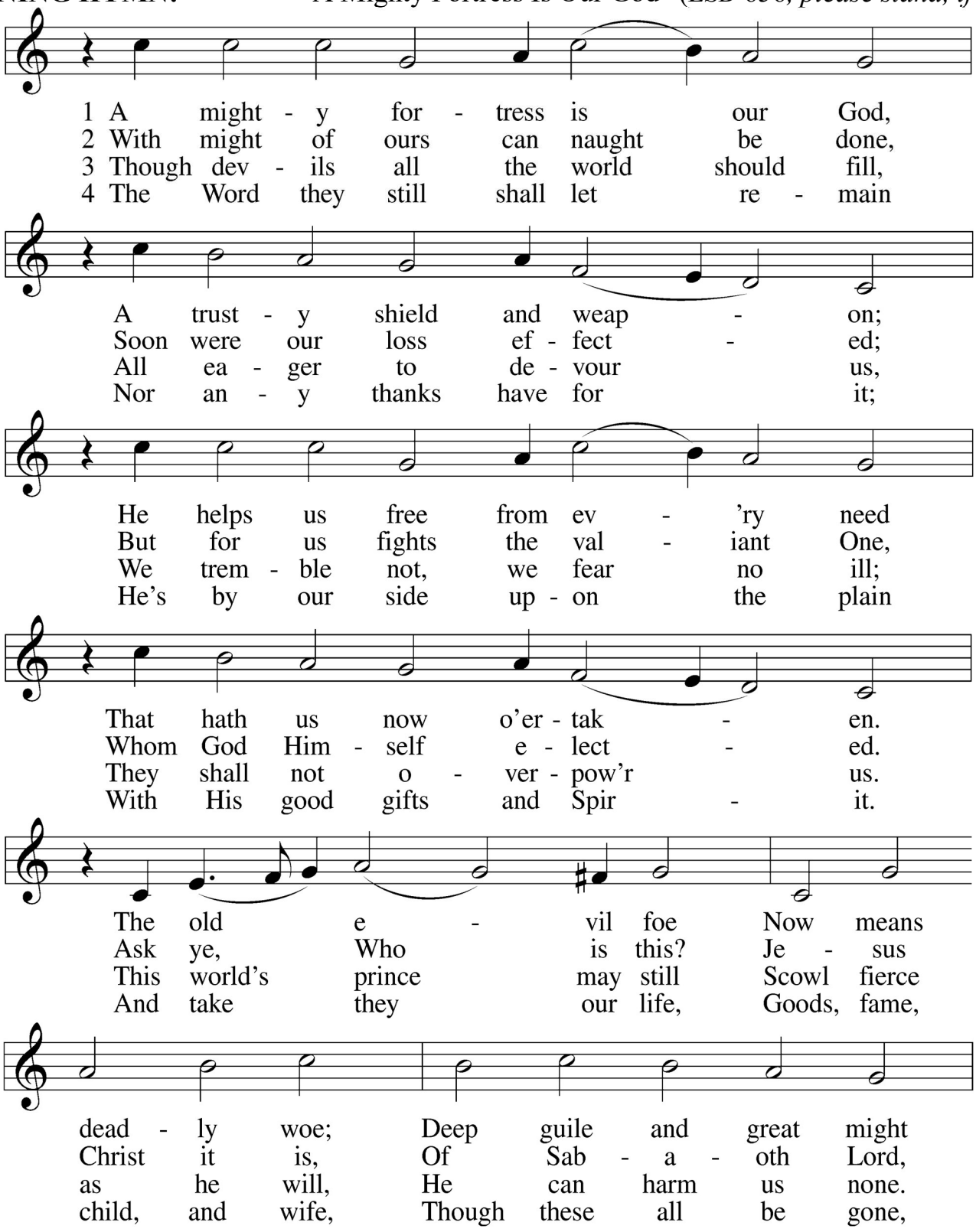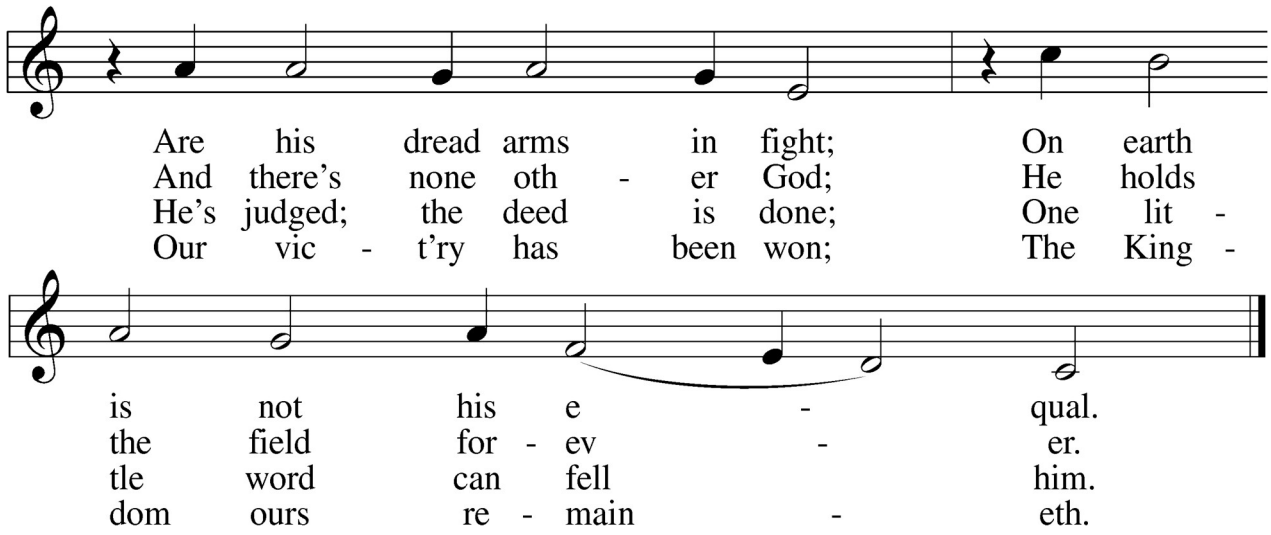
Reformation & All Saints' Day ***St. John's Lutheran Church***
October 31-November 1, 2026 *Divine Service One, page 151ff.* **Red Bud, Illinois**

PRELUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *arranged by Johann Pachelbel*

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (*LSB* 656*, please stand, if able*)





INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES: *Psalm 119:89–90a; John 8:36; Hebrews 13:8*

P: Forever, O Lord, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

C: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

P: If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

C: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: *Psalm 119:90b; John 8:34; Psalm 119:94a; John 8:31*

P: Lord, You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C: All creation is sustained by Your Word and made to serve Your holy purposes.

P: And yet, we can ignore or defy Your Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

C: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin, and we seek Your freedom.

P: For our sins of thought, word, and deed, for our action and inaction, for our inborn sinfulness and failures of faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: I am Yours; save me.

Pause for silent reflection

P: Jesus speaks, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples." The blood of Christ is put forward as our propitiation, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. 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.

INTROIT: *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*
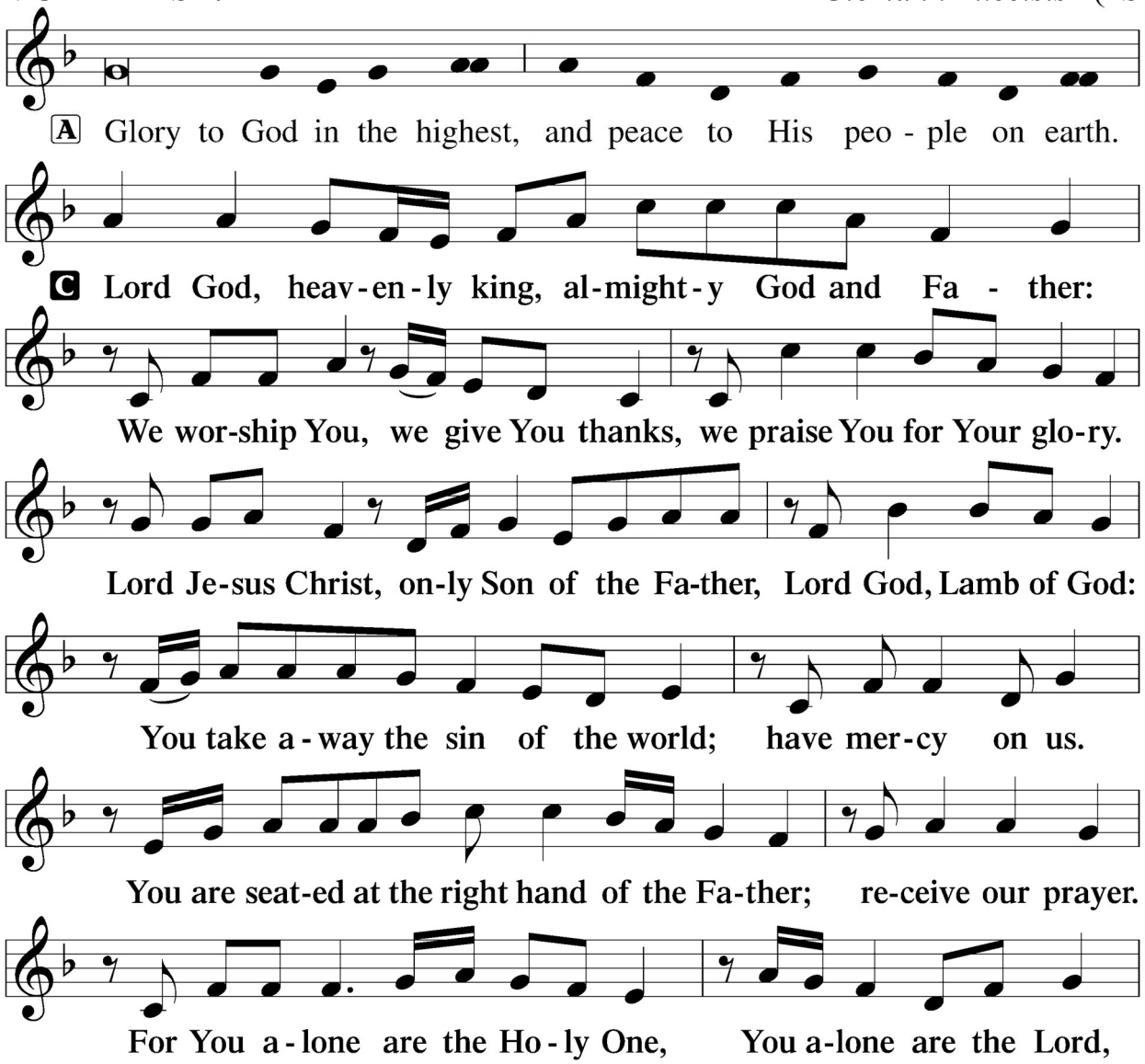
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]* **and shall not be | put to shame.**
I will bless the Lord at | all times;* **his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**
My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;* **let the humble hear | and be glad.**
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;* **I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.**
The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;* **none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.**
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* **and to the Holy | Spirit;**

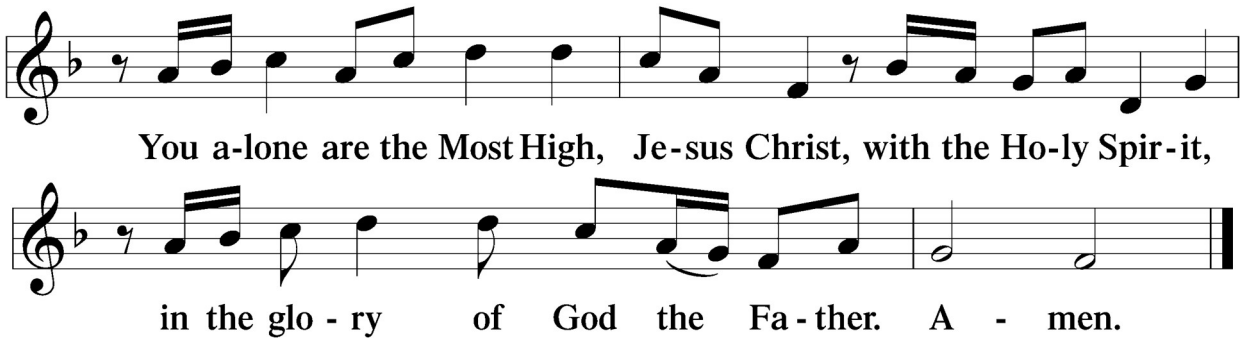
as it was in the be- | ginning,* **is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]* **and shall not be | put to shame.**

KYRIE: (*LSB* 152-153*)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mer-cy.
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mer-cy.
P: 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 mer-cy.
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mer-cy.
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: A-men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "*Gloria in Excelsis*" (*LSB* 154)





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***(sung)*** **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

ANTHEM: *(10:30 a.m.)* "*Thy Word*" *Choir*

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1: When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. ***(Chorus)***

Verse 2: I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side; I will love you to the end. Yes, to the end. ***(Chorus)***

Ending: Beautiful Word, wonderful Word, wonderful Word of life. Beautiful Word, wonderful Word, wonderful Word of life. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

FIRST READING: *Revelation 7:2–17*

P: [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."

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

GRADUAL: *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

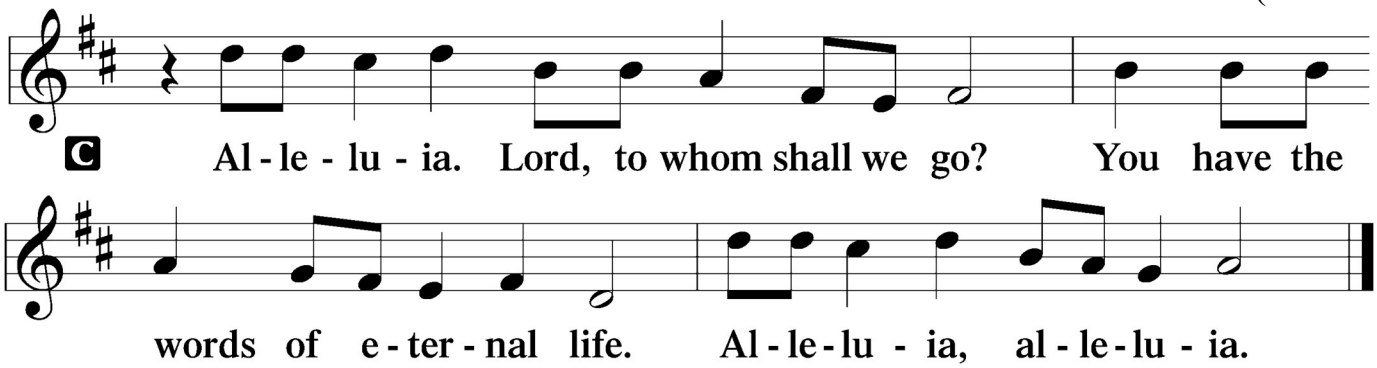
C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE: *1 John 3:1–3*

P: [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.

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE: (*LSB* 156*)*



HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1–12*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

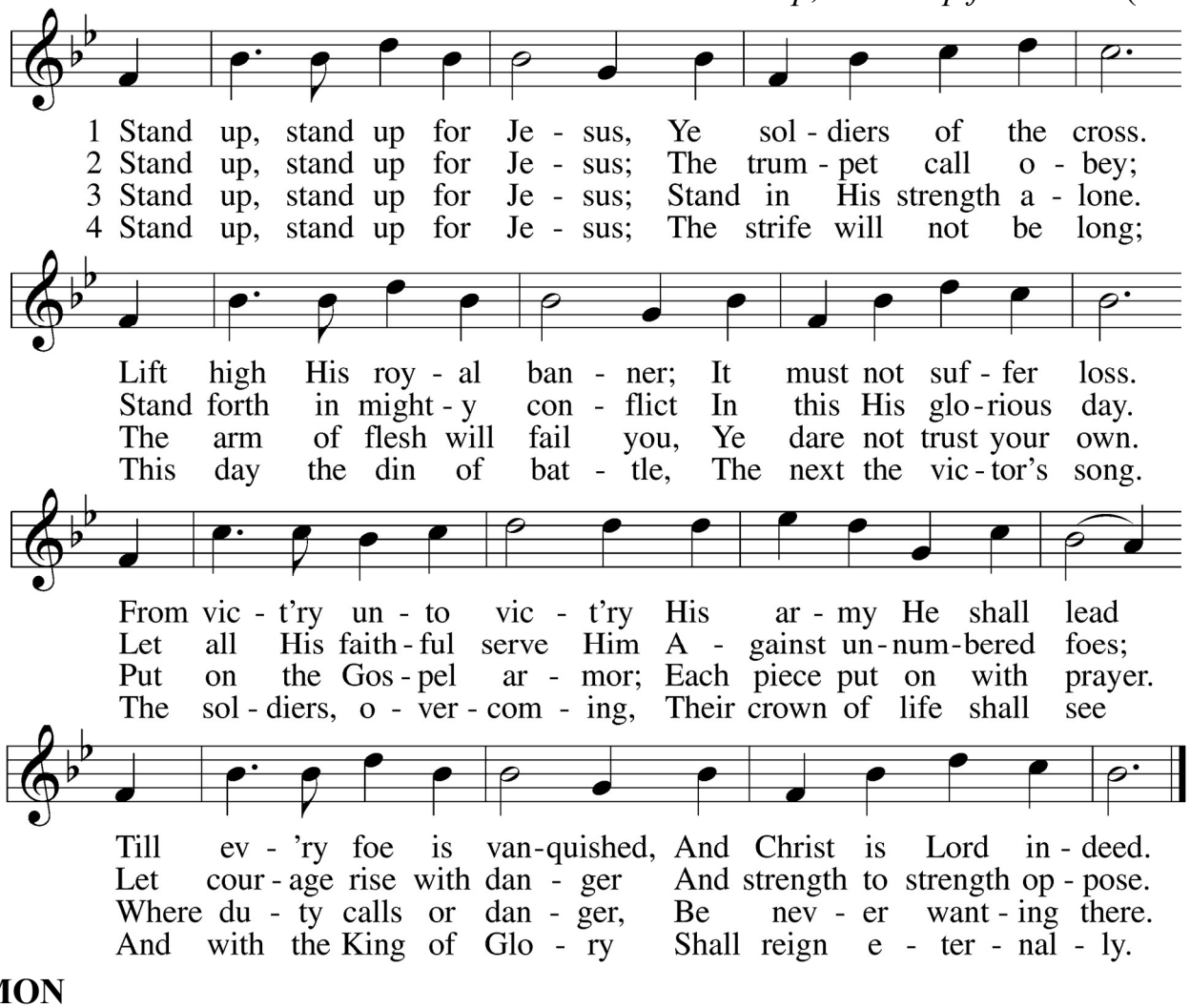
C: *(sung)* Glory to You, O Lord.

P: [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: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*" (*LSB* 660)



SERMON

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: **Nicene Creed** *(p 158)*

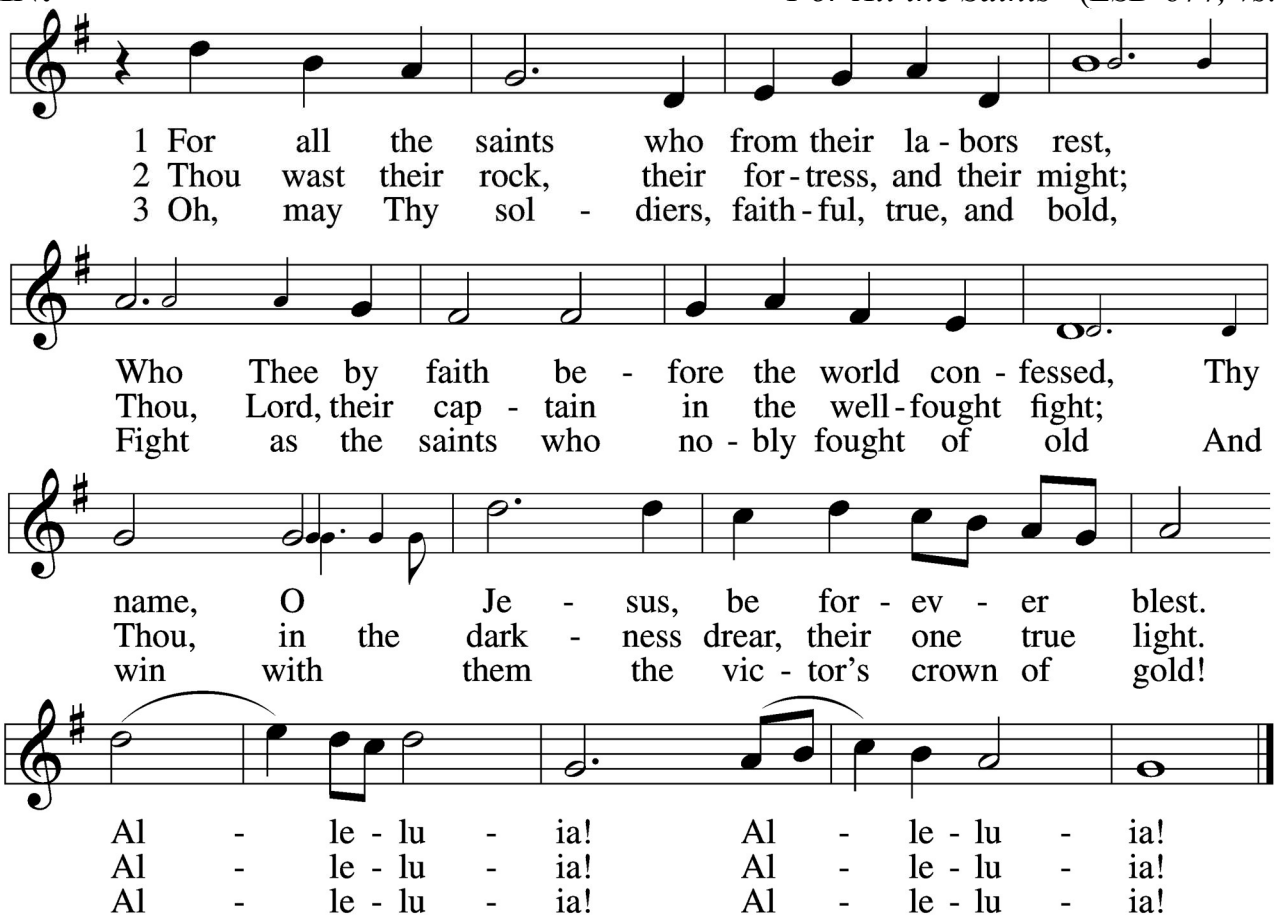
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

HYMN: "*For All the Saints*" (*LSB* 677*, vs. 1-3*)



COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: *Revelation 14:13*

P: Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:

C: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

P: "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,

C: for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!

P: On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

(Bell Choir will ring the Bells 3 times after each verse is spoken)

✠Loretta Bievenue: August 13, 1943—October 31, 2025✠

P: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. (Job 19:25-26)

✠Suzanne Harms: December 16, 1967—November 6, 2025✠

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

✠Lou Ann Gerlach: August 6, 1934—December 2, 2025✠

P: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. (Psalm 37:5)

✠Rosalie Montgomery: June 3, 1981—December 30, 2025✠

P: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17)

✠Vernon Koester: August 12, 1935—January 3, 2026✠

P: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:7-8)

✠Roger Hanebutt: May 3, 1947—January 8, 2026✠

P: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

✠Brett Wiegand: April 3, 1976—January 22, 2026✠

P: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

✠John Wiatr: September 4, 1939—February 27, 2026✠

P: He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; and the reproach of his people he will take aware from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 25:8)

✠Rev. Dr. Paul Schrieber: April 29, 1949—March 5, 2026✠

P: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

✠Jay Prigge: October 18, 1966—March 10, 2026✠

P: But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

✠Mary Liefer: November 4, 1933—March 12, 2026✠

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. (Colossians 3:1-2)

✠Charles Guebert: January 31, 1940—March 16, 2026✠

P: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. (Romans 1:16)

✠Geraldine Koester: October 20, 1933—March 29, 2026✠

P: But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. (Mark 10:14)

✠Wilma Schleifer: July 27, 1934—March 30, 2026✠

P: And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

✠Mary Gross: February 26, 1935—May 1, 2026✠

P: but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42)

✠Wilard Guebert: February 14, 1933—May 1, 2026✠

P: "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (John 5:25)

✠Joan Prigge: March 8, 1942—June 26, 2026✠

P: And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. (2 Corinthians 5:15)
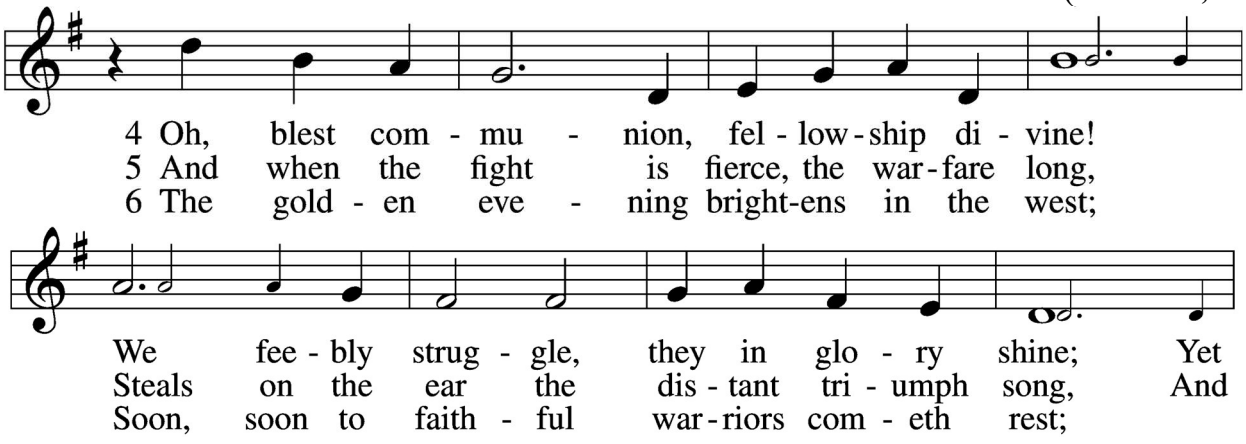
✠Joshua Heller: July 8, 1984—June 29, 2026✠
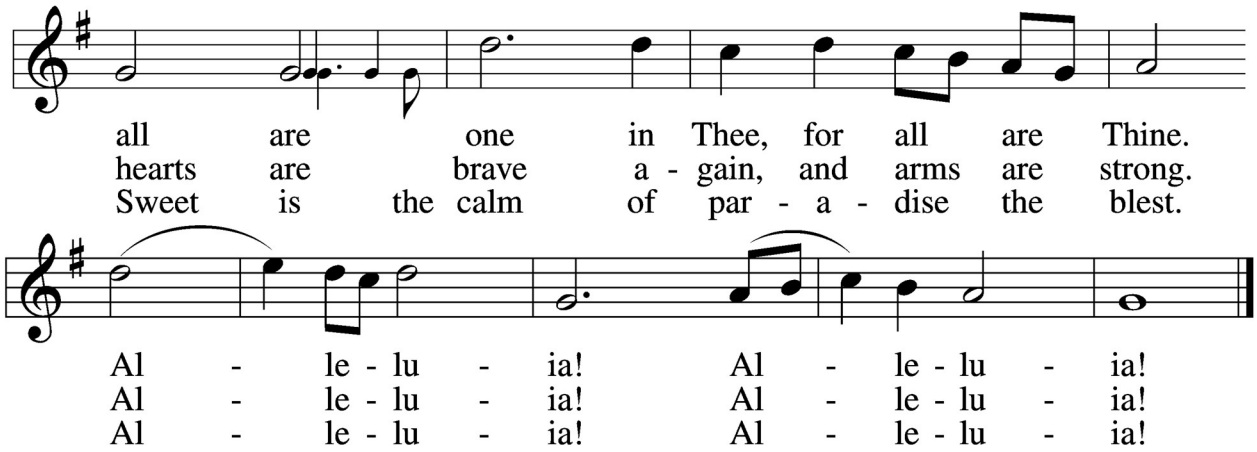
P: Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

✠Helen Winkelman: September 5, 1929—July 27, 2026✠

P: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:27-28)

HYMN: "*For All the Saints*" (*LSB* 677*, vs. 4-6*)





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

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✠ God's guidance through our pastoral vacancy

✠ blessings on the harvest and safety in the fields

P: Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world. Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, [*especially . . .*]. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

P: Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.

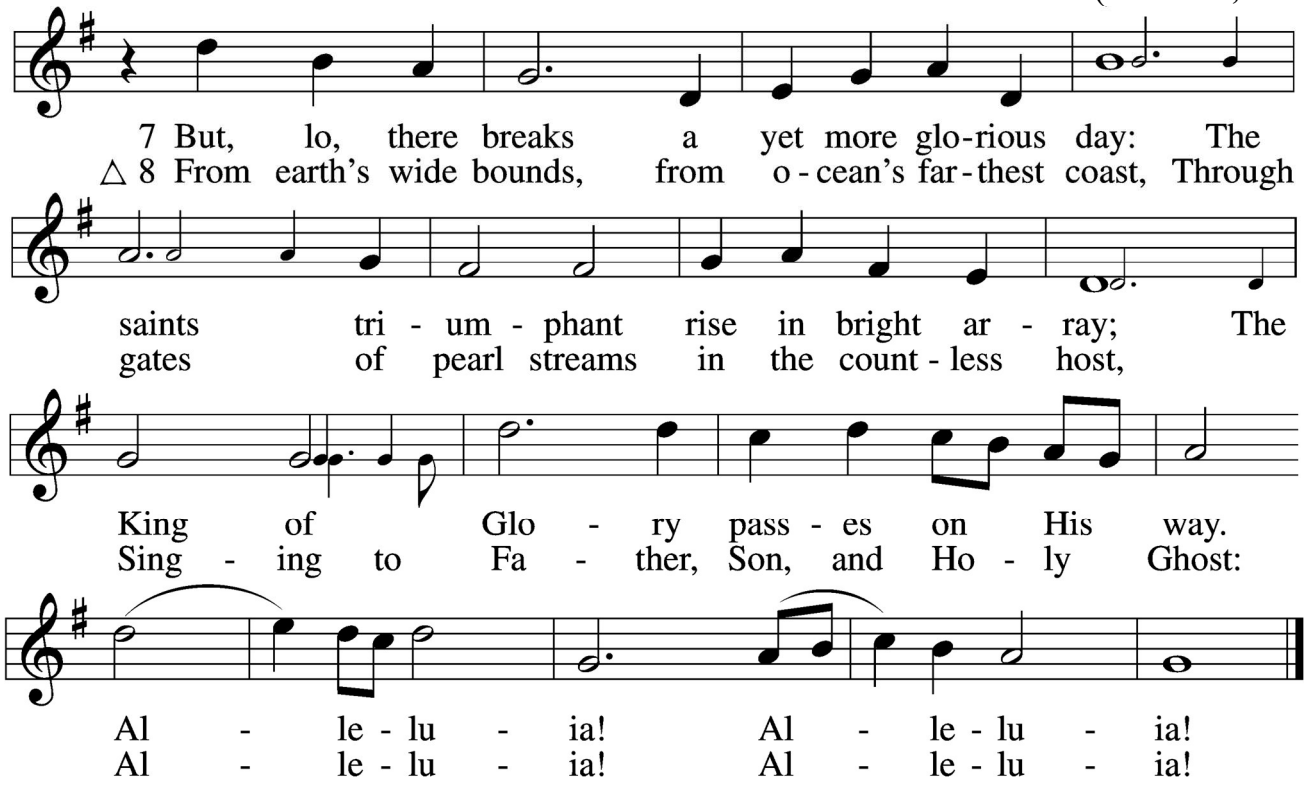
P: Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C: Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.
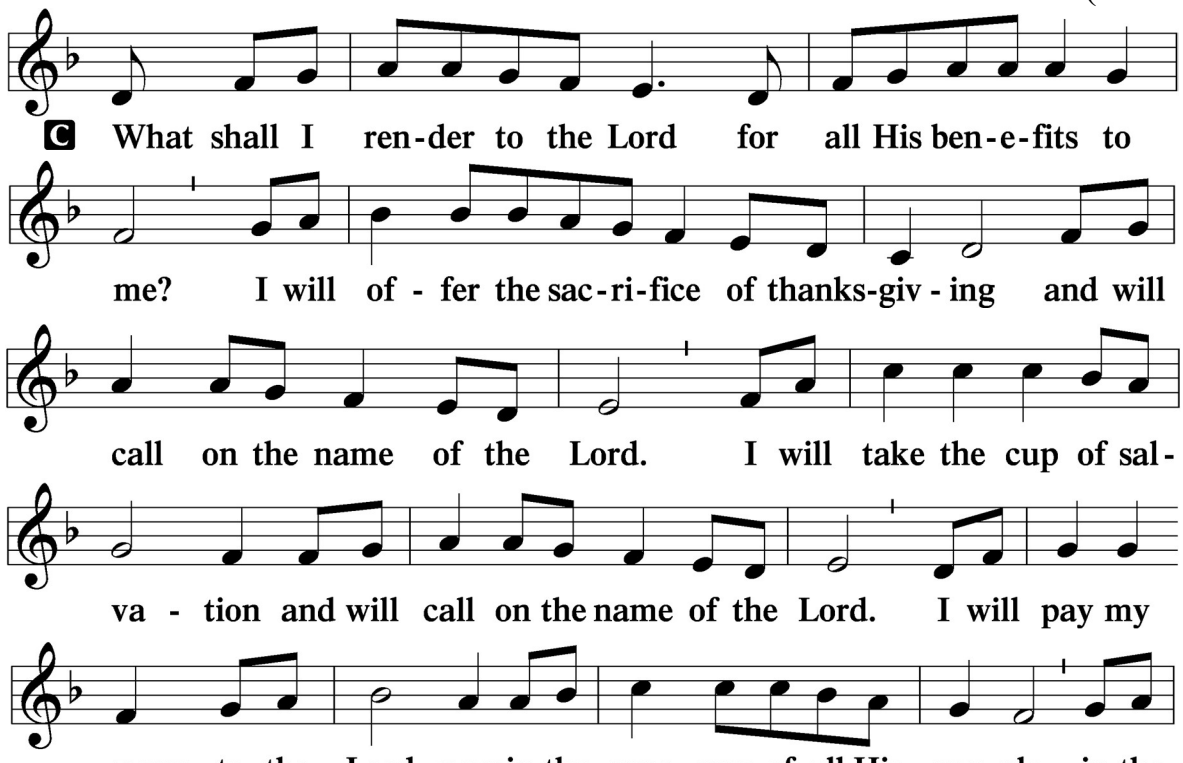
P: For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.
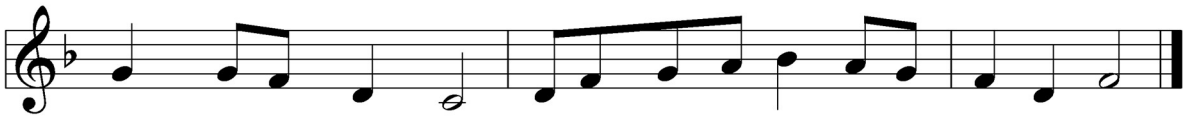
C: Amen.

HYMN: "*For All the Saints*" (*LSB* 677, *vs. 7-8*)



OFFERTORY: (*LSB* 159-160)





SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: pages 160-166ff.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***(sung)*** **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

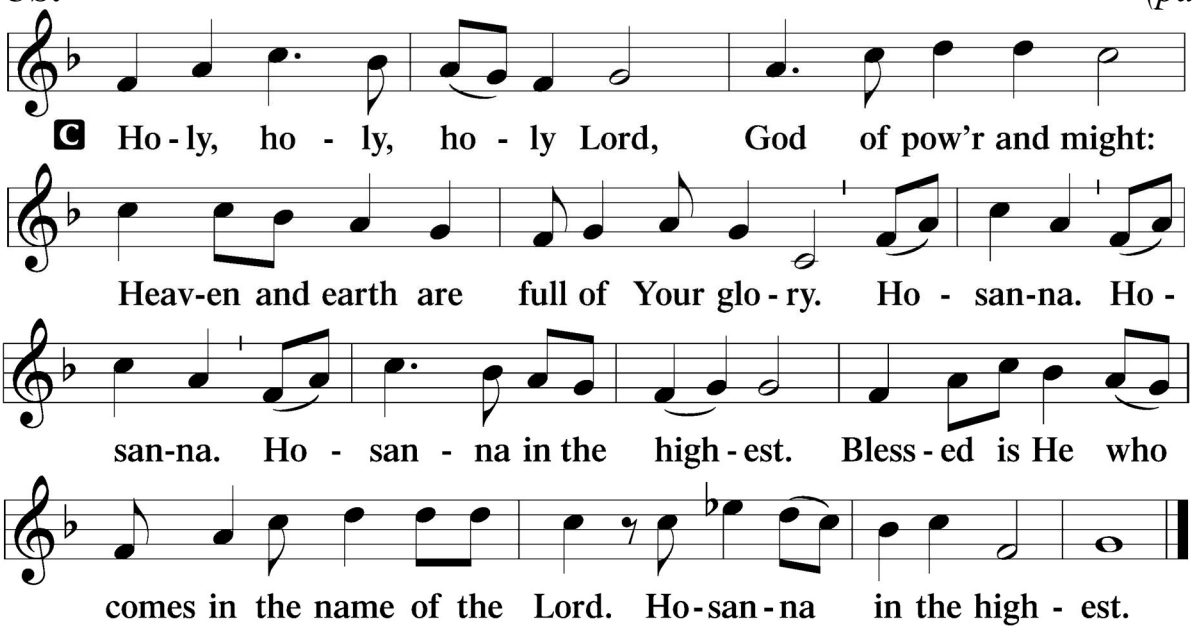
C: ***(sung)*** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ***(sung)*** **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: *(page 161)*



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P: In hope, Lord, we lift to You grateful hearts, for You sustain Your saints in their earthly battles and give to Your heaven-bound saints a holy rest. As You feed and fend Your saints by Your gracious hand, prepare our hearts to receive You in Your Word, at this Table, and in the triumphant return of Christ with all His saints, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. A-men.

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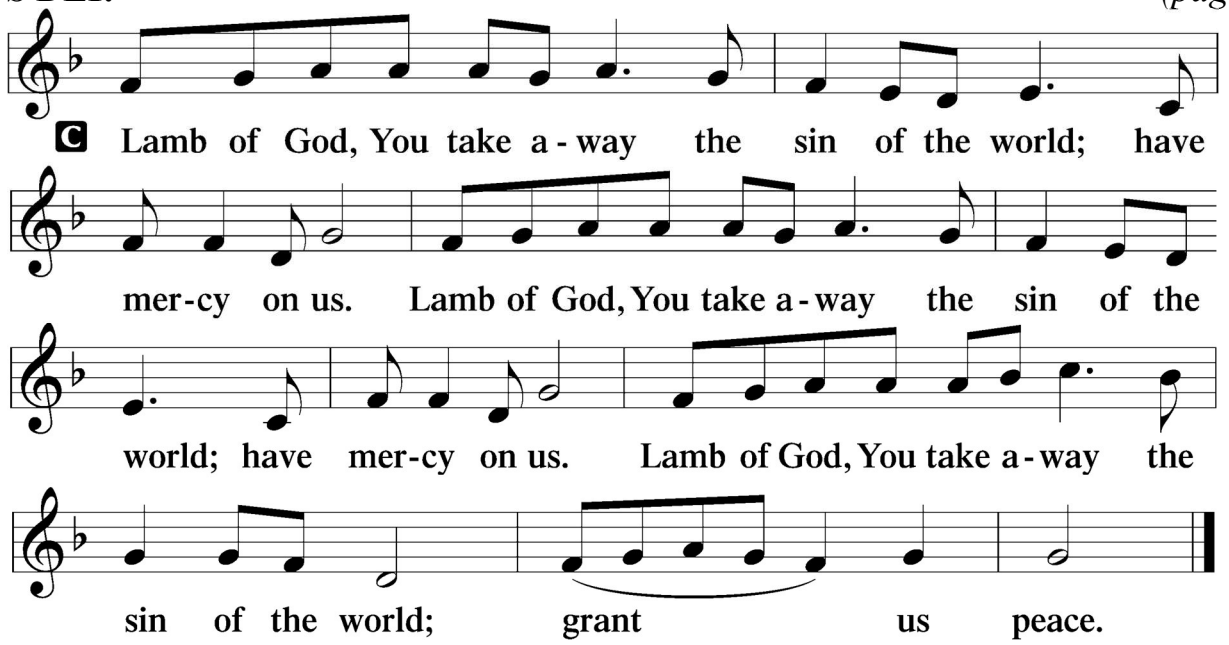
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

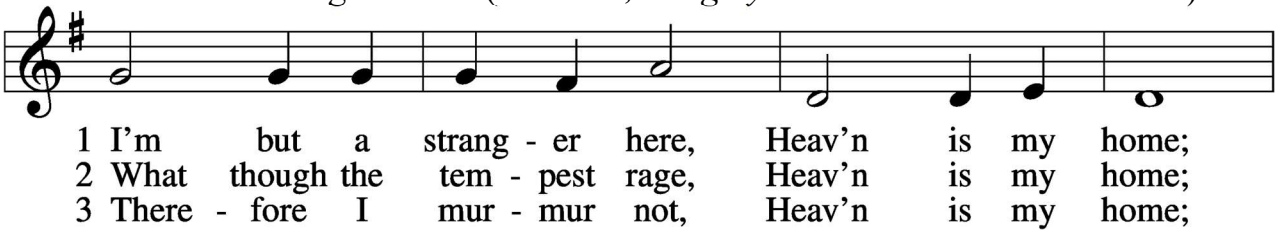
C: A-men.

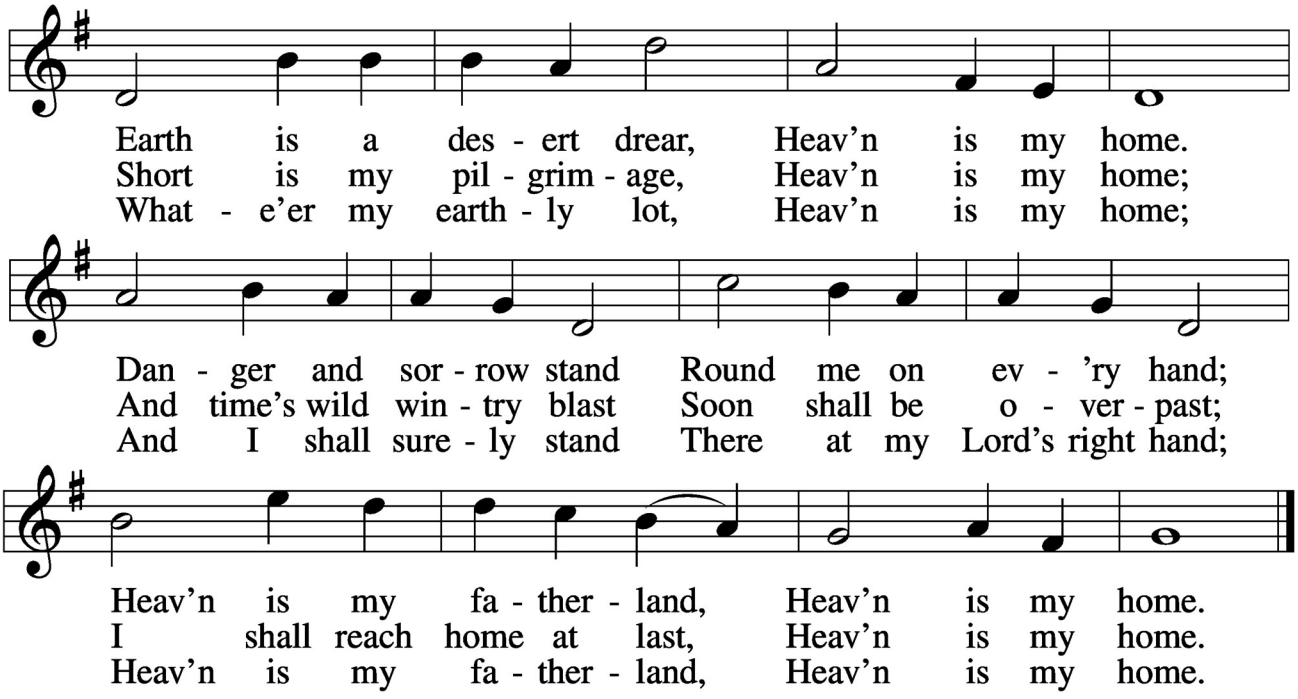
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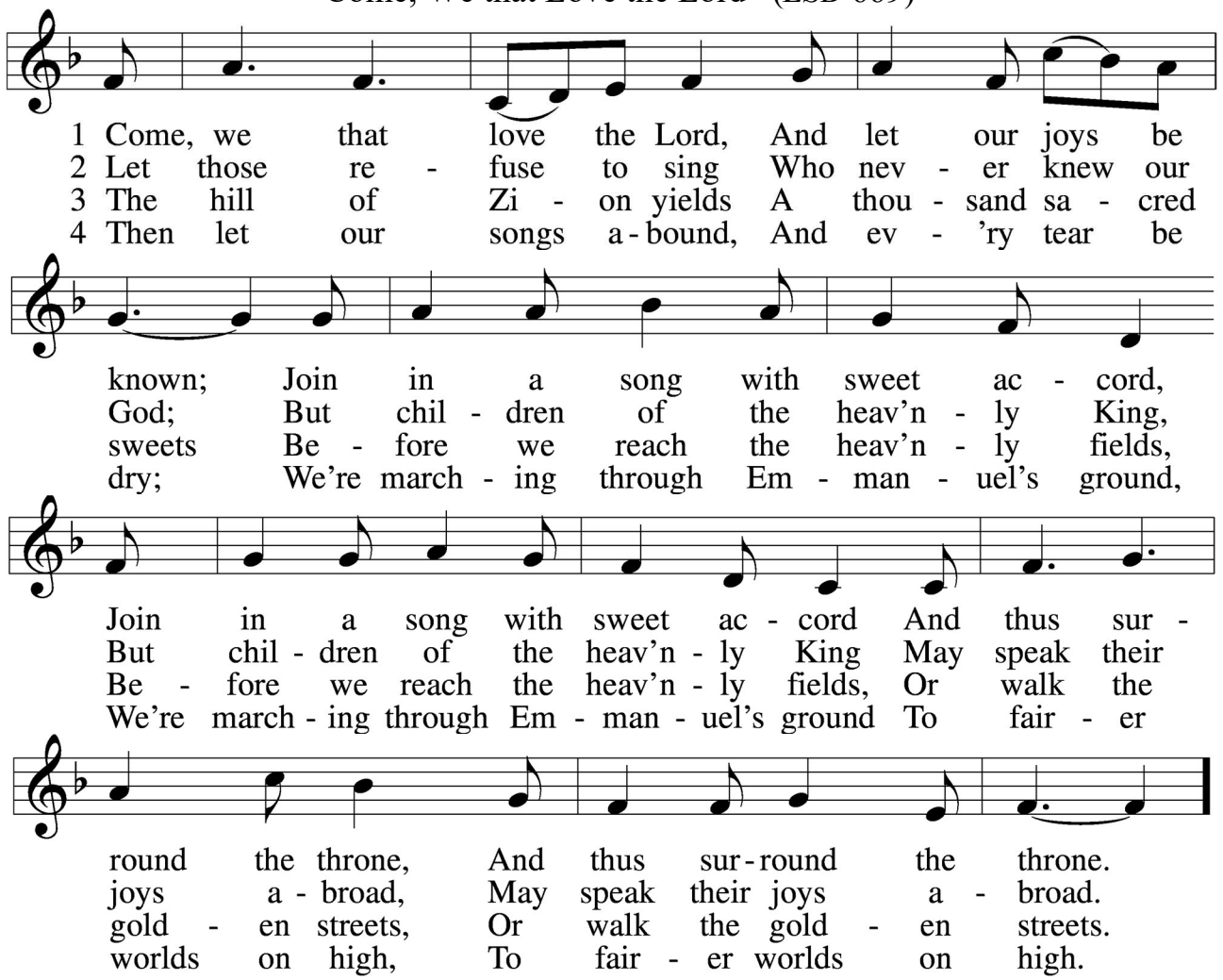


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *(please be seated)*
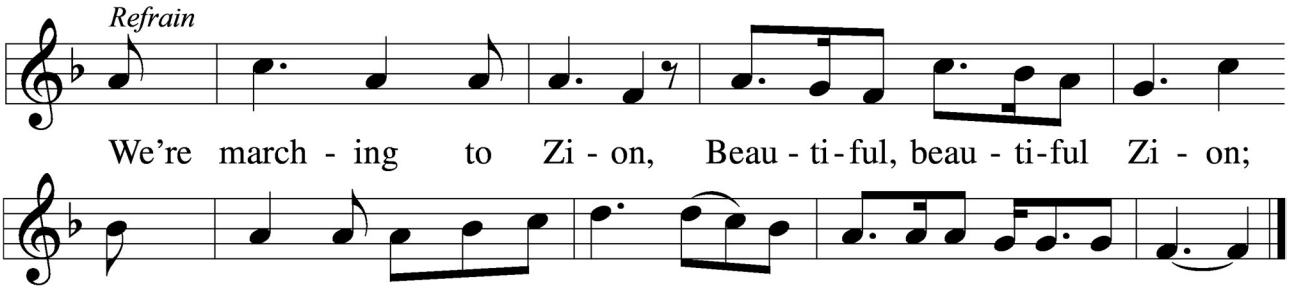
"I'm But a Stranger Here" (*LSB* 748*; Sung by Choir in 10:30 a.m. service*)



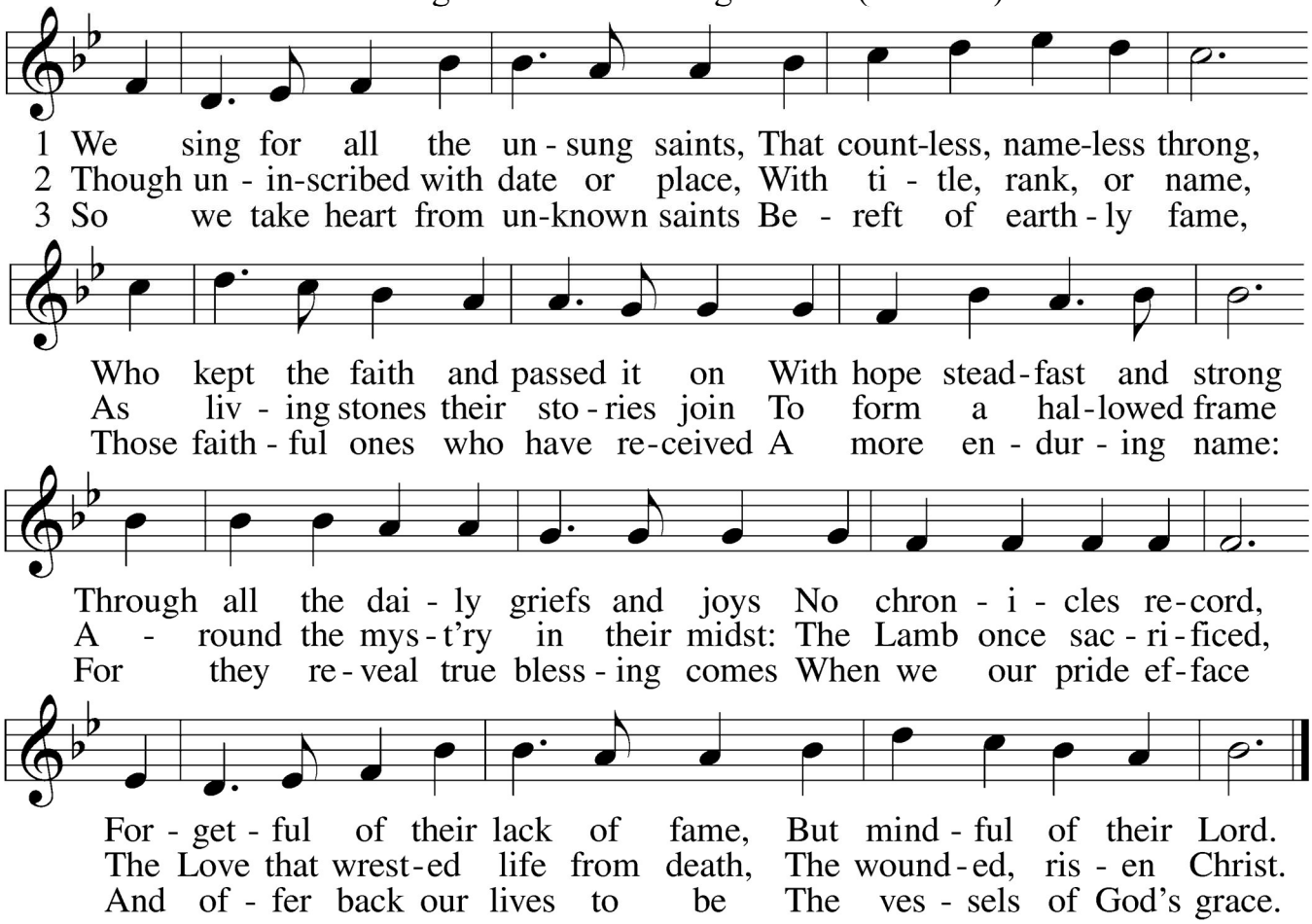


"Come, We that Love the Lord" (*LSB* 669)

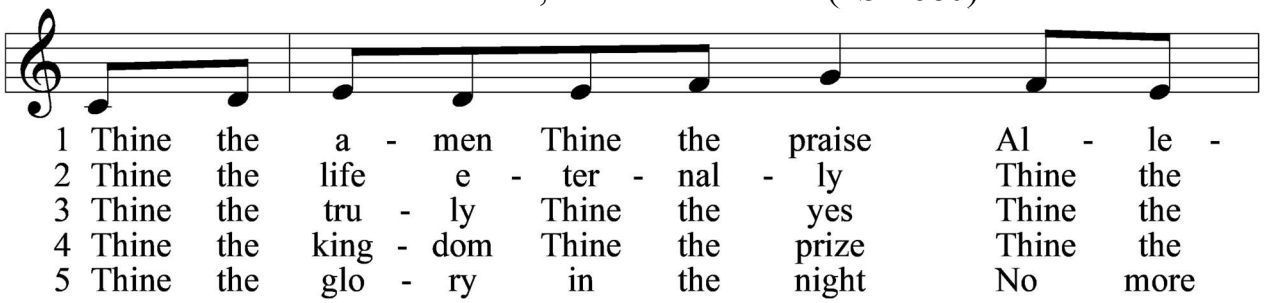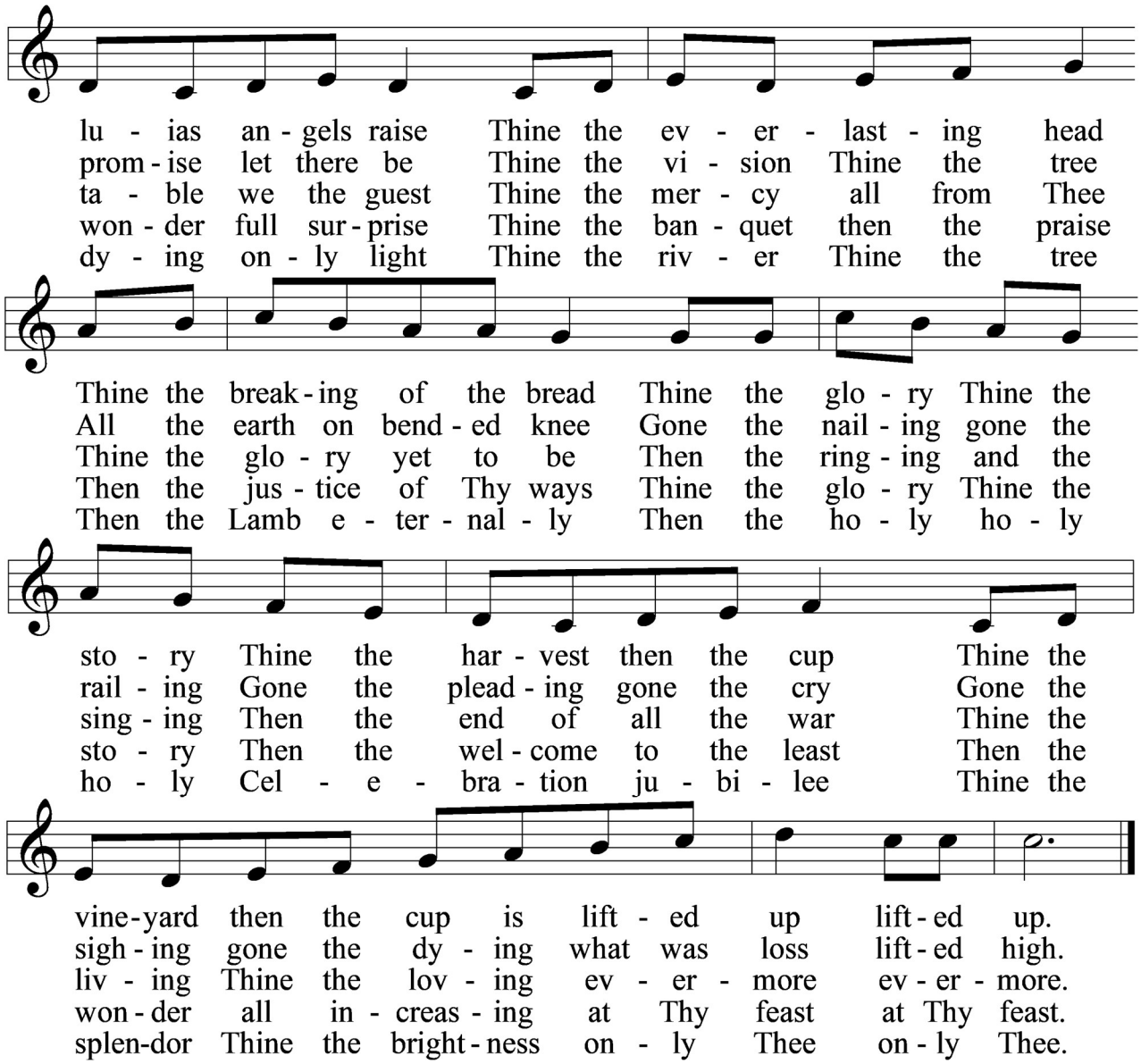




"We Sing for All the Unsung Saints" (*LSB* 678)



"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (*LSB* 680)





POST- COMMUNION THANKSGIVING:

P: Let us pray. Through this Meal, O Father, You once again mark us with the mercy that makes us Your saints. Fed and fueled by the gifts of Christ, prepare us for every good work, that we might know that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***(sung)*** **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES: *Psalm 116:15, Revelation 14:4*

P: Alleluia! Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!
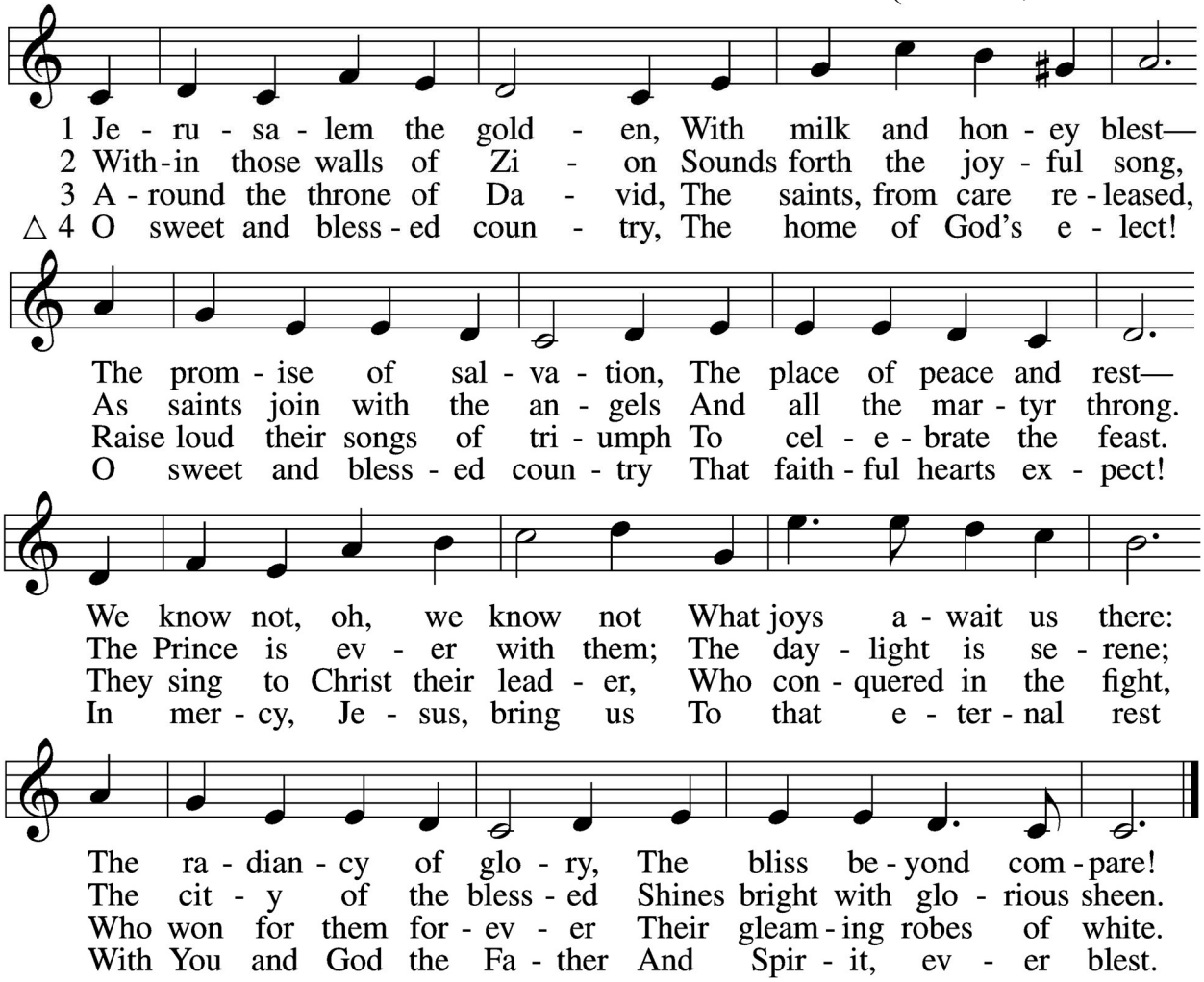
C: They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Alleluia!

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: "*Jerusalem the Golden*" (*LSB* 672, *remain standing*)



POSTLUDE: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" *arranged by John A. Behnke*

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This Week with Our Lord, November 1-8, 2026

SUNDAY, November 1- ***All Saints' Day***
(Mr. Becker at DCE Retreat Nov. 1-3)
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday, November 2-
8th Grade Saxon Lutheran Memorial Field Trip
5:30 p.m. GBB vs SPPCS
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
Tuesday, November 3- ***Pastor Winkelman's at the Circuit Meeting***
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. GBB @ RBC
6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 4-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
1:35 p.m. Staff meeting
3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
6:30 p.m. Divine Service
Thursday, November 5- ***Pastor Winkelman's day off***
Jr. High Field Trip to Fort de Chartres
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:00 p.m. BBB vs Unity A and C only
Friday, November 6-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
Saturday, November 7-
BBB "C" Trny @ RBL
9:45 a.m. GBB @ New Athens (C team only)
5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Conner Liefer
SUNDAY, November 8-
8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte – Jack Valentine
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion; Acolyte – Aubrey Valleroy
11:00 a.m. Wurstmarkt sponsored by Class of 2029

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

October 24-25: Worship: 319; Communion: 67; Adult Bible Classes: 46; Sun. School: 34
October 27-28: Women's Bible Study: 16; Bible Recap: 16; Worship: 92; Communion: 62

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join together in the grace of giving. 10/25/26- General: $13,288.20; School: $250.00.

EPISTLES:

Paper copies of the November edition of our congregation's newsletter are on the tables in the entryway. It is also posted on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom the office has an email address. *To ensure an article is in the December Epistle, please send an email to the office by* **November 20!**

FLOWERS IN CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 618-282-2394 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks in the bulletin of those donating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

11/1- Sharon Koester, Erica Mollet, Mason Liefer, Eli Hernandez; **11/2-** Kelsey Seeger, Hailey Guebert; **11/3-** Kevin Muench, Tara Voss, Beth Diewald, Brenden Heller, Lucy Kuehn, Case Durbin; **11/4-** Dorothy Byers, Darlene Liefer, Dustan Wagner, Randy Muench, Travis Henry, Olivia Candler; **11/5-** Chris Doerr, Kathleen Liefer, Joshua Reinhardt, Addyson Piel, Brenlee Stenzel; **11/6-** Clifford Papenberg, Wayne Miller, Noah Kassing; **11/7-** Curtis Guebert, Michelle Layman, Jackson Pensoneau, Katie Pollard.

PASTOR MARK – THANK YOU:

Thank you does not begin to express my love and appreciation for all who put together the Pastor Appreciation gathering, for all of your cards, gifts, and blessings, and for those who attended and stopped by (and those whom I missed, sorry!). The Lord has truly blessed me with a caring congregation, as Paul wrote to the Philippians, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...making my prayer with joy." May God bless us as we continue to walk together towards our eternal home. .

THANK YOU:

✠Thank you so much for all the birthday well wishes and gifts. I feel very blessed to be at St. John's and appreciate all the support. Again, thank you! *Mr. Palm*

✠Thank you for the special gifts from the students of St. John's and the well wishes from so many. I enjoyed my gifts and remembering of my birthday! *Mr. Becker*

SANCTUS WINDS:

"SANCTUS WINDS" featuring high-quality sacred and traditional literature, under the direction of Matthew Jansen from Lutheran South, will perform on **Sunday, November 1** at 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church at 1810 McClintock Avenue in Belleville, IL.

IMMANUEL OLIVETTE CRAFT BAZZAR & LUNCHEON:

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church - 9733 Olive Blvd. (3 mi. East of I-270).
When: **Saturday, November 7**, from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.
Why: Fun, fellowship, shopping, and eating!
Featuring handmade gifts, unique ornaments & decorations, yard decorations, paintings, and other practical & useful gifts. Also bakery items, jams & jellies, and an abundance of "Grandma's Attic" treasures to choose from. Lunch buffet served from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Homemade soups, sandwiches, salad, desserts and beverages.

WURSTMART DINNER:

Our annual Wurstmarkt will be on **Sunday, November 8th**, benefiting the St. John's Lutheran Class of 2029. The meal will be $16 per plate for dine-in or carry-out from 11am-2pm.

VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST & SERVICE:

Attention all Veterans plan to join our students and staff on **Fri. Nov. 13th** for complimentary breakfast and chapel service. Breakfast will be served from 8-9:00am and our chapel service will begin at 9am. Our guest speaker and preacher will be Reverend (Chaplain) Craig G. Muehler, who is a retired U.S. Navy captain and serves as the director of the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Please RSVP to the school office by **Fri. Nov. 6th** if you plan to attend. If you would like a paper copy of the invitation, stop by the school office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Perfect Attendance for October- Pre-K3: Brynlee Gramenz, Crew Grohmann, Brooks Liefer, Eleanor Liefer, Lily Liefer; **Pre-K4:** August Guebert, Dallin Liefer, June Russell, Jacob Schrader; **Kindergarten:** Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Kullen Liefer, Kane Whelan; **First Grade:** Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; **Second Grade:** Demi Grohmann, Eliza Schrader; **Third Grade:** Bentley Valentine; **Sixth Grade:** Jack Valentine. Thank you for your participation and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

LCMS MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE:

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 21:4)

VOLUNTEERS FOR WORSHIP GREETERS:

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services**.** The only requirements, expectations, and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church. If interested in either one of those two options or both, please contact the office.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH OPEN/CLOSERS:

Have you been looking for a way to serve our church family? Consider becoming a part of our new team of volunteers who help prepare our building for our weekly worship services. This is a great opportunity for those who have a heart for service and prefer to work behind the scenes. Typical duties include: Unlocking doors and turning on lights, Adjusting heating and cooling, Updating hymn boards, Refilling candles, & Ensuring the building is securely closed after the service. No experience is necessary (training will be provided), and you would be scheduled on a rotating basis so the commitment is minimal. Your help will ensure a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who enters. If you are potentially interested, please add your name to our list by contacting our church office at 618-282-3873 or by sending an email to office@stjohnsredbud.org. This is for information sharing purposes only and does not commit you to serving. We will simply use this list to gauge interest and provide more details on the responsibilities and rotation schedule, so you can decide if it's the right fit for you. Thank you for your consideration.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday, November 27th**, beginning at noon. Volunteers are welcome to help us set-up! This marks the end of the Buchs and Meiers' three-year term leading the Christmas decorating, and we are looking for 1–2 families to take this over beginning next year. We would love for those interested to shadow us during this year's setup and take-down so you can see how everything comes together and help make the transition smooth for next year. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to Kourtney at 618-792-9686.

GIVING WALL EXPANSION:

Dear Church and School Families, we are excited to invite you to join the donors' wall in the New Gym Lobby. Each tile is a six-inch stainless-steel square that can be engraved with a message. The cost to add a tile to the wall is a $500 donation. To order, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet camera app or use this link: https://forms.gle/6jDpHh2PktcAfLq28. Once we have a specific number of orders, we will then start the process of collecting the message that you would like engraved on your tile. **The deadline for tile orders is 12/31/26.**

SCHOOL CHAPEL SERVICES:

Wednesday morning chapel services will be held at 8:30am for 3-8 grades. Early childhood services for Daycare-2nd grade will be held on Friday mornings at 8:30am. Services will be typically held at church, weather permitting. Otherwise, services will be held in the school's new gym. If location changes, this will be communicated via Facebook and Remind for both chapel groups. Guests are welcome to attend!

SCHOOL CHAPEL OFFERINGS:

During the month of November chapel offerings will benefit two causes: The Food Bank at the St. Louis Seminary, and Comwell. The goal of the Seminary Food Bank is to allow students and their families the opportunity to stretch their resources by reducing out-of-pocket grocery expenses. Comwell partners with local providers to leverage resources to create a new model of comprehensive care that positively affects behavioral and overall health.

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Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Mark Winkelman

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak (10:30 a.m.) Lector: DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (5 p.m.) Grant Florreich; (8 a.m.) Avery Moll; (10:30 a.m.) Maggie Kuehn

Greeters: (5 p.m.) Kimberly Ellis & Addison Breier; (8 a.m.) Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke

(10:30 a.m.) Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Servers: Amanda Ruhmann & Doreen Schnepel Paraments: Virginia Moeller