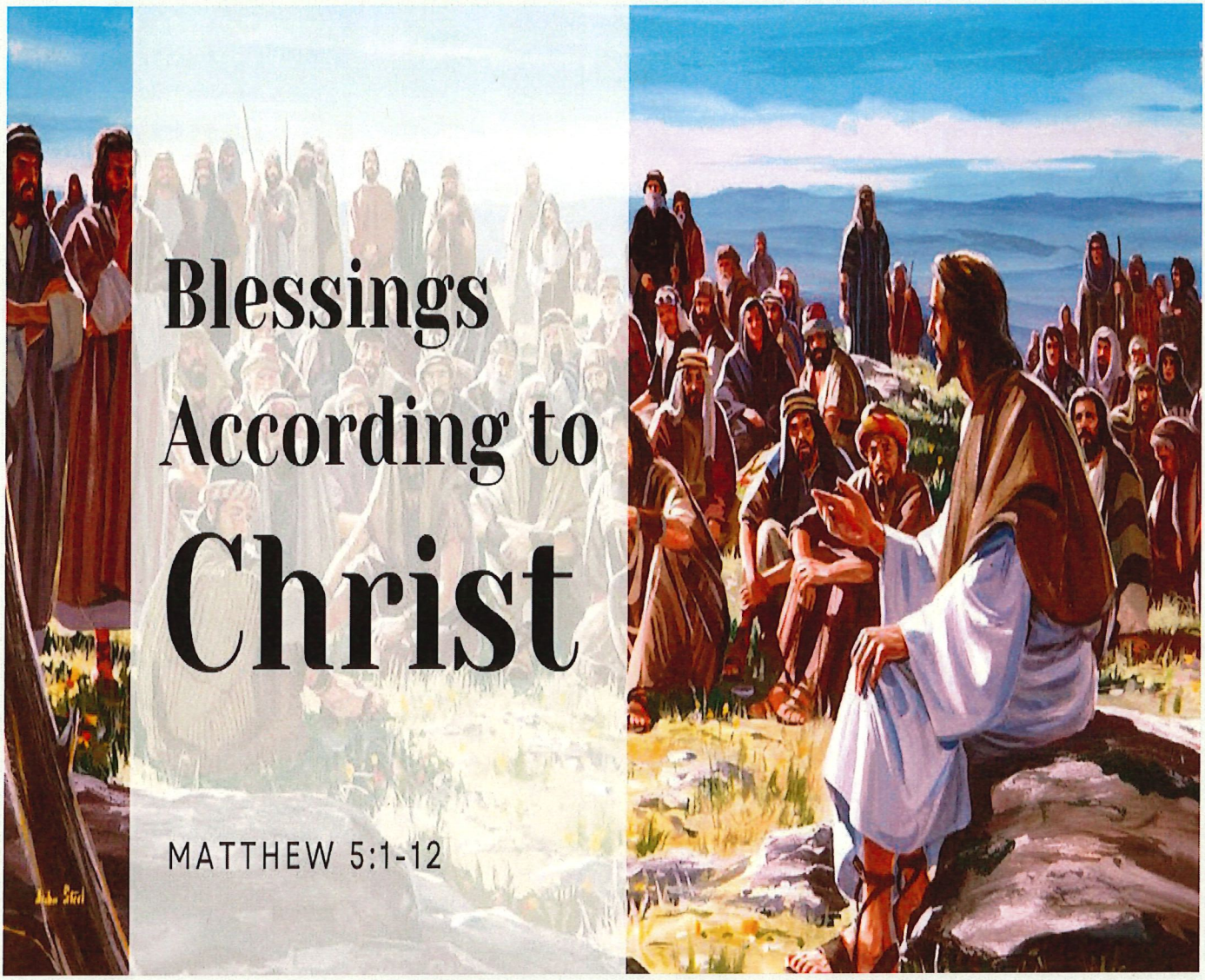


First Lutheran Church

November 1st, 2026

All Saints' Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

LAUDATE DOMINUM *Charles Callahan*

Partita on O Praise Ye the Lord

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

PM: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels.

Silence is kept for reflection.
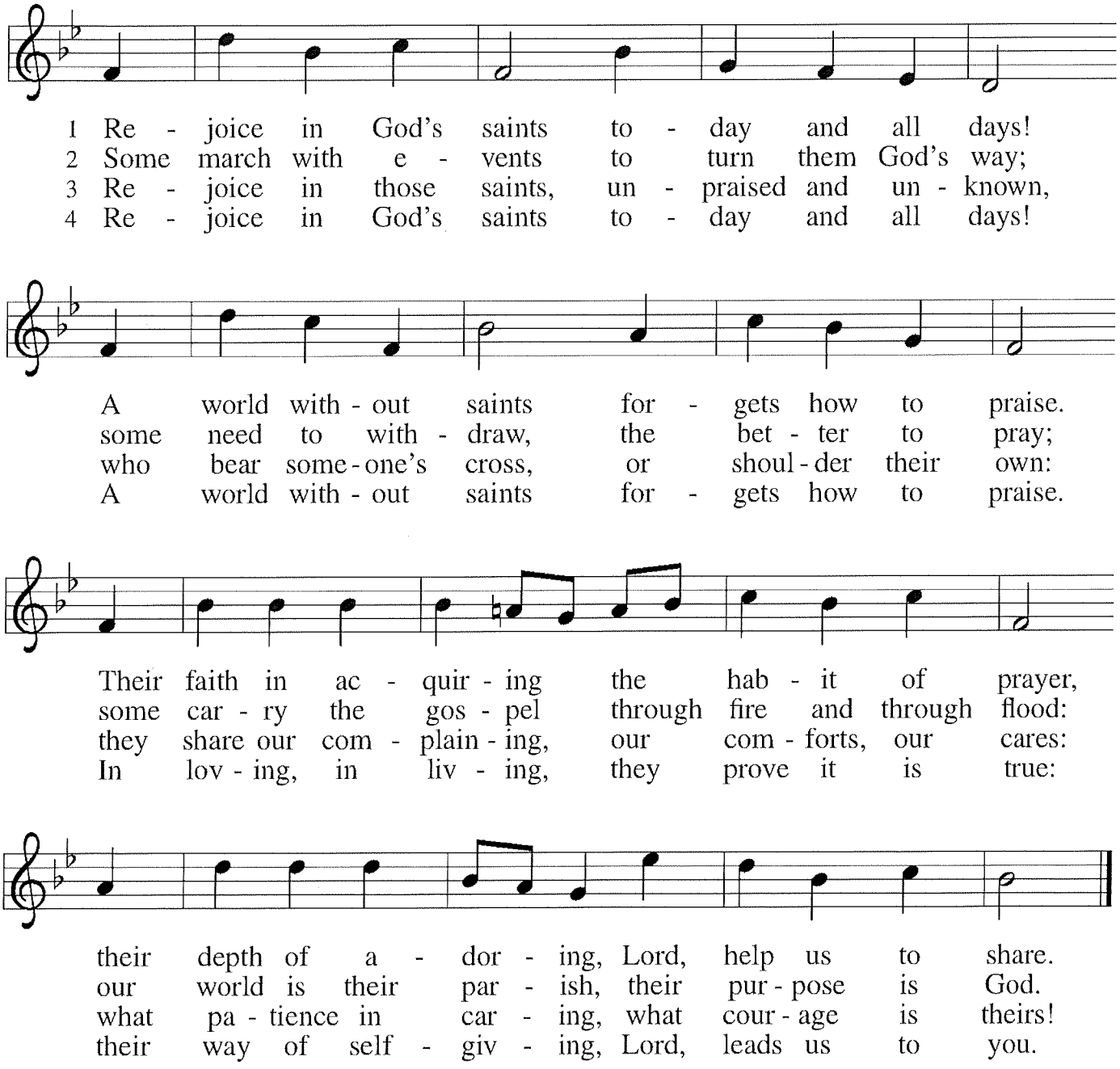
PM: Most merciful God,
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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.

PM: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS* *ELW # 418*

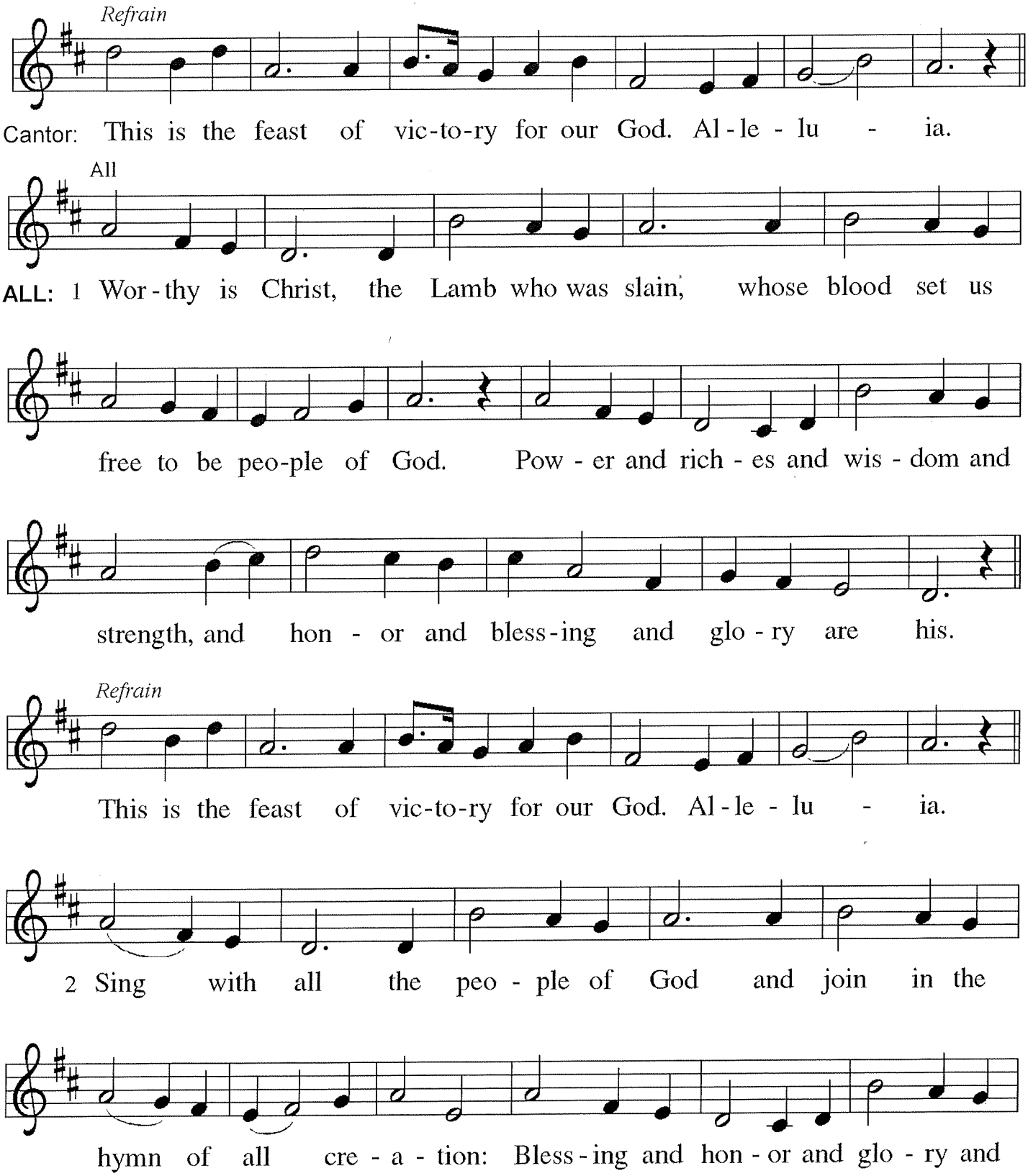


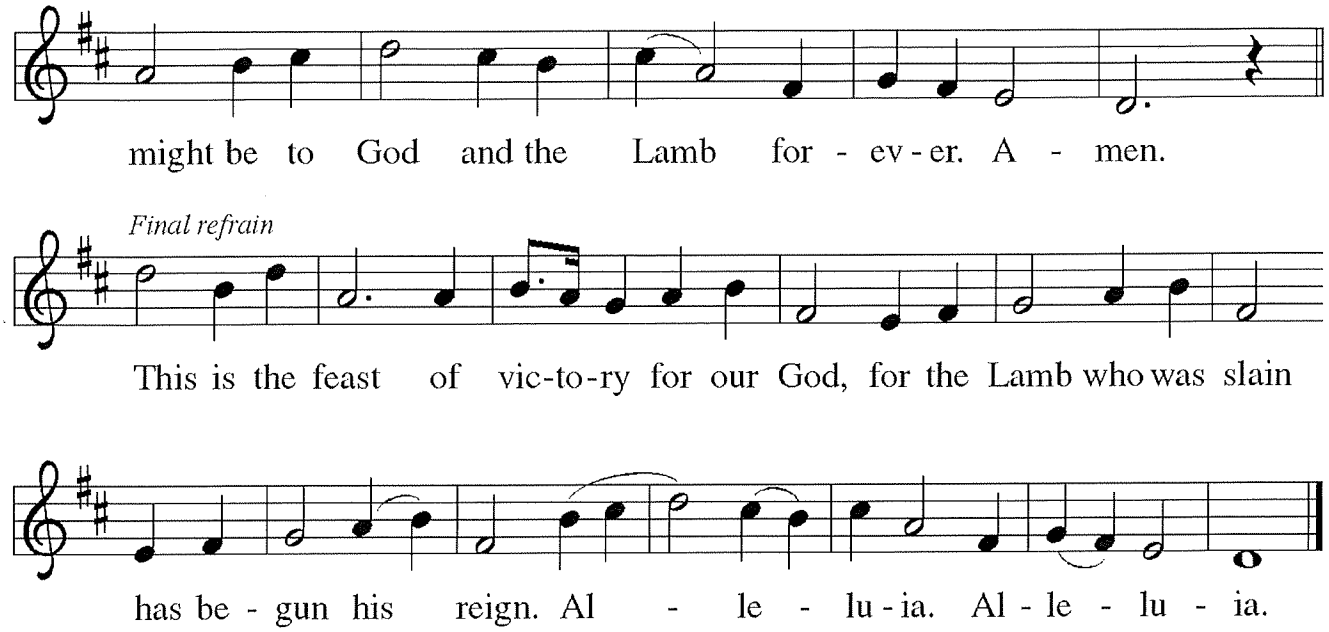
GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love
you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING *REVELATION 7:9-17*

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

AM: A reading from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried
out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood 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 singing, "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, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then
he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason
they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more
and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, 17 for the Lamb
at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of
the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

AM: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *1 JOHN 3:1-3*

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.
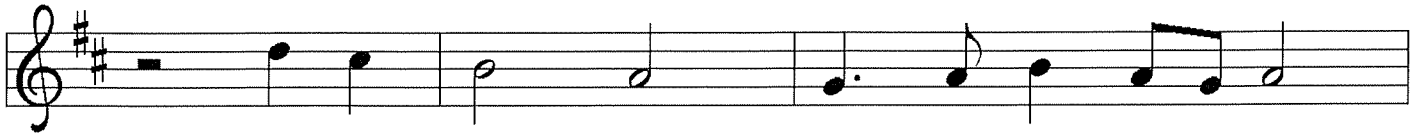
AM: A reading from John, the third chapter.
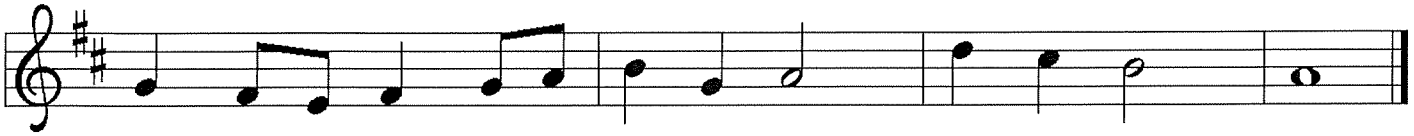
1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and
that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.
What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him
as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

AM: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
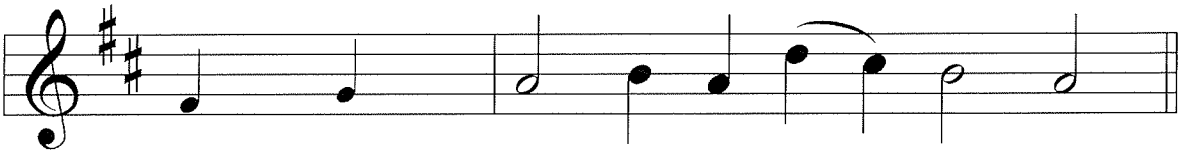




GOSPEL *MATTHEW 5: 1-12*

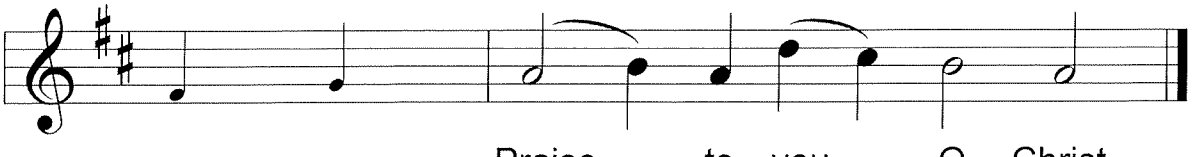
In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

PM: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
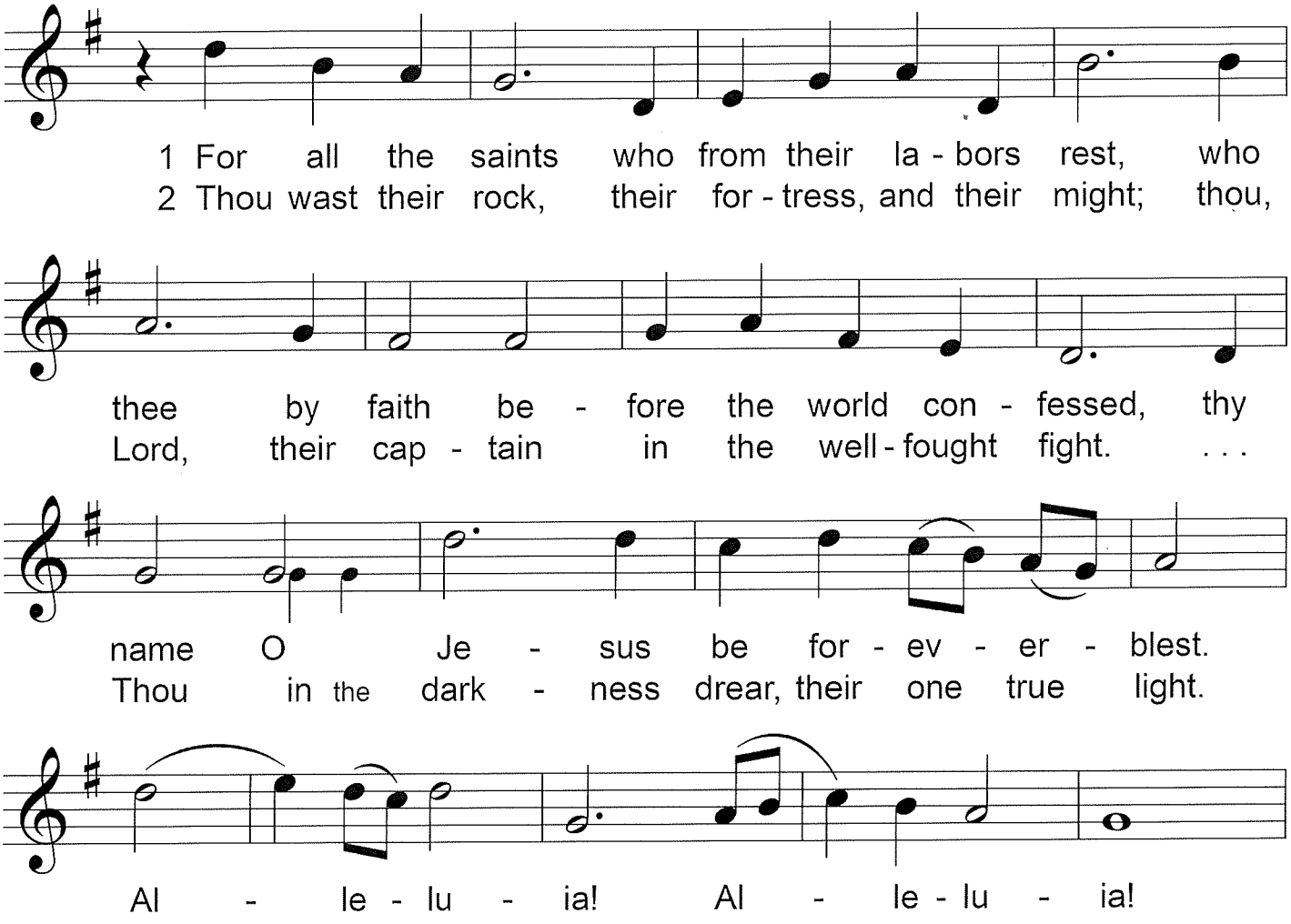


[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

PM: The gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY *FOR ALL THE SAINTS* *ELW # 422*



The assembly is seated.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
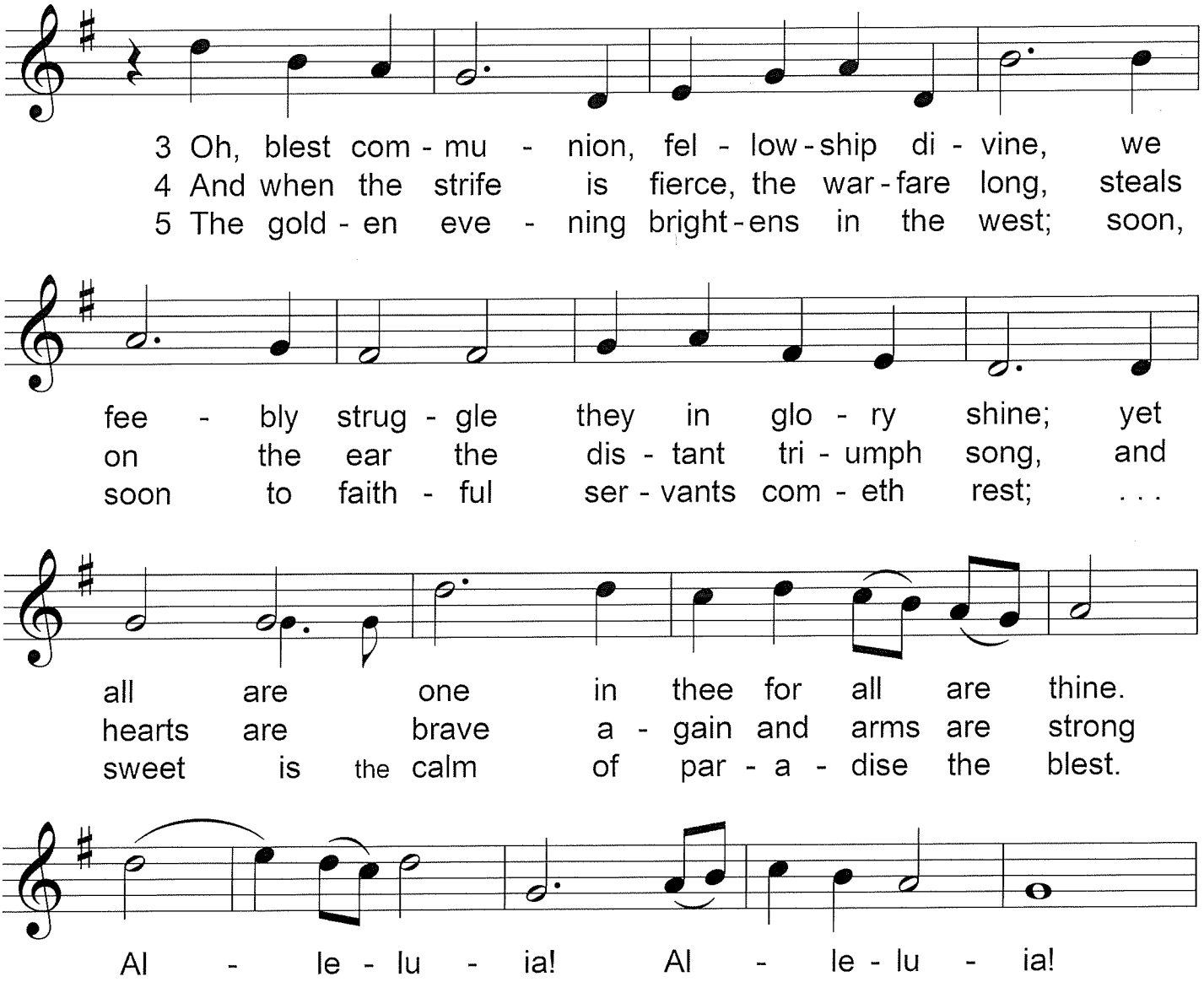
PM: Let us pray.
O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come:
We give you thanks for all your faithful people
who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries
into our time and place especially .....

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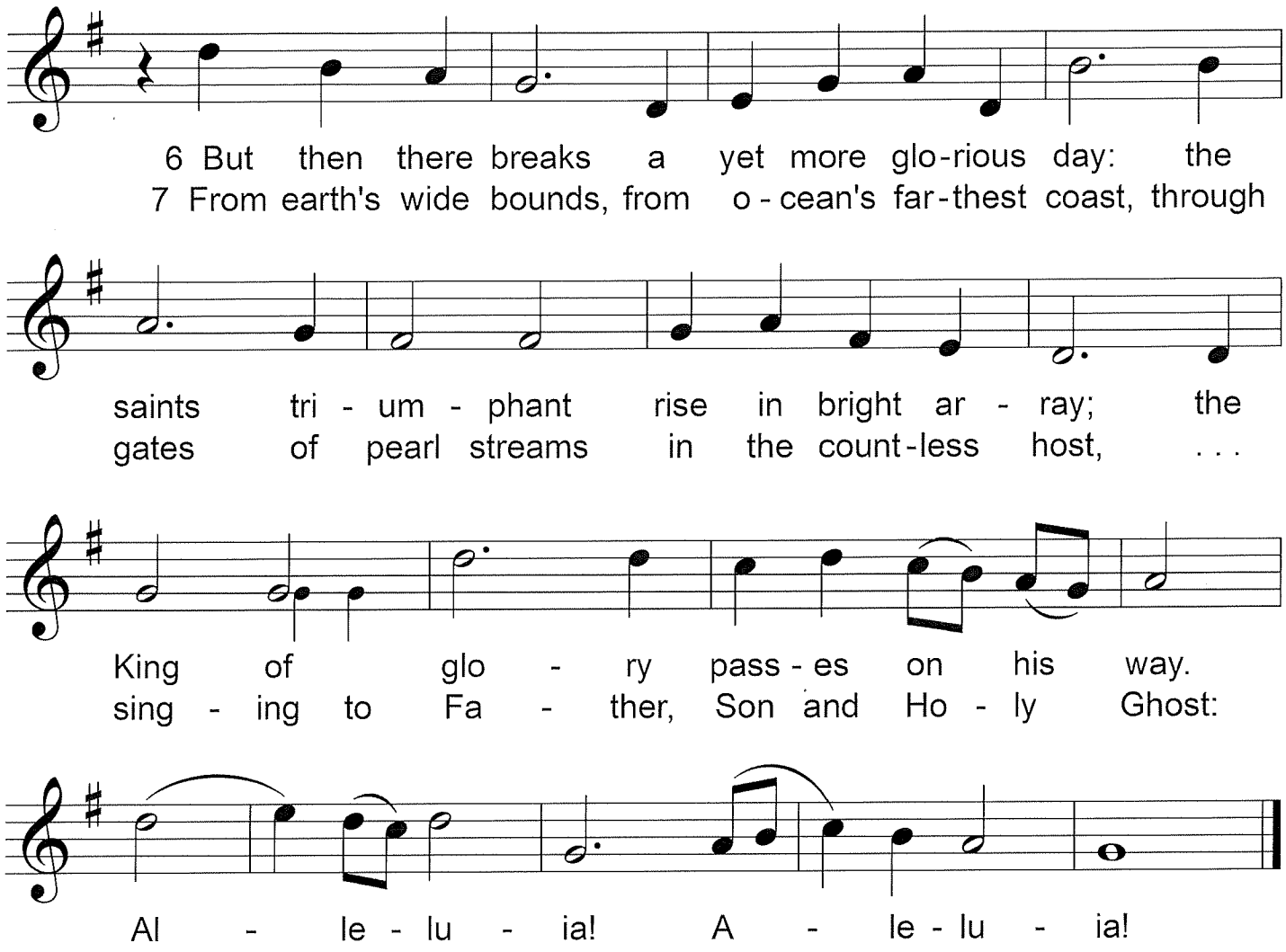
PM: As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ
through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,
where suffering and death will be no more.
We pray these things trusting in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



ALL SAINTS' DAY REFLECTION ***PASTOR MELAINE HAACK***

The assembly stands.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM: God of all that is,
delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church.
Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim
the gospel of Christ throughout the world.
Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

PM: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

PEACE

PM: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

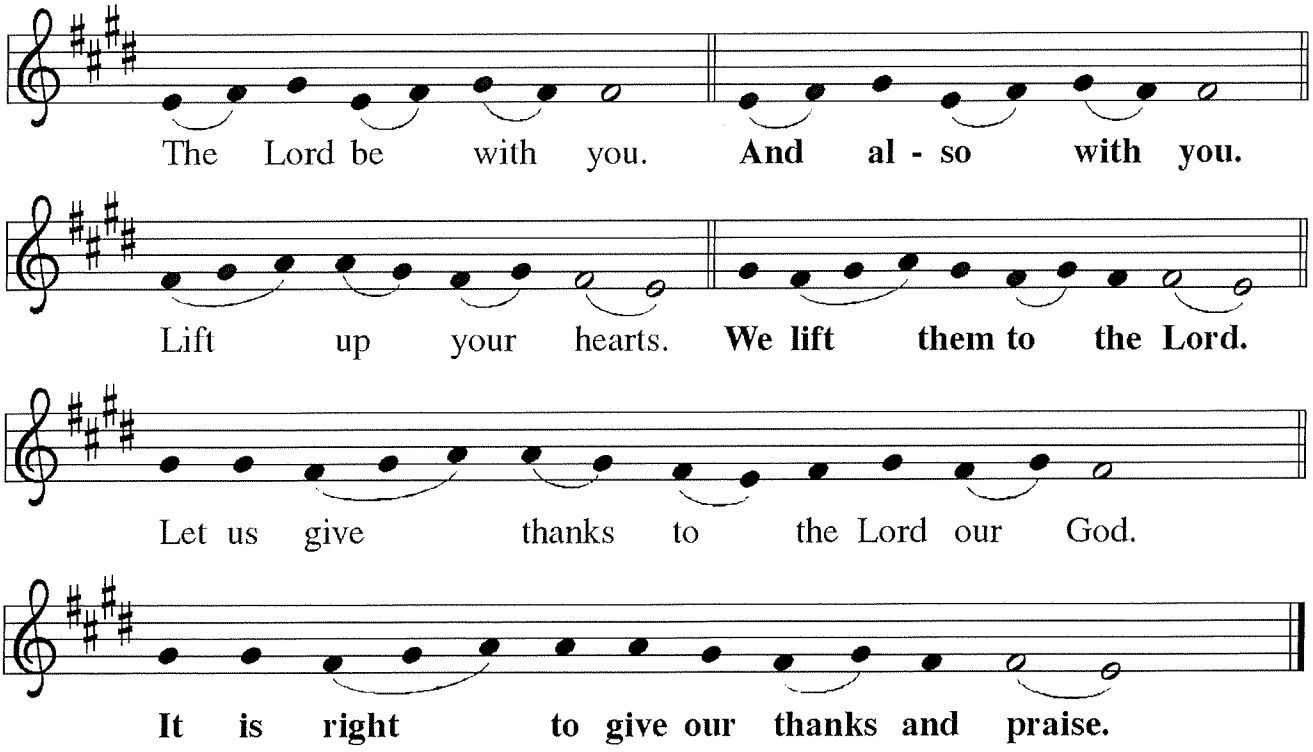
OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION
HANSON PLACE *Sam Batt Owens*
Shall We Gather at the River

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more,
all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

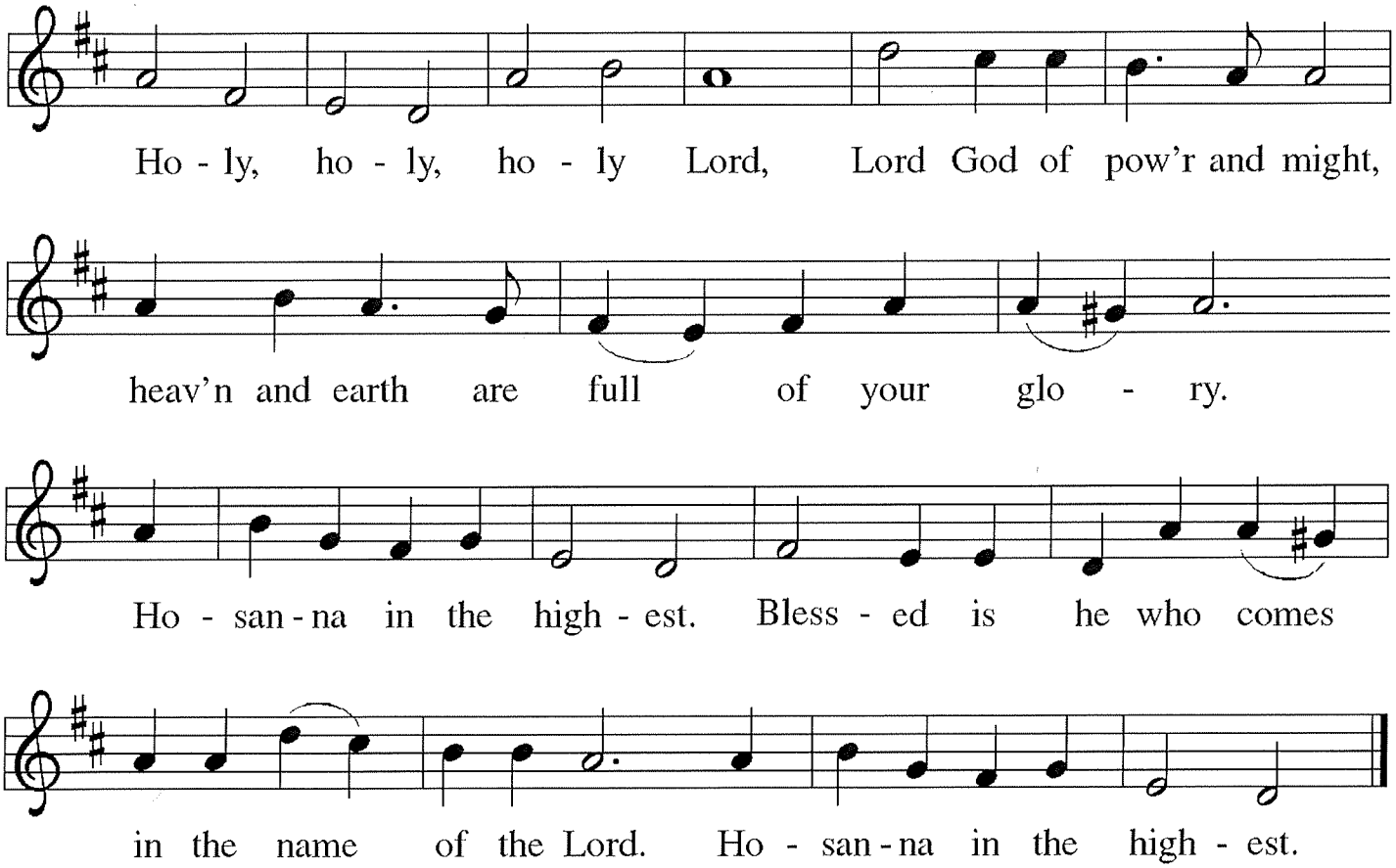
GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

PM: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

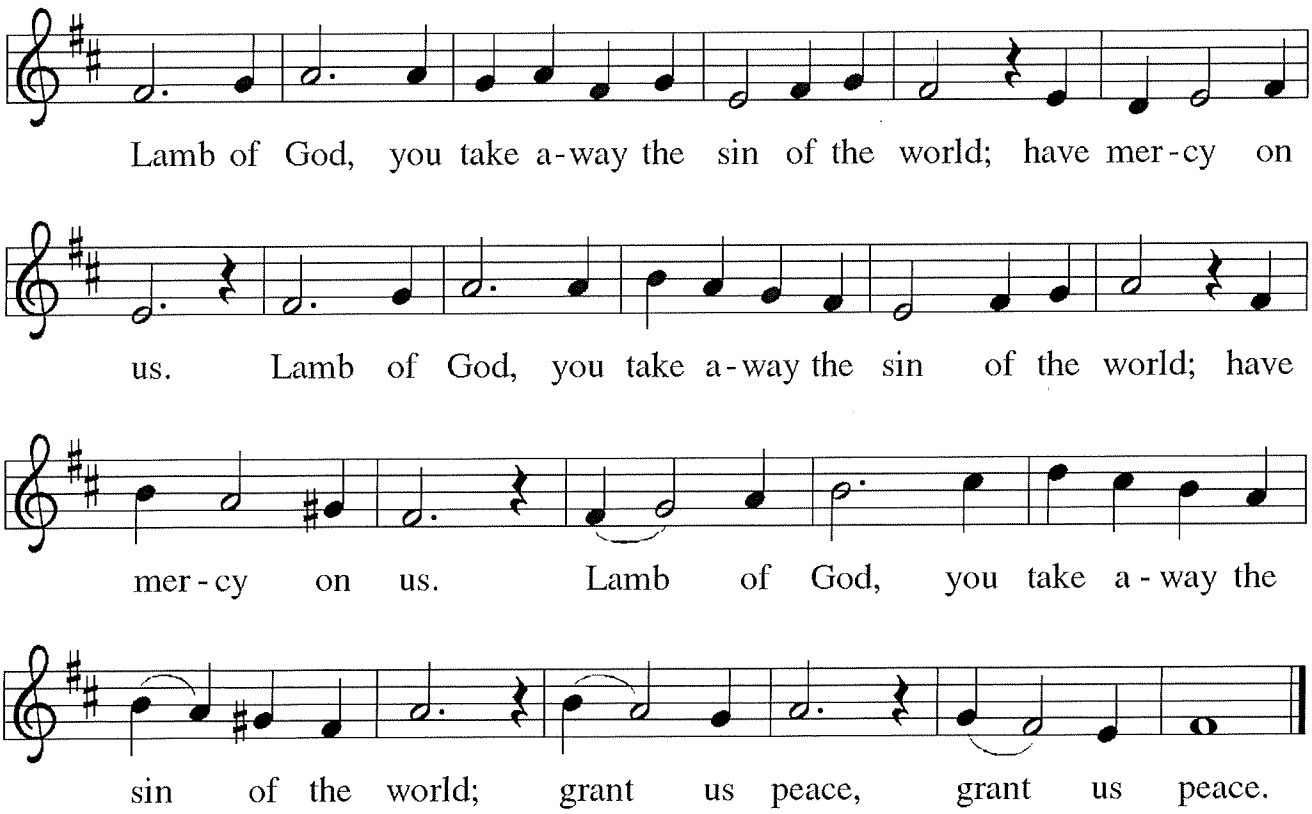
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION
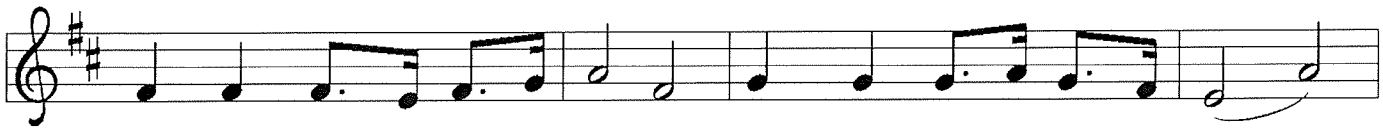
PM: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

The assembly is seated.
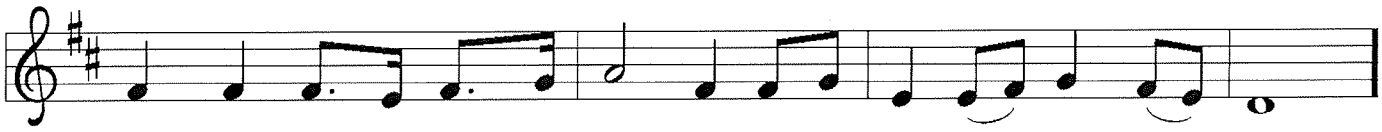
Communion is distributed in two manners
✝ *You may commune in your pews.*
Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

✝ *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

COMMUNION SONG *SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER* *ELW # 423*
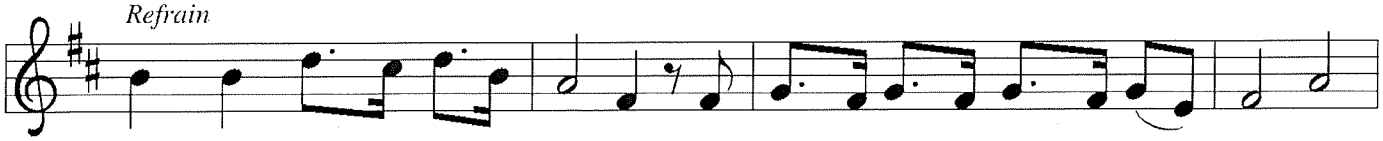


1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
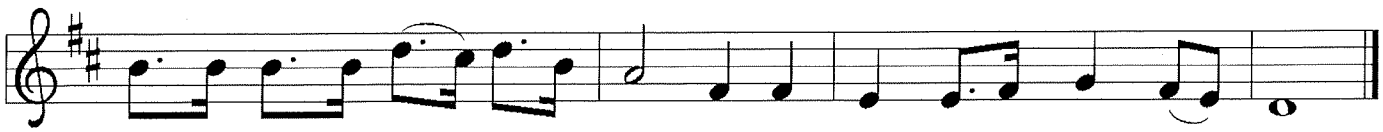


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

TABLE BLESSING

PM: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

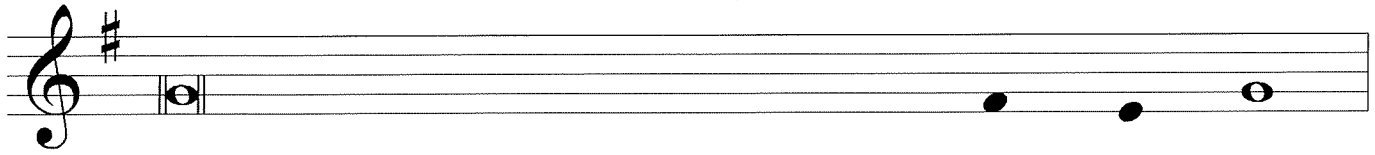
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.
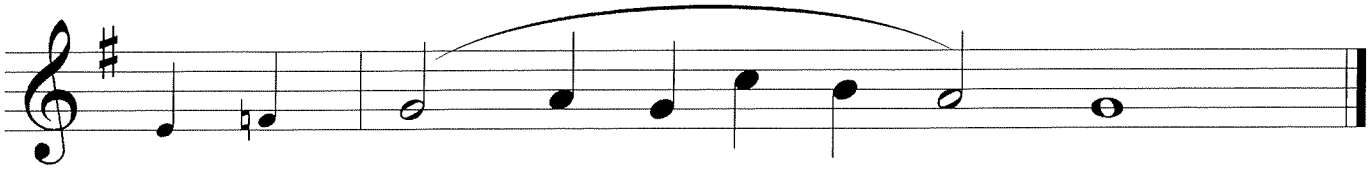
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

C: Oh God,
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.
We are grateful for the goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.
Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.
Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ,
our strength and salvation. Amen.

BLESSING

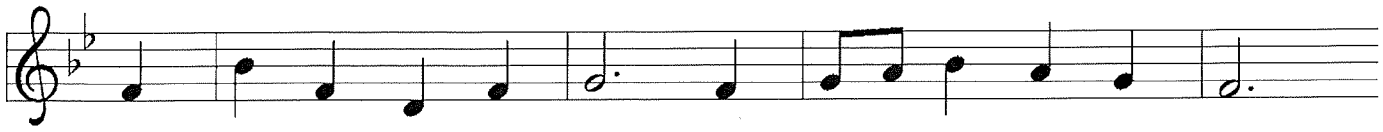


The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
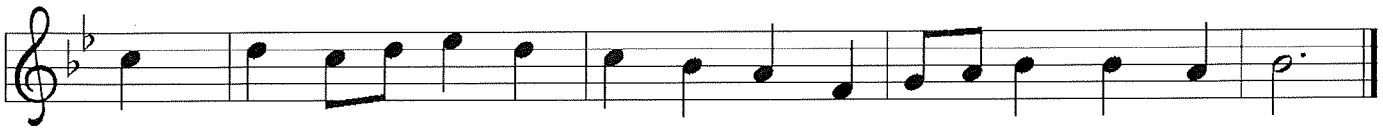


A - - - men.

SENDING SONG **For All Your Saints, O Lord** ***ELW # 427***



ALL 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
MEN 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
ALL 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
WOMEN 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
ALL 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count-ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.
PM: Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
FESTAL SONG *Barbara Harbach*
For All Your Saints, O Lord

Events in Review

Sunday	**Nov 1**
10:00 AM	All Saint's Day
1:00 AM	Daylight Savings Time End
Monday	**Nov 2**
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 3**
	Election Day
Wednesday	**Nov 4**
Thursday	**Nov 5**
Friday	**Nov 6**
Saturday	**Nov 7**

All Saint's Day—Today

Looking Forward

Nov. 8th Celebration of Veteran's Day

Nov. 14th Heidelberg Community Choir Concert

Nov. 22nd Bountiful Feast after Service

Nov. 29th Tuba Christmas

Mitten Tree



Veteran's Day is Nov 8th. Please review the Information Board and keep us updated on the information. We would like to expand this display and pictures would be greatly appreciated



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

Next Week

Sunday	**Nov 8**
10:00 AM	Veteran's Day Celebration
	Baptism of Alaina Ann Widman
Monday	**Nov 9**
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bells of Praise Practice
Tuesday	**Nov 10**
Wednesday	**Nov 11**
Thursday	**Nov 12**
Friday	**Nov 13**
Saturday	**Nov 14**
7:00	**Heidelberg Community Chorus**

The Tiffin-Seneca Public library is putting together a special community cookbook in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. They have invited us to contribute recipes and food traditions from our congregation.

Let's show them what fabulous chefs & bakers we have!!

Please submit your recipe by putting them in our basket located on the table or place in the basket outside of the office .You can also submit them by e-mailing them to Firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com. The deadline to submit is November 9th



Mitten Tree



Mitten Tree will be coming soon!

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Our Mission Statement

"God is among us!"

"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need."

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ALL SAINTS' DAY MEMORIALS

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Phil Engle	01/29/1935—03/04/2026
Jean Covert	05/19/1926—04/30/2026
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