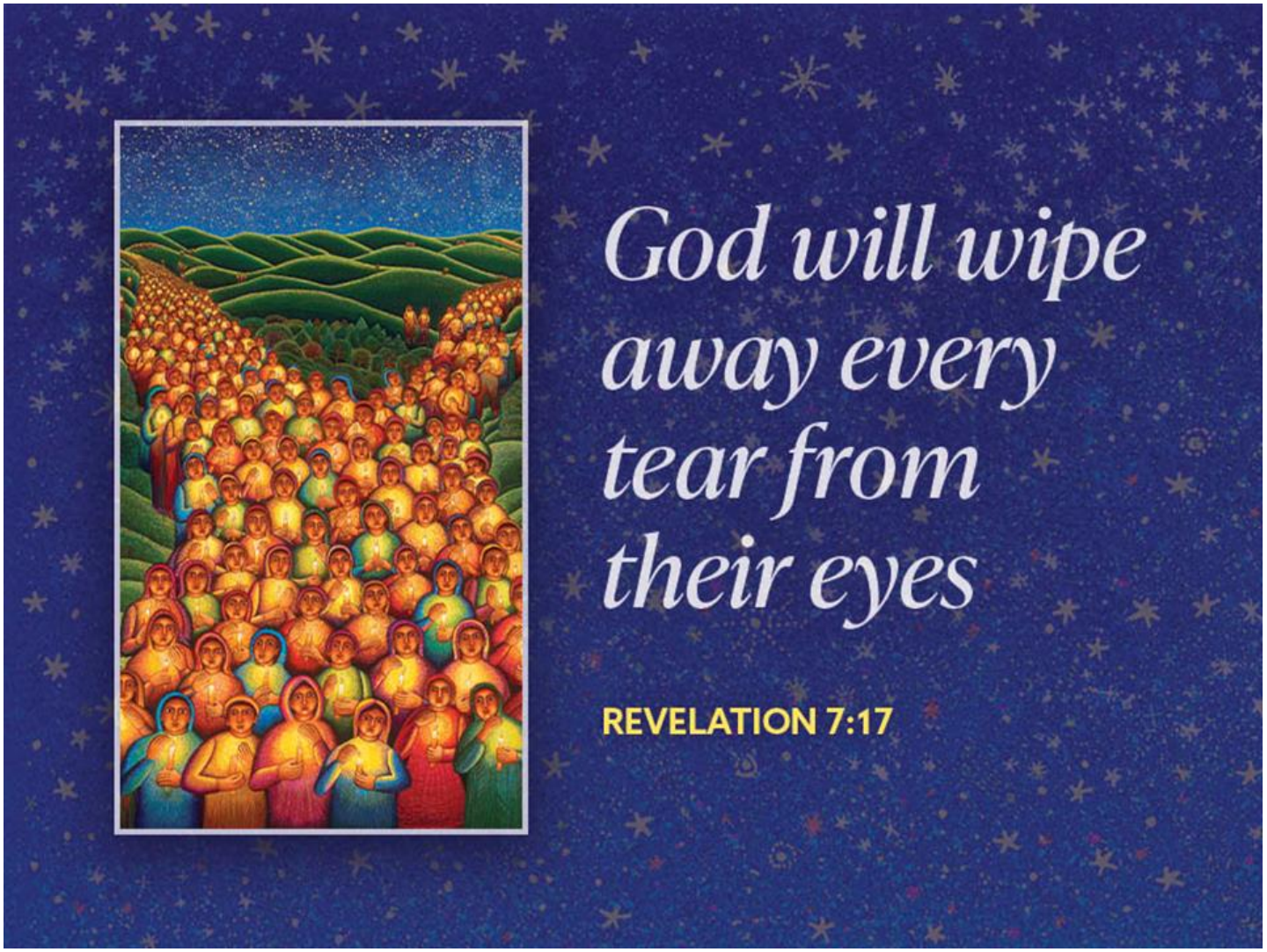

All Saints Day

Holy Communion

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Great Falls, Virginia

November 1, 2026

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.

ELW refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew.
W&P refers to Worship & Praise. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;
C: indicates Congregation.

At places where the ✠ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.

A few notes about worship:

- **We welcome you to worship today!** Please take a few moments to print your information on the pad in the red folder.
- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.

  To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Announcements

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Winter Coat/Accessory Drive

Ends Sunday, November 8

We continue to collect winter coats/accessories for SHARE in McLean through Sunday, November 8. Collection boxes are in the narthex. SHARE is looking for any size gently used/new coats or winter weather accessories - winter coats, gloves, hats, sweaters, polar fleeces, sweatshirts, boots, scarves.

Christmas Wreath Fundraiser for Cub Scout Pack 673

Christ the King sponsors Cub Scout Pack 673 for boys and girls in grades K-5. Their major annual fundraiser is the sale of Christmas wreaths. **Cub Scouts will be selling these wreaths after both services today**. Thank you for supporting the Cub Scouts. Wreaths will be delivered around Thanksgiving with pick up at the Church.

College Care Box Donations: November 8 - November 22

In November, we will collect snacks and study supplies for our "care boxes," which are sent by the Christ the King congregation to post-secondary students. If you would like your student to receive a care box, please email Martina and Don Goss at martinaclark@hotmail.com and provide your student's school address for USPS package delivery. To donate, please bring at least 14 identical items to CtK between Sunday, November 8th, and Sunday, November 22nd. Collection boxes will be located under the tables in the narthex area. On Monday, November 23rd, at 6:30 p.m., we will prepare care packages to send out to students in time for their exams. We welcome all volunteers.

Chili Lunch & Pie Auction, Sunday, November 22

Join us on **Sunday, November 22nd after the 11:00 a.m. service** for our fabulous Chili Lunch & Pie Auction. Auction proceeds will help offset the costs of the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering. This is one of our favorite fellowship traditions at CtK! Come enjoy a bowl of chili with all the fixings and then get ready for some good-natured Lutheran competitive bidding for your favorite pie/dessert...just in time for Thanksgiving! How can you get involved? We need volunteers to help provide pies/desserts for auction. In addition, we need crockpots of chili, salads, breads, and desserts to sustain our bidders, as well as volunteers to help set up, provide auction support and clean up. **Please click here for the signup genius.**

Questions? Please email Karen Anderson at kkerranderson@comcast.net.

Today's Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of David Clark by his daughters, Stephanie and Elissa and granddaughter, Olivia.

WELCOME!

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MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: gflutheran.org.

CALENDAR

Cornerstones Holiday Gift Cards

This year Christ the King is once again sponsoring the Cornerstones Holiday gift card drive. We will be donating 30 twenty-five-dollar gift cards for children of poverty who are connected with Cornerstones. The $25 gift cards are to be from Target, Visa and/or Walmart. Cards will be due back to church no later than Sunday, November 29th. Thank you in advance for your help, kindness, and generosity. Thank you, Dolly Whelan

Adult Christmas Party: Saturday, December 12

SAVE THE DATE! Our adult Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 12th. We are excited for this festive annual event! Adult family members and friends are welcome. More details to come!

Need a Name Tag?

As we prepare to welcome Pastor David Nelson in January, one way that we can make it easier for him and his wife Samantha to get to know us is by wearing our CtK Name Tags at church. Karen Utter, Dave Whelan, and the Witness team have been sorting through all the Name Tags to get everyone the latest design version. They are now in alphabetical order by last name. We have black lanyards for anyone who prefers them instead of the metal clips.

If you need a new Name Tag, please call Joni Holeman at (571) 577-1108 or email her at joniholemandc@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Congregation

Antonia Siebert asks for prayers of healing for Janie McCutchen.
Please pray for comfort and healing for **Caryl Morgan**.
For healing: **Lynda & Roger Hammel; Karen Magley;**
Pat & Carol Murphy; Vivienne Wardian

Signup Genius for Fall Lay Helpers

Please click here to sign up to help with our two worship services each week.

This Morning's Lay Helpers	
8:30 a.m.	**11:00 a.m.**
Asst Minister – Open	Asst Minister – Marian Zimmerman
Lector – Joni Holeman	Lector – Open
Greeter/Usher – Kristine Heine	Greeter/Usher – Open
Set Up Refreshments – Open	Clean Up Refreshments – Open
Counters – Open	

At CtK This Week
November 1 – November 8

Sunday, November 1
Bring Your Child to Worship
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
7:00 p.m.—AA

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 a.m.—Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine
10:45 a.m.—Preschool Chapel
2:00 p.m.—Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 4
10:45 a.m.—Preschool Chapel
7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5
7:00 p.m.—AA

Saturday, November 7
7:00 p.m.—AA

Sunday, November 8
Stewardship Sunday One
8:30 a.m.—In-person Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School
9:45 a.m.—Adult Forum, In-person & Zoom
11:00 a.m.—In-person Worship
(*streaming available on Facebook Live*)
7:00 p.m.—AA

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All Saints Day • Matthew 5:1-12

Want to know what God's dream for all creation looks like? Study today's words from Jesus. A faithful steward not only strives to understand these words, but also lets them be a guide in the way s/he lives. Am I willing to let my life be turned upside down by allowing myself to be guided by what is important to bring God's dream to reality?

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

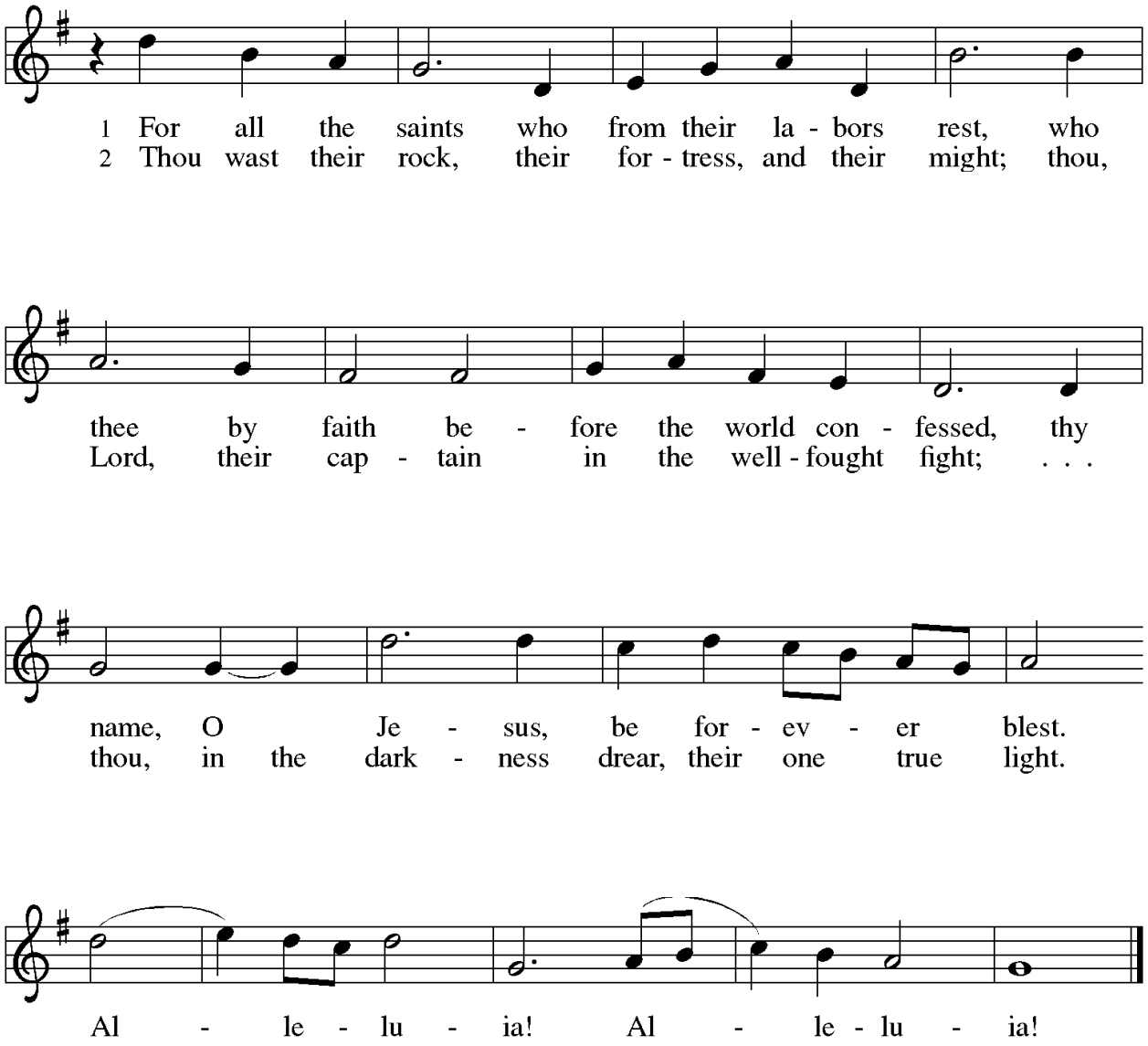
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

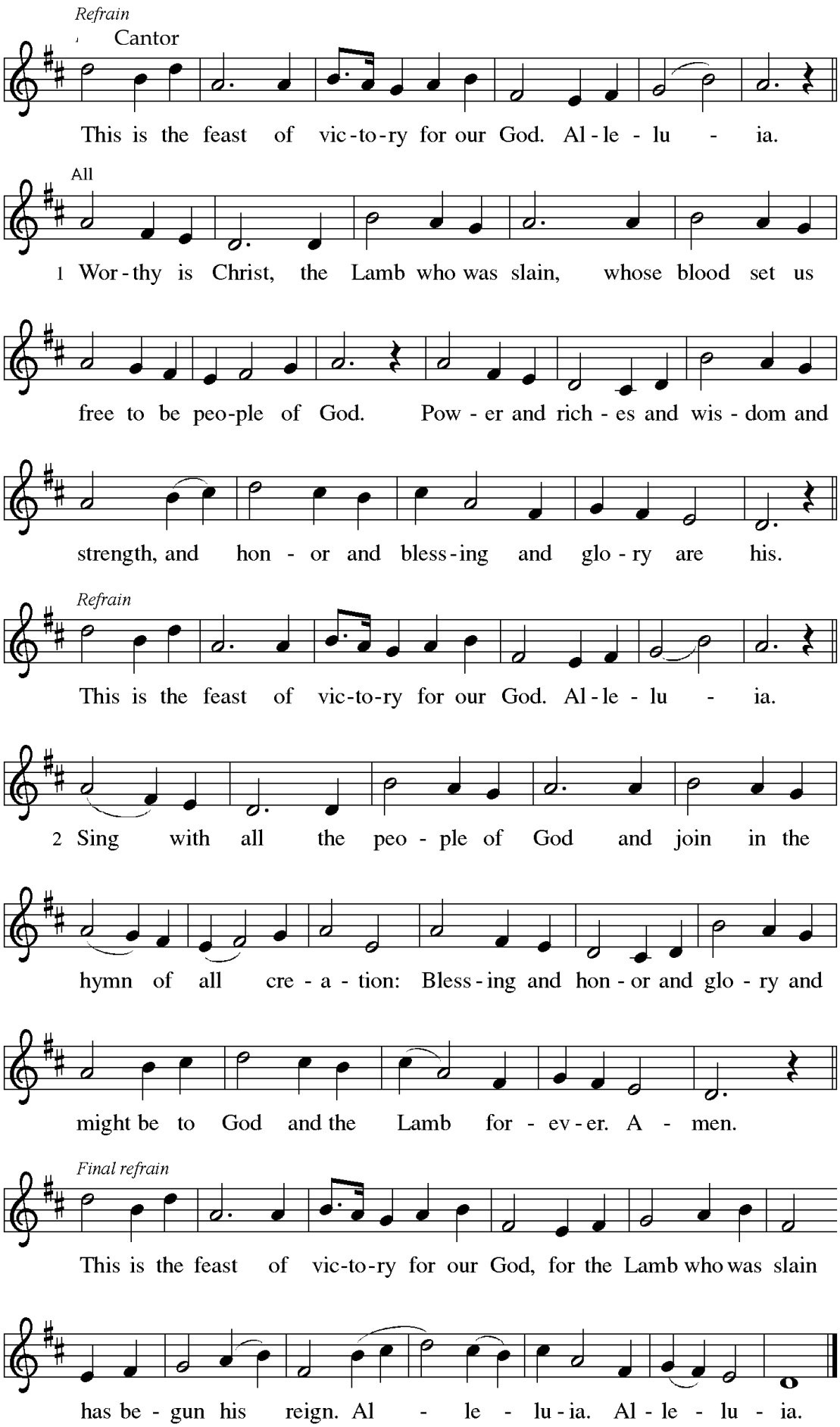
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*During the singing of the **Gathering Hymn** after worship leaders have taken their places, worshipers are invited to come forward to light candles in memory of those who have died.*

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 422 For All the Saints *verses 1 & 2 only*

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Refrain
Cantor
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.
All
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.
2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

R: A reading from Revelation.

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 word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *said responsively*

The Reader (R) says the regular text;
*the Congregation (**C**) says the **bold text**.*

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

C: 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

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

C: 4 I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

R: [5] Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: [6] I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

R: [7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

C: [8] Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

R: [9] Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

C: [10] The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

R: [22] O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3

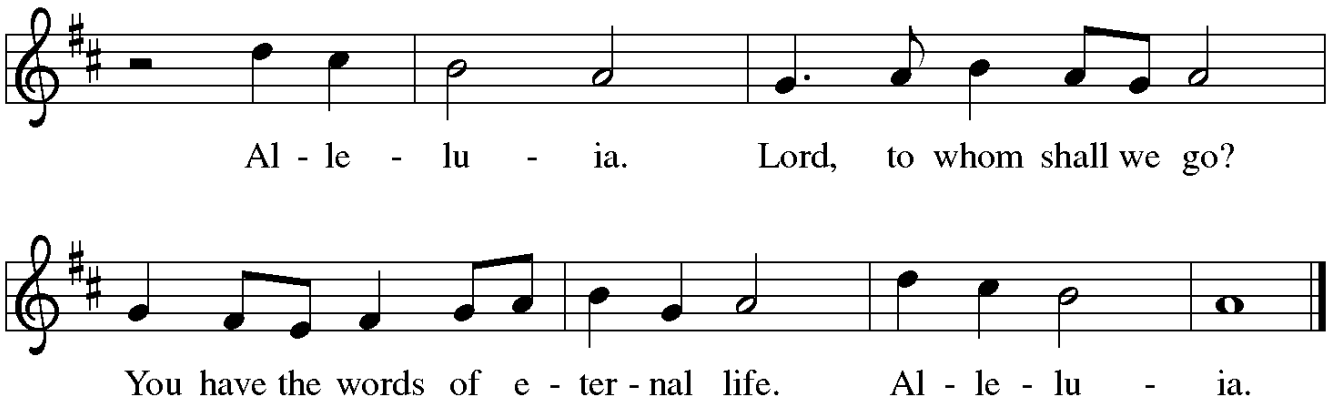
R: A reading from 1 John.

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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia *ELW page 151*



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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.

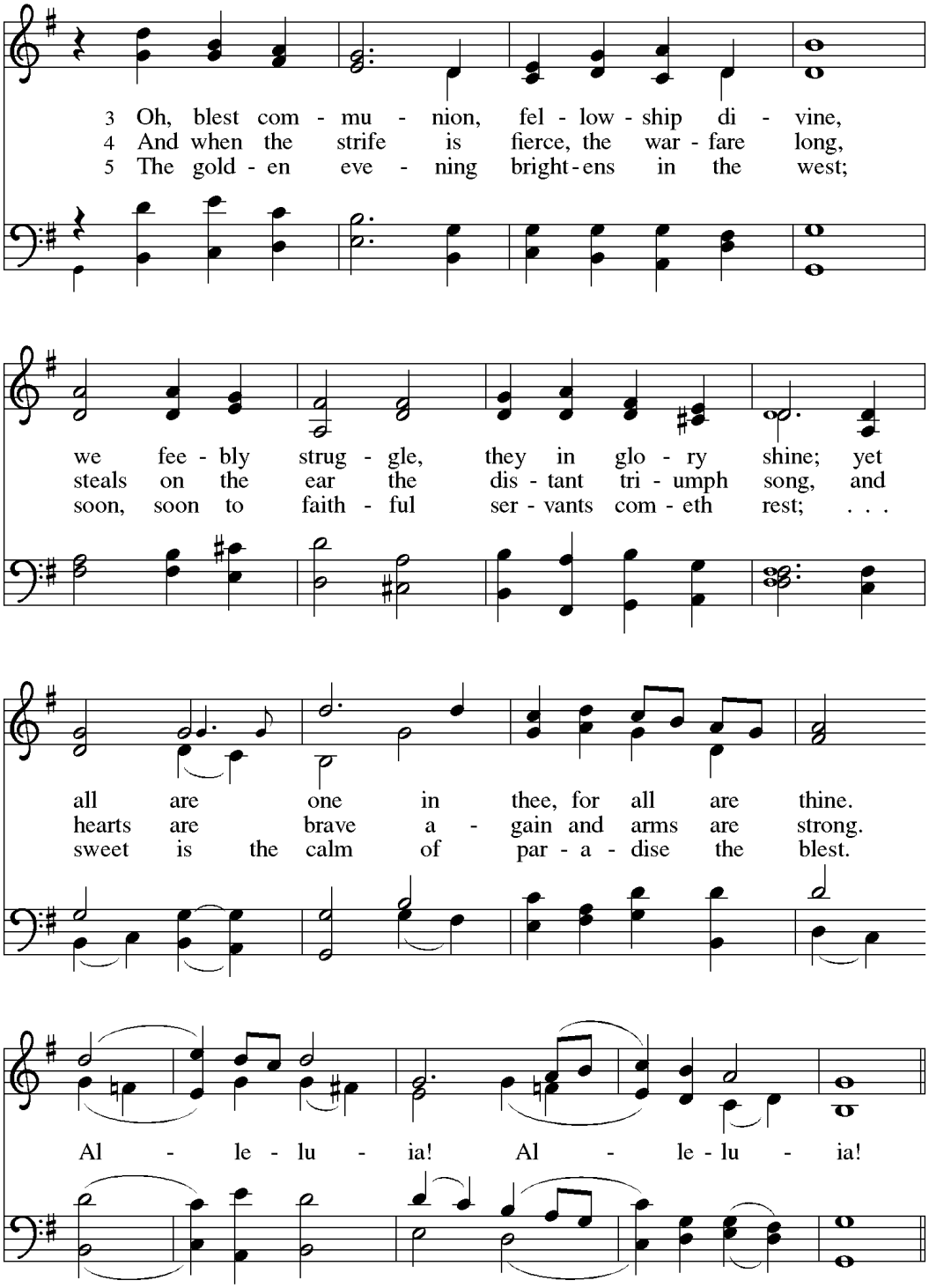
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.

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."

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON — The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 422 For All the Saints — *verses 3-5 only*

NICENE CREED

said in unison

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.

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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 those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: 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,

C: hear our prayer.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors:

Deceased	Lifted Up By	Relationship
Billie Aldersley	Dick and Vivienne Wardian	Sister-in-law
Frederick R. Brofazi	Bill and Lauren Carbaugh	Father of Lauren
Michelle Camarata	Mark and Liz Spoto	Cousin of Mark
David W. Clark	Elissa, Stephanie, and Olivia, and the congregation of Christ the King	Father of Elissa and Stephanie, and grandfather of Olivia; and member
Roy Freborg	Janet and Bill Hiatt	Cousin of Janet
Stan Gaibler	Doug Gaibler	Brother
Norma Graytock	Karen Magley	Friend
Dori Humphries	Karen Magley	Friend
Thomas Mullikin	The congregation of Christ the King	Charter member
Allen Pearson	Dick and Vivienne Wardian	Cousin of Dick
Len Petruska	Bill and Lauren Carbaugh	Uncle of Lauren
Heidi Marie Saba	Peter and Carolyn Saba	Mother of Peter
Roger Schomburg	Karen Utter	Uncle
Charles Schwab	Sindy Schwab and the congregation of Christ the King	Husband of Sindy and member
Dr. Marion Skezas	Dolly and David Whelan	Aunt of Dolly
Mary Ellen Weber	Karen Magley	Friend
Susan Wisseman	Karen Utter	Friend and former co-worker

Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you *as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

To give: use the QR code, go to gflutheran.org/give, or make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church."

Contributions are tax deductible and go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

We welcome you to worship today! Please take this time to print your information on the pad in the red folder.

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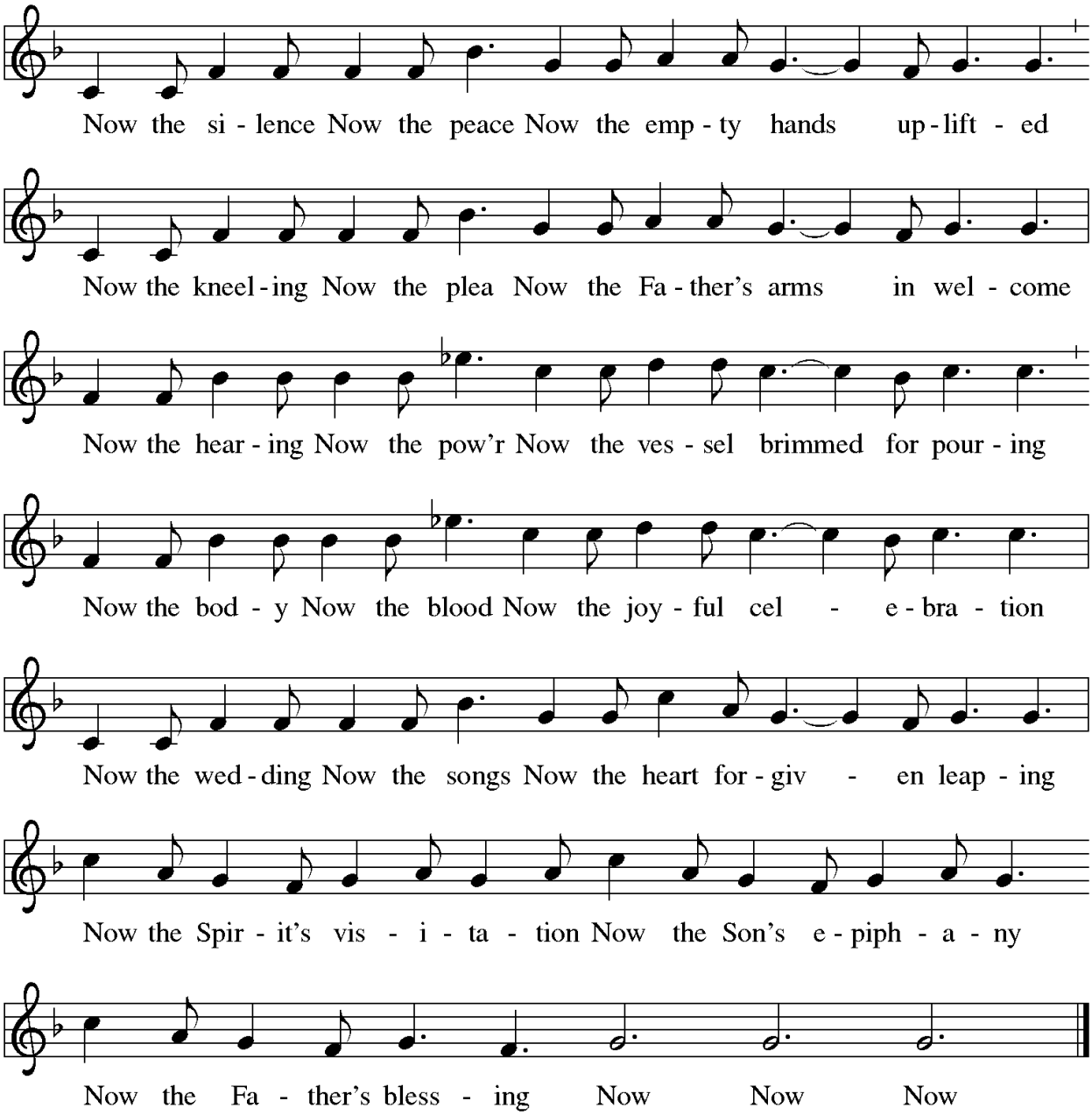
GIFT OF MUSIC: King's Chimers

OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 460 Now the Silence

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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 all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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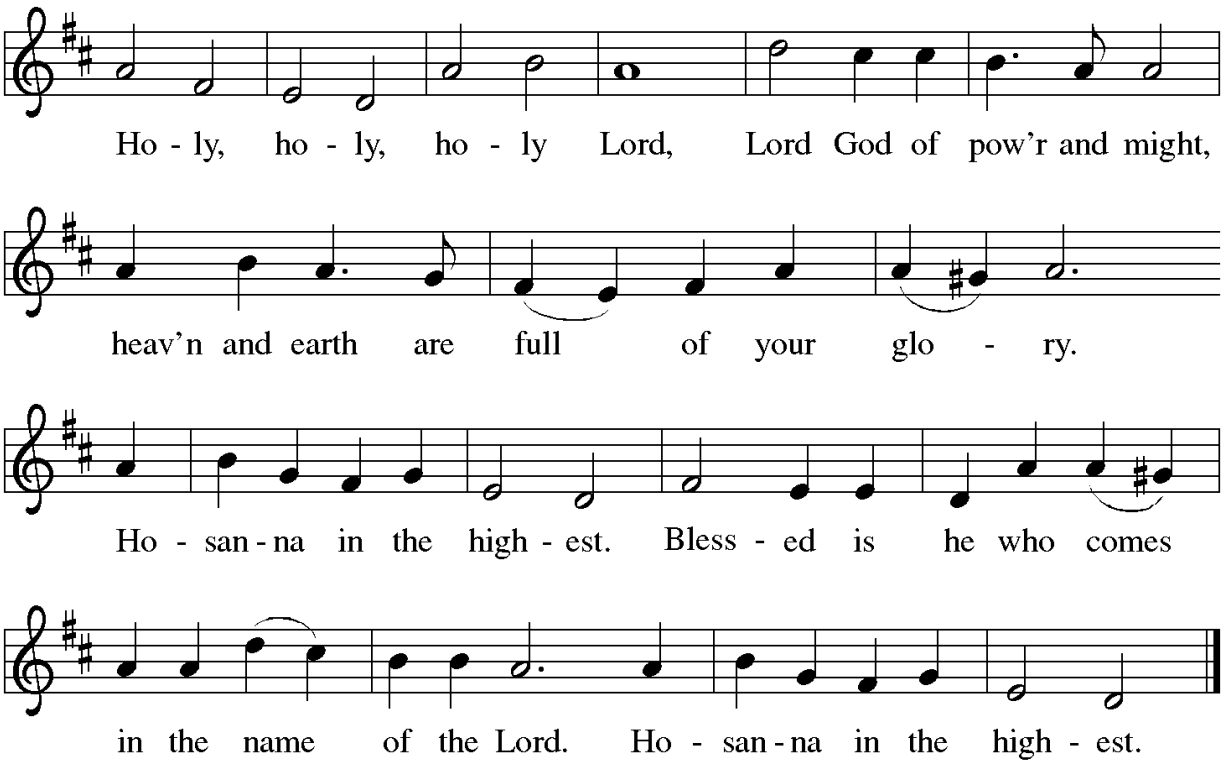


THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

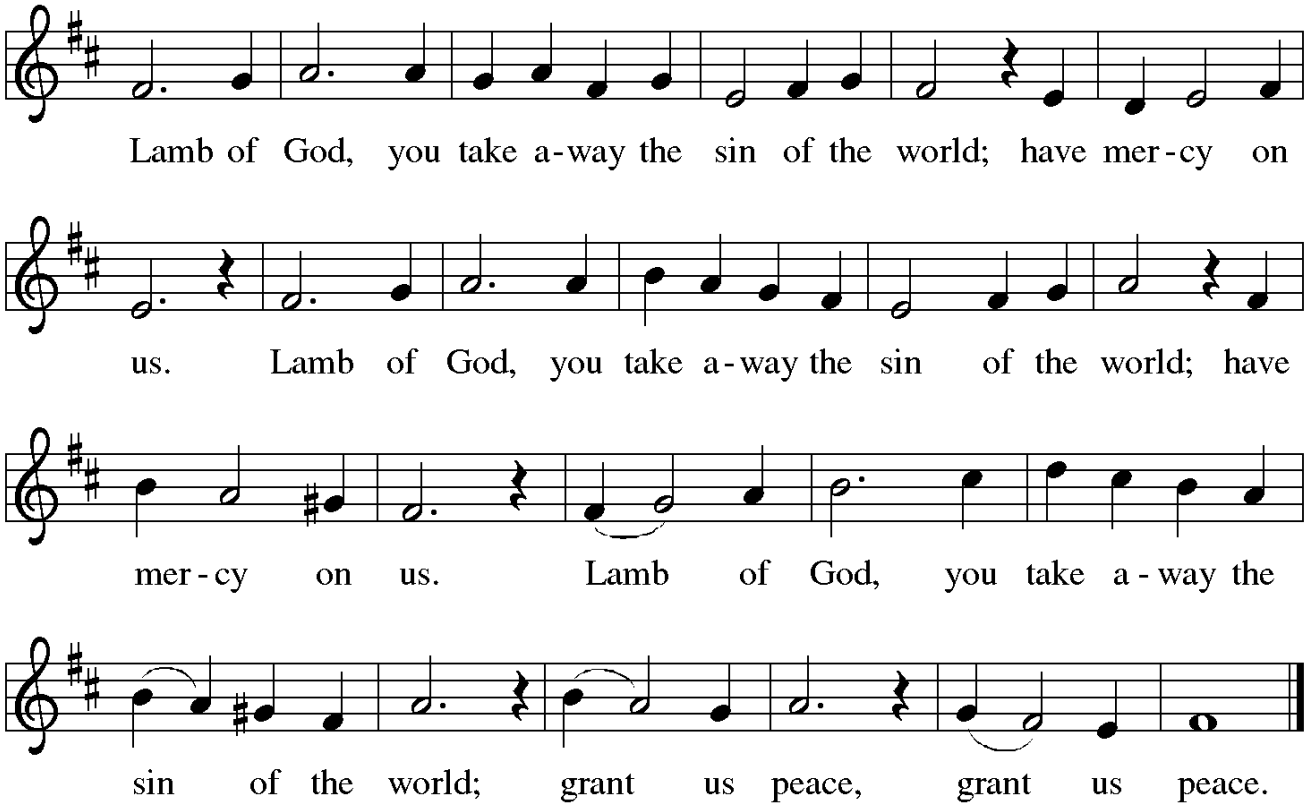
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please remain standing.

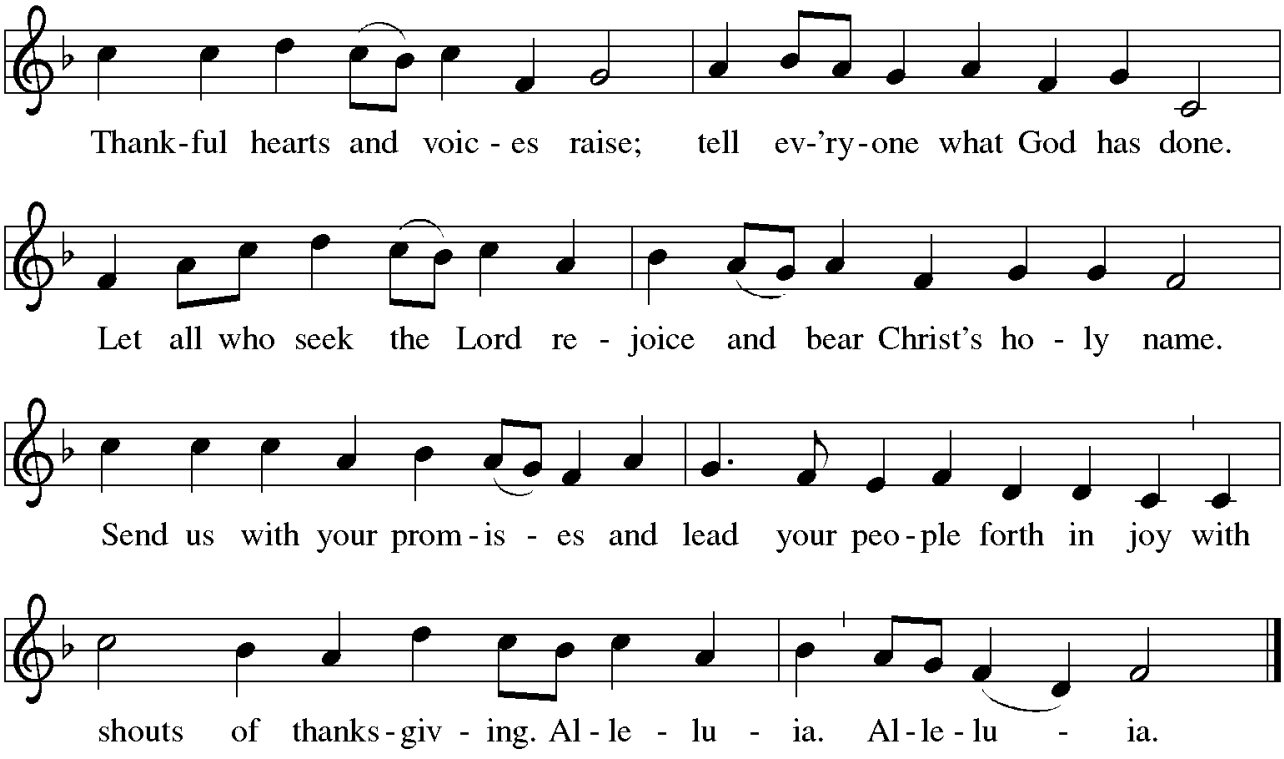
Lamb of God *ELW page 154*



DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time. *All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 204 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

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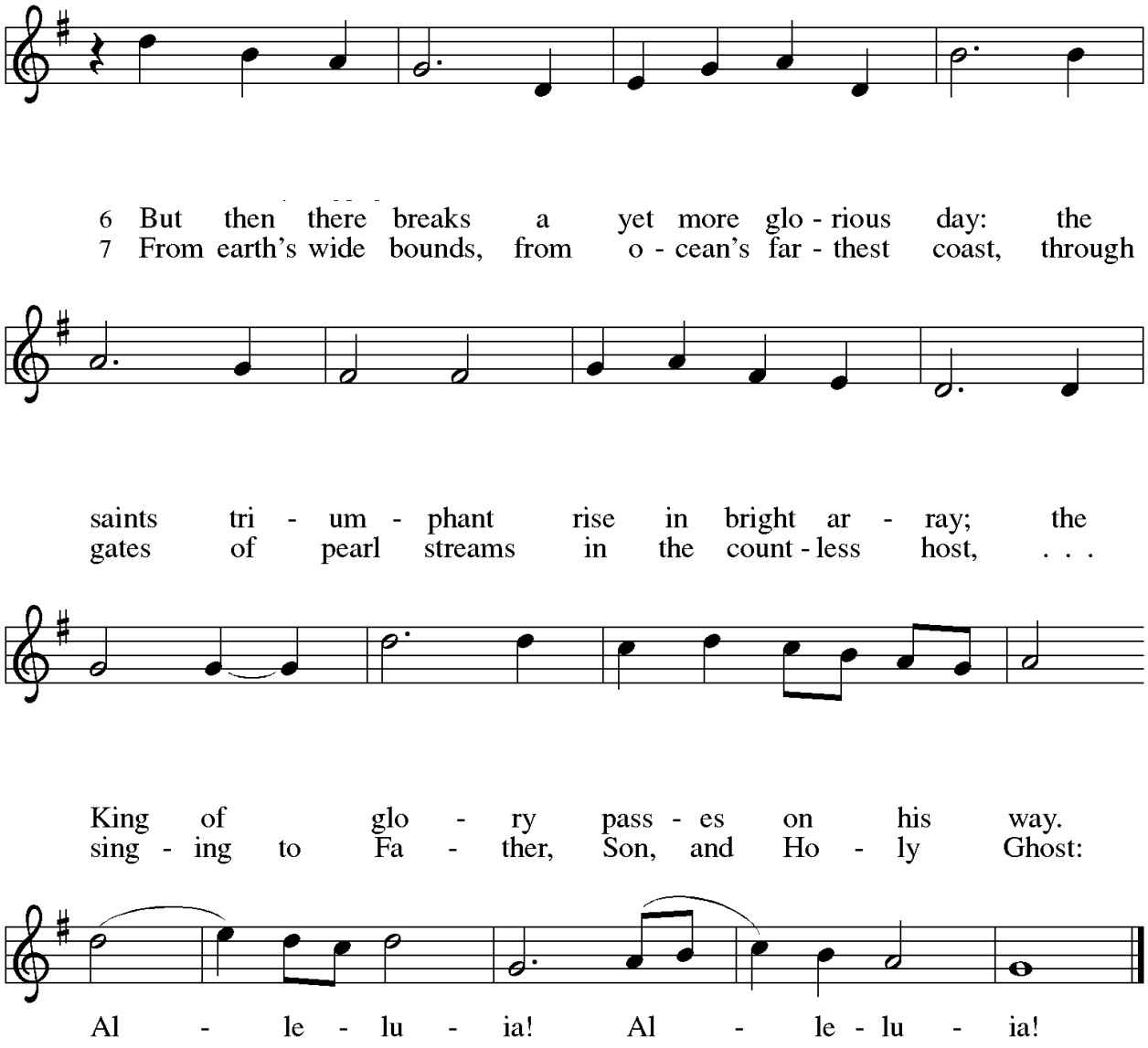
DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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