GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

7800 W. McCarthy Rd,
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November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

11:00 am Service of the Word

The Pastor: Rev. Chris Buresh

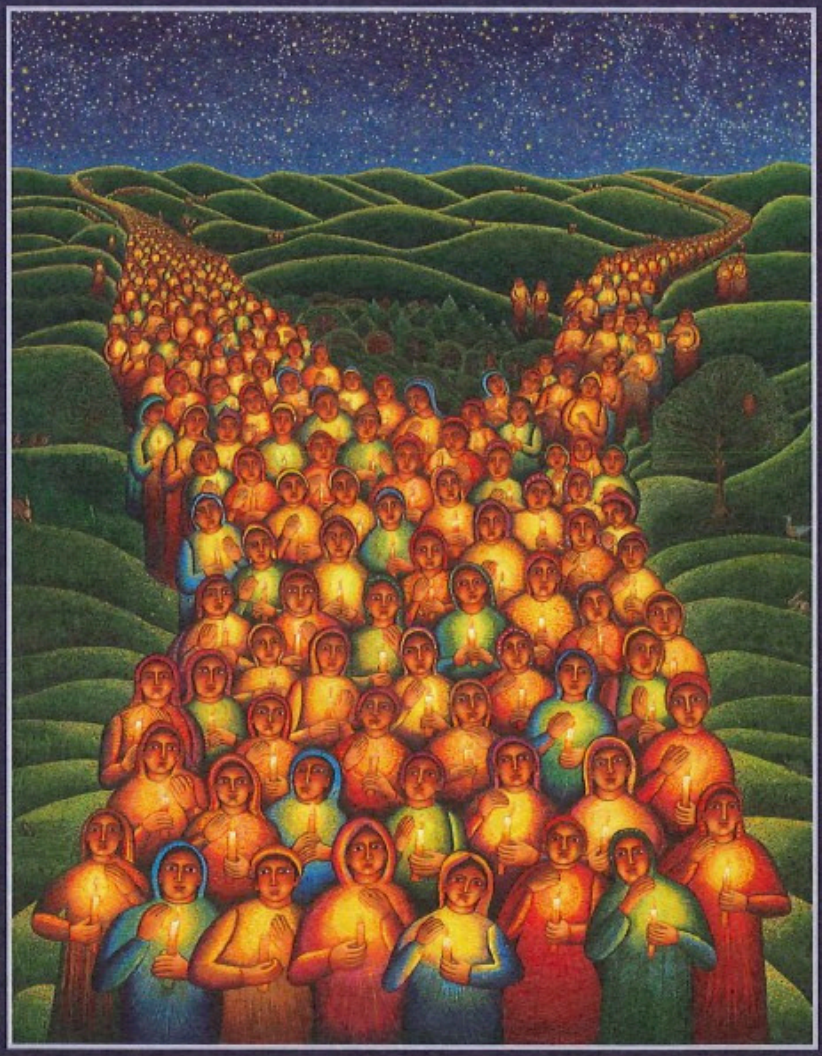
The Associate Pastor: Rev. Andrew Bell

The Director of Children's & Family Ministry: Lori Puttkammer

The Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Basch

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17



Welcome

On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

FAITHFUL WITNESSES



Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.

The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.

FAITH SEES THE PROMISE

Charles Wesley offered this powerful affirmation of faith:

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees
And looks to God alone;
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries, 'It shall be done!'"

GATHERING

The Prelude: *"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Haan*

The Call to Worship (9:00): ***"You Are Not Alone" Ijames***
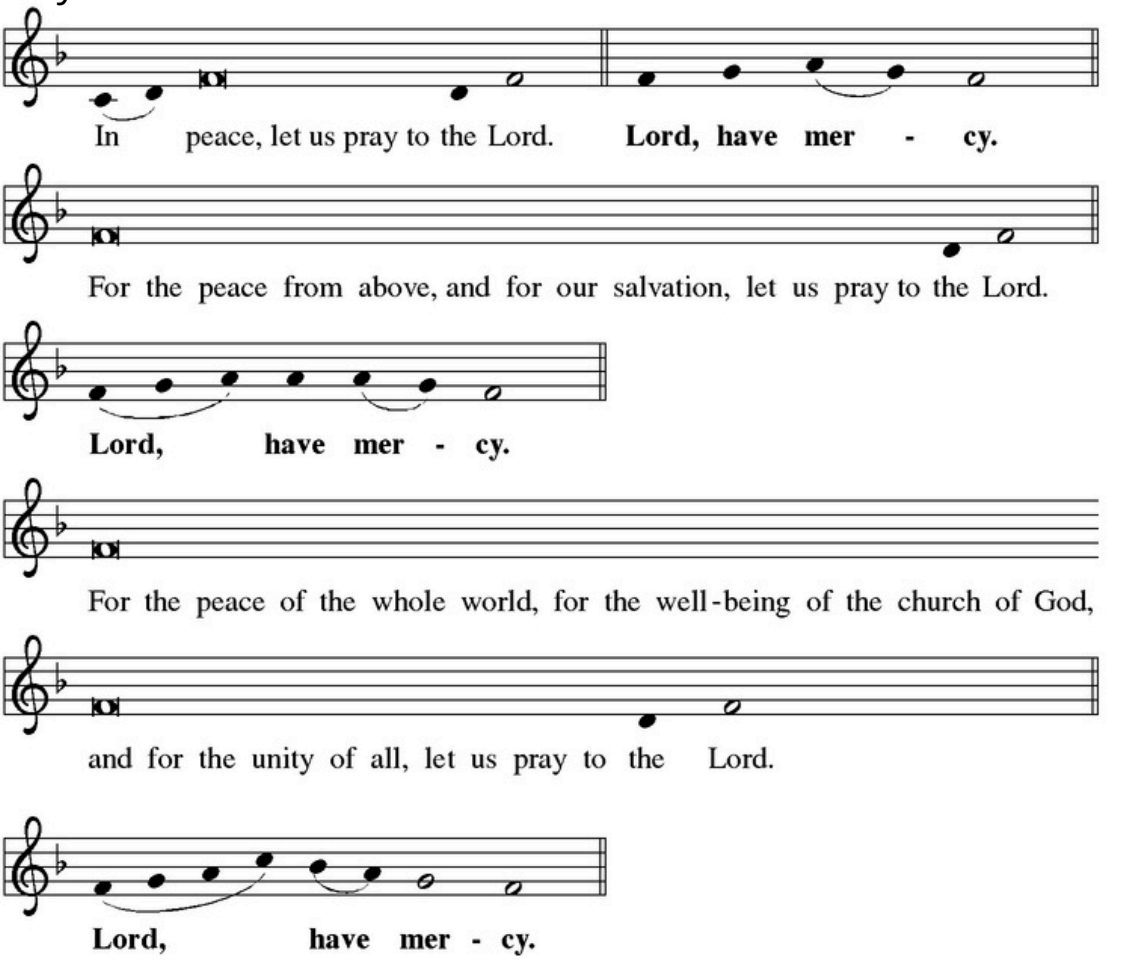
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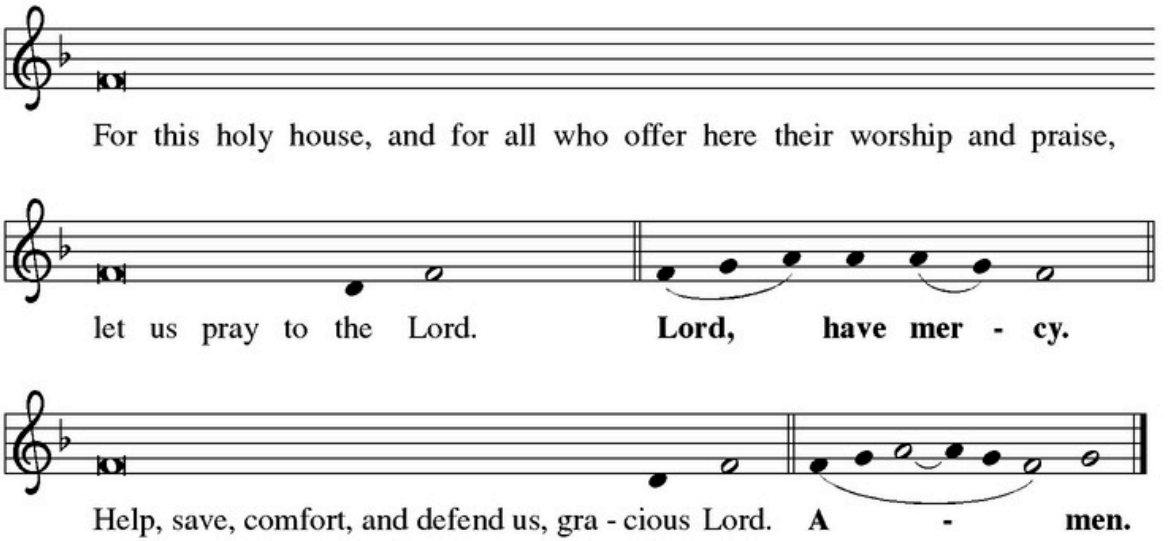
+The Opening Hymn: "FOR ALL THE SAINTS" (vs. 1, 3, 6 & 7) No. 422

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.**

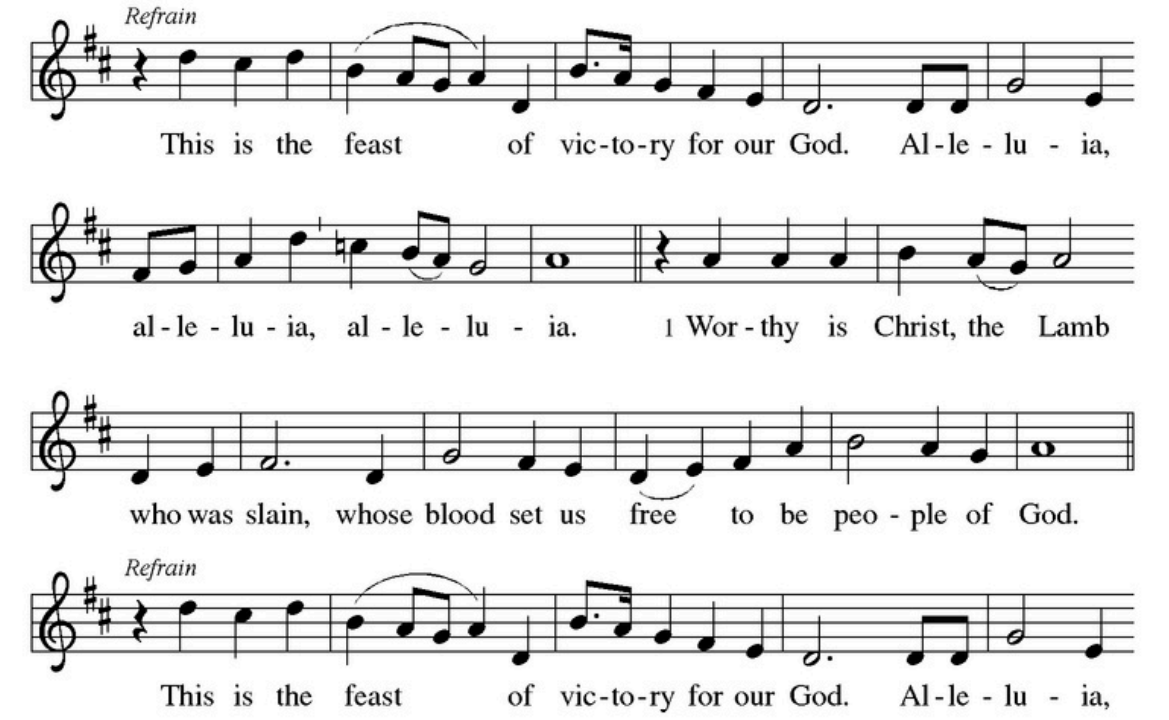
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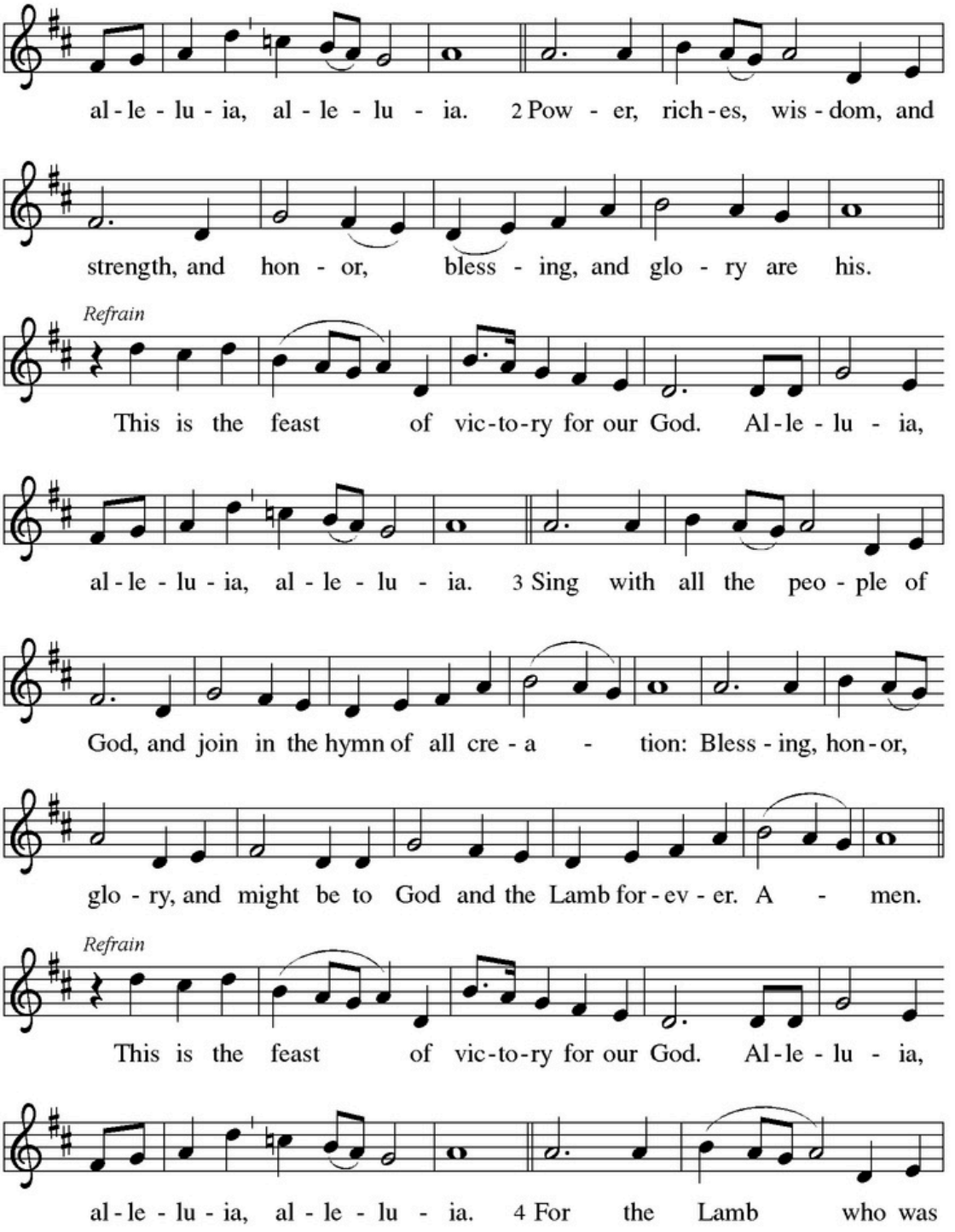
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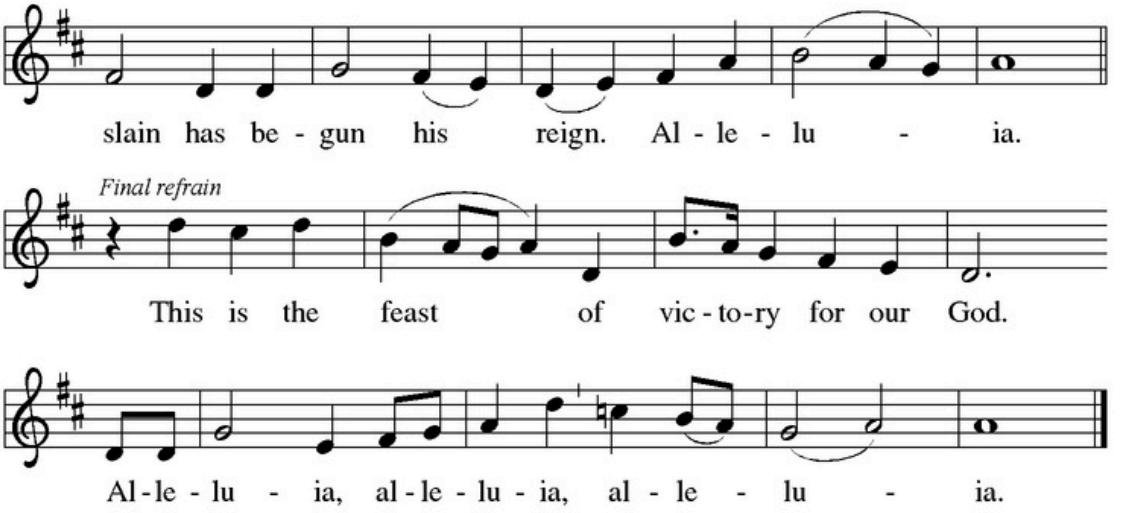




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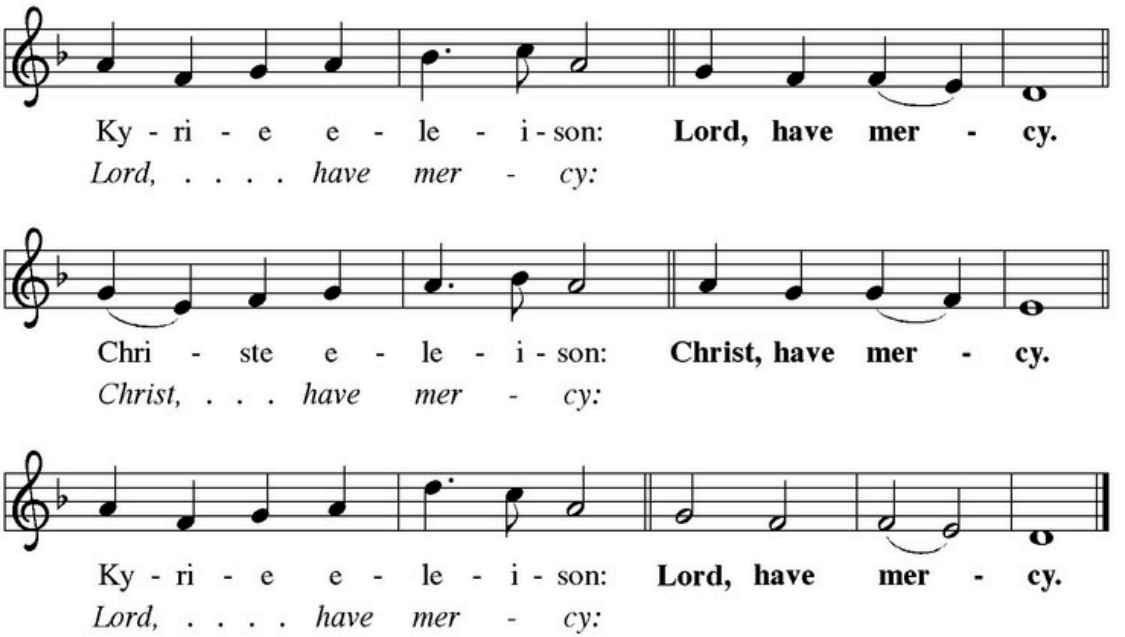



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
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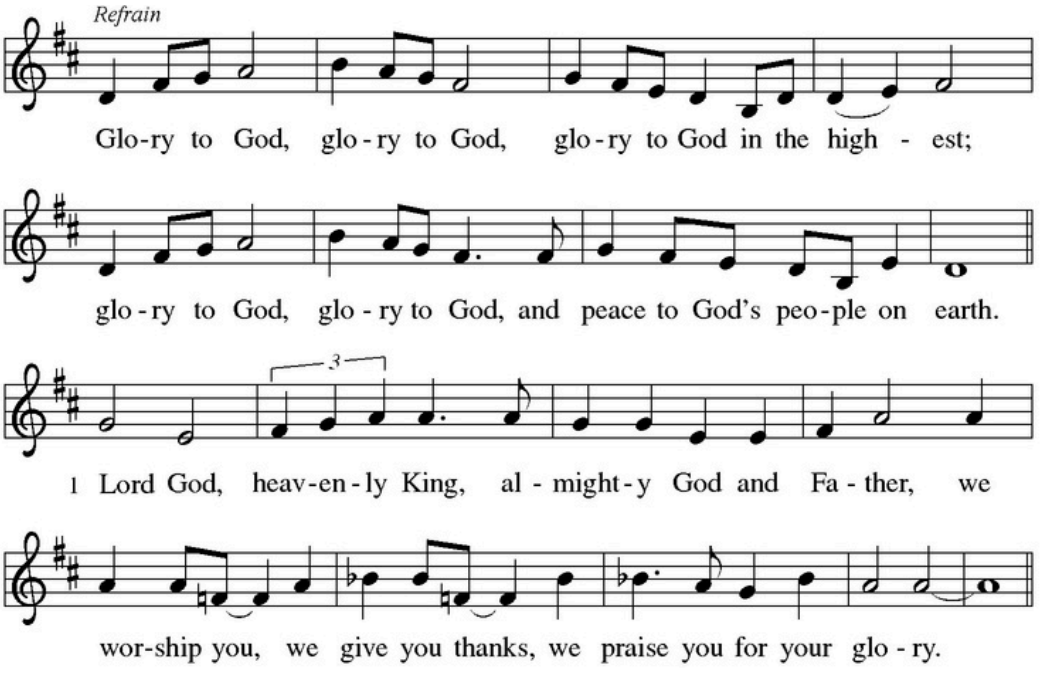


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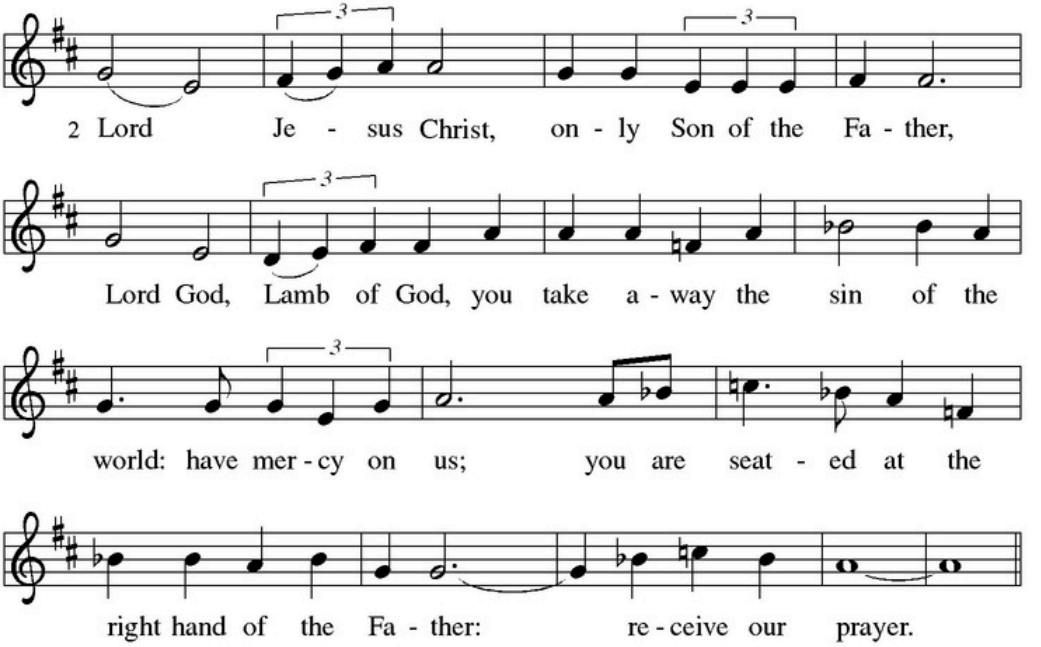
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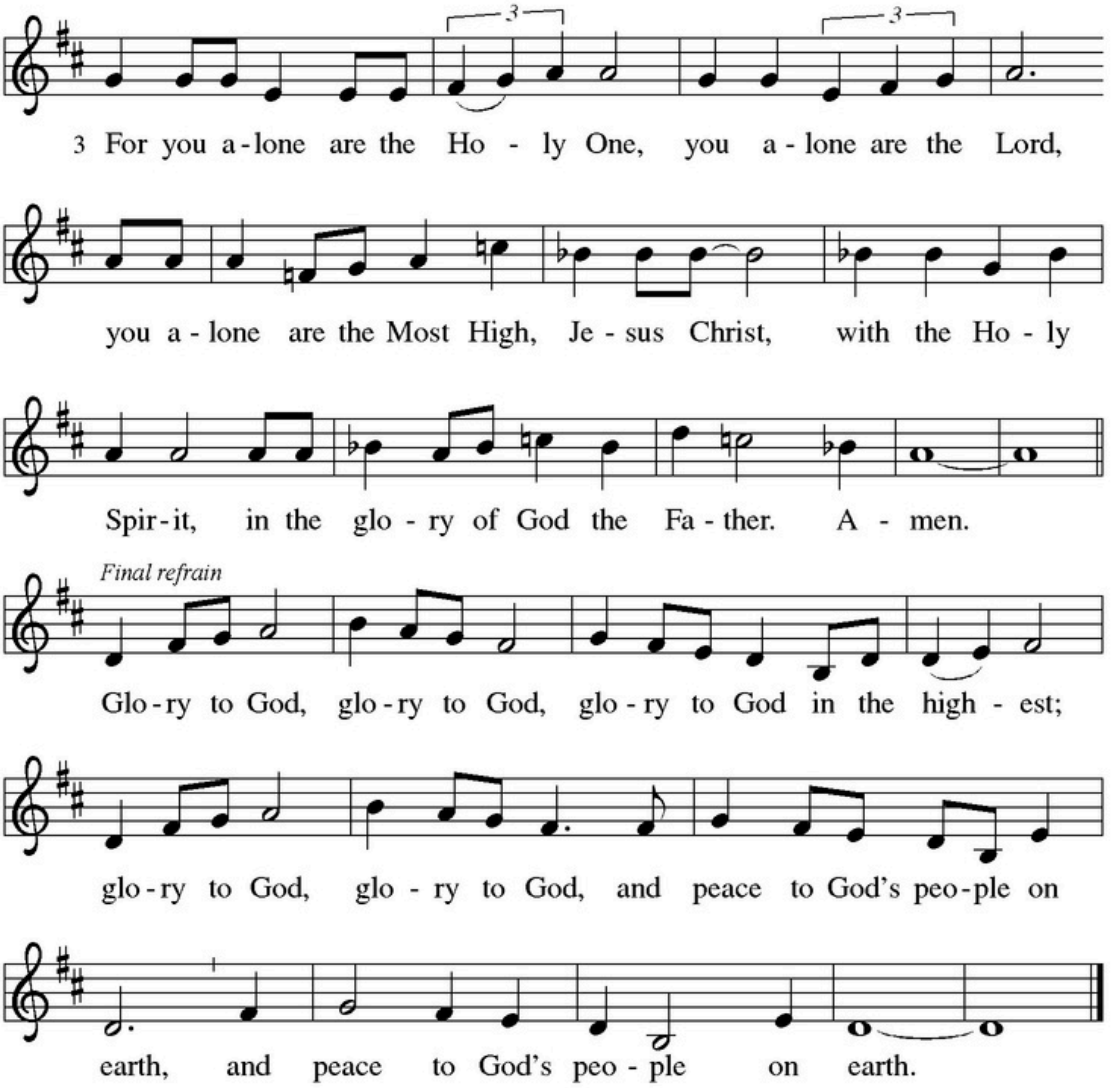


+The Canticle of Praise:



Sing Refrain



Sing Refrain



+ The Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

WORD

+ The Readings for All Saints Sunday

The 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."

The Anthem: 9:00: ***"Brother James's Air" Jacob***
11:00: ***"A Mighty Fortress" Hakes***

WORD

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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."

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **"Delightfully Shocking"**

+The Hymn of the Day: "Blest Are They" No. 728
(vs. 1-4)



Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Saints

During this All Saints Sunday, we pause to pray and give thanks for the saints whose lives helped us see God. During our prayers, we name those saints who whose names have been added to the Good Shepherd funeral banners or had one of our pastors officiate their service in the last year. However, our prayers extend to all the saints that have impacted our lives and left a legacy of faith.

In this time of prayer, we lift up the names and lives of:

Eunice Sargent, Michael Faubel, Betty Paska, Marianne Werner, Thomas Paus, Dolores Remus, Raymond Borner, Richard Peterson, William Johnsen, Robin Manning, Monika Korallus, Connie Lamparter, Karen Rascher, Lucette Held, Mary Emeritz, Marilyn Herrnodobler, Elaine Elliott, Nancy Roesing, Myrna Brejcha, Myrna Bronson, Carole Peterson, Ronald Faulstich, Herbert Kaysen, Barbara Spellman, Shelly Spellman and Jürgen Daartz.



+The Prayers

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

A brief silence.

Fill your church here, with our partner Jubilate Parish, and in all places with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Restore all lands strained by use. Protect soils and waterways and point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment and support all who serve our countries and localities. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially*). God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Nurture programs and communities that support the marginalized and homebound. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

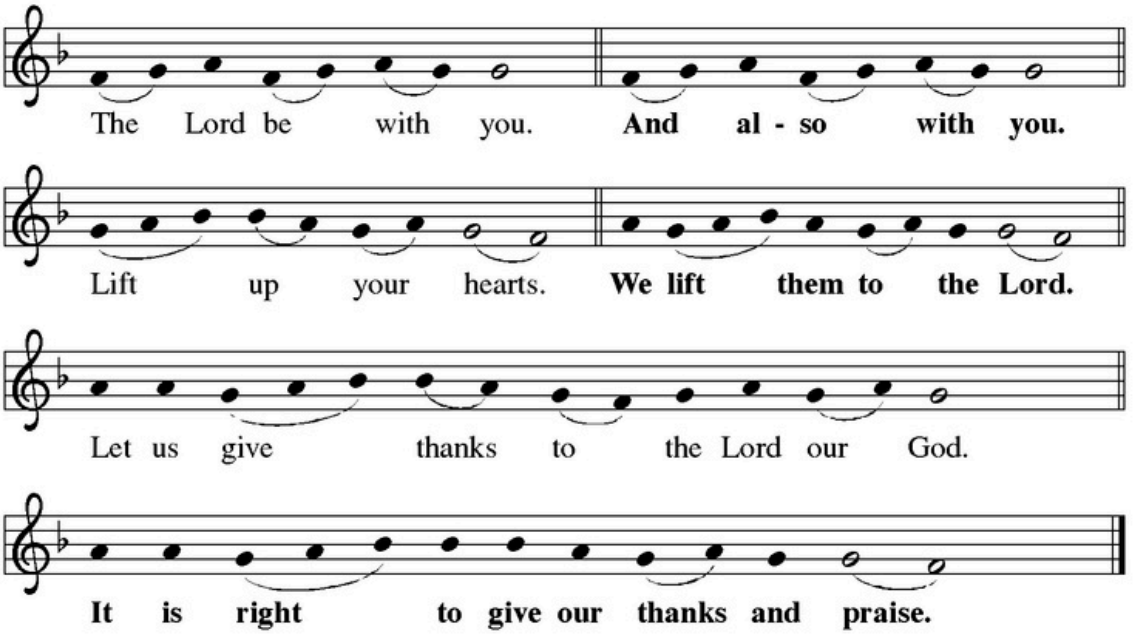
The Voluntary: *"For All the Saints" Berry*

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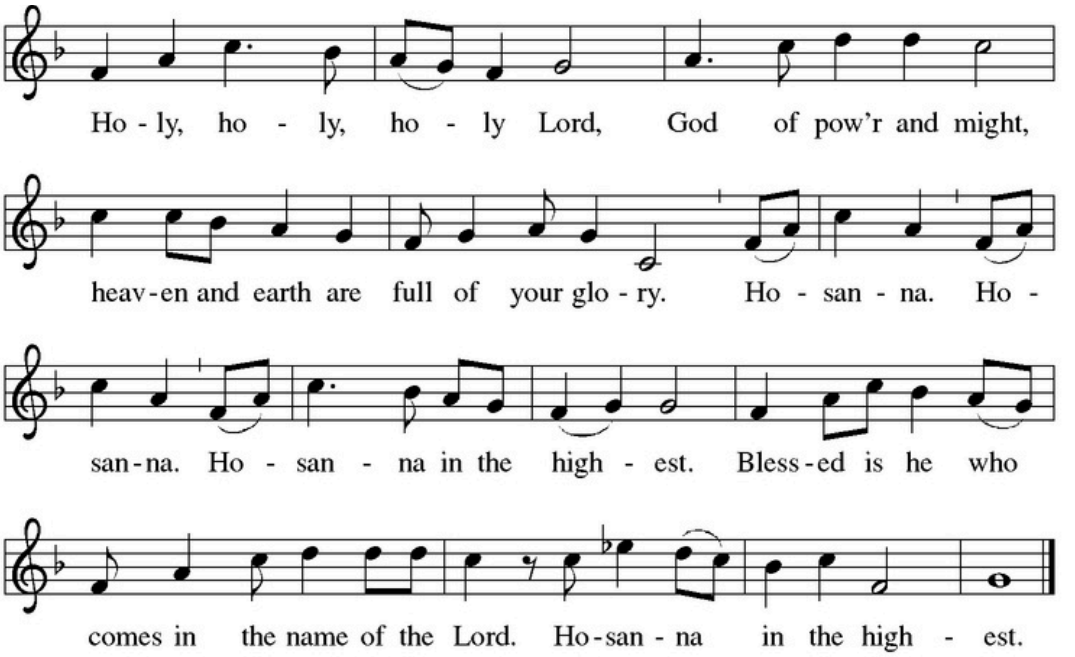
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+The Offering Prayer

+The Great Thanksgiving

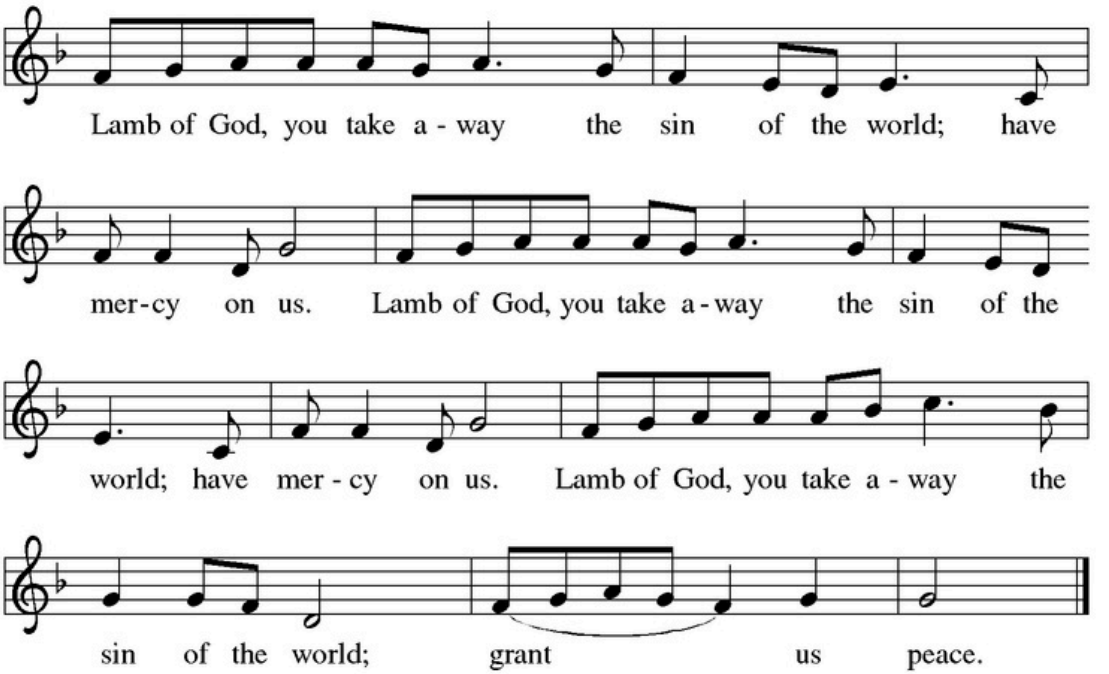


+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer



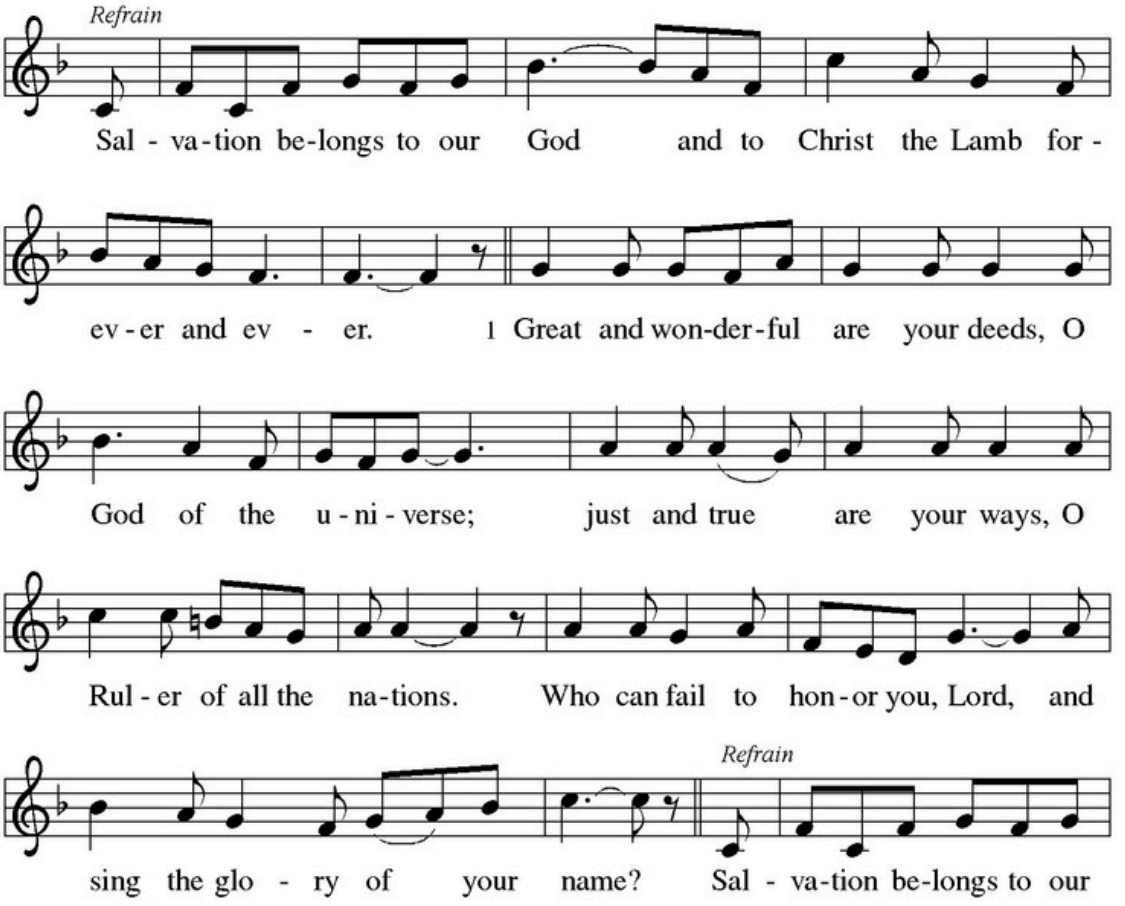
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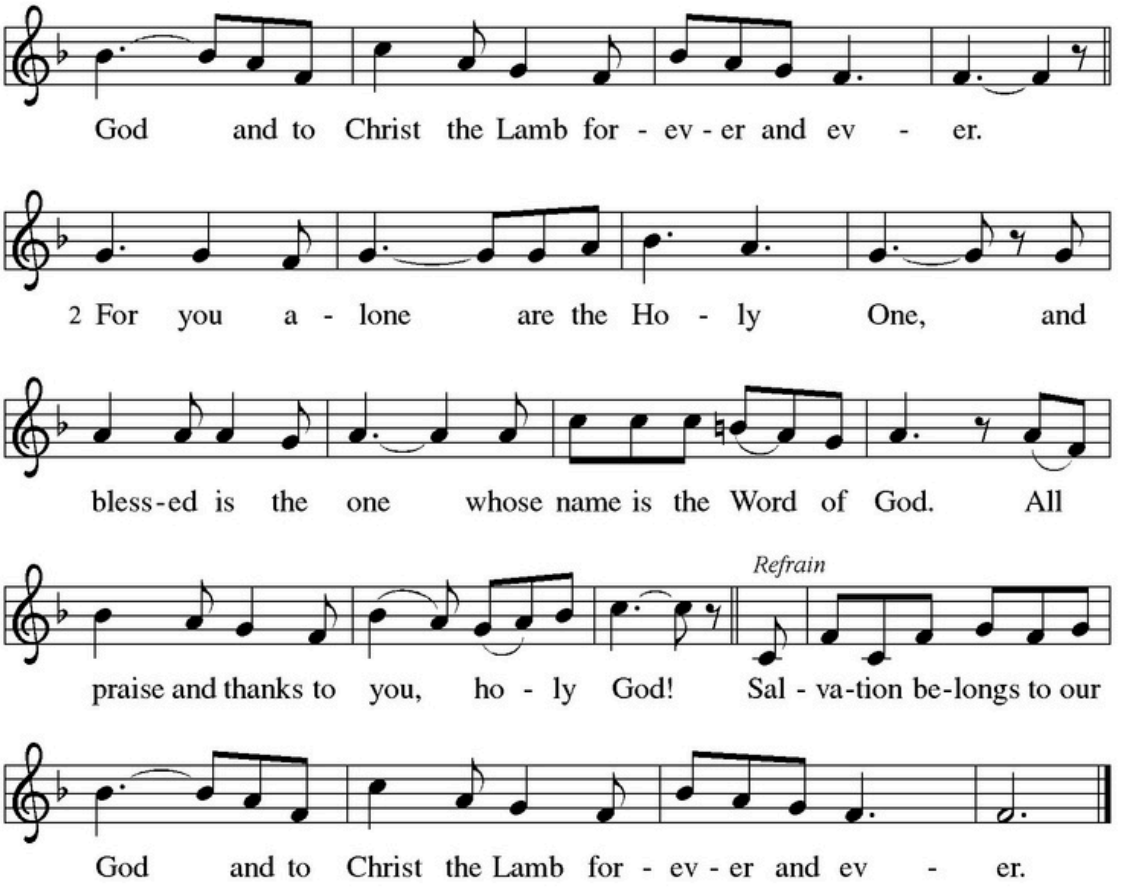
Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion

Service of the Word - 11:00 am

+The Canticle of Thanksgiving:





+ The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
+ The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

+The Benediction
+The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.
Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" No. 669

The Postlude: *"Psalm 19, The Heavens Declare"' Marcello*

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SERVING TODAY:
The Organist - *Donna Choquette*
The Pianist & Carillon Choir Director - *Michelle Podewell*
The Director of the Adult Choir - *Aaron Basch*
The Readers -9:00 - *Edith Schmitt*
11:00 - *CJ Muller*
The Acolytes - 9:00 - *Millie Moreau and Walter Jacobek*
11:00 - *Jocelyn Abraham and Ron Krapf*

Today's chancel flowers are given by Cynthia Grzych in loving memory of her parents.

Our Intercessions Include:
The hospitalized: Matt Brett (Northwestern-Chicago)
The bereaved: Mark and JoAnn Montecki upon the passing of their cousin, Joe Pecoraro

Our Mission Statement
A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement
Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values
Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:
-Drawing nearer to God
-Prioritizing Love over Judgment
-Practicing Grace
-Welcoming All
-Generously Serving
-Fostering Community

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warm Hearts Spread Warmth! The Missions Committee will be collecting new and gently used coats and blankets now through Sunday, November 22. Bring your items to the narthex on Sunday mornings. Donations will be distributed by *Beds Plus and South Suburban Pads* to help their clients.

Immanuel is being ordained on Sunday, November 15. Join in this moving service, which will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in La Grange beginning at 3:00 pm.

Leave Immanuel a note of encouragement on one of the green paper leaves that are in the narthex. They will be collected and given to him at his ordination as a gift from Good Shepherd.

Please place your leftover Halloween candy in the basket in the narthex today. This candy goes to various organizations and is also used for the gingerbread houses.

Join in the fun by representing Good Shepherd in Palos Heights Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5, which kicks off at 10:45 am. Sign up in the narthex today to walk or ride down Harlem Ave, enjoy in the festivities, and pass out candy and flyers along the parade route. See the sign-up sheet for all the info.

Church & Community is hosting a Blood Drive from 8:30 am to 1 pm on Sunday, December 6, in the Life Center. See the flyer on the bulletin board for all the details. Sign ups will take place in the narthex beginning November 8.

We are going racing next Sunday, Nov. 8 at K-1 Indoor racing in Mokena. *This is open to all our 6th-12th graders plus friends and family.* Racers must be 58" (4'10") or taller. We are asking for $25 per driver, but please don't let money stop you from coming. Please RSVP by Nov. 1.

Attention Parents of infants through kindergarten!! Join us on this Saturday, November 7 as "Miss Angie" entertains both child and parent with musical fun. Feel free to invite a friend along! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the church nursery.

Attention Families! Gingerbread House Decorating, Devotion and Lunch is December 6 from 12 noon to 2pm. Sign up on the bulletin board today to reserve a house for your family to decorate.

The calendar for the week of November 1

MON	4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	"Just a Quick Word" - YouTube/FB Junior Choir 6th & 7th Grade Confirmation "Body & Soul"
TUE	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	Faith, Prayer & Joy Group Bible Study Discovering the Bible
WED	1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gamers Anonymous Adult Choir Chancel Guild Meeting
THU	6:30 pm 9:00 pm	Carillon Choir Prayer Walk
SAT	10:30 am	Miss Angie's Music Parent/Tot Event
SUN	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:10 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Service of the Word *Online Service* Puppets 8th Grade Confirmation Cherub Choir Service of Holy Communion Sunday School K-1 Indoor Go-Carts

Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website.
Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Helga Fuller
Bob Held
Bonnie Elzinga
Joyce Pedersen
Matthew Vitt
JoAnn Montecki
Matt Brett
Gail Kendall
Lori Cronin
Barry Garr Jr.
Gerhard Haigis
Bill Innocenti

Friends of the Congregation

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Linda Paton
Bill McAdam
Wally Cross
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Nancy Mitchell
Ken Karlson
Peggy Williams
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Linda D'Oyley
Gary Gamauf
Laura Reynolds
Bob Stevens
Linda Mazurek
Judi LaBuda
Chuck Johnson
Donna Herpich
Sylvia Rodriguez
Shirley Smith
Steve Hayward
Nicholas Lyon
Laura Nicholson
Matt Mansfield
Marilyn Veselack
Donna O'Malley
Kathleen Cantillon
Linda Celesia
Kim Heck
Adrienne Manley
Ron Warnke
Craig Chismarick
Dolores Wrzesinski
Andre Swanson
Walter Kroll
Chuck Singleton
Tom Elsner
Debra Casey
Joe Kaderabek
Louise Sims
Jason Randall Glugla
Tim Hennessey
Katy Peterman
Robbie Glocker
Dale Koch
Maryanne Campbell
Alex Gersic
Silvia Guijarro

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed
from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!