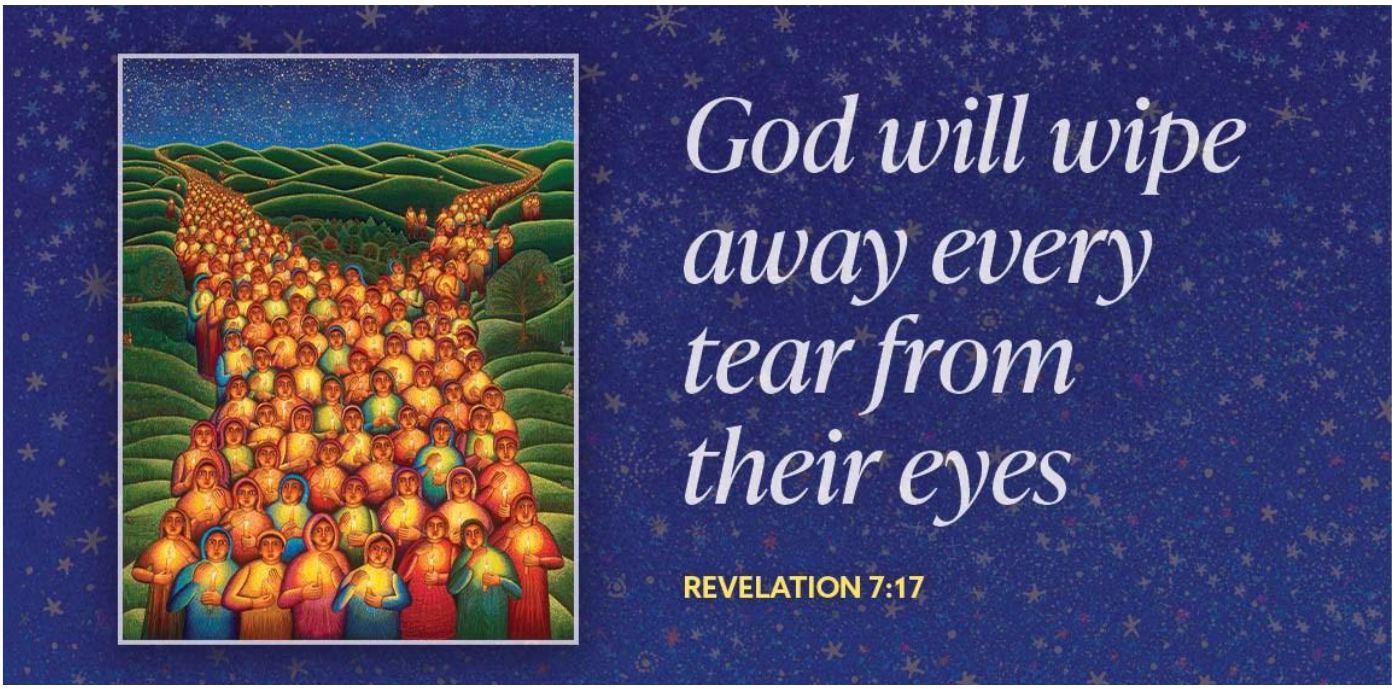
All Saints Sunday



November 1, 2026

WELCOME!

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, we joyfully invite you to join with us; please speak to me, Pastor Jami Possinger.

Holy Communion is open to all baptized believers who trust that the Lord is present for them in His Supper.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices to fully enter into this time of worship.

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Music: ..... Molly Finkbiner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins: donated by Cheryl Ray. Proverbs 14:31 *"Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."*

Altar Service Signup: Volunteers are needed to set-up, bake bread, and clean up after communion. Please email Jan Frantz at Boris_fan@yahoo.com to help.

Bulletin Sponsors and Flower Donations: Sign-up sheets for 2027 are on the table in the foyer entrance of the church. In-house bulletin for $10 and $10 towards silk flowers, or you may bring your own fresh flowers. **Please complete the requisition form with your dedication note.**

Faith Fellowship Team: Our mission is encouraging interaction, building relationships, and creating a sense of belonging within the congregation and with the local community. If you're interested in becoming part of the Faith Fellowship Team, please contact Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560 or at saracornell10@gmail.com.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

AA Meetings: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 12 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Nov. 18, 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Please call 800-733-2767 to pre-register.

Bible Study: Sessions on Sundays, 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Studying Joshua. Please call Tom Hutton if you are interested in attending. 570-972-6331.

Bible Study: Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to Noon with Pastor Jami.

Blessing Bags: Packaging the bags will take place on Tuesday, November 17, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: Sundays from 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. New members welcomed.

Faith Book Club: Our next book selection is, "Her Hidden Genius," by Marie Benedict. Discuss of the book will be held after worship service on Sunday, November 29, at Murphy's Loft. All are welcome to join.

Faith Library: Please see one of the "Little Librarians" or Sara Cornell with any donations or questions.

Faithful Community Quilters: Second Monday of the month, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

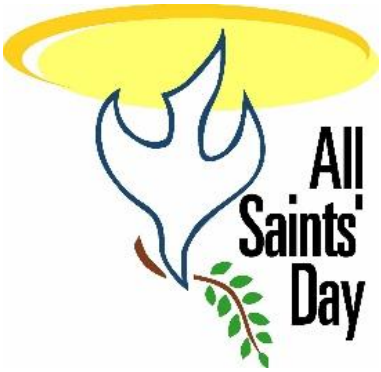
Free Community Lunch: First Tuesday of each month. (Nov. 3.) 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Five Loaf House, 133 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines.

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour: Fellowship will be held after worship on the second Sunday of each month. Volunteers to host are needed—please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.

Pastor Jami Possinger has weekly office hours. Confidential email: pastor@faithlutheranblakeslee.org or private cell phone: 610-216-9951

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.

Roses have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of:



Jim Nutt, remembered by Phyllis Nutt.

In memory of loved ones, by Glenda and Roy Hoffman.

Donald J. Zimmermann, remembered by Doris Zimmermann.

Janice C. Neagle (Mama Jan,) remembered by Janice A. Neagle.

Sharyn Stone and Daniel Howe, remembered by Michele Mascia.

Parents, Jacqueline and Edward Hunsicker, remembered by Sara Cornell.

Phillip Anderson and Deborah Anderson, remembered by Janet Kath.

Richard Merrill and Betsy Torjussen, remembered by Steve and Kathy Marga.

Jim Nutt, Sean Pilecki, Larry Kresge, Jr., and Larry Kresge, remembered by Barbara Kresge.

Lekhram Shewdat, Audrajdi Badri, Arjun Badri, remembered by Elizabeth Shewdat.

Ernie D'Gata, Steven Williams, Joe Andrews, Nancy Dingman, Tom Parker, Hank Walker, remembered by Ruth Major.

Jacqueline Lloyd, Milton Lloyd, Kim Lloyd, and Russell Possinger, remembered by Mitch & Jami Possinger.

Richard "Dick" Merrell, Roberta J. Guerriero, and Phil Anderson, remembered by Lois and Don Childers.

Robert Watson, Phil Anderson, Jim Nutt, and Dick Merrell, remembered by Ruth and Phil Newlander.

John Fenton Tim, Sr., Kate Hannahoe Cogan, Dick Merrell, and Phil Anderson, remembered by Judie and Fred Tim.

Elsa M. Holmberg, Carol Holmberg-Walsh, Martin Walsh, Robert Roesch, Robert Klaum, and William Klaum, remembered by Peggy Rapp.

Ron's parents, Lucille & Edward; his brothers, Doug & Jim; Shirley's parents, Agnas & George; her brother George; her sister Beverly; and all the brothers and sisters of Faith, remembered by Ron and Shirley Shiner.
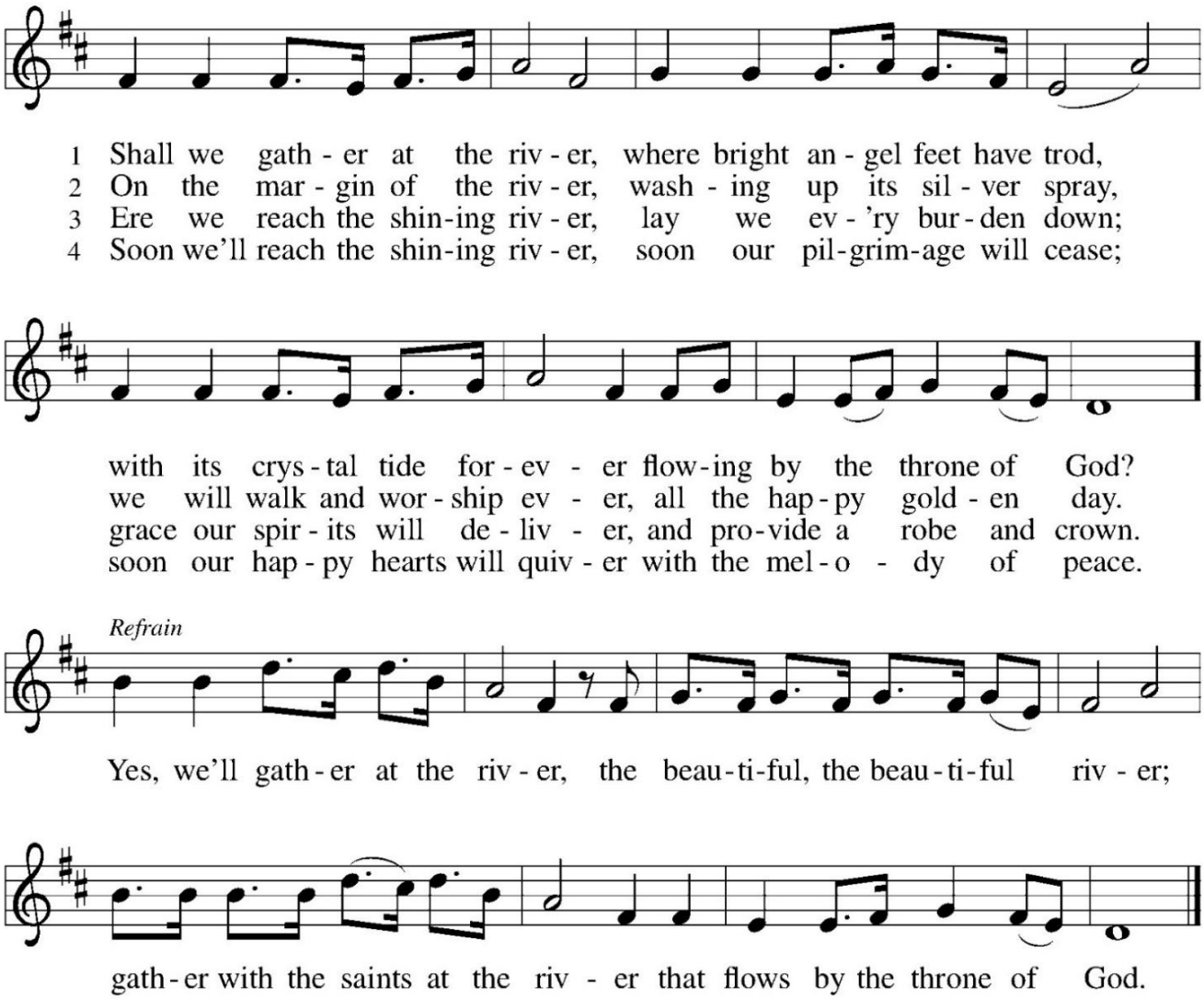
PRELUDES: "We're Marching to Zion," "Look, Ye Saints!"

ALL SAINTS GATHERING AND REMEMBERANCE OF THE SAINTS



GATHERING HYMN **WOV 690**

Shall We Gather at the River



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.



KYRIE

Refrain

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
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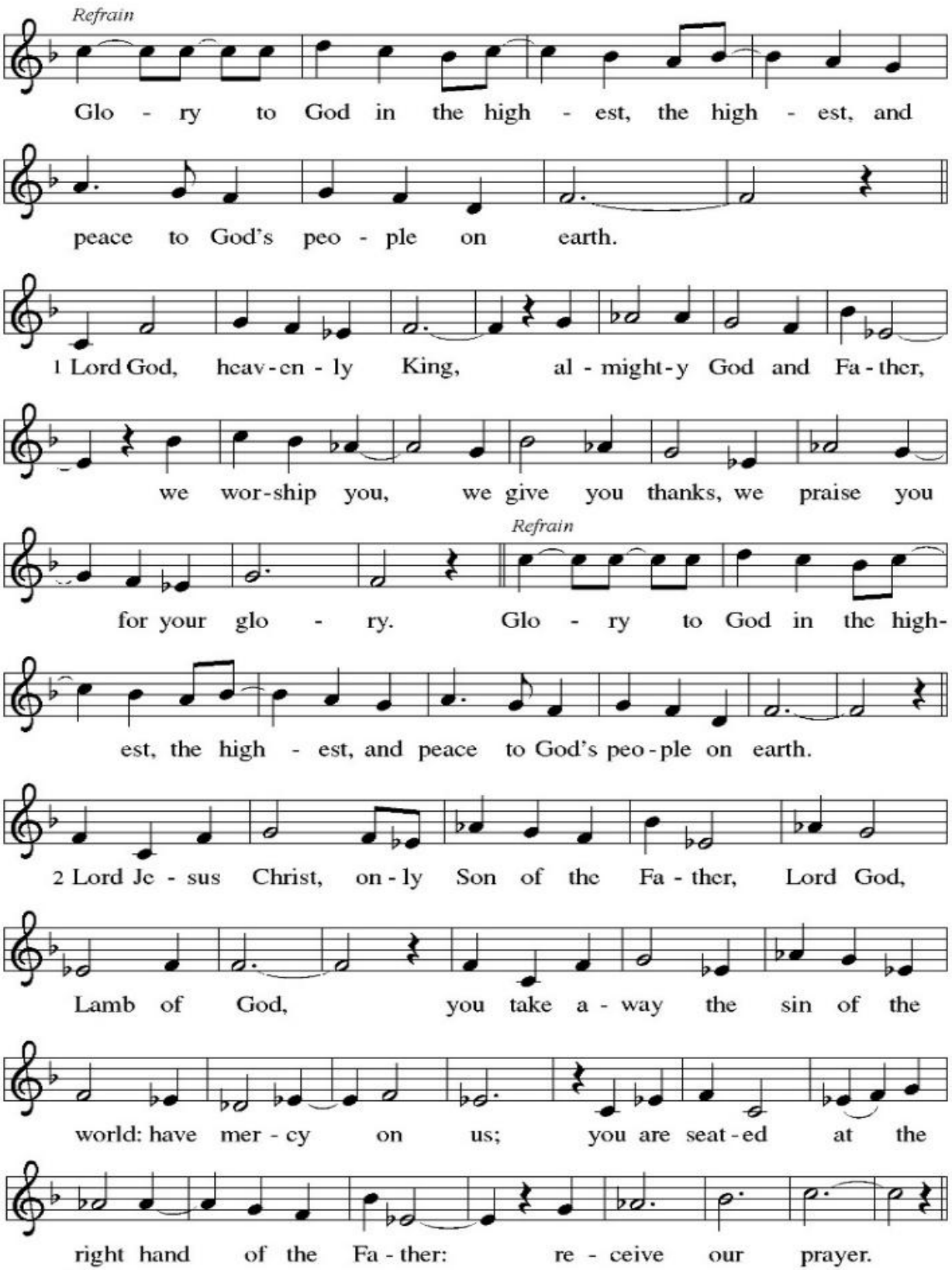
this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, ... for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,
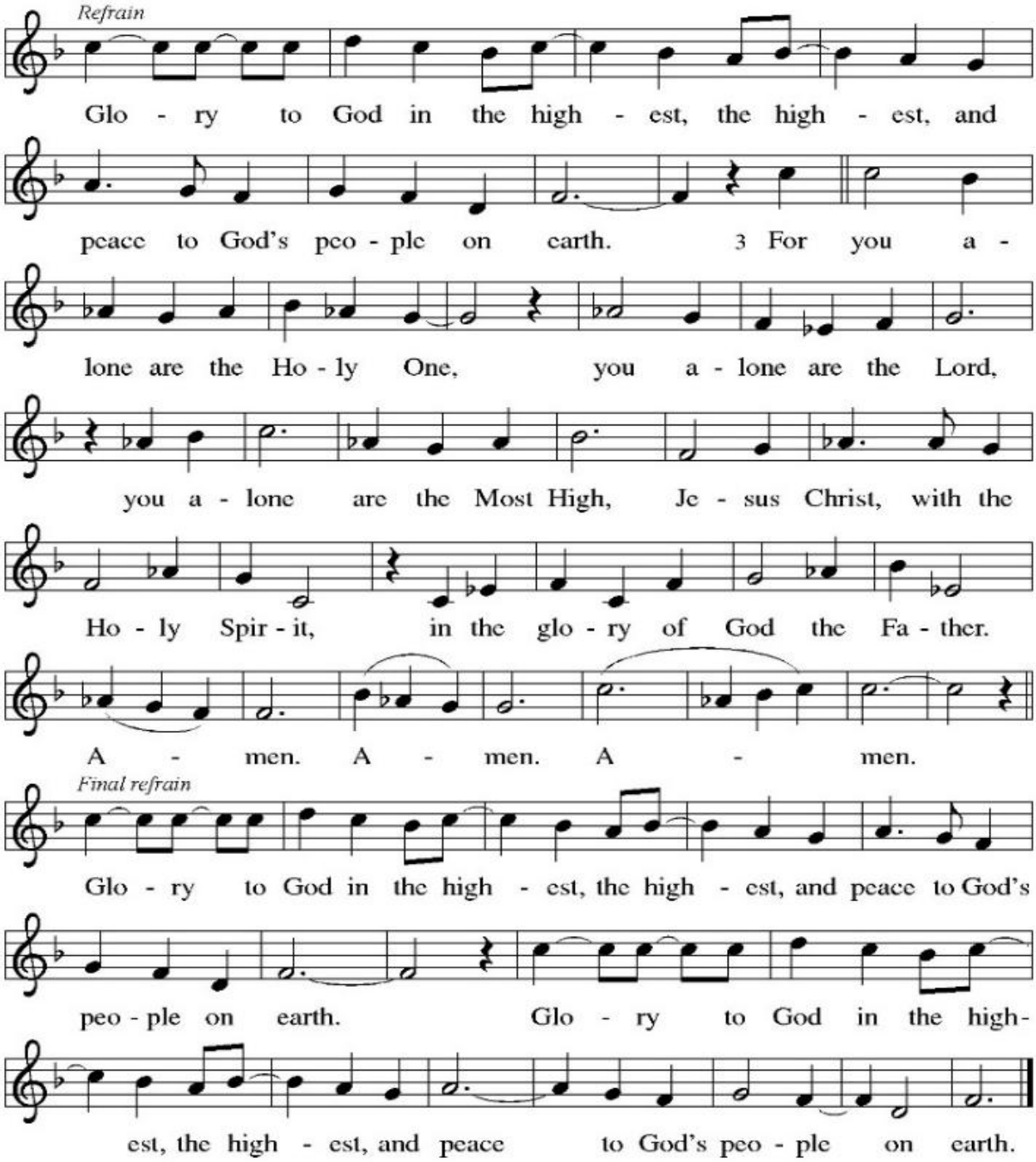
Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE





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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever**. Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.

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

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps.34:9)

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

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.

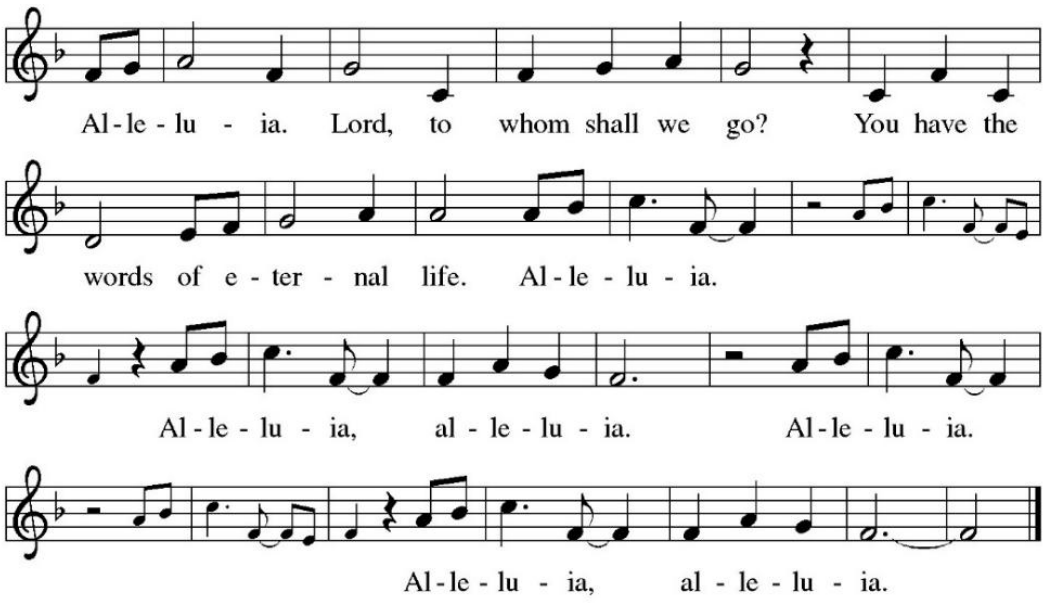
[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, 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.**



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to **Matthew 5:1-12**
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

[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."
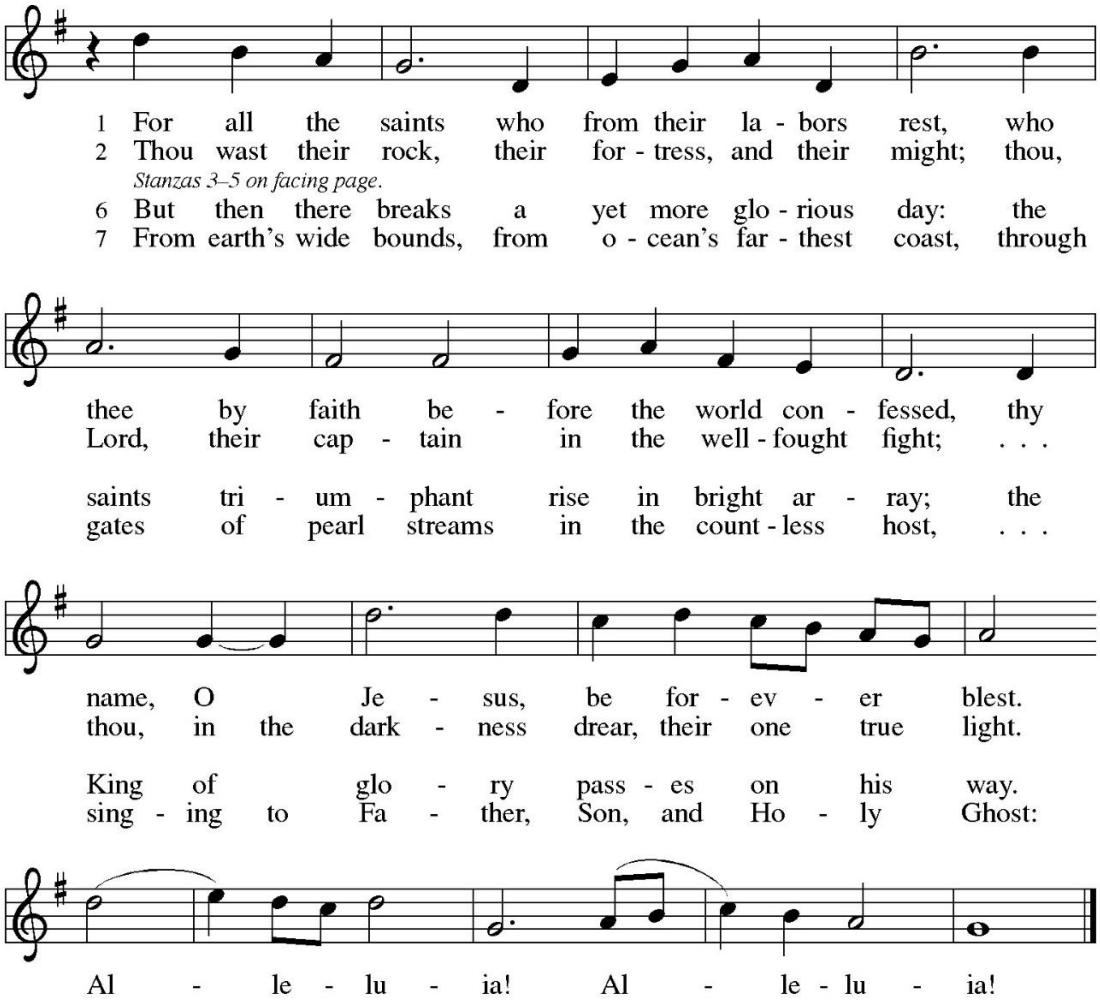
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**
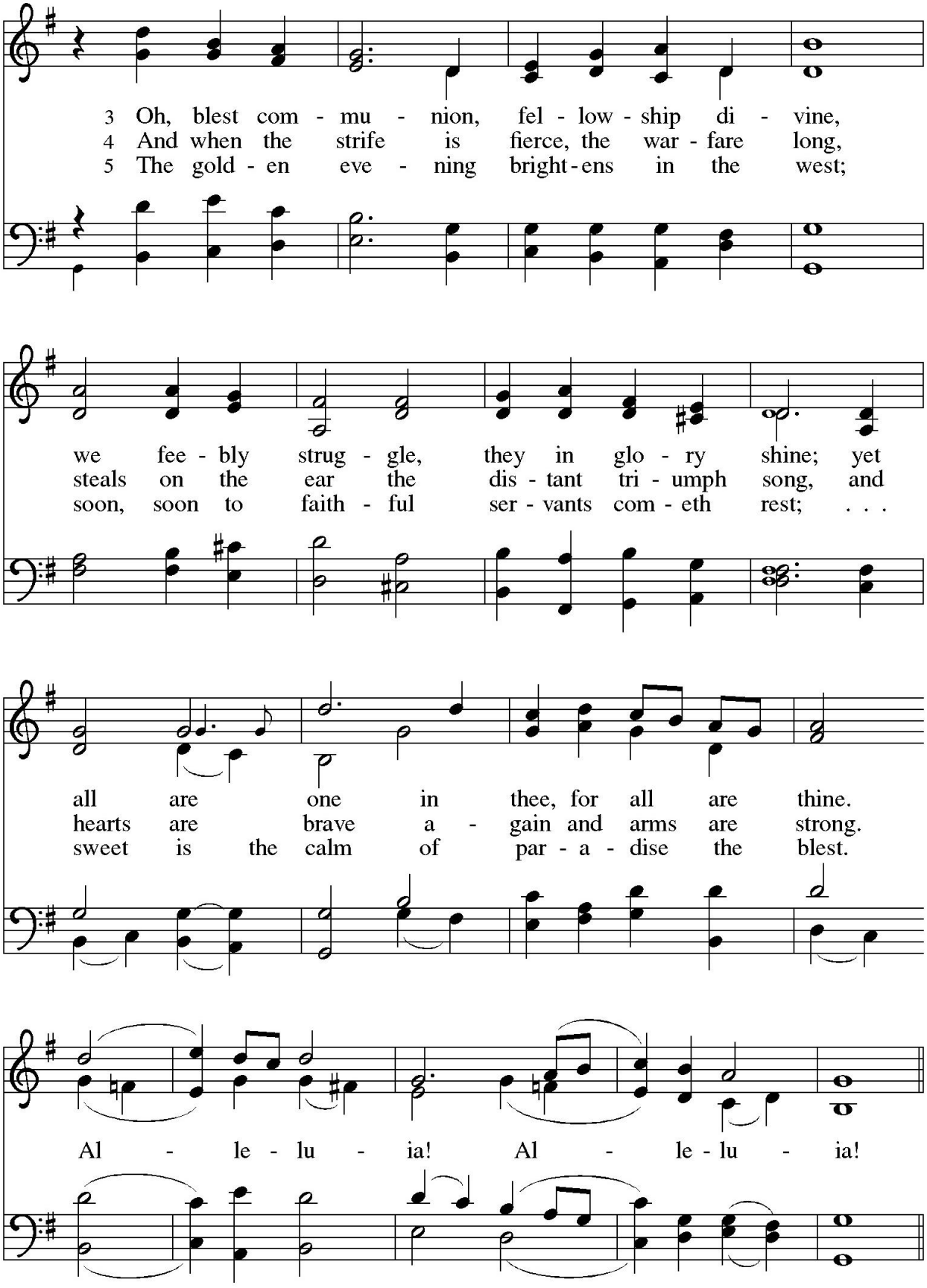


Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **For All the Saints** **ELW 422**




3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
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!

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 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, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy, **hear 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. God, in your mercy, **hear 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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER LIST

Jim H.; Megan; Larissa; Denis H.; William; Richard Z.; David S.; Gail and Bob C.; Shirley S.; Justin E.; Ed. T.; Dale H.; Tom M.; Sabrina Mendez & Family; Al C.; St. John, Scotrun.

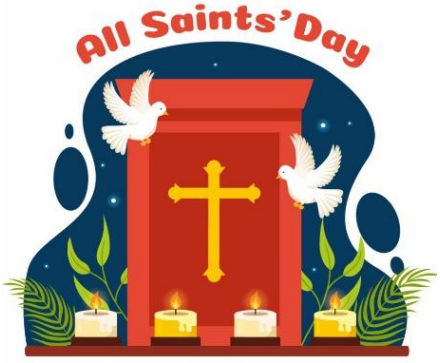
Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Phil Anderson ***Lori Hoffmann*** ***Raymond Hutton*** ***Dick Merrell***

Janice Neagle ***Jim Nutt***

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



THE PEACE

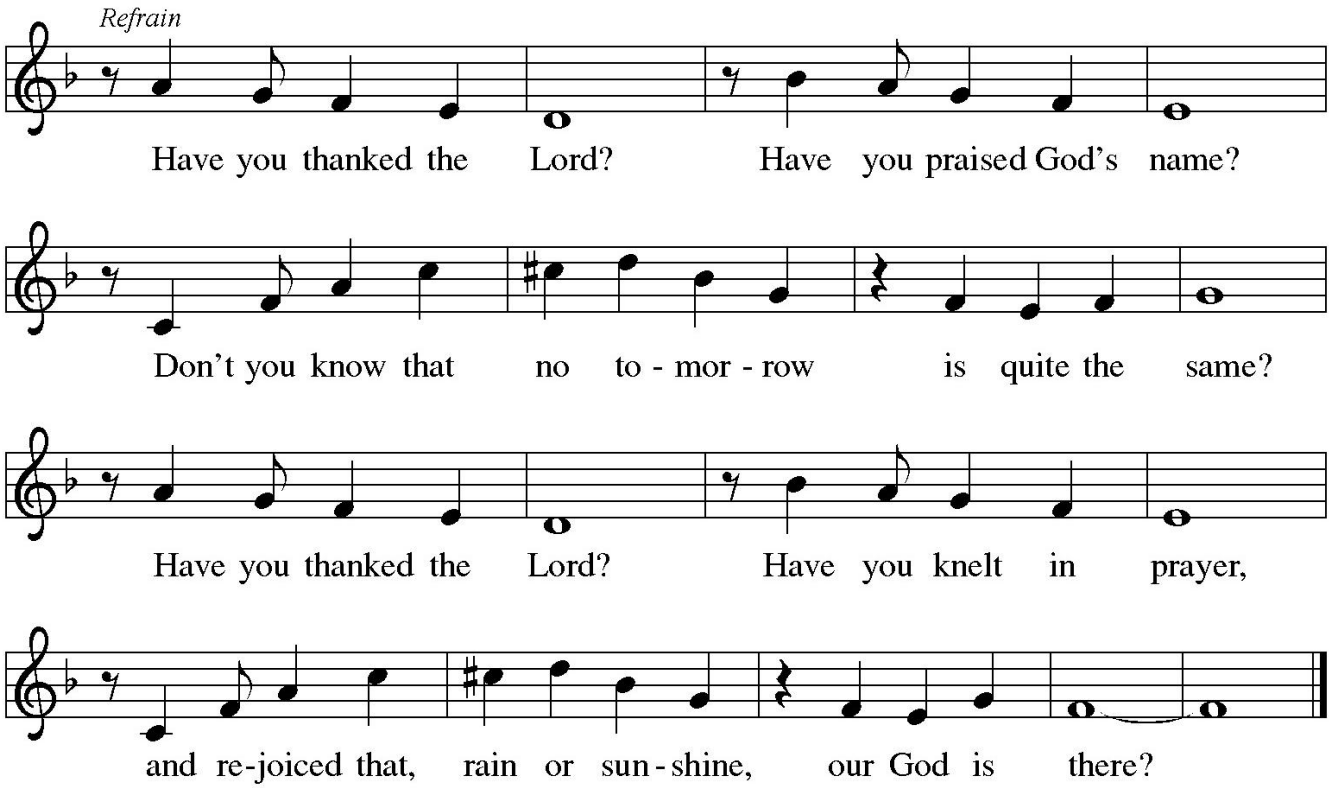
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERING MUSIC: "Shall We Gather at the River," John Carter *by Molly Finkbiner.*

OFFERTORY SONG

Have You Thanked the Lord?



OFFERING PRAYER

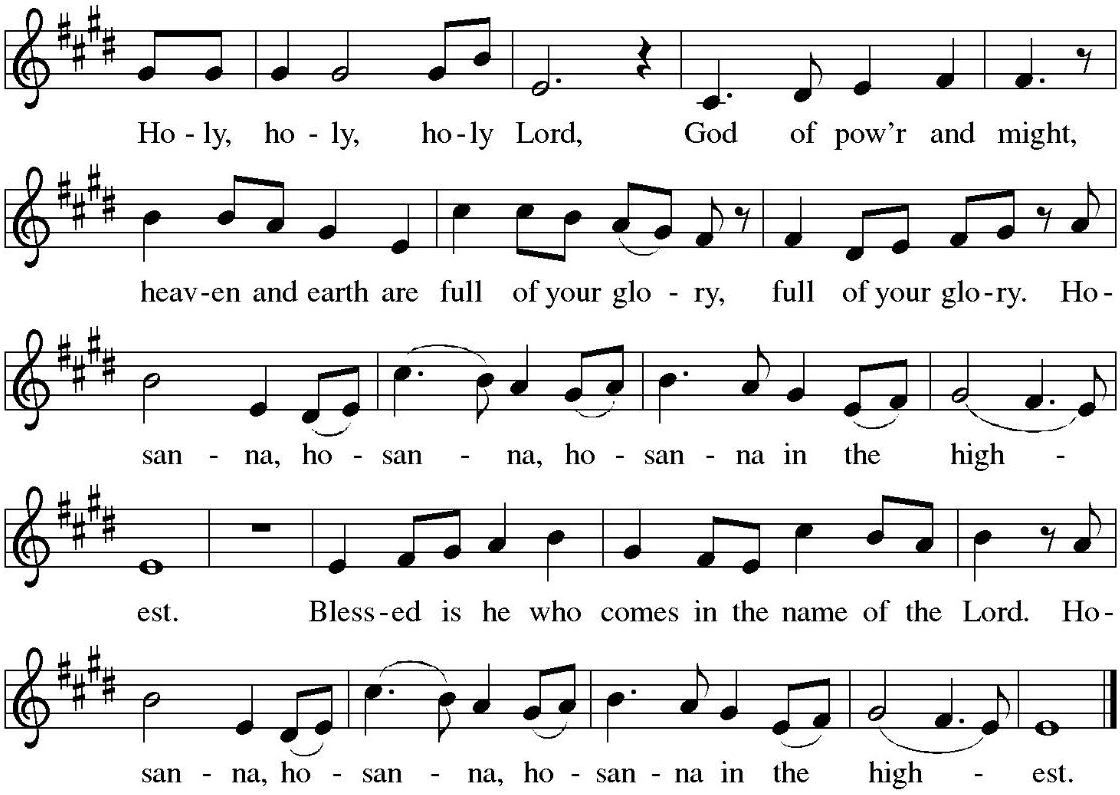
God of creation, all blessings are from you. Make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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 him 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 Phil, Lori, Ray, Dick, Janice, Jim, and all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in your truth. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**



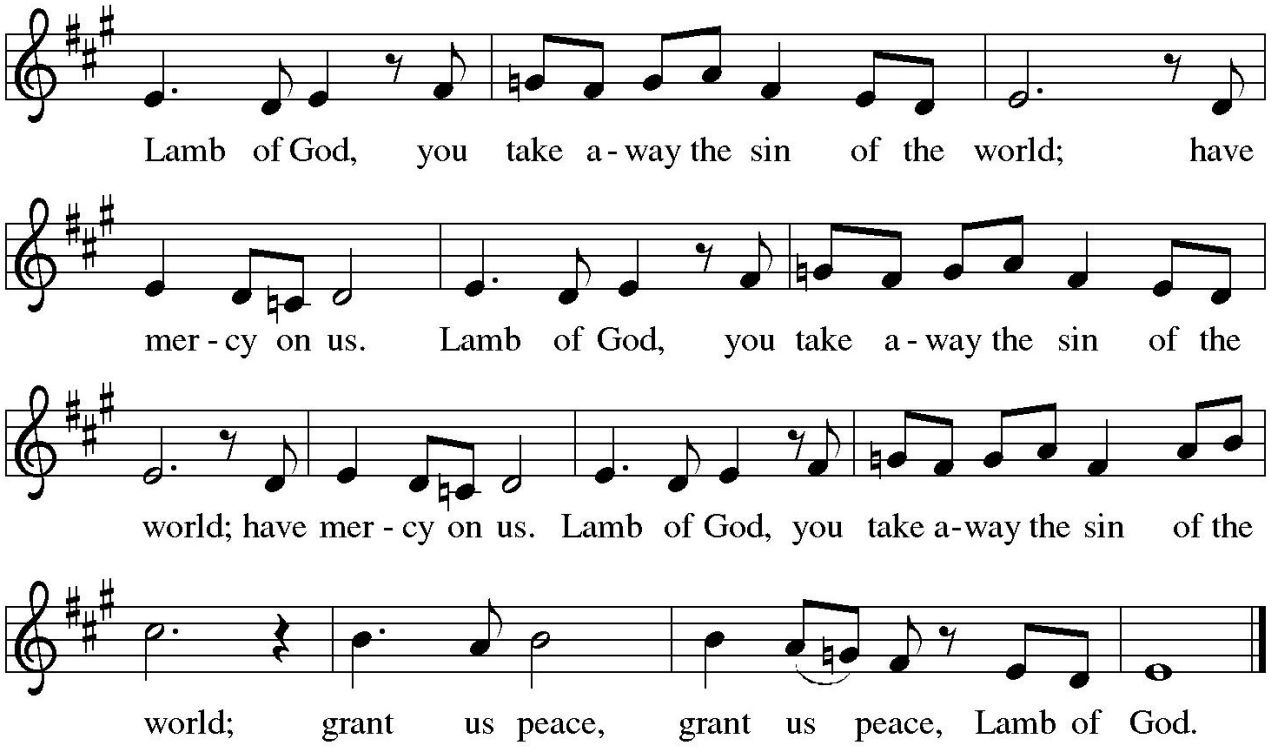
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



The body of Christ, given for you.

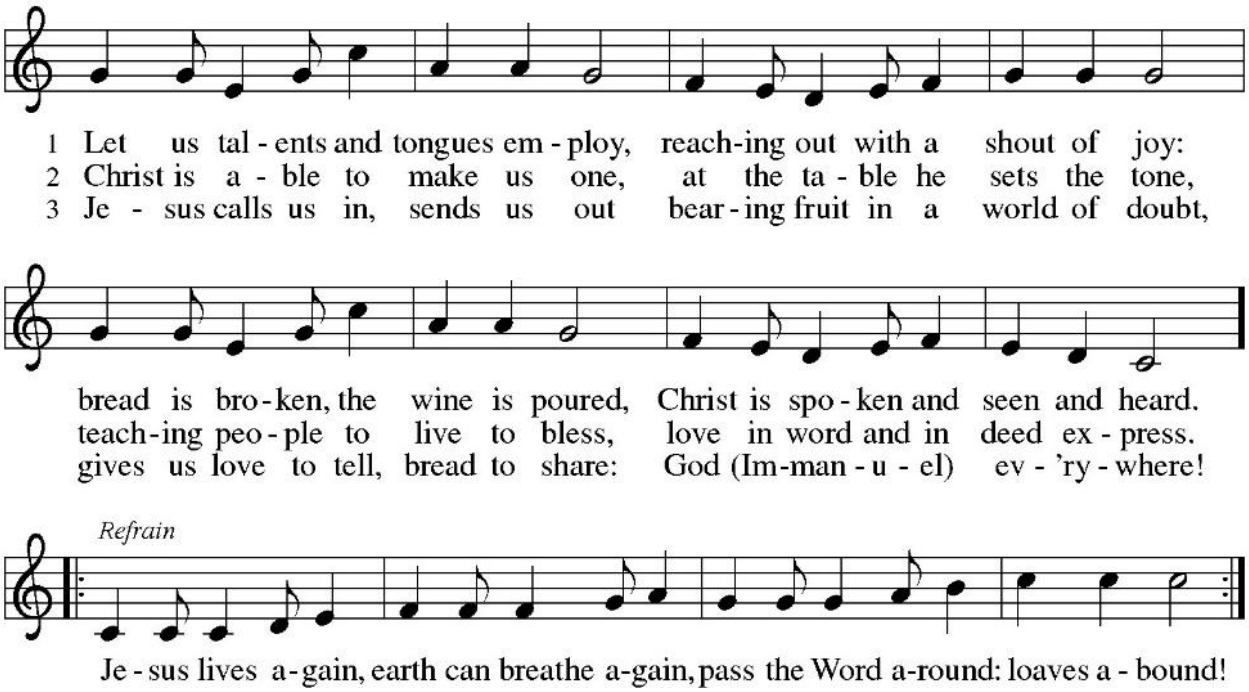
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

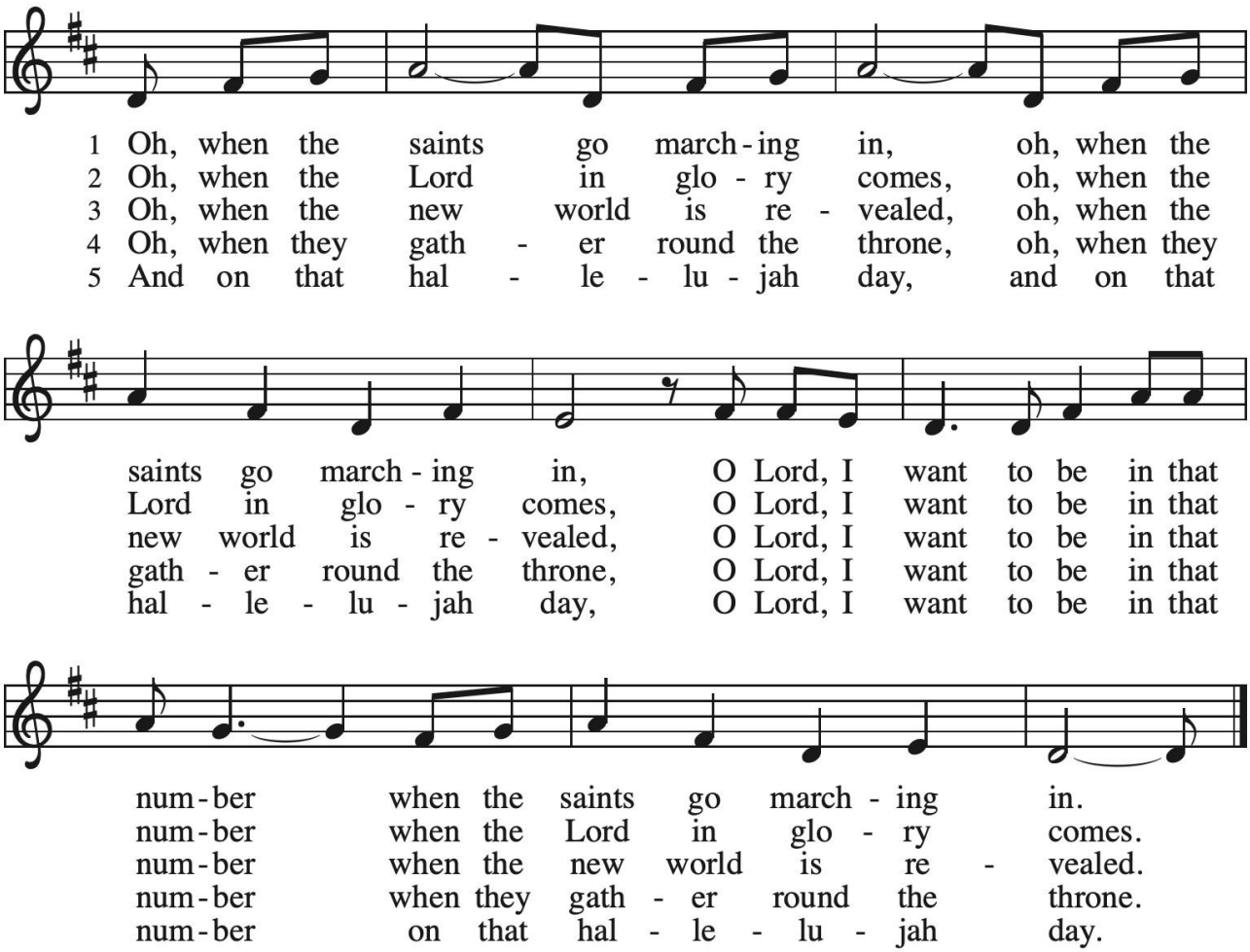
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING



SENDING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**



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Sunday, November 1, 2026 -All Saints Day

Saintly Sinners, Sinful Saints

All Saints Sunday and the appointed readings are pregnant with themes of stark contrast: death and life, condemnation and redemption, sorrow and joy, suffering and relief, present life and future life. Such is life, too, as baptized children of God. The very nature of our lives is stark contrast.

By virtue of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we are made saints while we are still sinners. Every day in this juxtaposed life we navigate through rough waters such as sin, evil, pain, heartache, addiction, abuse, hunger, disease, and war. But our bearing is always set, not by the North Star but by the Daystar, who has been the heading for the faithful of every generation. With the scriptures as our compass and the confessions our map, we sail as a part of the great flotilla of saints on the waters of baptism, with the wind of the Spirit at our backs, always pointed in the direction of our guiding Daystar.

Today we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

