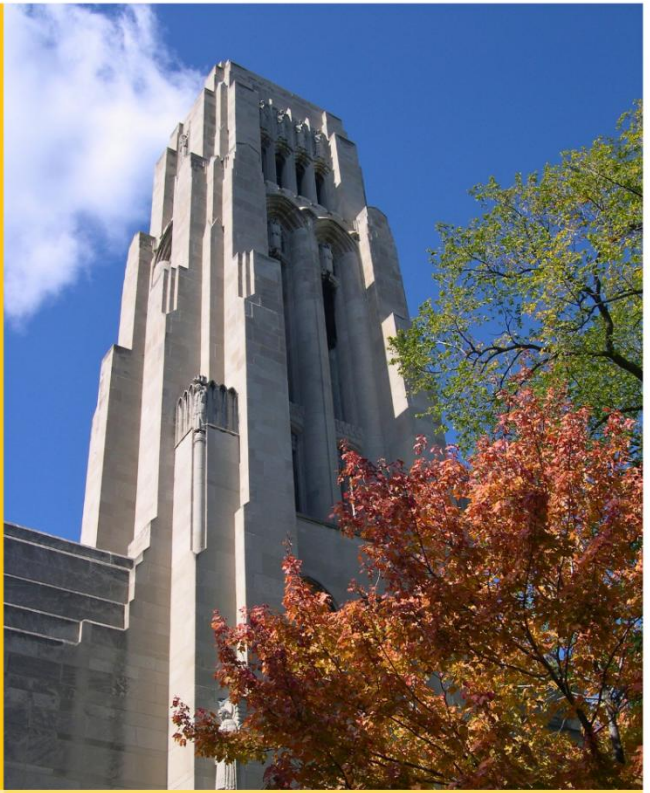
Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the green LBW and blue WOV hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements about ministries of Grace.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us online at graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers
Altar flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Stop at the front desk for details and to sign up.

As We Gather
To remember is a profound act of love. This is what we will do as we speak the names of our beloved ones who have died in the past year. We will acknowledge them before God and one another, and in doing so, we will honor them. In that ritual we will recall their stories and their gifts and the love that still connects us. That love of God that will never end. In Matthew Jesus promises to join us in the very places we feel most lost or vulnerable, fragile, forgotten, or exposed. Among those who mourn, beside the meek, and alongside the poor in spirit. That is the company that Jesus keeps. He remembers you and speaks your name. In Revelation we see a vision that keeps expanding and opening up. Around the lamb we find space for all the lost and least, forgotten and forsaken, and all of us to fall into the embrace of our shepherd. And hear him speak our name again. On our way we join them in raising our voices as we sing each other home.

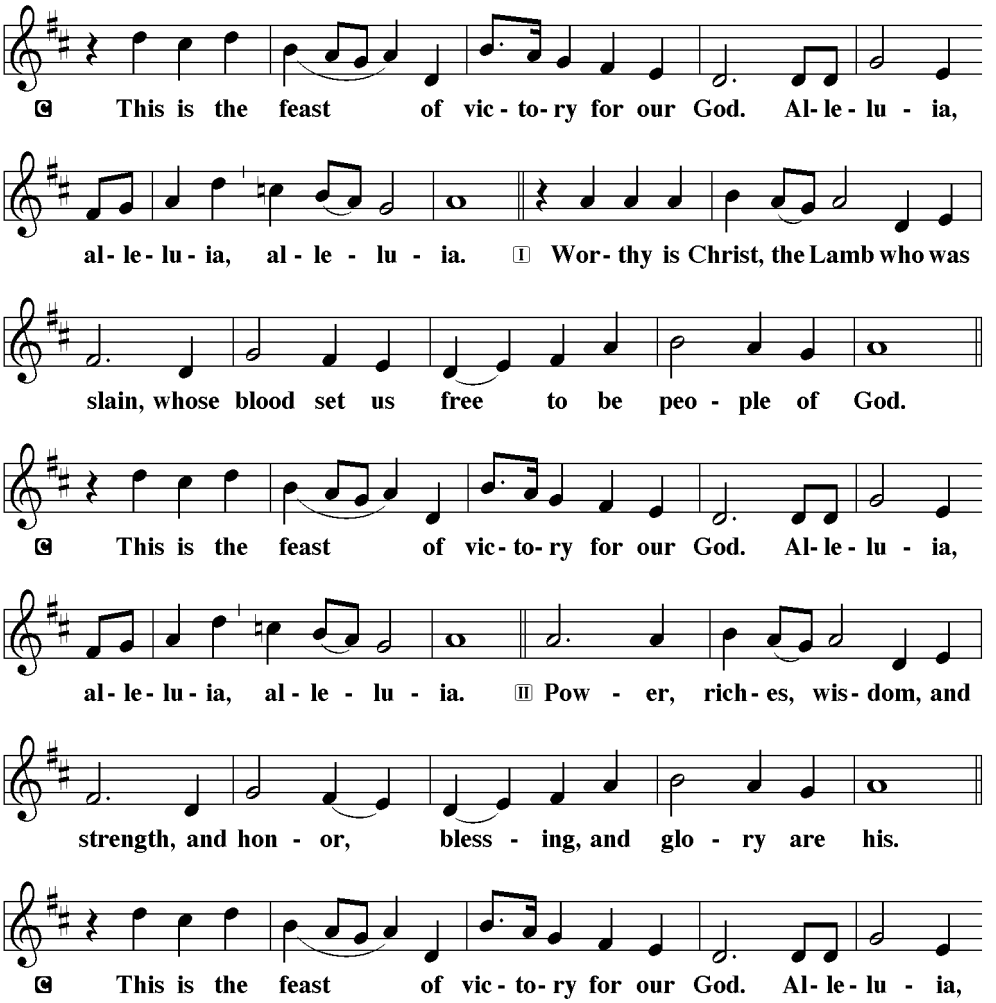
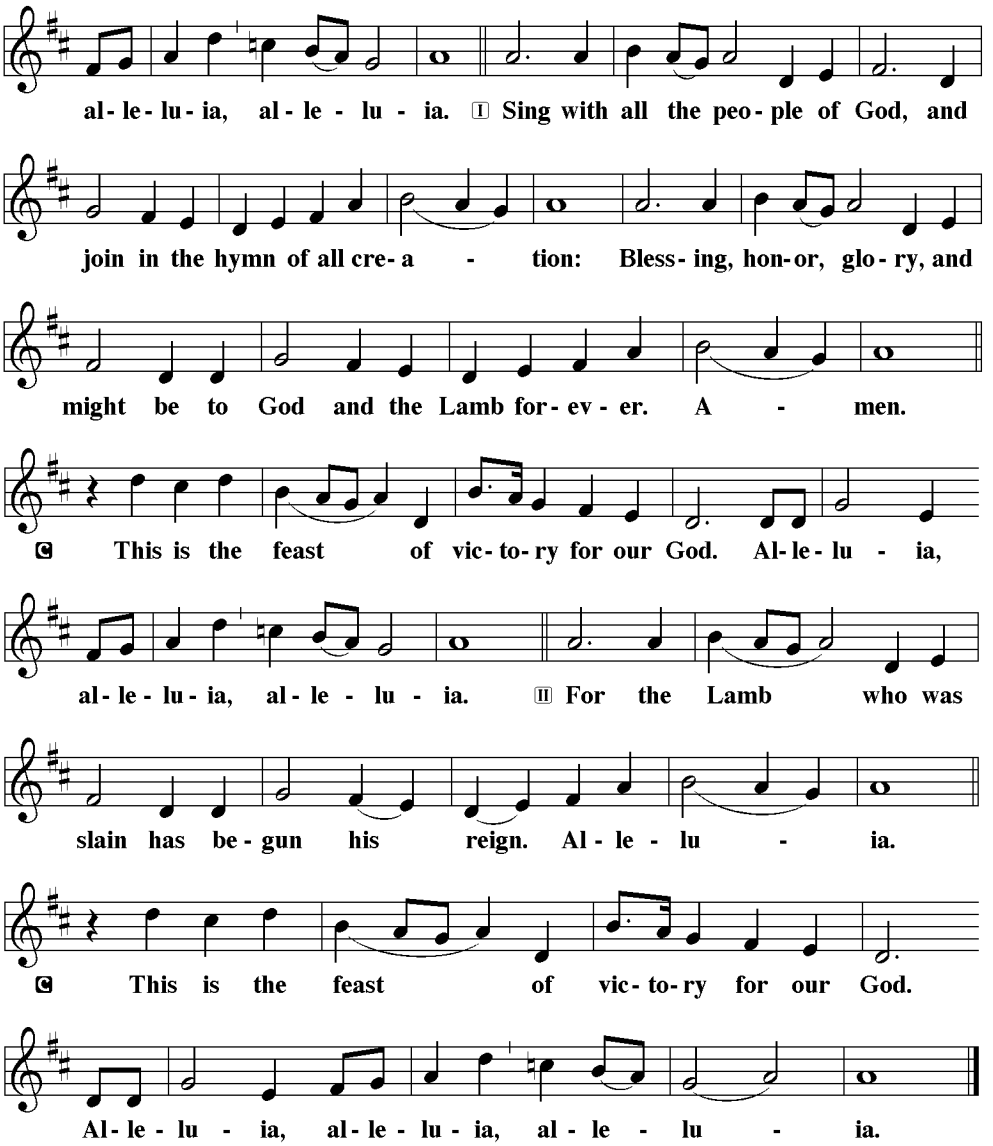
Grace Lutheran School in Worship
The handbell ringers you hear this morning are the Strike Team, 7th and 8th grade students from Grace Lutheran School who have elected to ring as an alternative to singing in choir. Some of these students come to handbell ringing with previous instrumental experience, but for many this is their first time reading rhythms and following a score. It's challenging! In the months ahead the Strike Team will be preparing music for the Christmas Eve services. They'll also present a concert of Christmas carols at a local assisted living facility and will participate in a Christmas bell concert with Grace's adult ringers on Sunday, December 20, at 11:15 a.m. We hope to see you there!

✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Processional and Bell Chime — Margaret R. Tucker

We stand.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ — Richard Hillert

Higher (treble) voices sing parts marked Ⅰ. *Lower (bass) voices sing parts marked* Ⅱ. *All sing parts marked* C.

al- le- lu- ia, al- le - lu - ia. I 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.
℣ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le- lu - ia,
al- le- lu- ia, al- le - lu - ia. II For the Lamb who was
slain has be- gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
℣ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God.
Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu- ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Apostolic Greeting & Prayer of the Day

℗ 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.**

℗ 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.**

We sit.

✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17

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 that 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1–10, 22

ANTIPHON: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. Michael D. Costello

L I will bless the Lord | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.

C **I will glory | in the Lord;***
let the humble hear | and rejoice.

L Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;*
let us exalt his | name together.

C **I sought the Lord, and he | answered me***
and delivered me out of | all my terror.

L Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

C **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me***
and saved me from | all my troubles.

L The angel of the Lord encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.

C **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;***
happy are they who | trust in him!

L Fear the Lord, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.

C **The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,***
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.

L The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1–3

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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

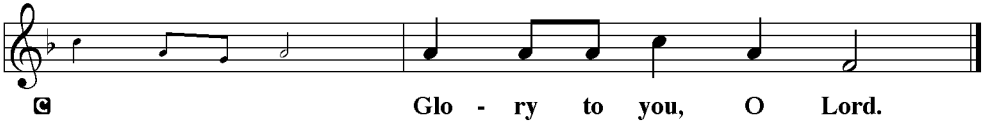
We stand and face the procession for the Gospel Reading.

GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15 Robert A. Hobby

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, worshiping day and night in the temple; and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then 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.

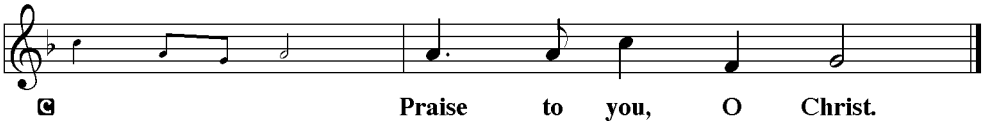
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, 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.



We face the procession as it returns to the chancel.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Singing Each Other Home Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1–12

HYMN: For All the Saints *(green)* **LBW #174**

Concertato by Michael D. Costello

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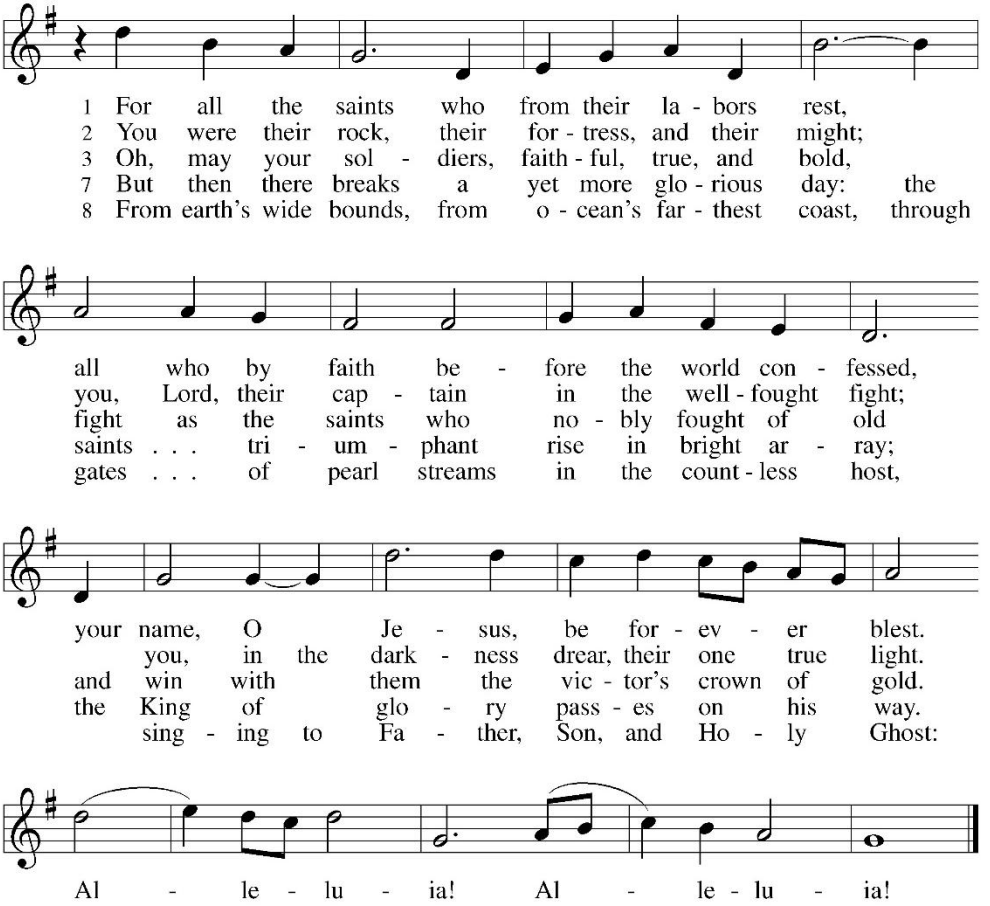
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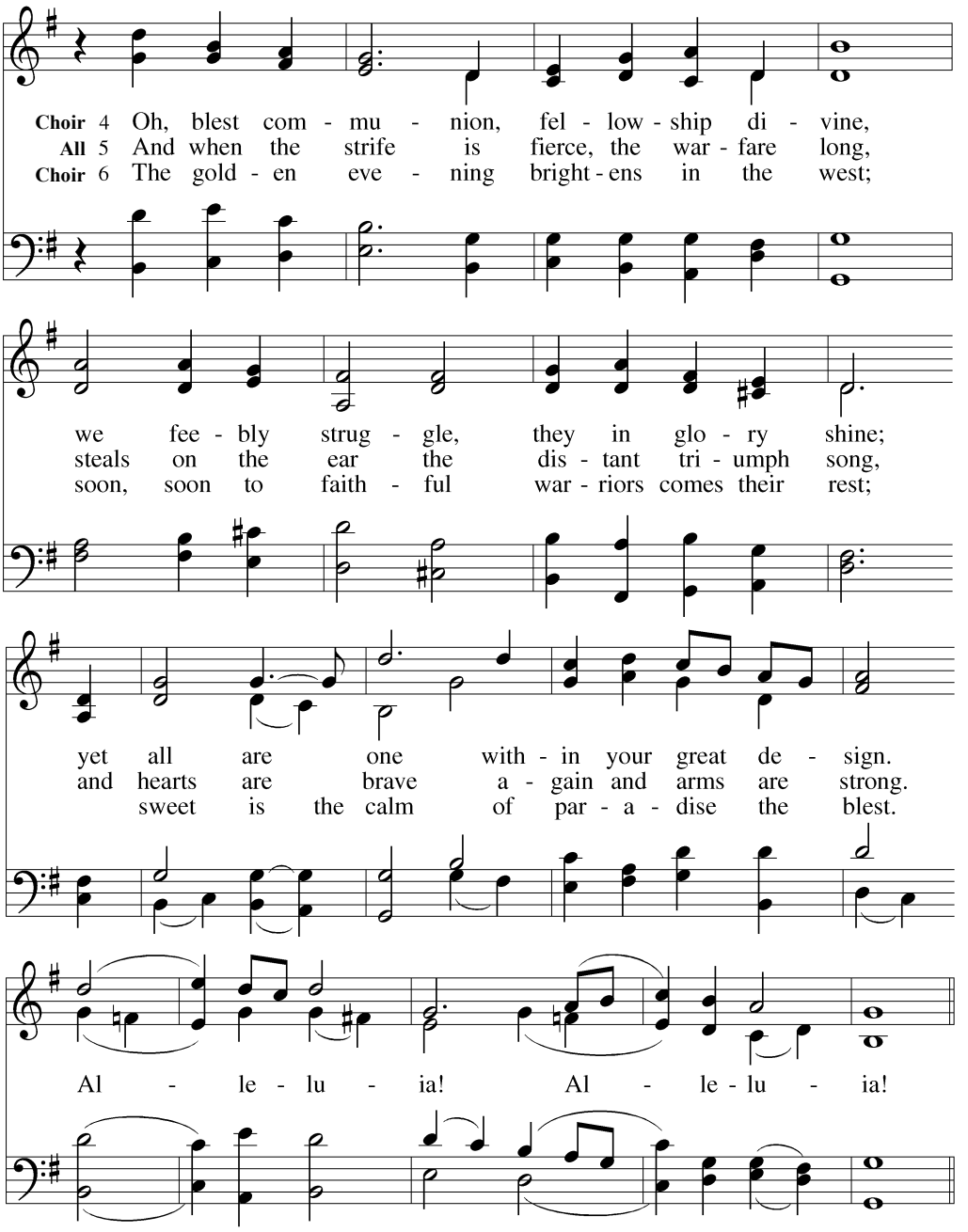
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Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

APOSTLES' CREED

℗ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

℄ **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

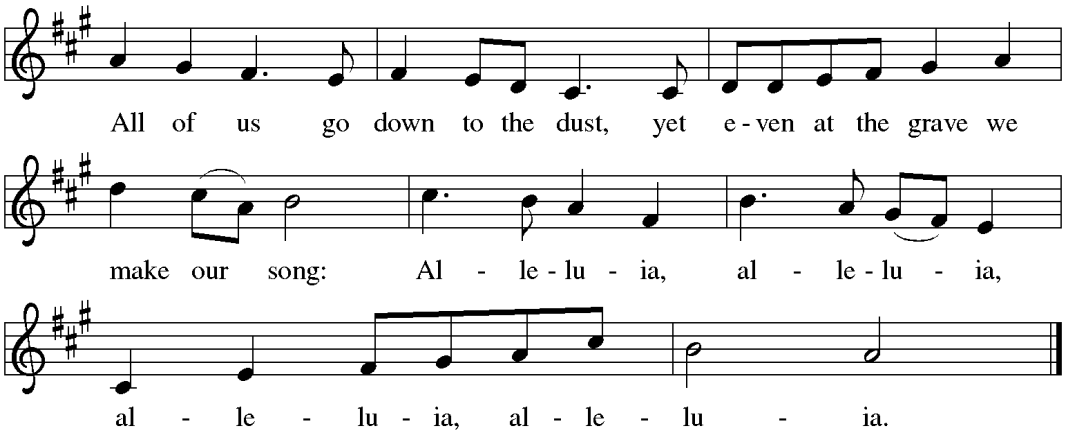
Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The last petition of the prayers is sung in a setting by Mark Mummert:

L Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

C **REFRAIN** *(below)*

P We remember before you in thanksgiving all who have died in the past year:
Peter Armstrong, Miriam Bretscher, Marilyn Busse, Barbara Carlson, Yvonne Daniels,
David Franzone, John Huber, Joan Koerber, F. Dean Lueking, Rosie Parker,
Marge Sanger, Winnie Sievert, Rhea Sprecher, Linda Webb, Barbara Zehnder,
and all who have died in the faith of Christ.

The prayers conclude:

L You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

C **REFRAIN** *(above)*

✢ MEAL ✢

PEACE OF CHRIST

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℄ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Deep River — African-American spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larsen

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 19:7–8 — Richard Hillert

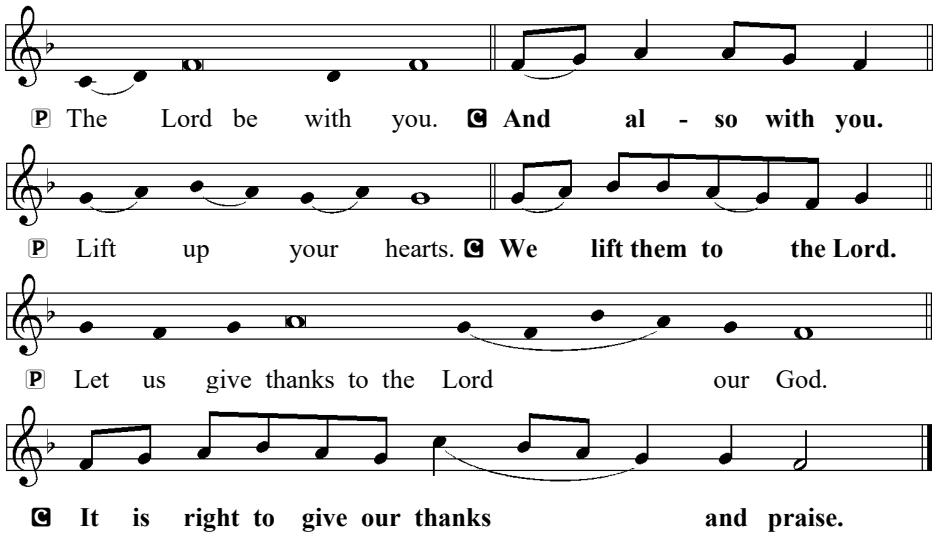
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory:
for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory:
it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen bright and pure
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

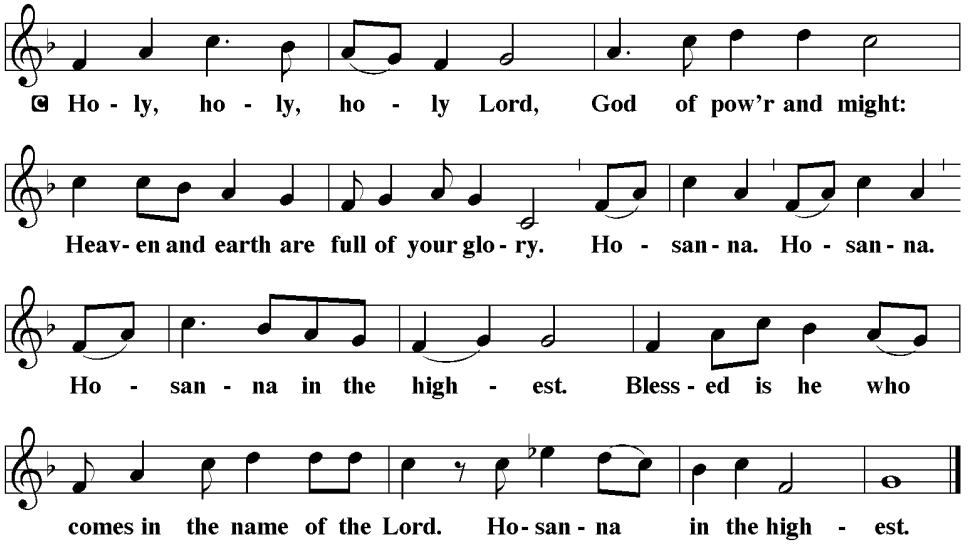
Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

℄ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge
of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness
and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance
the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



℗ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.**

℗ Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

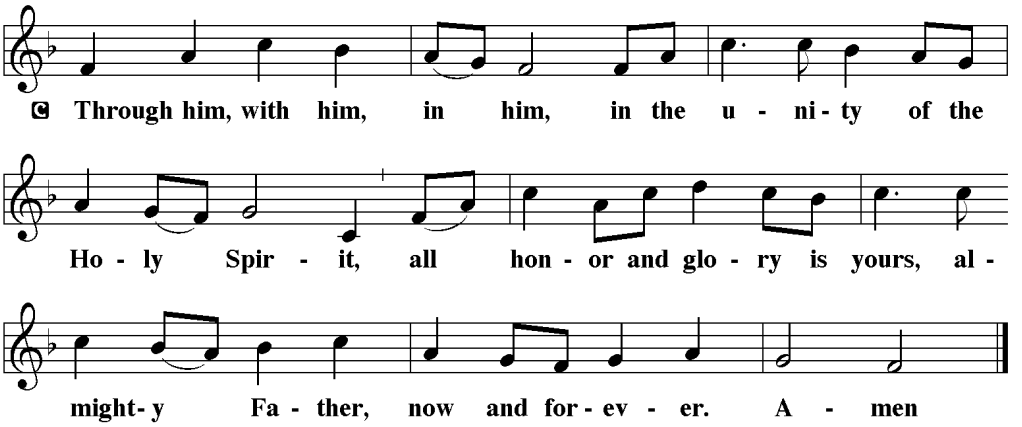
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

℄ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℗ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

℄ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

℗ Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions
of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



℗ 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.

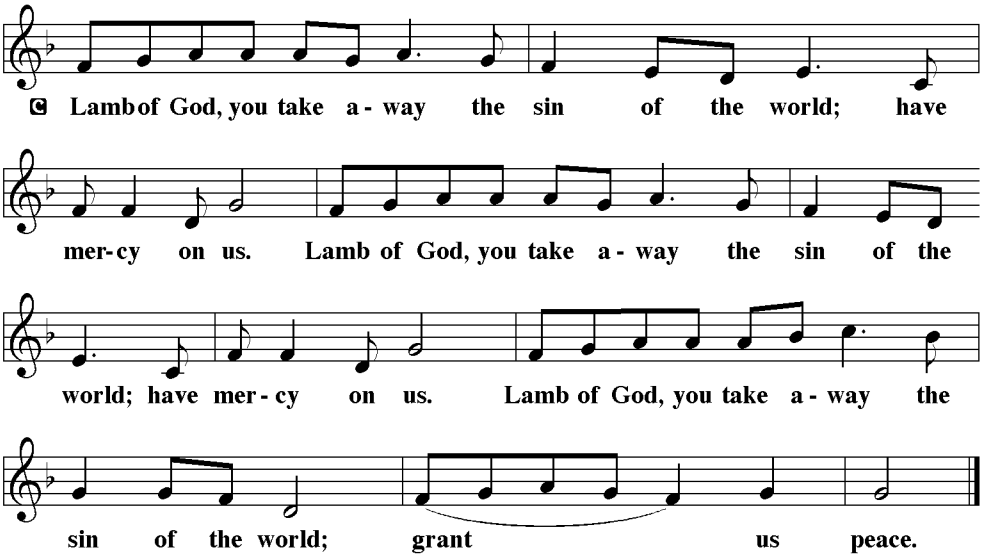
℗ The gifts of God for the people of God.

℣ Thanks be to God.

℗ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.
The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*
After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.

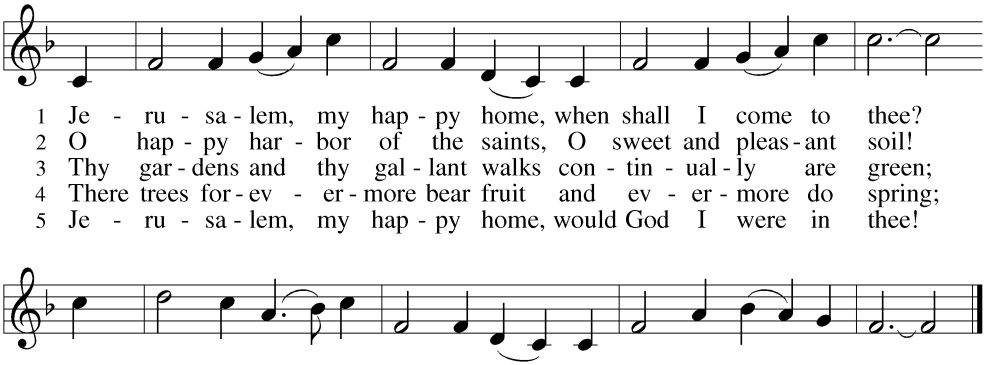
Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or anxiety, for yourself or a family member.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Blessed — Paul D. Weber

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; they will be filled.
Matthew 5:3, 5–6

HYMN: Jerusalem, My Happy Home — *(green)* **LBW #331**



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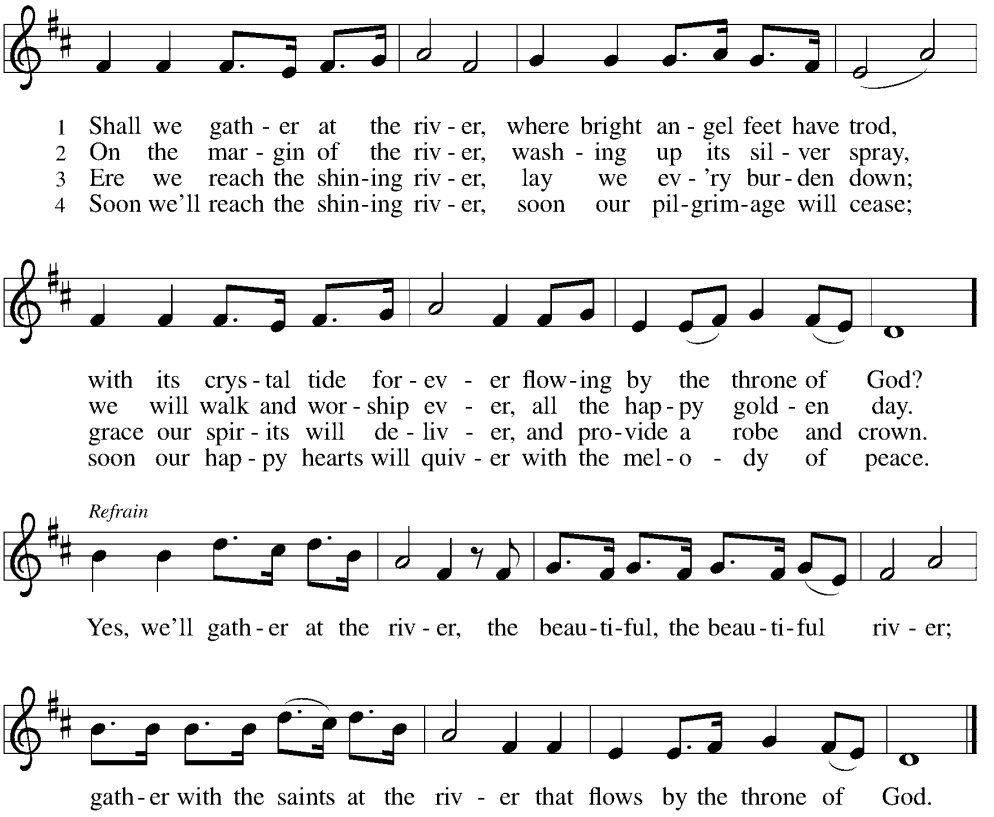
Music: LAND OF REST, North American melody

HYMN: Shall We Gather At the River *(blue)* **WOV #690**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

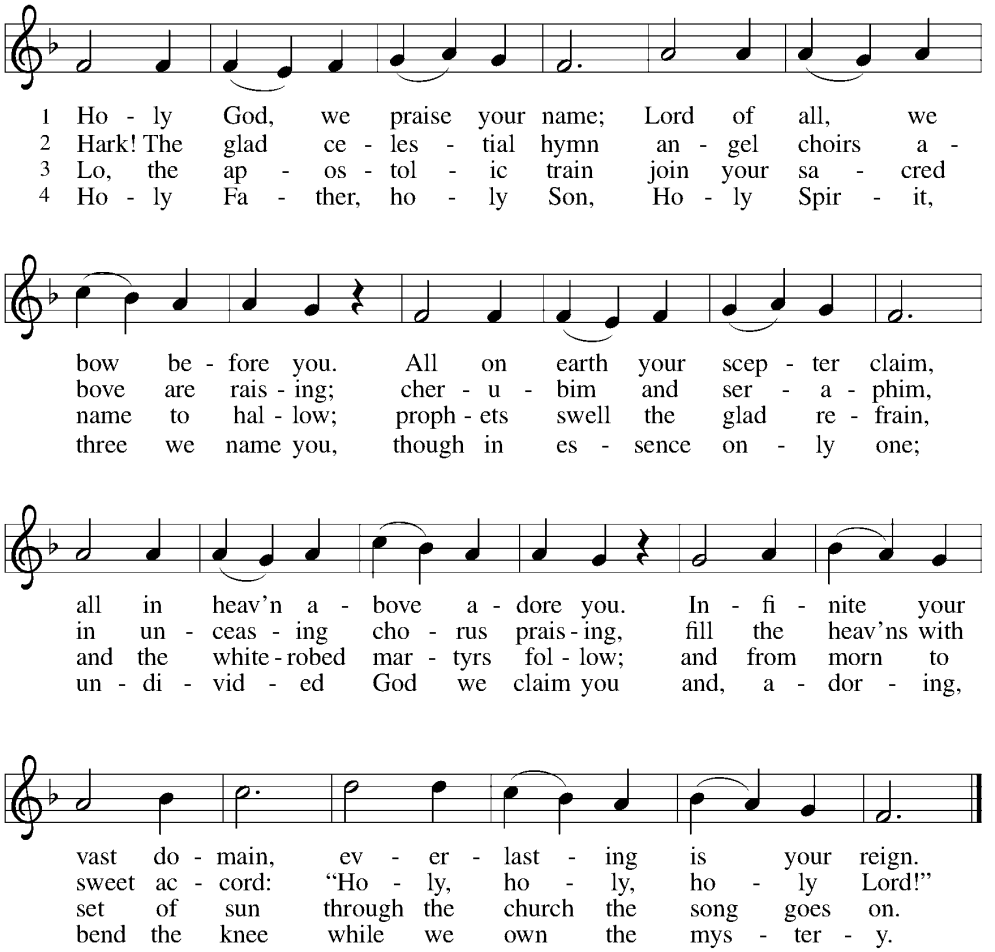
C **Amen.**

✢ Sending ✢

Benediction

℗ Almighty God: Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

℄ **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Your Name *(green)* **LBW #535**

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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Holy God, We Praise Your Name Jeffrey Blersch

Those who wish to gather in the Memorial Garden
to remember those who have died are welcome to do so.

Those not able to navigate the stairs into the Memorial Garden can worship from the atrium level.

✢ COMMEMORATION ✢

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

C **Amen.**

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

PSALM 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

C **My help comes from the LORD,**
the maker of heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

C **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel**
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

P the LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

C **so that the sun shall not strike you by day,**
nor the moon by night.

℗ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

℣ **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

READINGS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." *(John 11:25–26)*

A reading from Hebrews: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. *(Hebrews 12:1–2)*

PRAYERS

℗ O God, we remember with thanksgiving
those who have loved and served you on earth,
who now rest from their labors,
especially Peter, Miriam, Marilyn, Barbara, Yvonne, David,
John, Joan, Dean, Rosie, Marge, Winnie, Rhea, Linda, Barbara,
and all those we name before you now.

Following a brief silence:
Keep us in union with all your saints,
and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℣ **Amen.**

℗ Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death.
Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way,
that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness;
to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

℣ **Amen.**

℗ O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

℄ **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

We join in singing the acclamation.

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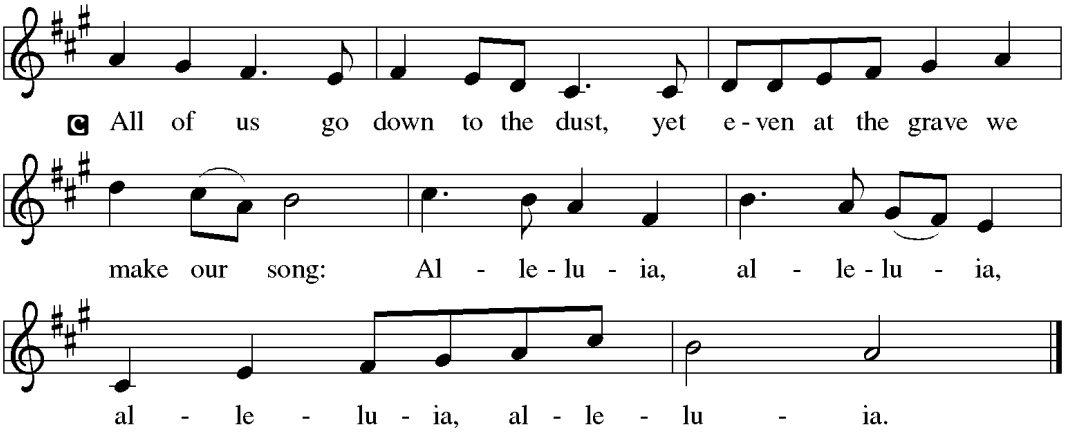
BLESSING

P Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

We depart in peace.

Those who wish to remain for a time of personal prayer are welcome to do so.

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Strike Team, handbell choir
Gwen Gotsch, director

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 1
Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Sunday School, Grades PK-6 (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Adult Education (Seminar Room) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Parent Hangout (School Library) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Lutheranism and Justice (Fellowship Hall) ..... **11:15 a.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Health Cabinet (Church Library) ..... **7:00 p.m.**
Property Committee (Conference Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
School Chapel Service – Holy Communion ..... **8:25 a.m.**
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
GriefShare (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
Scout Meetings (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
Social Ministry Meeting (Conference Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Ladies Bunco Night (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (Grace Garden) ..... **1:00 p.m.**

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