All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

WELCOME

A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.

Children are always welcome at worship.
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST
November 1 - 8

Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Donuts and Coffee
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m	All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion
		Hats, Scarves, Mittens hanging on fence
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Worship & Music
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday		Voting in FH all day
	6:30 p.m.	CVSM in Music Room
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Hand Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Sunday	9:15 a.m.	Donuts and Coffee
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

For All the Saints

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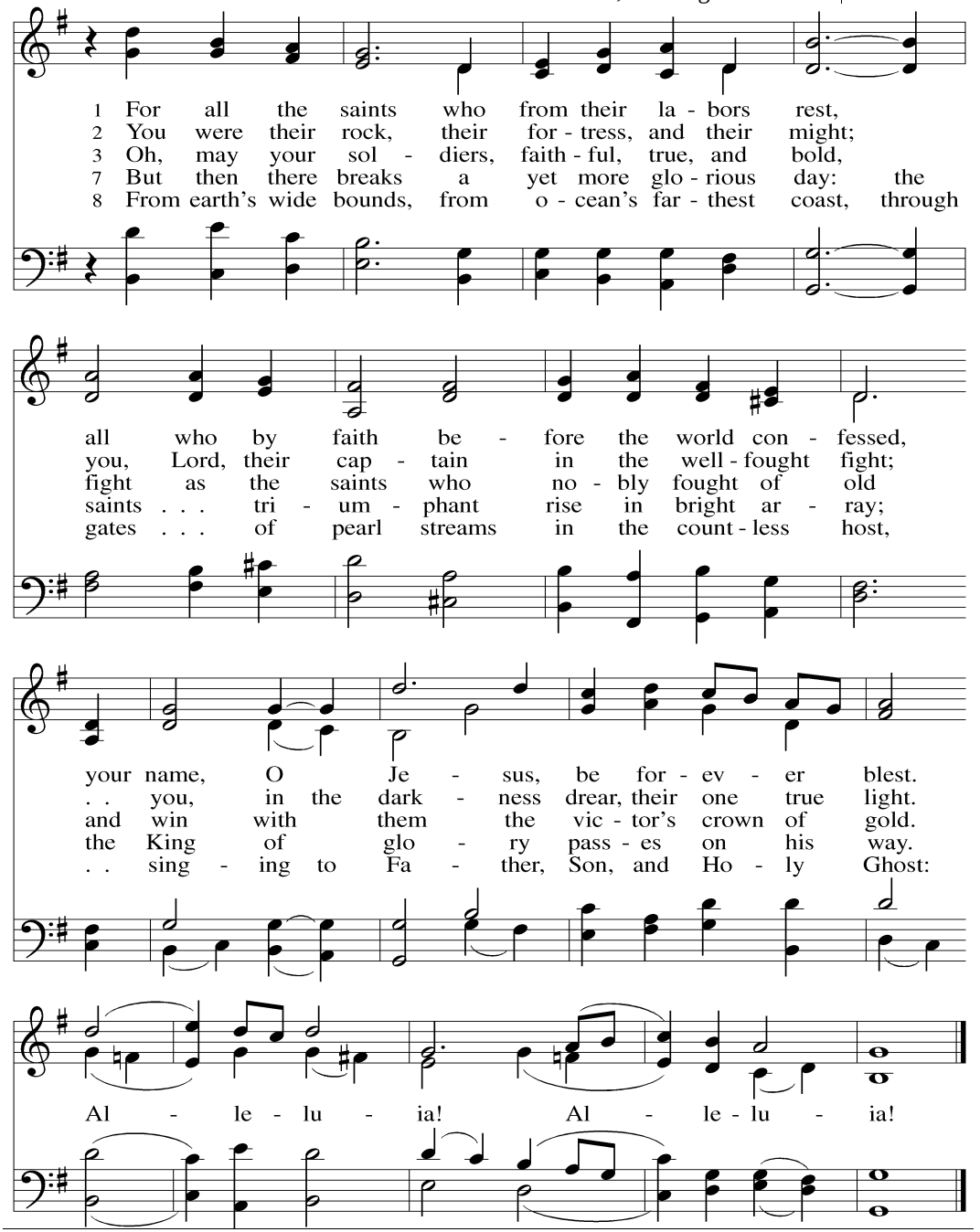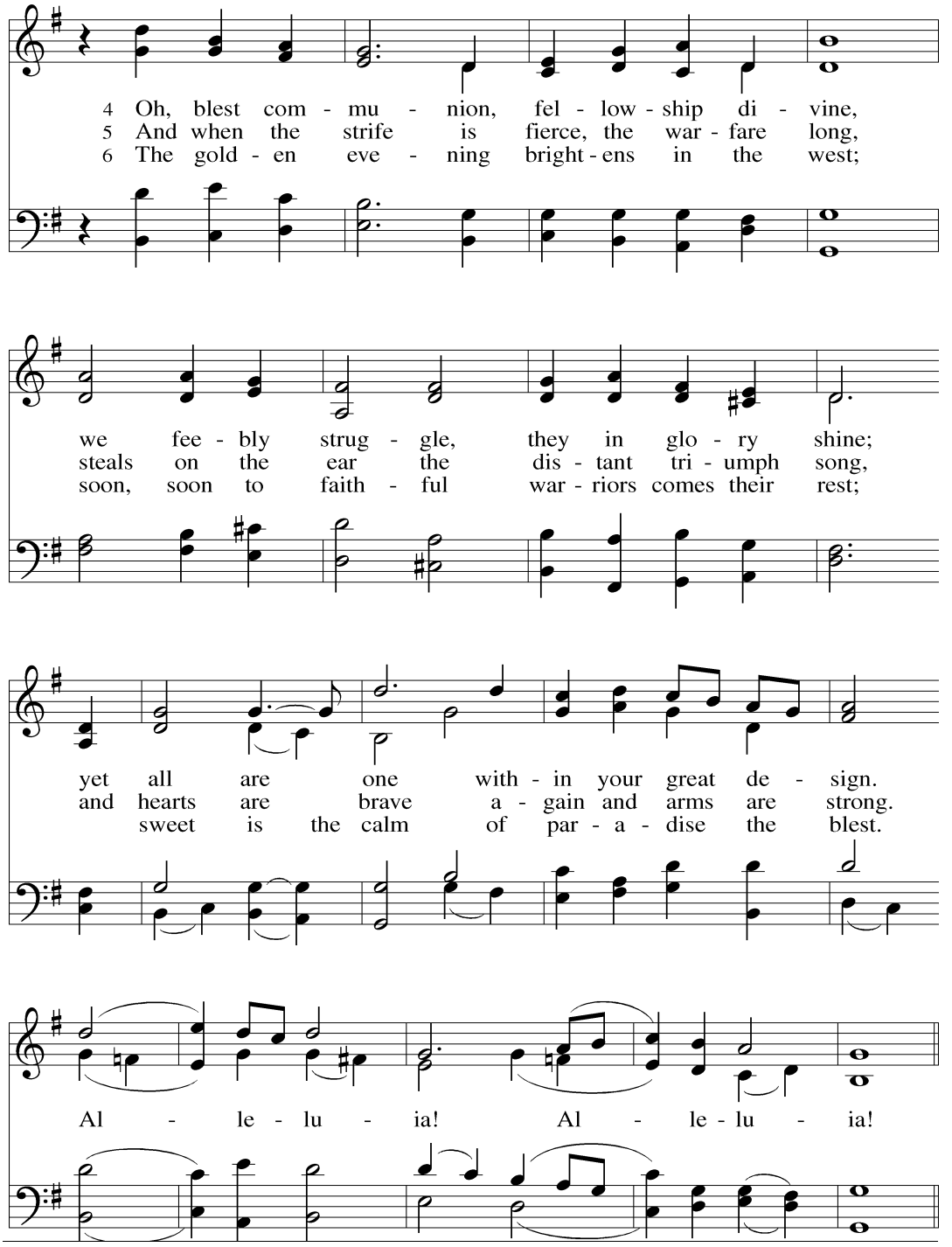
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;
yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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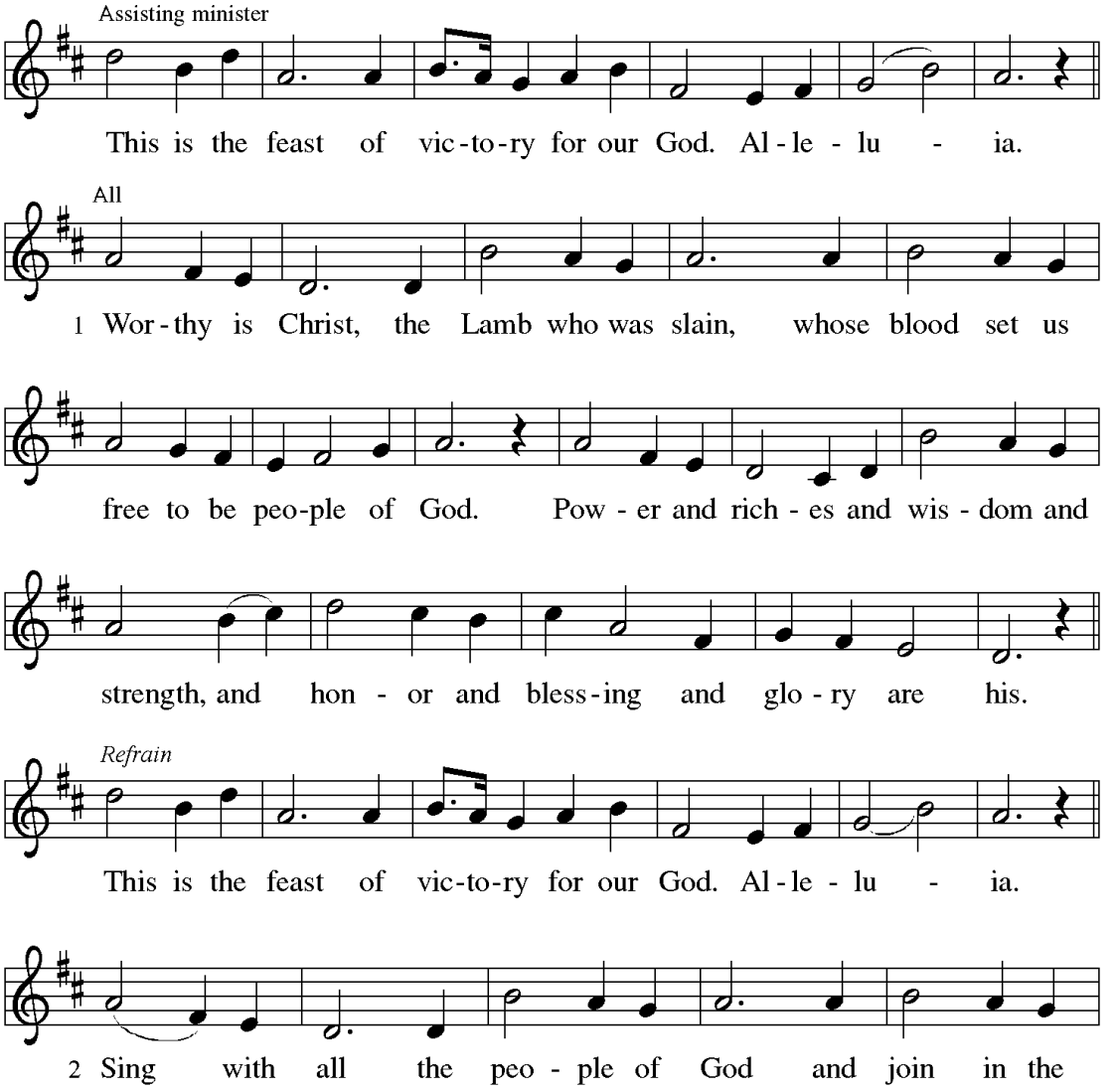
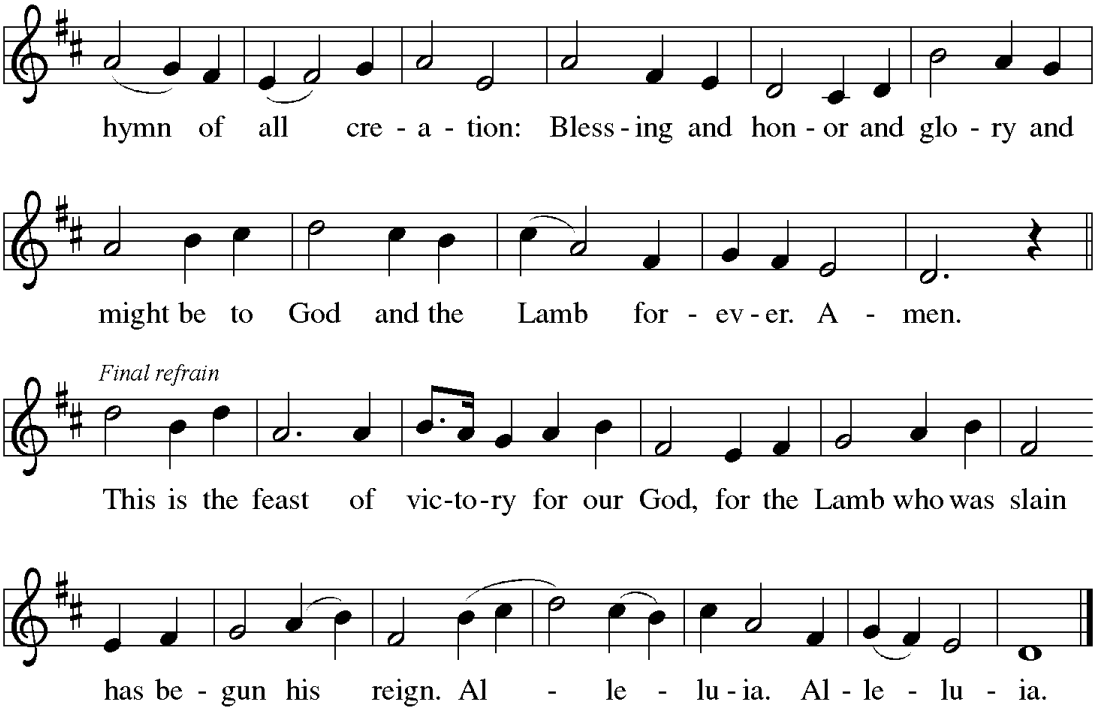



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING **Revelation 7:9-17**

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."

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM — Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

2 **I will glory in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.

4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.

5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.

8 **Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!

9 Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

10 **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

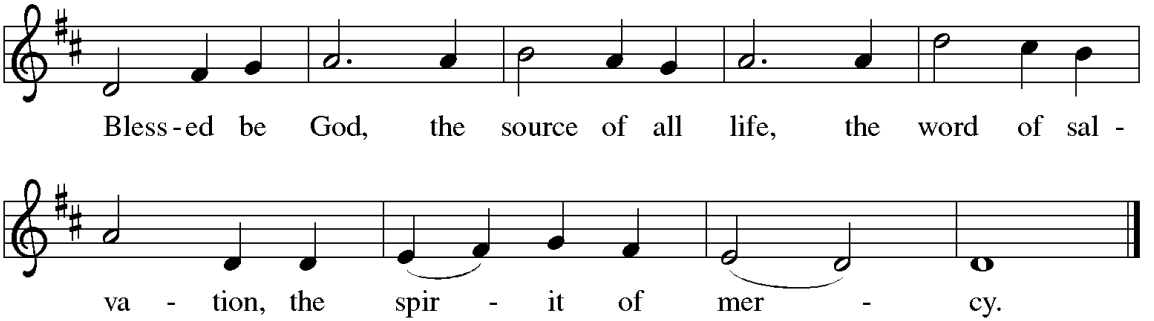
22 O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

[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.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL **Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON
*Following the serm*on s*ilence is kept for reflection.*

PASTORAL PRAYER
Please stand as you are able following the prayer.

Shall We Gather at the River (Verses 1 & 2)

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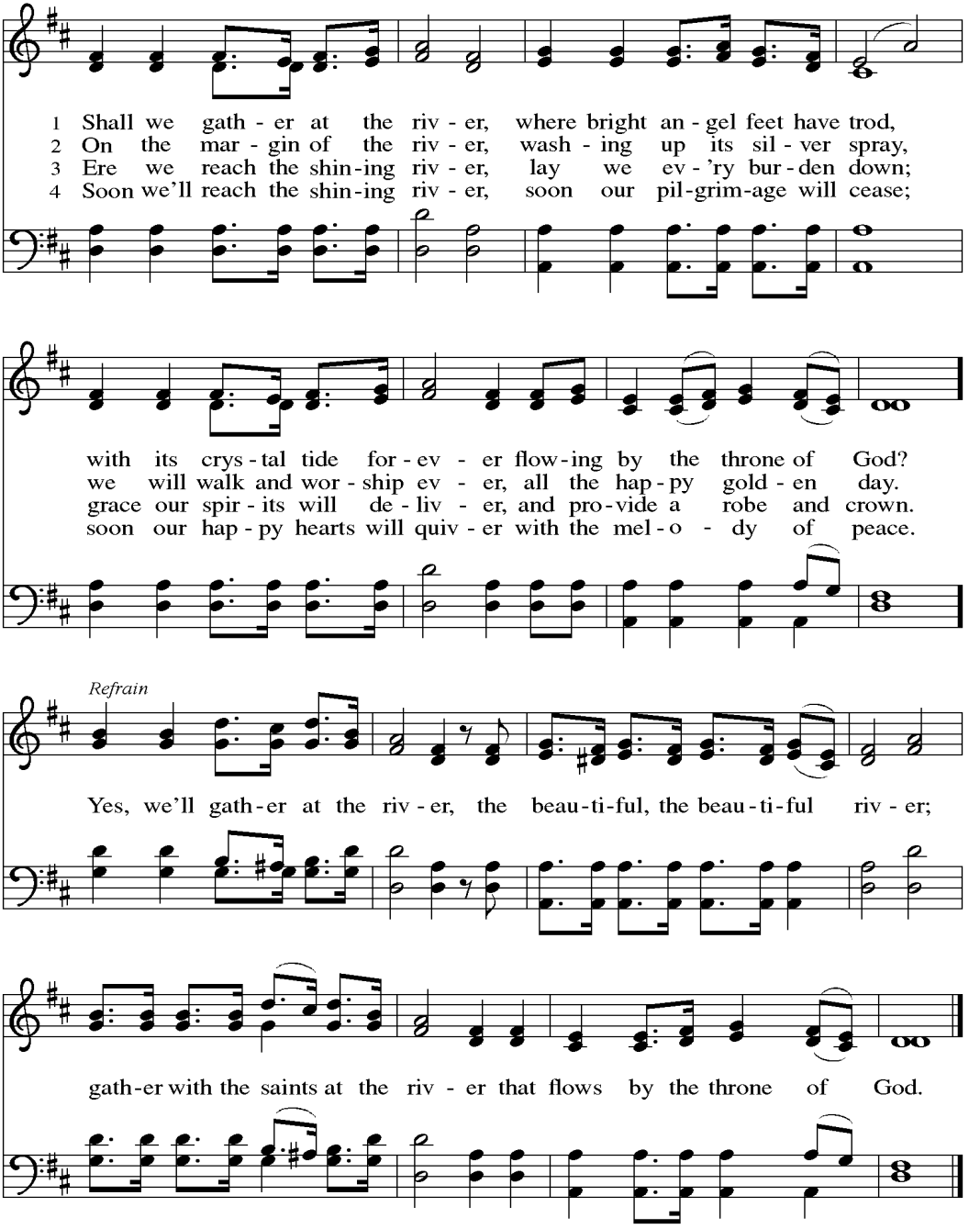

ALL SAINTS REMEMBERANCE

On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithfully departed. But we grieve for our beloved ones as well, knowing that God honors our tears. Let us pray:

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for the years to come,
we give thanks for those in generations past
who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world.
As we pray, we know we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these forbearers of the faith,
we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten,
who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

LaVonne Lue Dorseth	*January 26, 2026*
Mark Edwin Hammer	*January 31, 2026*
Patricia Dent	*March 7, 2026*
Danny Edward Kvenvolden	*April 21, 2026*
Robert Ellis Herbert	*June 30, 2026*
Mary A. Wingert	*July 2, 2026*
Constance Mary Wilkins	*July 9, 2026*
Mary Jane Bittle	*July 14, 2026*
Charles R. McKissick	*July 25, 2026*
Susan Quinn Lilly	*August 16, 2026*
Albert Britt Sloan	*September 16, 2026*
Harold Sellers Forrester	*September 16, 2026*

Holy God, we honor these, our ancestors in faith and members of our family. 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. **Amen**

Shall We Gather at the River (verses 3&4) *(see previous page)*

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.
The assembly is seated.

MEAL

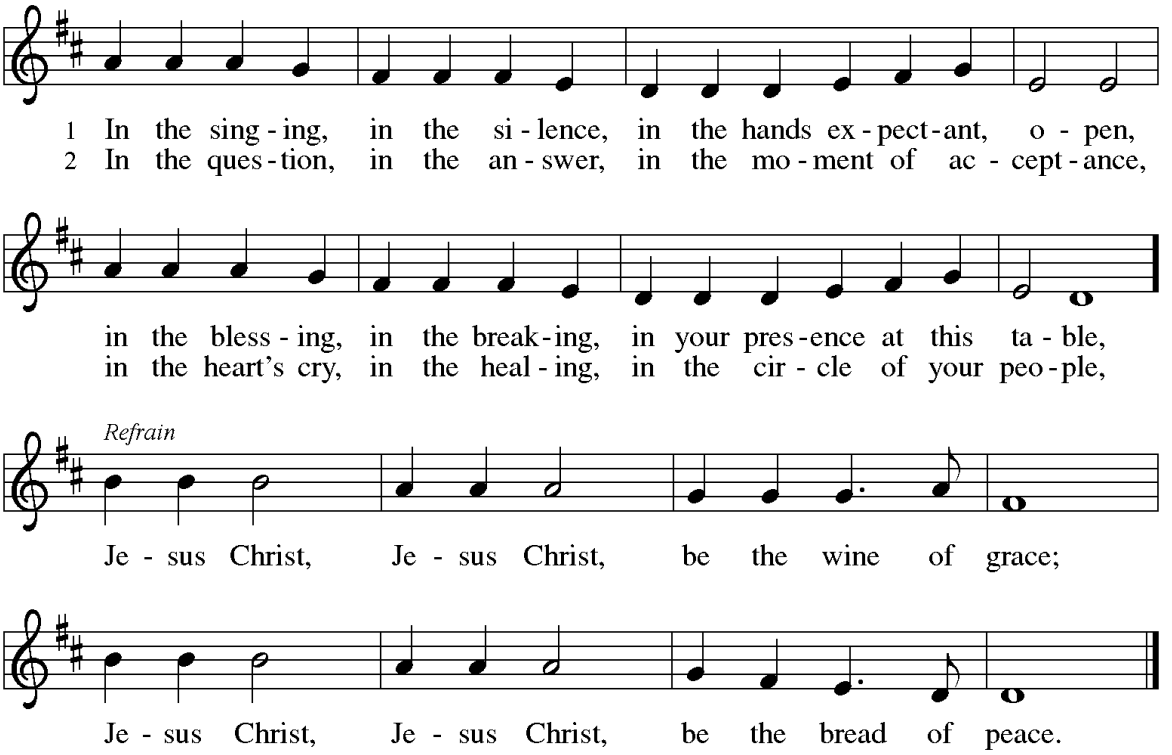
OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code. During the summer months, please place your offering in the plates at the entrances to worship.

CHOIR ANTHEM *Song of the Saints* by Pepper Choplin

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

DIALOG

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

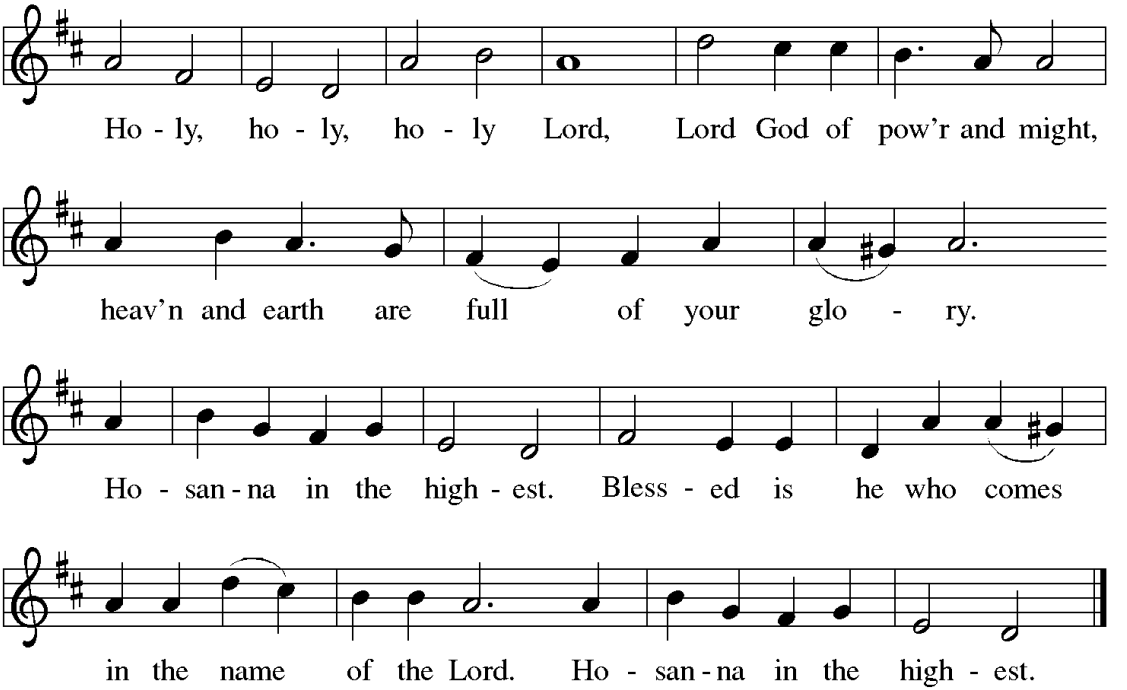
PREFACE

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 LaVonne, Mark, Pat, Danny, Bob, Mary, Connie,
Mary Jane, Charles, Susan, Al, Harold, and 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



GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

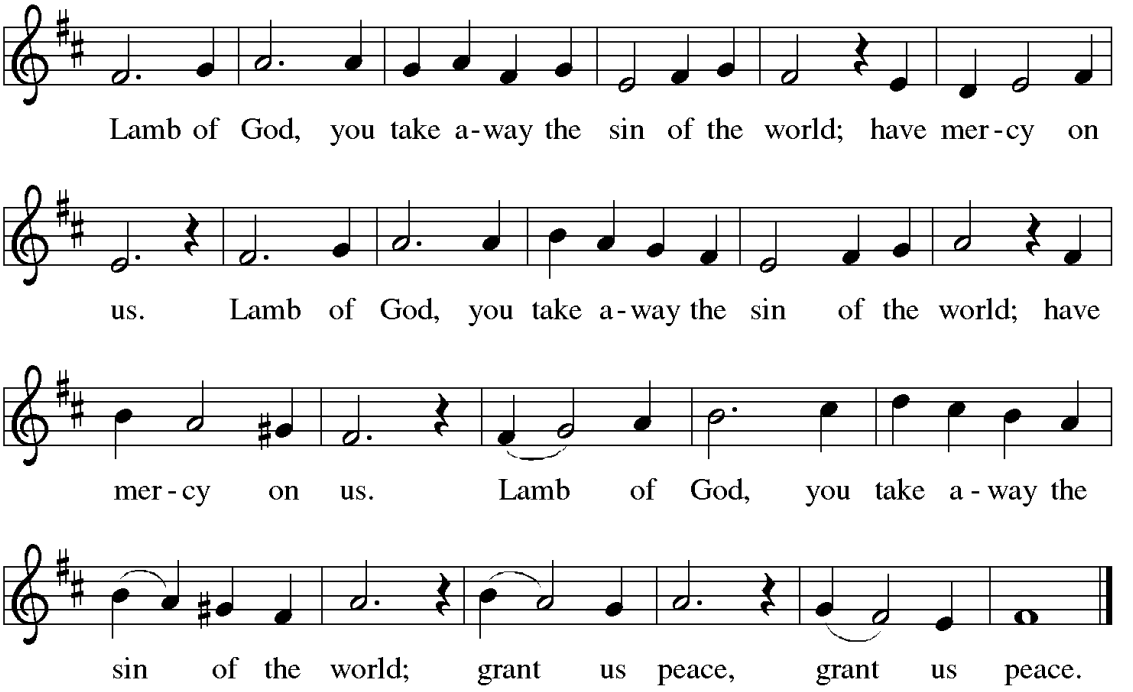
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion: *All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD



How Small Our Span of Life

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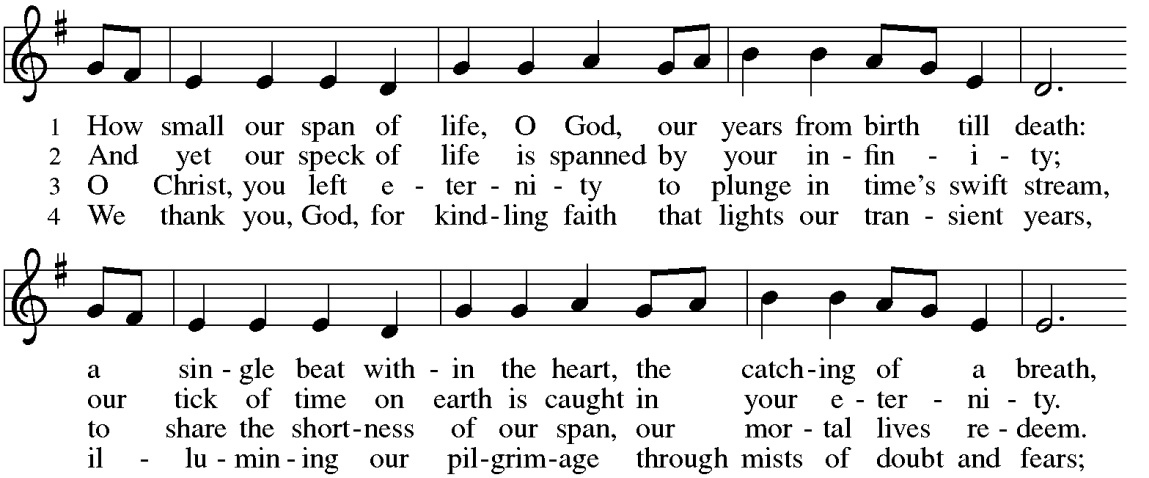
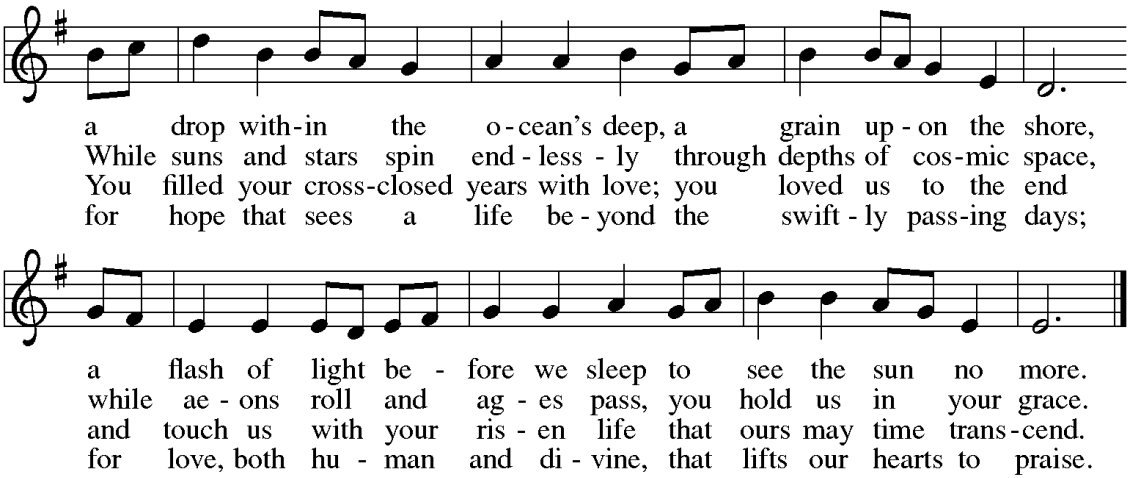

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Gracious God, in this month of November, as we remember the saints who have gone before us, as well as those who are still with us here on earth, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with the saints who are *sick or homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

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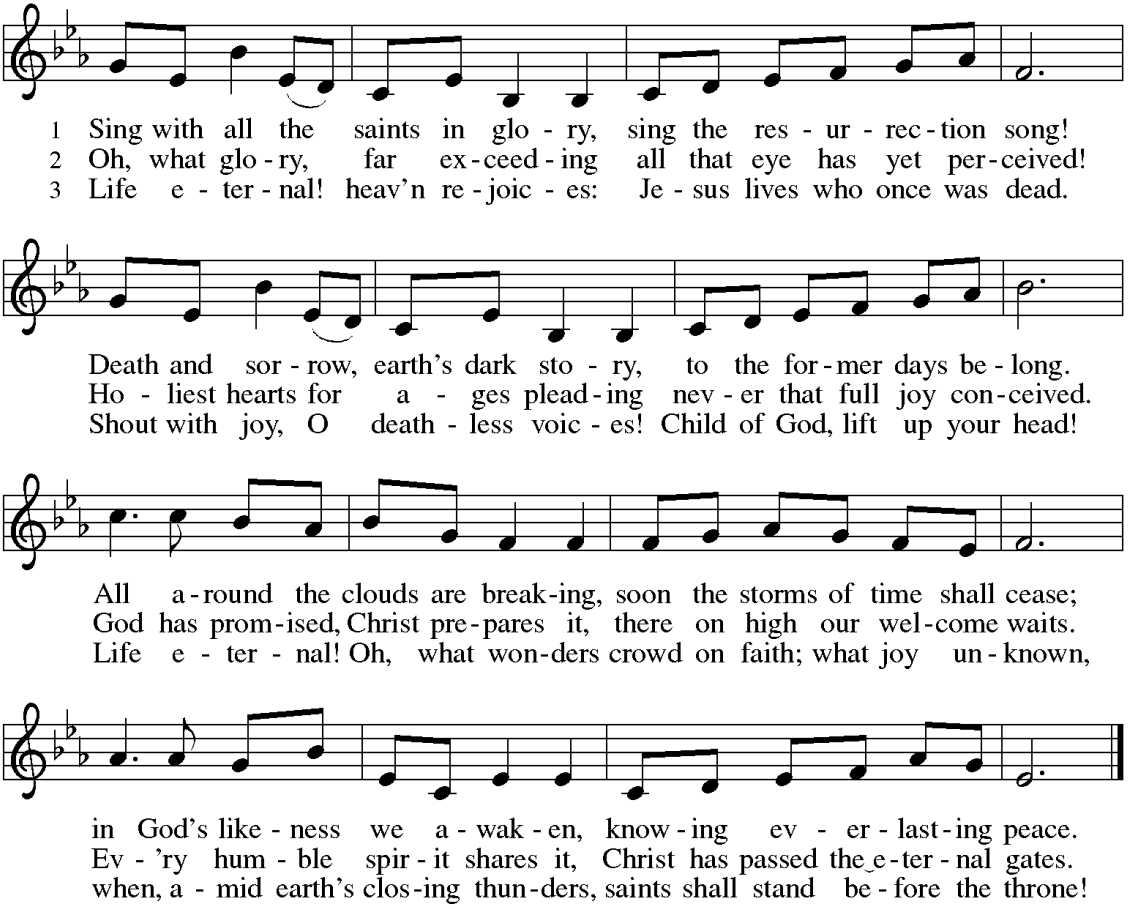
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of Mary Virginia Baer

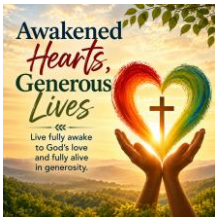
Please remember in your prayers …

Healing: Tony Gladelter (11/27), **Shirley Martin** (11/7)

Continuing Prayers: **Doris Burdick, Joanne Caskey, June Diehl**, **Marcia Hunt, Charles Kampmeyer**, **Don Mayer**, **Kristy Nienstedt**, **Dalton Paul**, **Julie Paul, Peggy Stout**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock,** Derek Haugh

ATTENDANCE October 25 48 in person 13 online



THANK YOU to all who have returned their anticipated giving card during our *Awakened Hearts, Generous Lives* stewardship campaign. To date we have received 28 cards. You are welcome to continue placing your cards in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

QUILTS SHIPPING COST On October 11 we were blessed with seeing the 142 quilts and 248 kits which were dedicated during our worship service. The cost to ship each item overseas is approximately $4.00. Donations to assist with this would be appreciated. Please indicate on your envelope or check that your donation is for Quilt and Kit Shipping. Thanks you for your contribution.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings with Tim Gotwald teaching from the book, "Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith: A Lutheran Perspective on Faith Traditions in America." Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

HATS, SCARVES AND MITTENS hanging time is here again the Neighborhood Task Team is planning to hang items that will help our neighbors stay warm in the winter months. These items will be hung on the church fence. What can you do to help with this project? Purchase new or donate gently used hats, scarves and mittens for men, women and children to donate to this project. Share this with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Volunteer to hang items on the fence. Dates are TODAY, December 6, and January 16-18. Contact Mary Beth Warne McGraw at 717-372-8282.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS First Lutheran Church is in need of persons who are willing and able to serve on the Congregation Council from January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2029. Please pray about serving in this leadership capacity. If you are feeling called to serve on our governing body, please speak with Marianne Kennedy, Gerry Wilson, or Jeff Dorand or another council member.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING First Lutheran will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 22 following the 10:45 worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect council members to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2027 and to vote on revisions to the constitution as recommended by the congregation council and the ELCA. The constitutional revisions may be found online at www.felcc.org under 'resources.' Anywhere there are highlights, means that revisions are recommended. Printed copies of the constitution will be available at the entrances to the worship space on November 8.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS First Lutheran will be receiving new members on Sunday, December 13 during the 10:45 worship service. If you have an interest in or questions about becoming a member of First Lutheran, please speak with Pastor Nicholson.

BIRTHDAY BAGS continue to bring joy to the recipients! I am in supplies: large birthday bags, paper plates, napkins, balloons, candles, cake pans, cake mixes, icings, and snack items. Thank you for your support! Joyce Ray

GRIEF SHARE at Christian Life Church located at 1400 Warm Spring Rd. Chambersburg is hosting a "Surviving the Holidays" seminar will be offered 0n November 14 from 10 to noon. There is no cost. Register: https://christianlifechambersburg.churchcenter.com/registrations/events Contact Lisa Fidler at 717-404-3599 with questions.

SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network) Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations– domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, tim@gotwald.org, mary@gotwald.org

	November 1	November 8	November 15
Lector:	Becky Hoover	Gary Fleegal	Sally Herritt
Communion Assistants:	Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan		Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy	Gary Kennedy Marianne Kennedy
Ushers:	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop	Don Shoop Kathy Shoop