"People of Christ Making a Difference"

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

8:30 AM &
11:00 AM

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

A nursery is provided for children through age 4 for both worship services and for infants and toddlers during Sunday School. The nursery is located at the end of the hall on the right side.

Children's bags can be found in the "Kid's Corner" of the narthex.

Restroom facilities are located down the hall on the left side.

First Aid, Emergency Equipment, and a wheelchair are located by the first hall stairwell.

If for any reason you must leave the sanctuary, the service is live streamed in the Agape Sunday School classroom. Any usher will be glad to direct you.

Sunday school classes are provided for 2 year olds through adults.

Listening devices and larger print bulletins are located in the narthex.
Ushers are also available to assist you.

If you are a visitor feel free to sign-in using the QR code. Here's how it works:
Point your camera at the image, tap the link that appears on your screen, and
Share whatever information you desire. Thank you! Hope to see you again soon!

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PEACE

PRELUDE *"The Saints of God"* Linker/McFadden

(We Stand)

INTRODUCTION
Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our Sisters and Brothers, to give thanks for their lives, to commend them to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

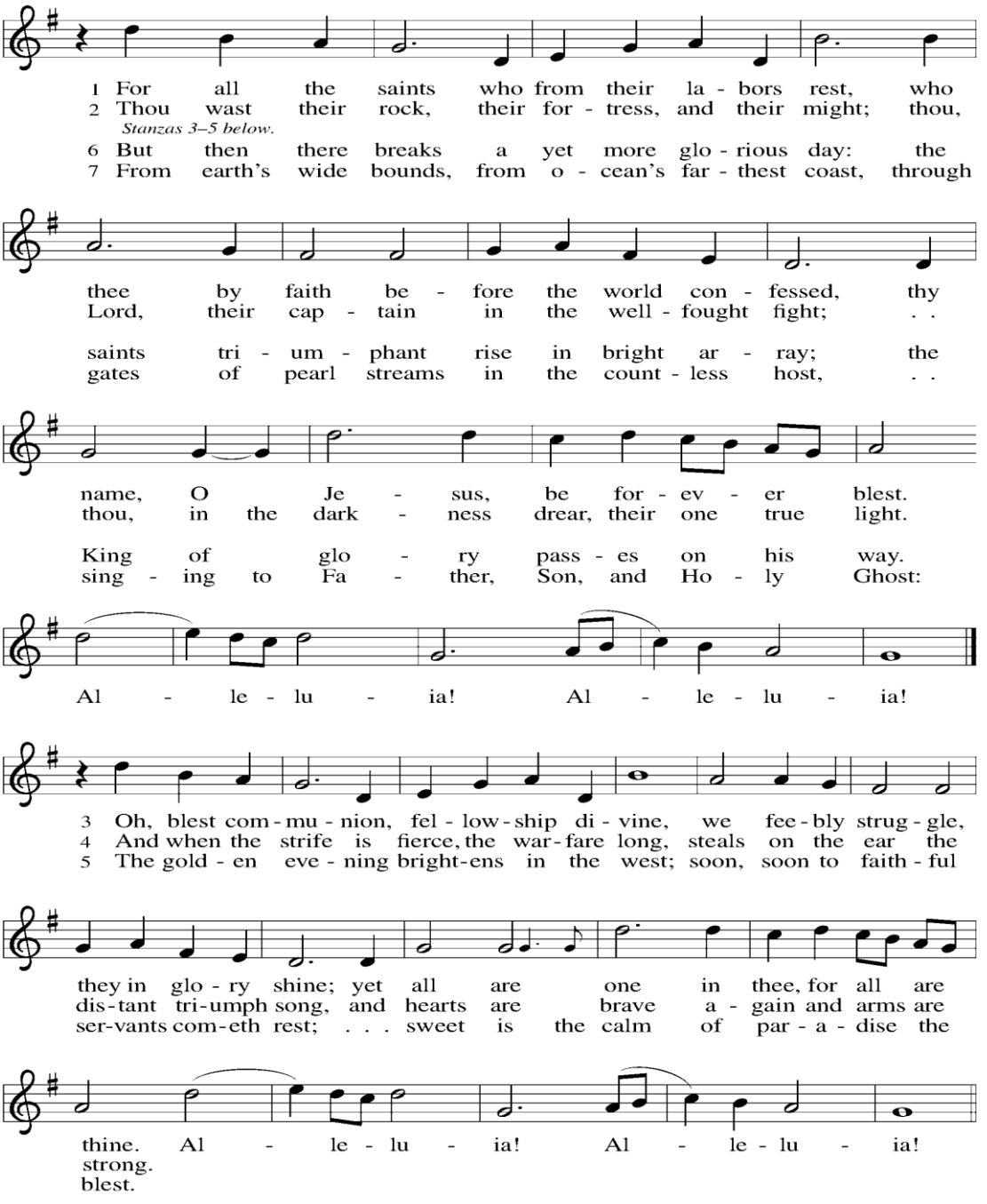
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death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

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, Father, Son **+**, and Holy Spirit be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"For All the Saints"* **(Stzs 1-4)** ELW 422

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our Sisters and Brothers,.... We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(We Sit)

Anthem *"Shine Like the Sun"* Karen E. Black

There's a light that lights the darkness, and the world cannot contain it
and the world cannot explain it. It is the light of God's creation.
There's a love that flows within us, and the world cannot create it,
and the world cannot negate it. It is the love of God's salvation, and it shines like the sun.

There are saints who light the darkness and the world cannot contain them
for the love of God sustains them and they will never be forgotten.
We are blest to have them with us, and we praise the God who made them.
There is no way to repay them and so we simply do applaud them as they shine like the sun.

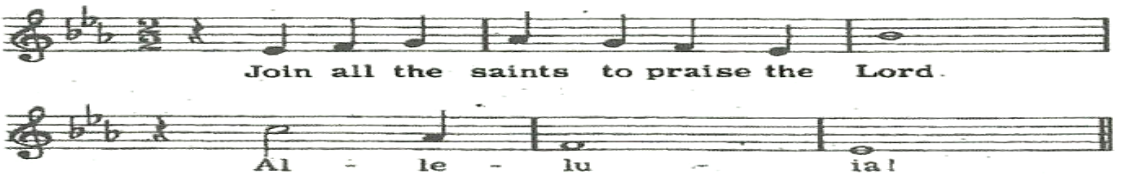
Glory be to our creator! Glory to the Holy One!
Glory be to Christ our Savior, the Lord of light, the King of love.
See him shine like the sun. They will shine like the sun.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

9After 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. 10They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11And 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, 12singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13Then
one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they
come from?" 14I 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. 15For 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. 16They
will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 17for
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.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22



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[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. R
[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. R
[7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
[8]**Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge 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. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

[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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(We stand to welcome the Holy Gospel and say together:)

THE VERSE
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[1]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."

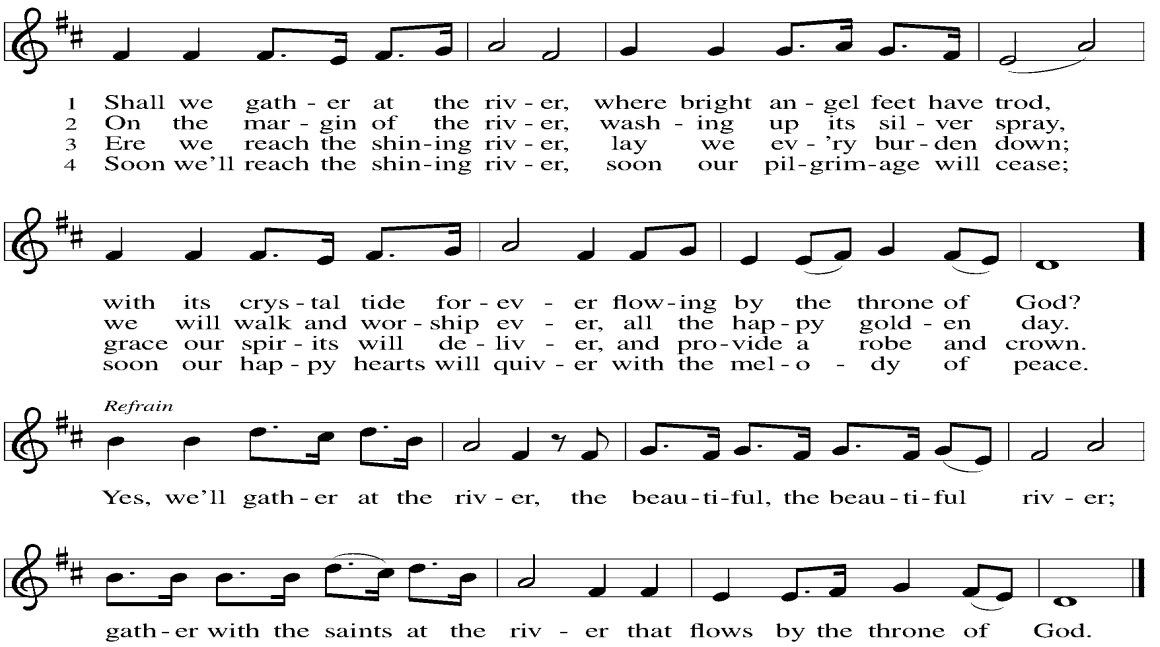
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Ralph
SERMON Pastor Ralph

(We Stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Shall We Gather at the River"* WOV 690



THE APOSTLE'S CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 FAITHFUL
Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
Hear us, Lord.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.
Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.
Hear us, Lord.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.
Hear us, Lord.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.
Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.
Hear us, Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
Hear us, Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust our brothers and sisters to your never-failing love which sustained them in this life. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor you bear for your people.
Hear us, Lord.

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(We Sit)

OFFERING
God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by putting your offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online (sslc.org or use the QR Code) or through the Givelify app. If you would like more details on direct deposit giving please contact our Parish Administrator, Mrs. Tonya Reynolds, at (803) 359-6562.

Anthem *"I See the Morning Breaking"* Allen Pote

I see the morning breaking through the valley and the hills.
I see the morning breaking as I go, as I go.
I see the morning breaking through the valleys and the hills,
and I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul, bless my soul.

I feel the fresh wind blowing through the valleys and the hills.
I feel the fresh wind blowing as I go, as I go.
I feel the fresh wind blowing through the valleys and the hills,
and I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul, bless my soul.

I hear the people stirring through the valleys and the hills.
I hear the people stirring as I go, as I go.
I hear the people stirring through the valleys and the hills,
and I'm going home to Jesus, bless my soul, bless my soul.

(We Stand)

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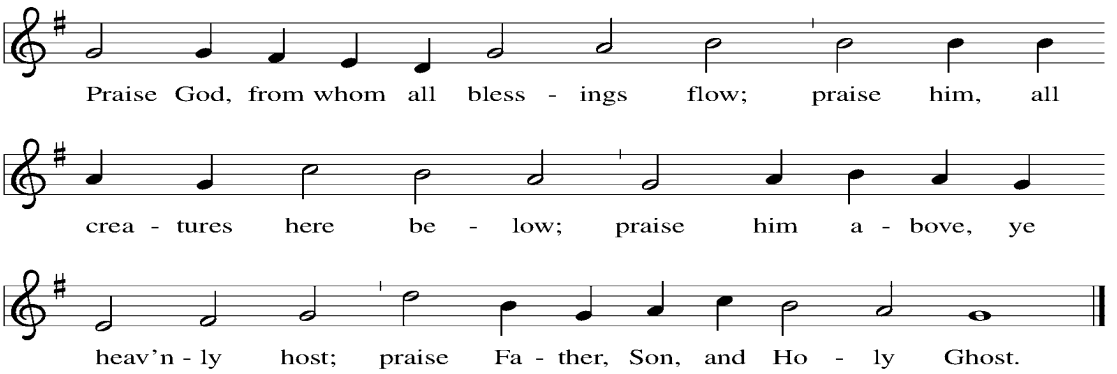

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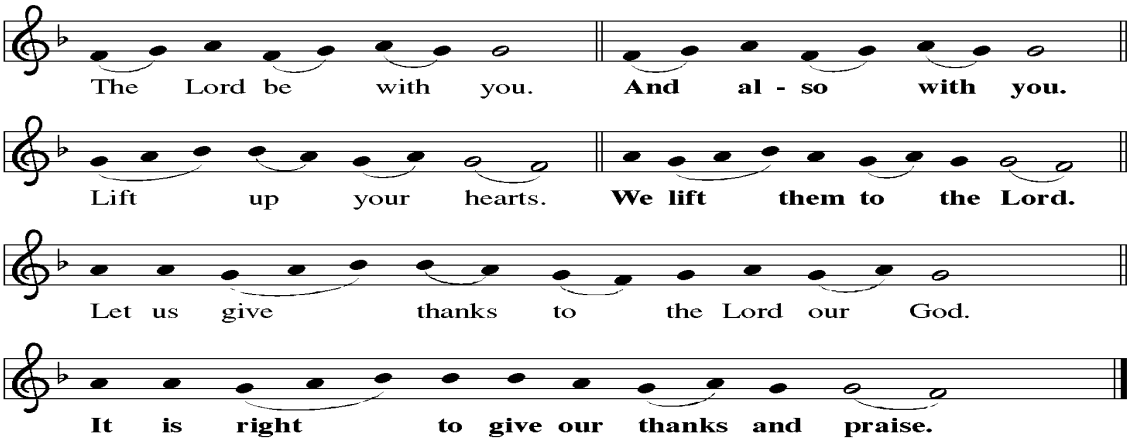

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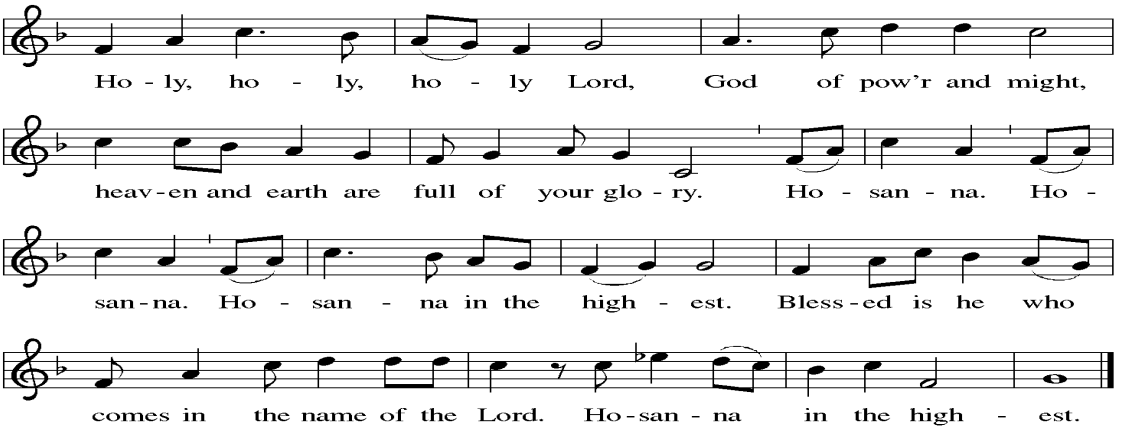


THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

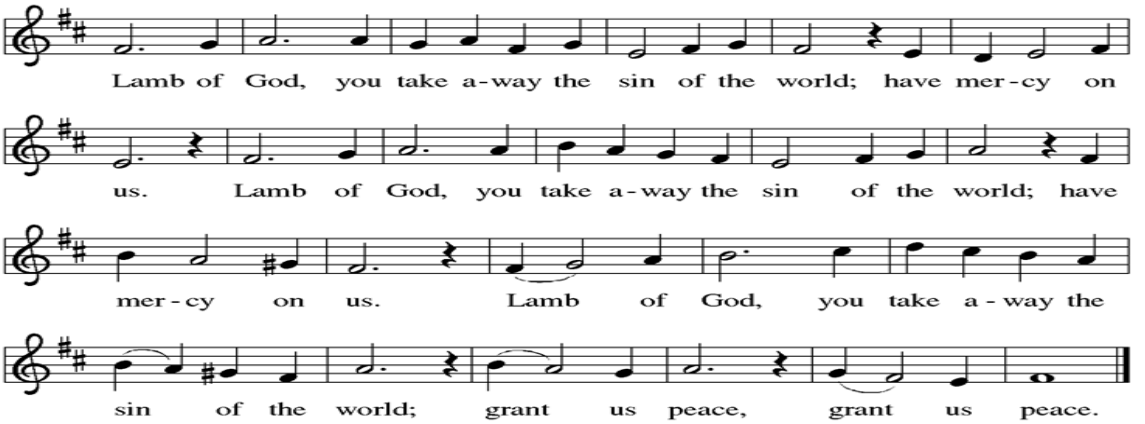
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(We Sit)

THE AGNUS DEI

RECEPTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ welcomes you to this Holy Meal of the Baptized! We receive communion this morning at the center aisle. Communion will be brought to the front rows for those who wish to remain seated. Children who commune should be assisted by adults near them. Those unable to partake of wine or wheaten bread are assured of our Lord's presence in, with, and under each element alone. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* Charles Callahan

The Congregation is encouraged to participate in the following Communion Hymn.
The hymn can be found in the back portion of the WOV (Blue) Hymnal in your pew rack.

Communion Hymn *"Day by Day"* WOV 746

(We Stand)

BLESSING OF THE COMMUNICANTS

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

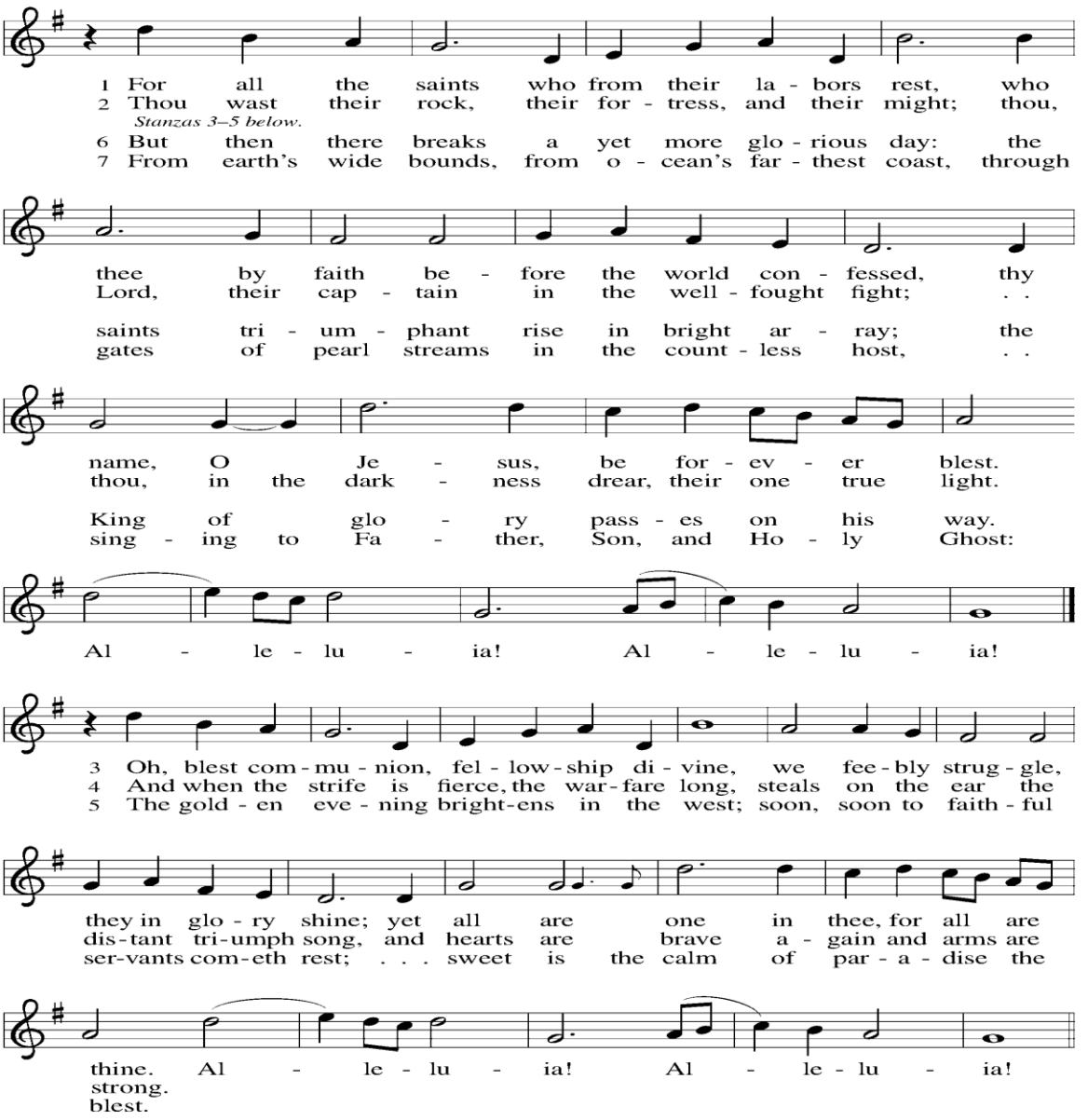
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Church is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. May you find strength and courage in their presence.
Amen.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"For All the Saints"* **(Stzs 5-7)** ELW 422

DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"* John H. Hopkins

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Peyton and Bryce Windham by their parents, Roy and Mary Elizabeth Windham.

SERVING TODAY:

Ushers: (8:30) Eric Wessinger, Ivan Black, Bill Carroll, Aaron Rawl, Vernon Hester, Deon Fink, Blaine Richardson, and Chad Geary;
(11:00) Alon Cox, Roy Welch, Brian Paeth, Doug Harper, Heyward Addy, and Matt Martin

Cantor/Soloist: Tina Stallard

Flutist: Lisa Catalanotto

Soloist: Caroline Hooker

Handbell Choir: Shawn Lackey, Brian Paeth, Sharon Paeth, Lucy Austin, Jennifer Taylor, Cathy Mathias, Carol Lunsford, Elese Cegelis, Patti Stone

Greeters: (8:30) Amy Shell; (11:00) Mary Sesler

Readers: (8:30) Brant Taylor; (11:00) Ray Smith

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Neil Brown; (11:00) Ed Smith

Order of St. Stephen's: (8:30) [A] Shannon Burnett [C] Luke Wenzel [BB] Weston Hill;
(11:00) [A] Shannon Burnett [C] Sarah Ellis Stafford [BB] Mary Beth Stafford

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Sunday School Information:

Locations for Children's Classes		**Locations for Adult Classes**
Nursery – Room #105		**Agape Adult Class** Room #102 (Closest to Narthex)
2—4 year olds & 5K – Room #103		**Saints & Sinners with PJ and PR** Room #203 (Large Upstairs Room)
1st—5th Grade – Room # 216		
6th—8th Grade – Room #212		For those not attending a Sunday School class but waiting on a child to get out of one, feel free to sit in the Social Hall!
9th—12th Grade – Room #217		If you are interested in beginning a new Sunday School class please contact Mrs. Shannon.

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