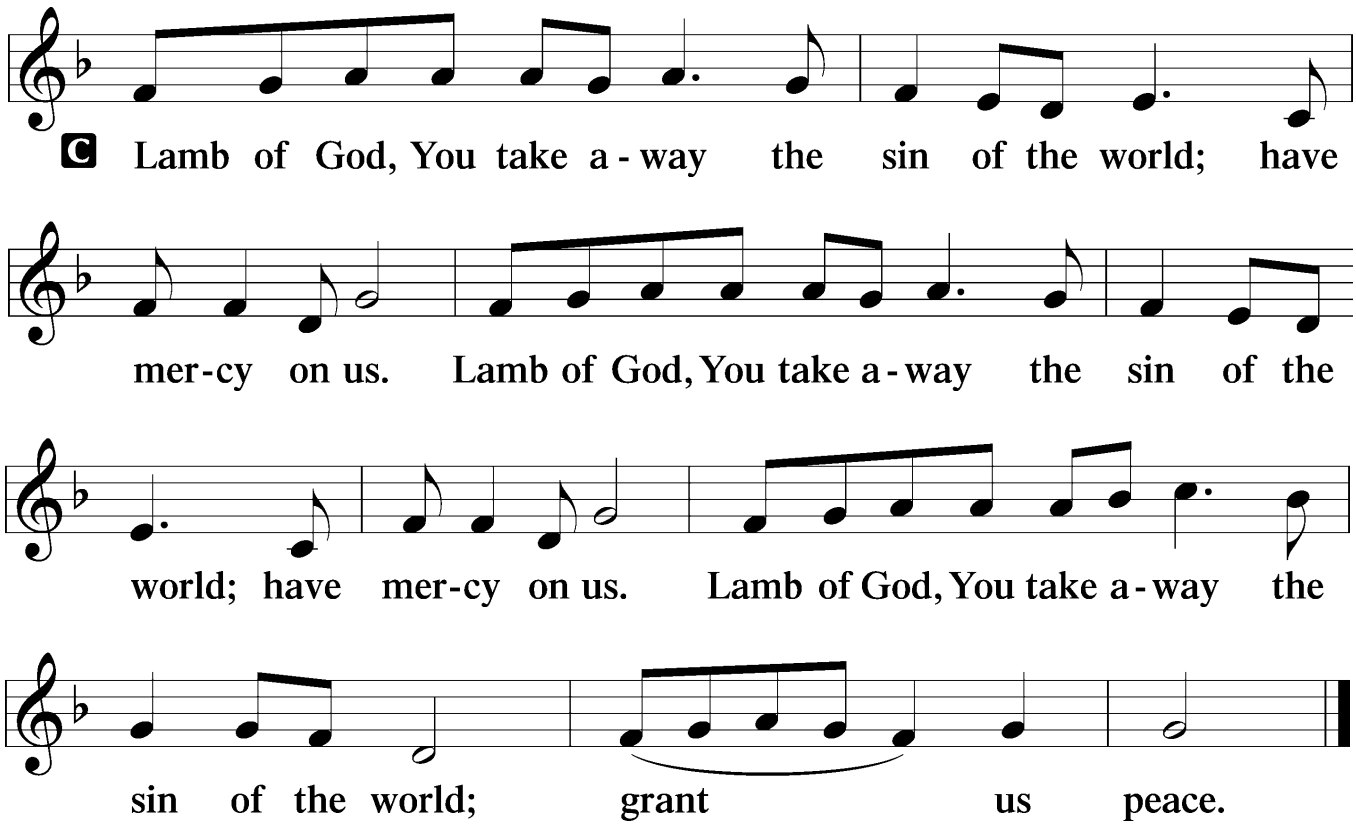
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei
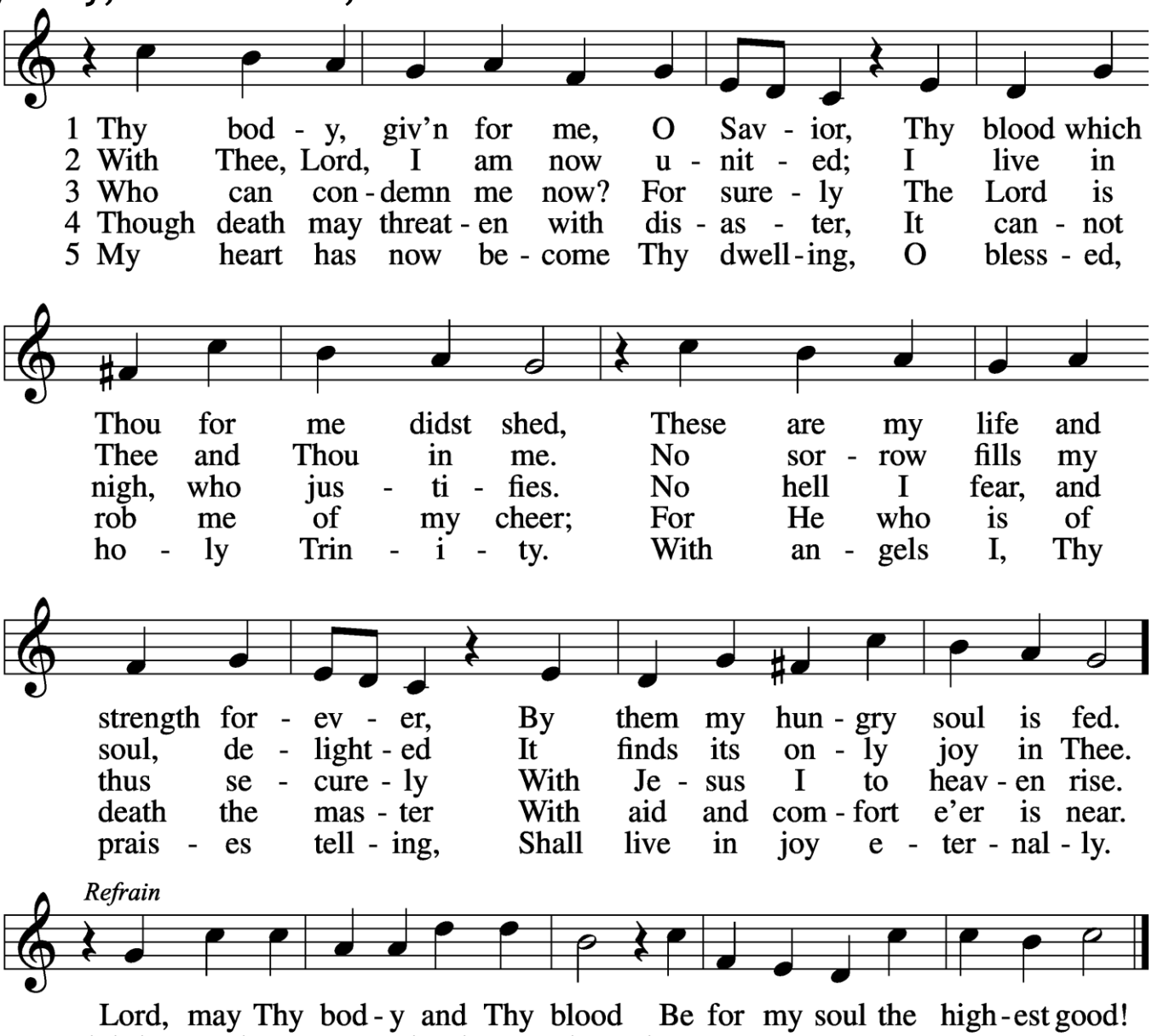


Statement on Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at this holy gathering in celebration and confession that our Savior Jesus Christ is present here with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive at the altar. Because this Sacrament is called Communion, all who come to the rail are to confess the confession of faith as taught by the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). If you are a guest who has not been instructed concerning our church's teaching of the Lord's Supper, we invite you to first attend our instructional classes. If you would like a Christian blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

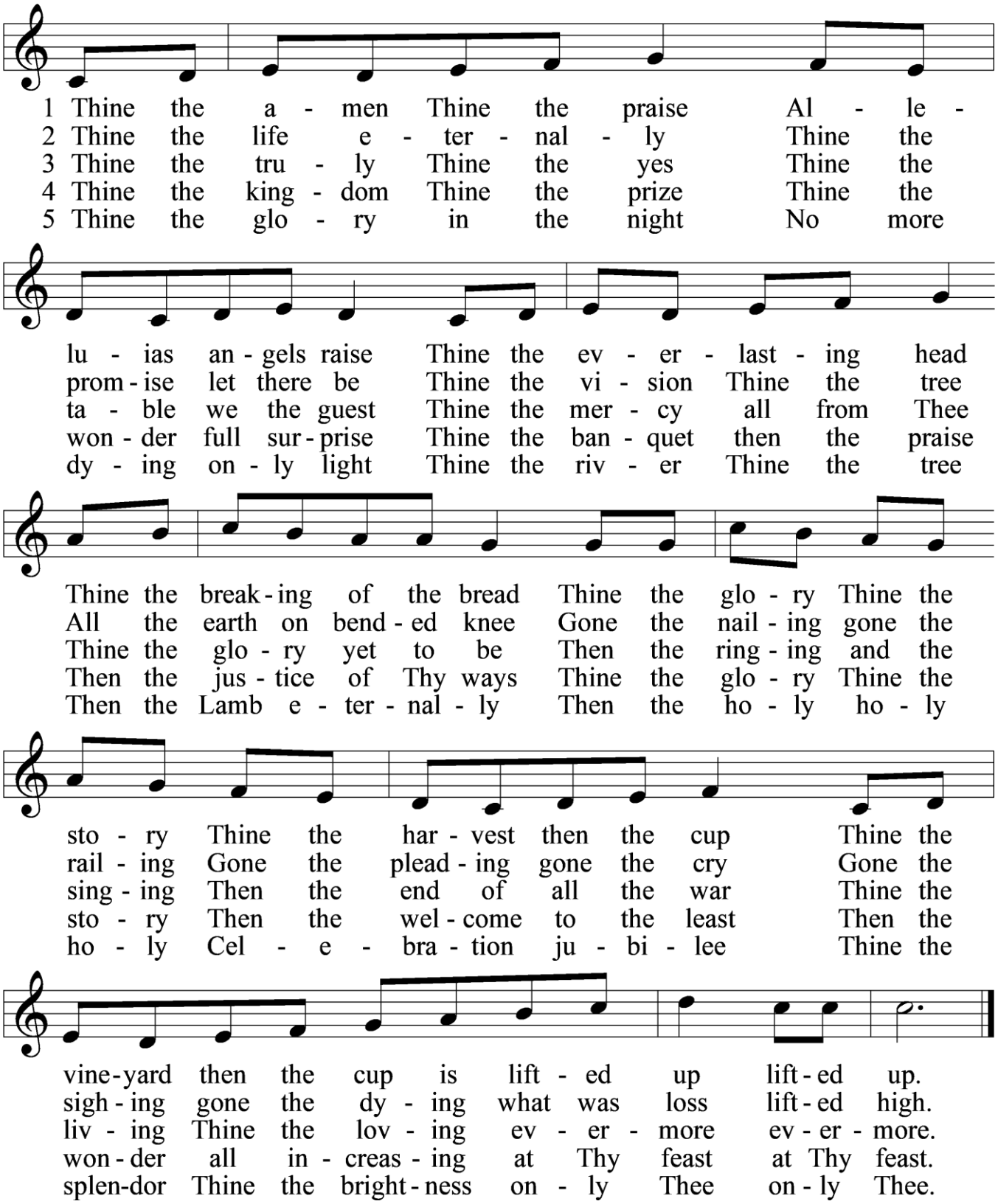
Distribution Hymns

"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" *LSB 619*



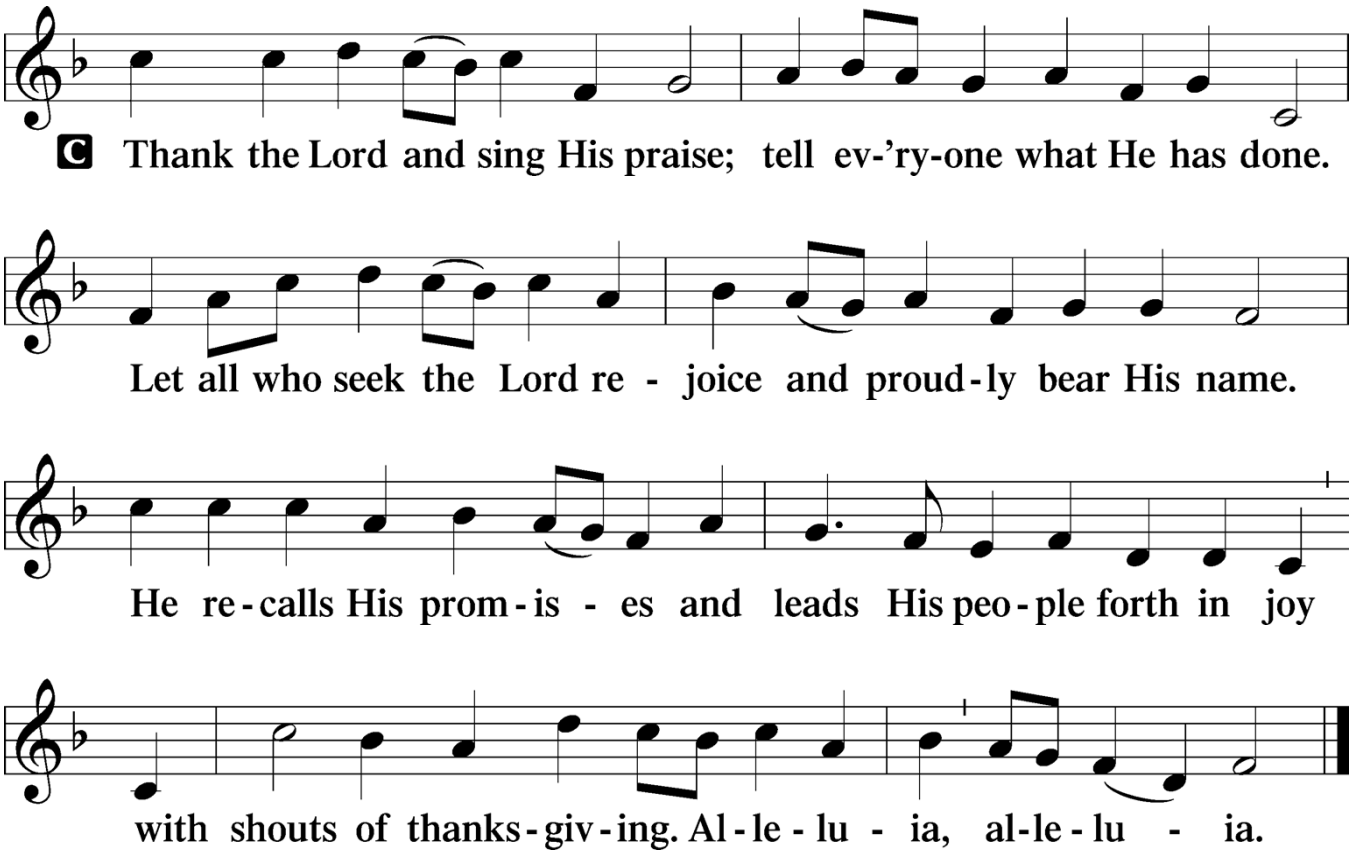
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“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB 680*



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Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C **Amen.**

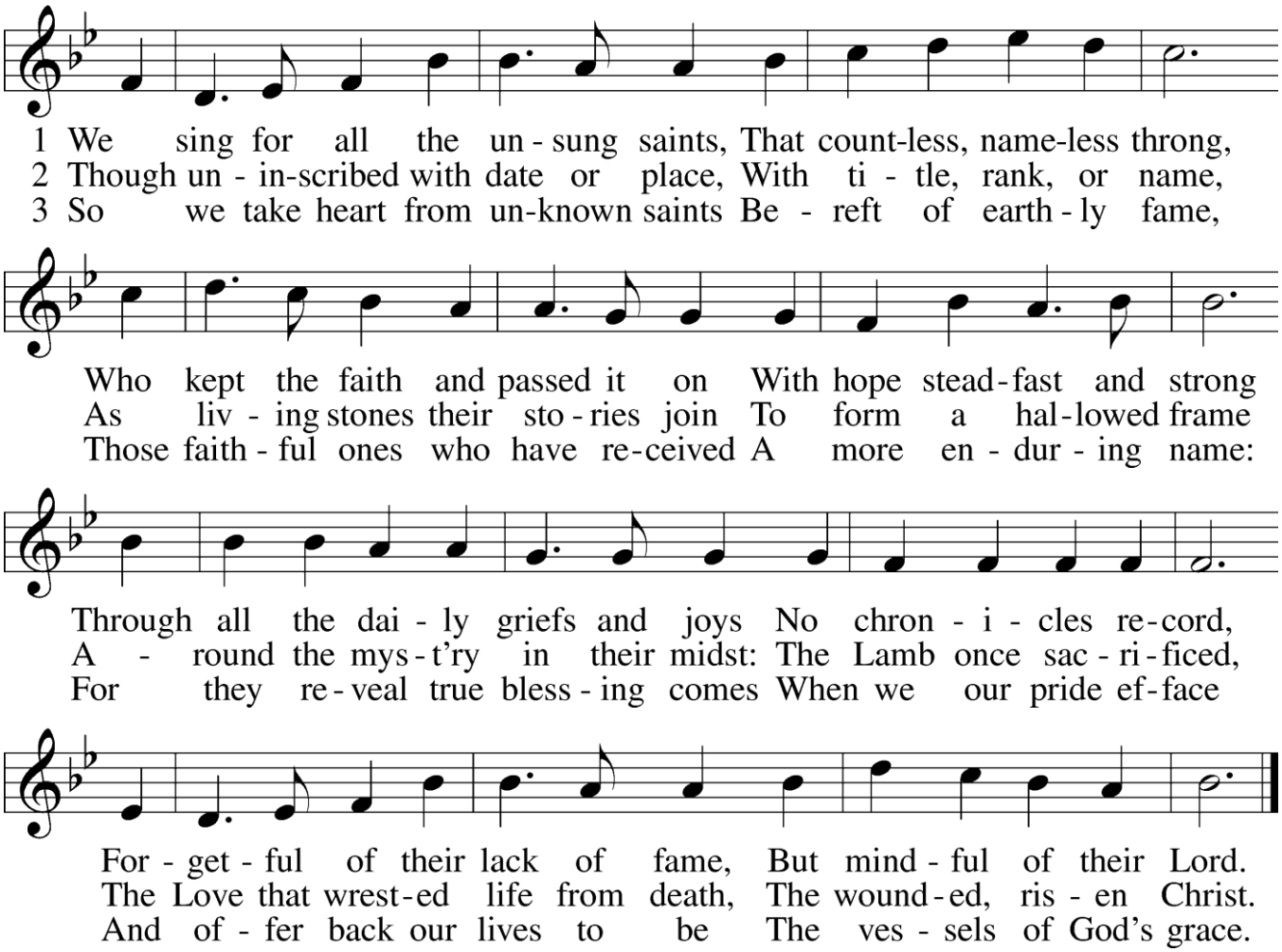
Benediction

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

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn — "We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: 9:00 AM, All Saints' Day
Today: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Wednesday: 3:15 PM, Jr. High Confirmation
Next Sunday: 9:00 AM, Devine Service 1 (no communion)
Next Sunday: 10:15 AM, Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

THOSE SERVING AT OSLC

	11/01/26	11/08/26
Elder	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhalls
Radio Monitors	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Doug Benner Kendra Morts	Patty Bruens Jean Lauterbach
Acolyte	Hailey Schwartz	Ben Harms
Usher	Dean Lingley	Dean Lingley
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

Weekly Offering Statistics – October 25, 2026
Attendance: 55
General Fund Offerings: $1,385.00
Missions Fund Offerings: $190.00
Missions Fund YTD: $9,596.00

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR: Our Children's Christmas Eve Program will take place on Sunday, December 20th at 9:00 AM, with practices beginning Sunday, November 15th. All children from pre-school through 8th grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve Program. If your child **won't** be able to participate, please let Sarah Verswijver know by **November 8th** so we can finalize parts.

A MESSAGE FROM THE YOUTH GROUP: Today, November 1st, the youth group will be leading a parsonage cleaning effort. All congregation members are invited to roll up their sleeves and join our youth in this service project. Cleaning will begin immediately following Sunday School and Adult Bible Study. If you have any questions, please contact Brenna Schroeder or Jan Lavicka, OSLC Youth Group Leaders.

1st WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Our First Wednesday fellowship meal is this Wednesday, November 4th. Patty Bruens will provide the main dish; however, she has asked that those attending bring a side dish to share.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: Our next Bible Study group will meet on November 17th, beginning at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions, please see Patty Bruens.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE "I would also like to remind you that we are part of something much bigger than a nation or a political party: the Kingdom of God. It is the eternal reign of God that shows itself in time, and it can do things we think impossible. It is the true source of justice and peace and our shelter when the storms of life are raging. No matter what happens … in the days to come, our hope is in the true King, Jesus Christ, who works through, around, or in spite of our human institutions." *Rev. Chris Wheatley – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

November 1st	Sheila Selk
November 3rd	Monica Wright
November 3rd	Sarah Verswijver
November 4th	Jim Winder
November 5th	Marilyn Reeves
November 7th	Landon Reutter

Those celebrating an anniversary:
November 1st Jeff & Gretchen Brown (29 yrs)
November 5th Rich & Charlene Rieches (49 yrs)

Those suffering from cancer:
Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles
Kris Hines, daughter-in-law of Bonita Hines
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother-in-law of Dennis and Sheila Selk
Sally Parmenter, friend of Olivia Harms
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:
Marc Avila, cousin of Patty Bruens, Alzheimer's progression

Homebound Members
Dianne Estes
Mary Kamin
Joann Sloan
Julie Towers

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces:
Eric Barrie - brother-in-law of Natalee Dart, serving in the U.S. Navy
Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement:
Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Those studying at the Seminary:
Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Sem, Ft Wayne, IN
Vicar Zachary Stuckwisch, Trinty Lutheran, Auburn, IN

Those serving in the Mission Field:
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