Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day

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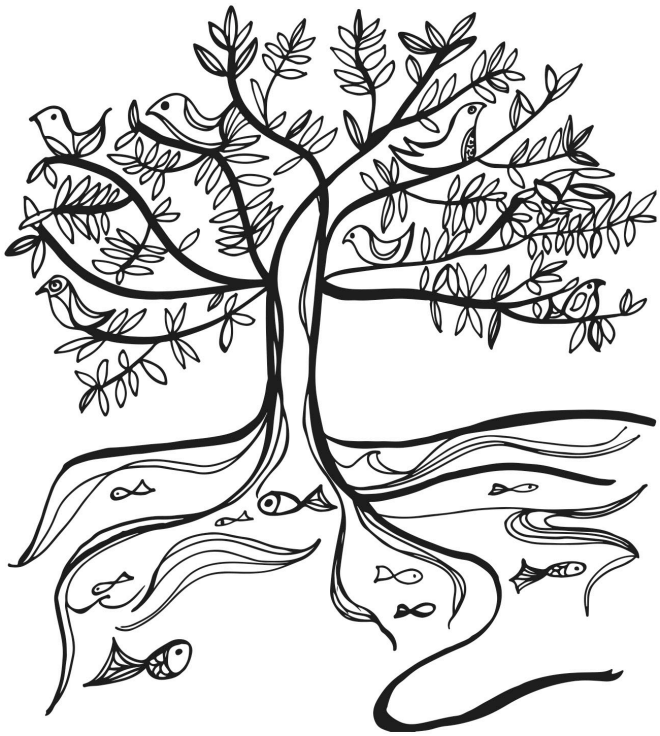


SERVING TODAY: Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: Bekah Davenport; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Choir Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Lector: Bob Cochran; Time with Children: Jana Hovland; Ushers: Marilyn Shealy, Wanda Weinberg; Greeters: Bob Lyons, Sue Righi; Tray Server: Sue Righi; Livestream: Jon Graham; Acolyte: Nathan

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE ***Everytime I Fell the Spirit*** ***Jazz Ensemble***

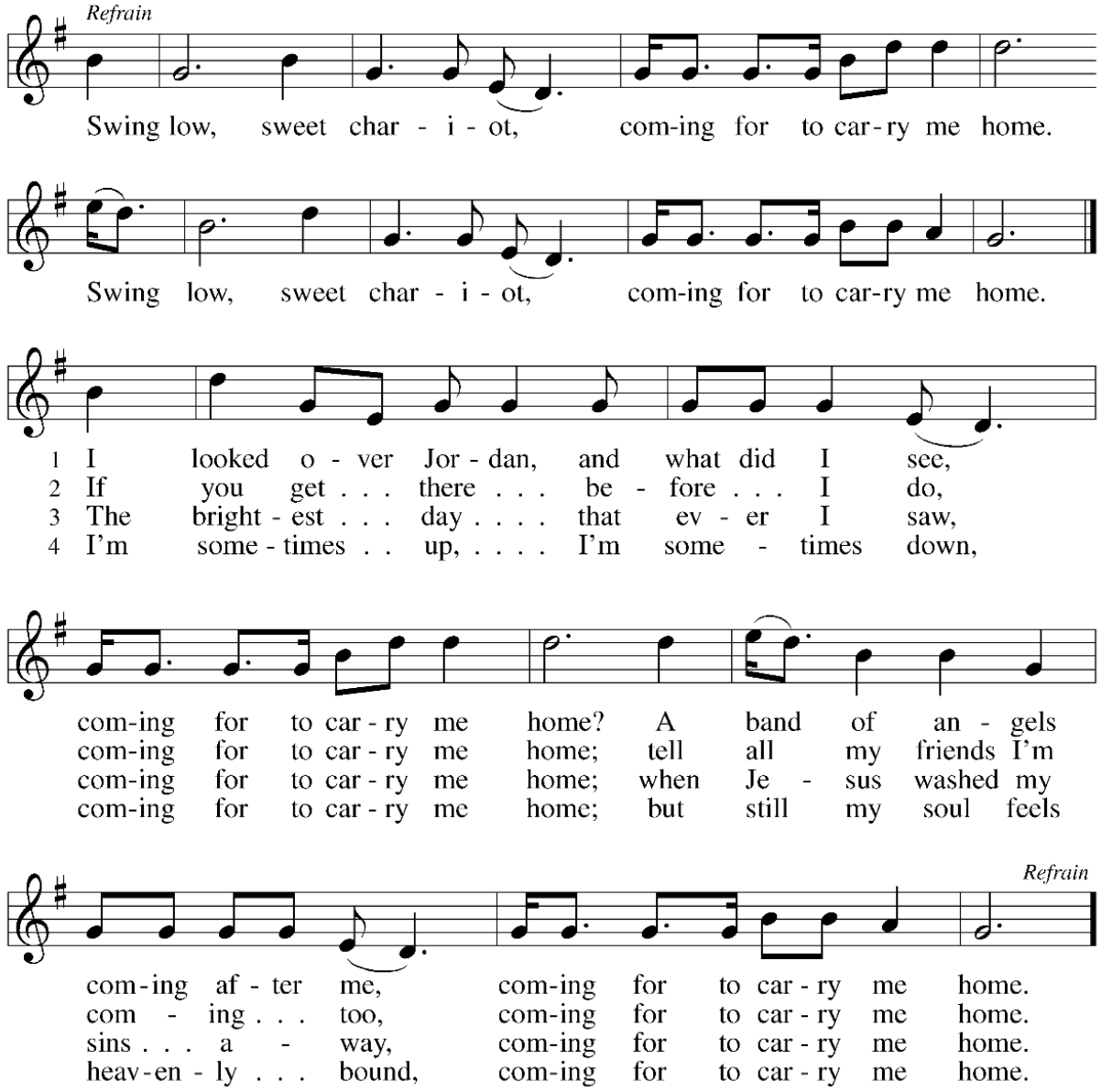
Michael Tobar, Matt James, Saxophone; Ben Wright, Trumpet

WELCOME ***(PLEASE POWER OFF OR AIRPLANE MODE YOUR DEVICES)***

Here in Athens, in SE Ohio, we are occupying the traditional homeland of the Shawnee people. Before the Shawnee, this land was occupied by the Osage people, and by the Adena, Hopewell, and Fort Ancient cultures.

HYMN OF PRAISE ***Swing Low, Sweet Chariot***

(A Time of Remembrance will take place between vs. 3 and 4)



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Music: SWING LOW, African American spiritual

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints Sunday, we thank God for all the baptized, both the famous and the forgotten, both those who lived in the past and those around us today. We come to worship, with the faithful of every time and place, to gather at Jesus' feet and to receive his words of blessing trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

We remember, O God…The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time, We remember, O God… The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

We remember, O God… The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

We remember, O God…The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection.

We remember, O God those saints close to our hearts in this place who have gone to abide with you in the last year: Betty Blackford, Luther Haseley, Ursel Maier, and Keith Peterson…
(You are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones)

We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with Joy!
(The Time of Remembrance concludes with vs. 4 of Swing Low, Sweet Chariot)

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the
Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice,
saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where
have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me,
"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

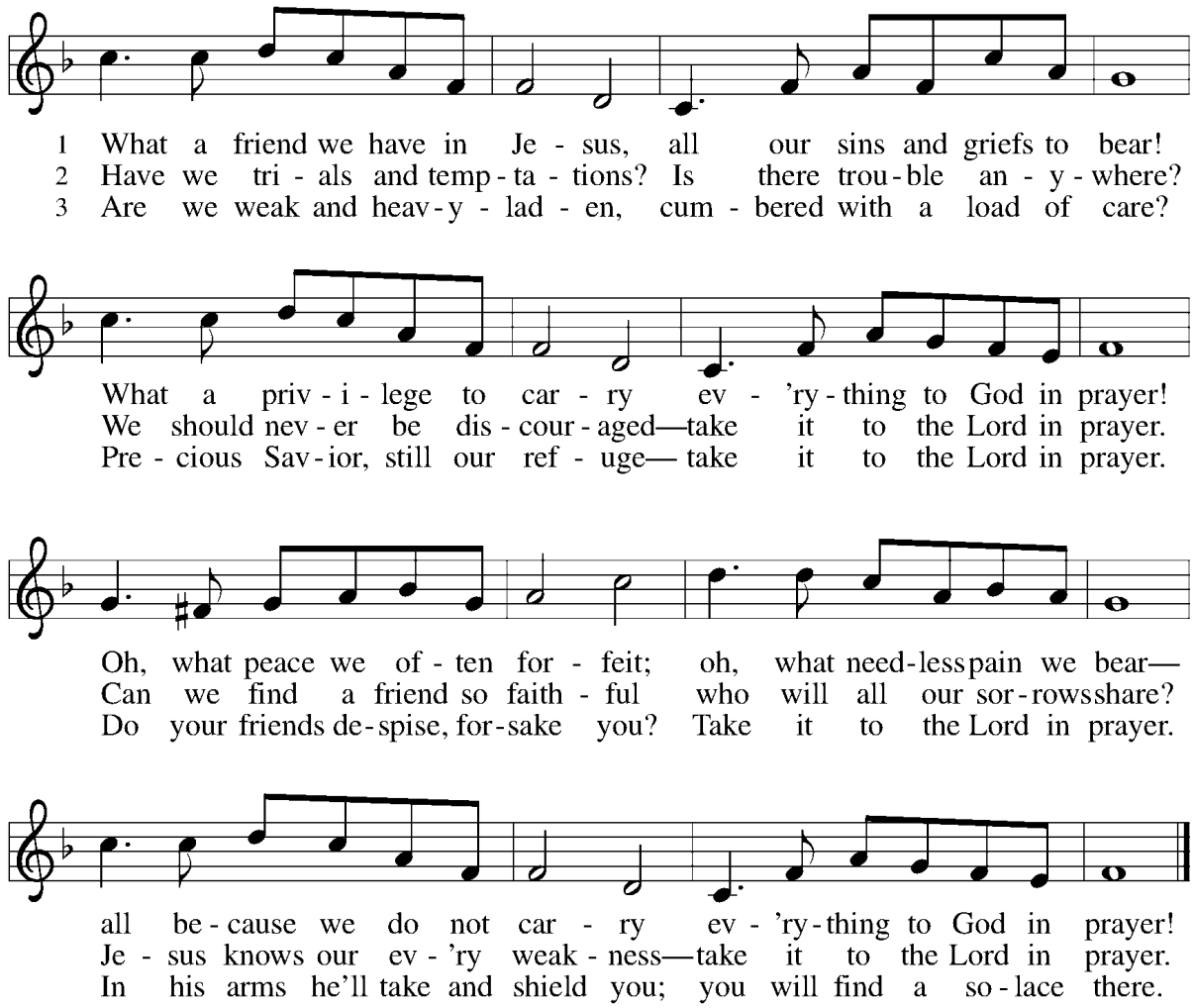
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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] 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.

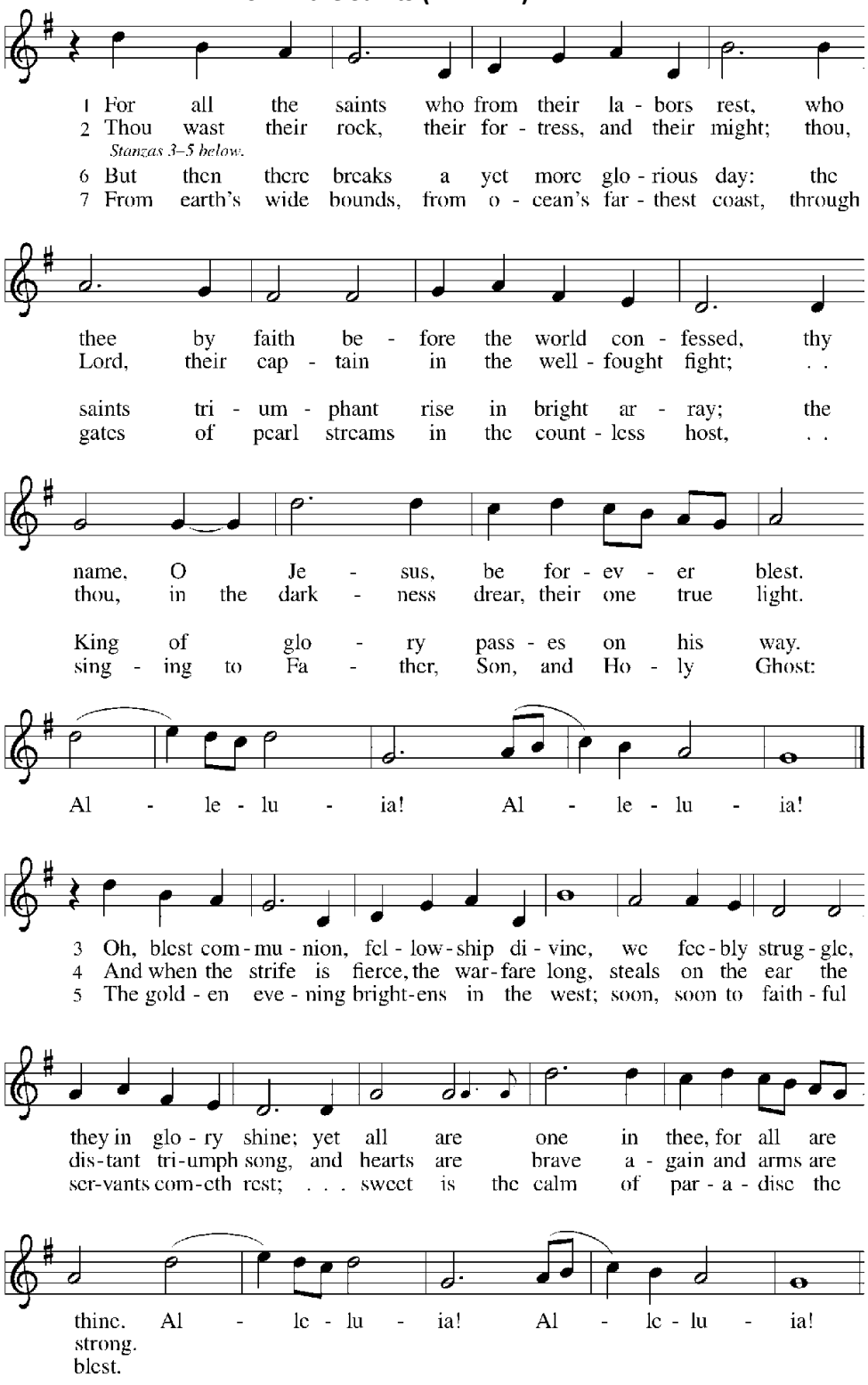
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

[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.

SERMON

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



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs…….

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Your loving grace is poured out even though we are undeserving. We all have sinned and fallen short. Please forgive us. Teach us to turn away from judging people by categories and fearing those who are different. Help us to appreciate the complexity and diversity of everyone, since we are all Your children and made in Your image. Fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit to listen to others, forgive them, love them, and share the Gospel with them. Send us out to embody our renewed relationship with you by working for justice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. We pray for wholeness throughout our broken and violent world. Where there is revenge, bring reconciliation. Where there is hatred, spread your love. Where there is terror, bring safety and healing. Bestow wisdom on all leaders to compromise and seek peace. We pray you will protect military personnel, sustain veterans, comfort military families, and keep safe all refugees. Bring relief to those who have been affected by disasters. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. We are deeply grateful for the saints living now and in the past and for the many blessings in our lives. We pray for the insights to journey towards righteousness. May we learn to share our abundance and turn from our greed. Lead us to be careful stewards of your beautiful world, teaching us to care for everything in nature and to use the Earth's resources wisely. We also rejoice with those who are celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, and other joyous occasions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. We pray for healing for anyone who is ill in mind, body, or spirit. Restore to wholeness those who are struggling with addictions. Strengthen all who deal with long-term diagnoses, such as cancer, dementia, and mental health issues. Bless our shut-ins and help us bring them joy and companionship. Grant wisdom and skill to all medical personnel, researchers, and caregivers so they may provide the best care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God of mercy, listen now as we offer other prayers, either silently or aloud……. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. We pray for those to whom death draws near. Rest your peace, comfort, and hope on all grieving family and friends. Remind us all of the promise of eternal life with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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OFFERTORY ***We Are an Offering (ELW 692)***

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are in offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. **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 our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE
It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, holy God, mighty and immortal, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day broke the

bonds of death, opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

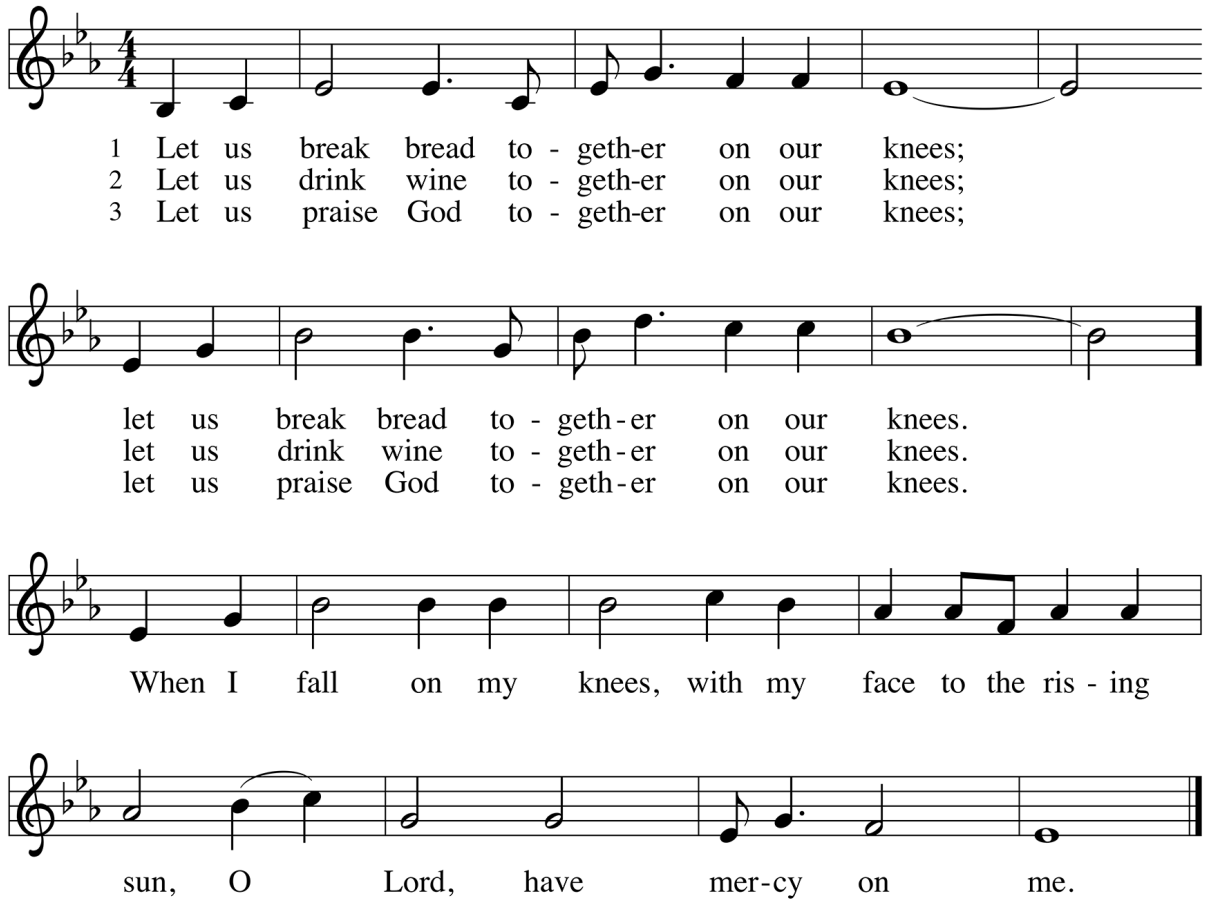
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION ***Let Us Break Bread Together***



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Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

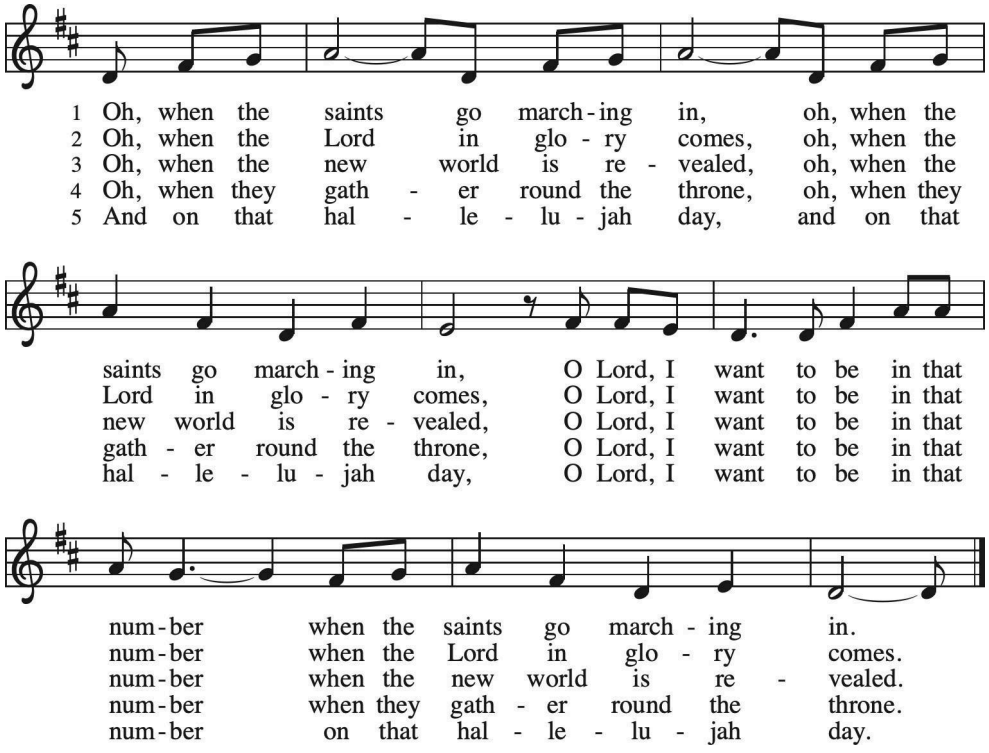
God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you ☩
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ***Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In***



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.