All Saints' Day Service

November 1, 2026
Trinity Lutheran Church
Morris Plains, New Jersey
Pastor David Russert

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

Grace Alone: God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

Faith Alone: Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

Scripture Alone: The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

**WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN,
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!**

Adult Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+
Confirmation Class – Contact the Church Office for more info
Membership Class – Contact the Church Office for more info

A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord." 1 Cor. 11:27-28

ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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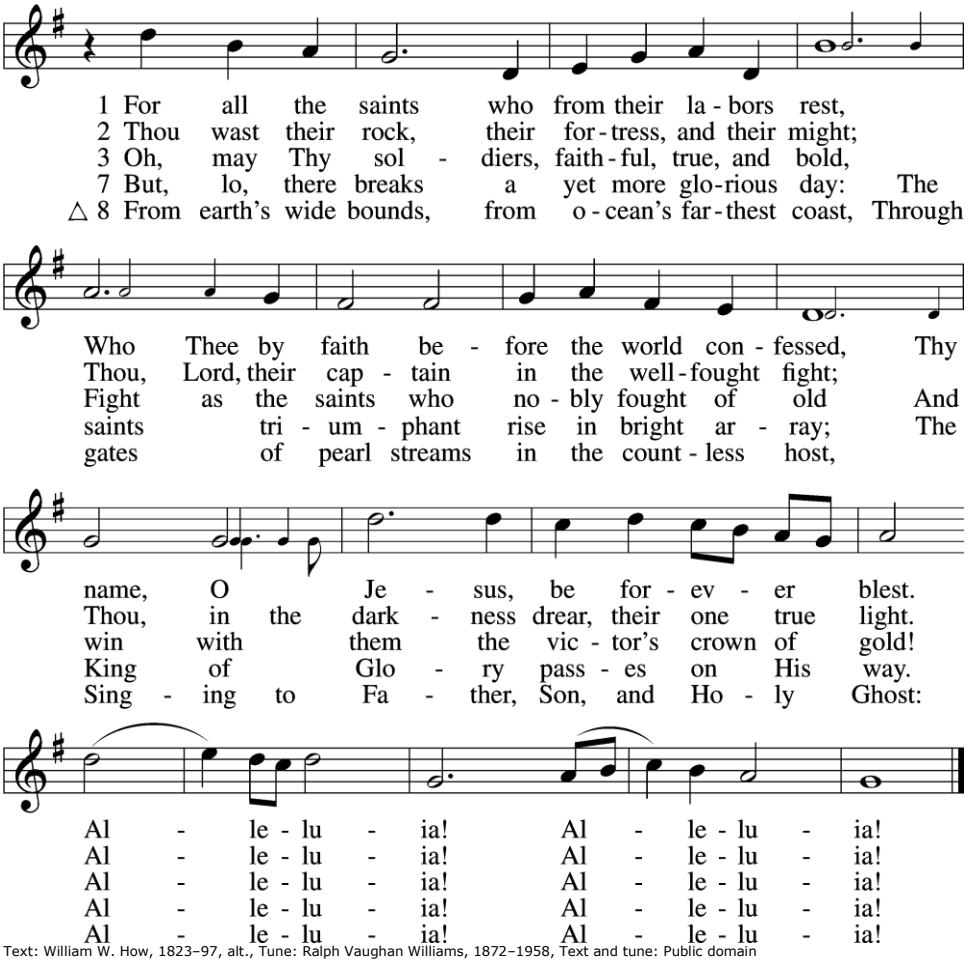
OPENING HYMN

677 For All the Saints



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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;*
in your righteousness de- | liver me.
For you are my rock and my | fortress;*
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.
Into your hand I commit my | spirit;*
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
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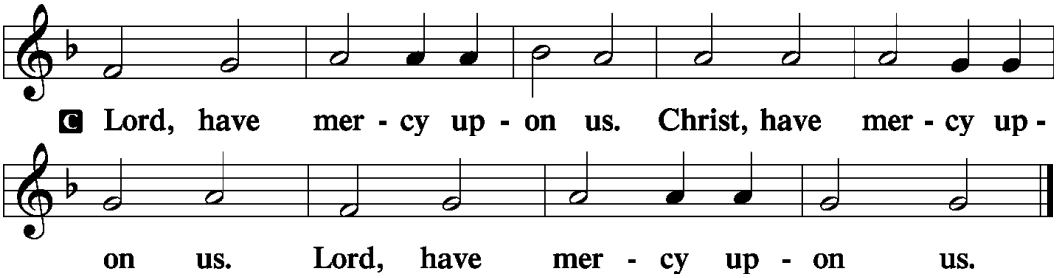
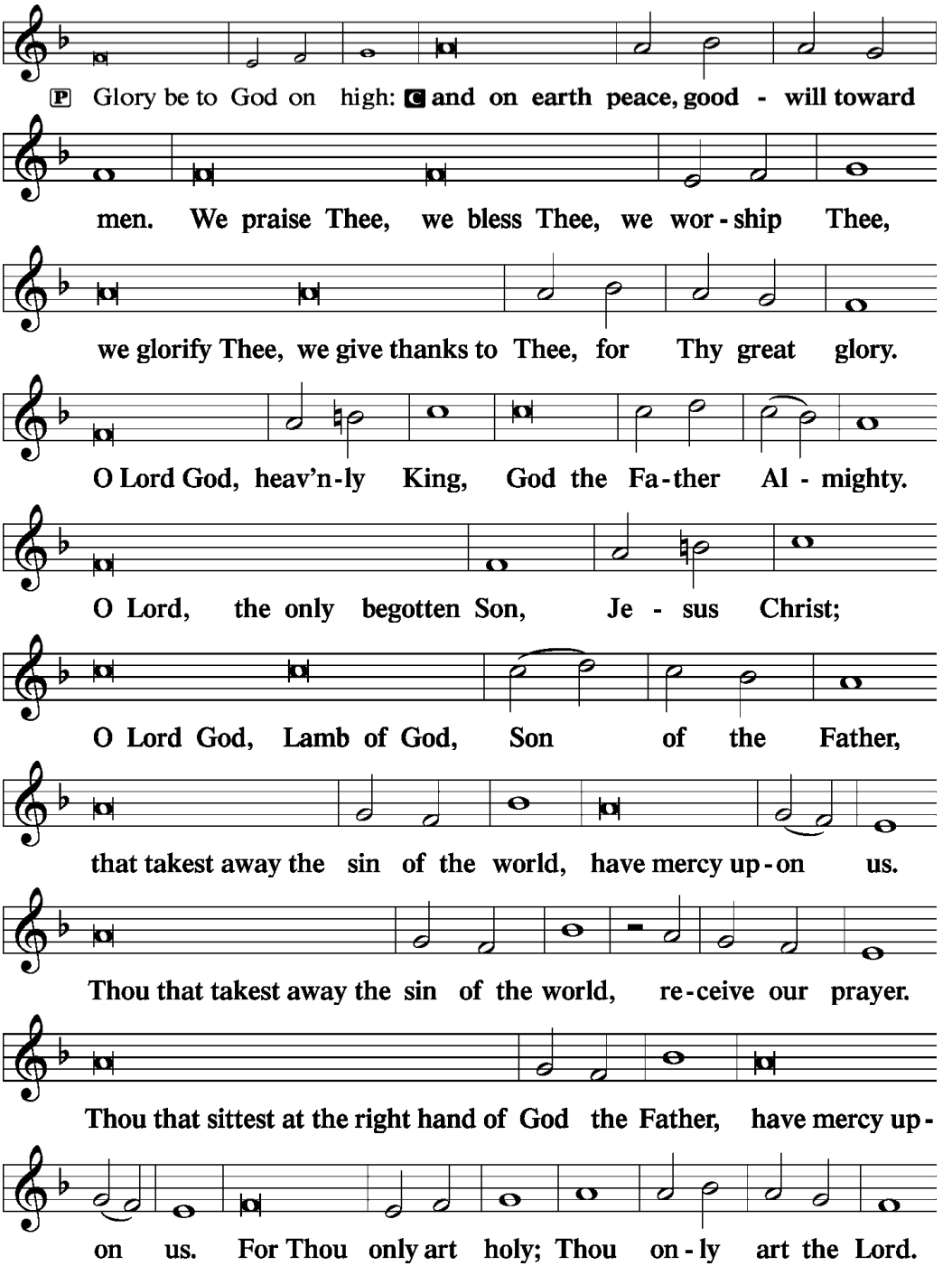
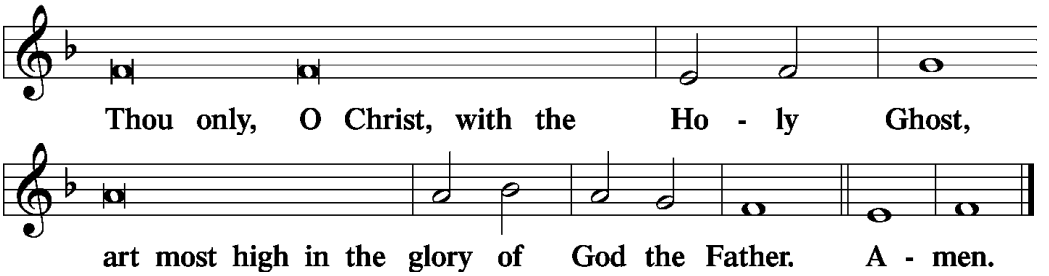


HYMN OF PRAISE

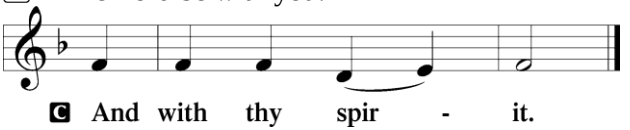
Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 187*





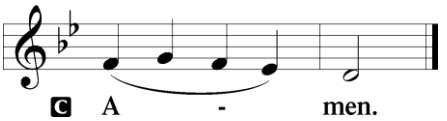
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed
in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation
belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing
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 saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from
where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones
coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.
[17]For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 149; antiphon: vol. 4*

*For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;**
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

[1]Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

[2]Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;*
let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!

[3]Let them praise his name with | dancing,*
making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

[4]For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;*
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

[5]Let the godly exult in | glory;*
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

[6]Let the high praises of God be | in their throats*
and two-edged swords | in their hands,

[7]to execute vengeance on the | nations*
and punishments on the | peoples,

[8]to bind their | kings with chains*
and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

[9]to execute on them the judgment | written!*
This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

*For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;**
he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:1–12

[1]Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to live and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. [2]For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. [3]For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; [4]that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, [5]not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; [6]that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. [7]For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. [8]Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

[9]Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, [10]for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, [11]and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, [12]so that you may live properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Alleluia and Verse

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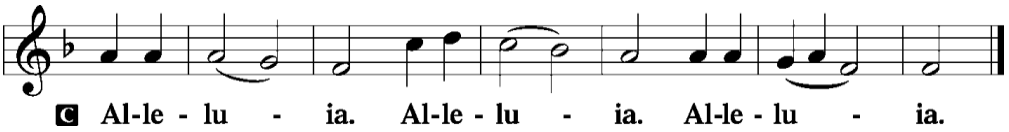
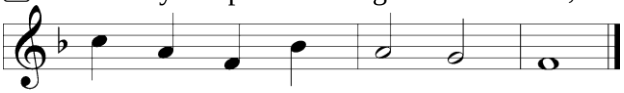


Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

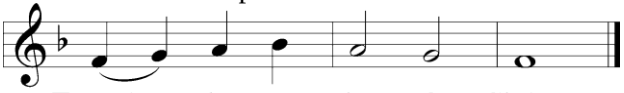
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.[11]"Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

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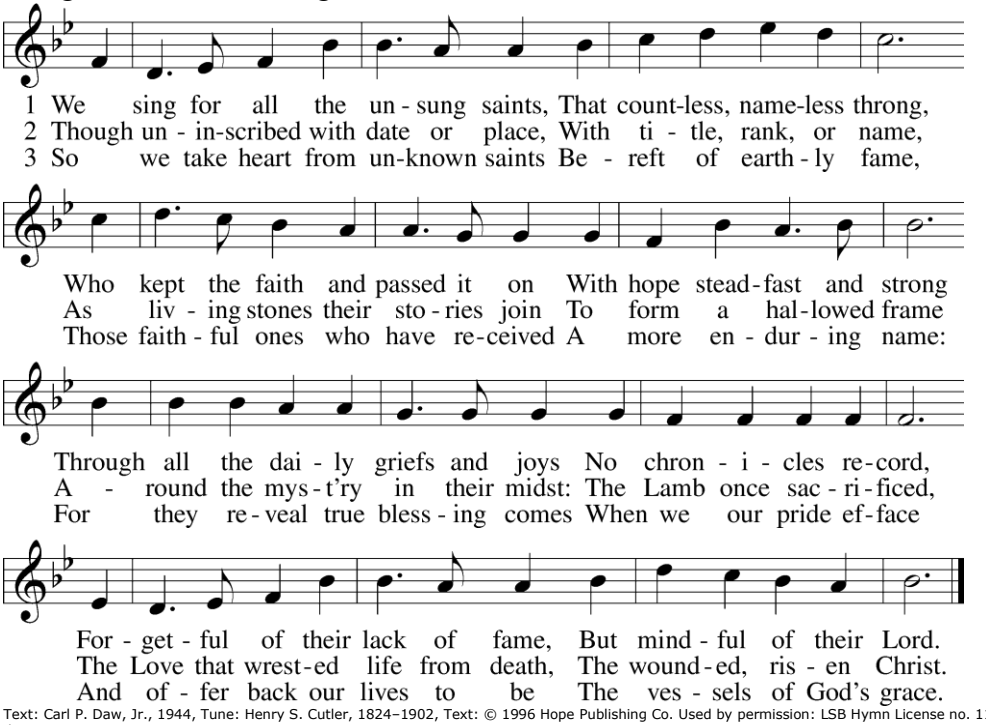
HYMN OF THE DAY

678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints



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SERMON *Pastor David Russert*

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PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

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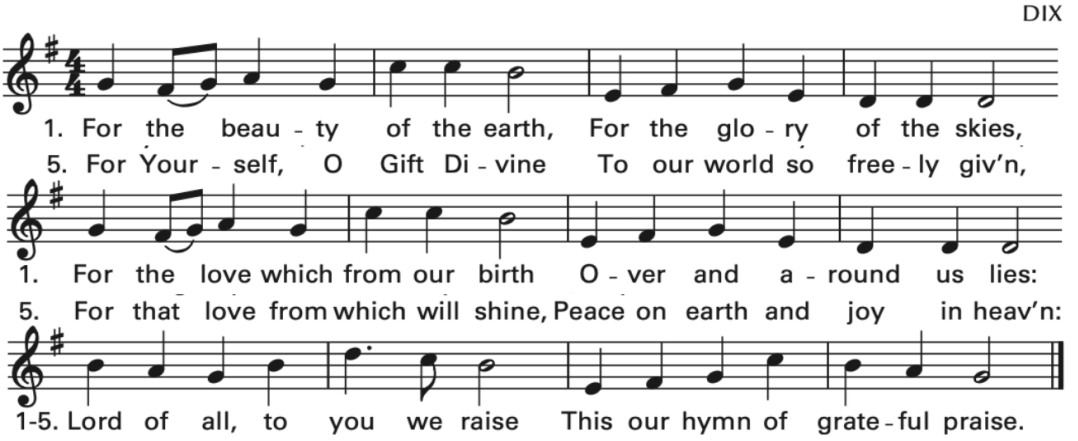

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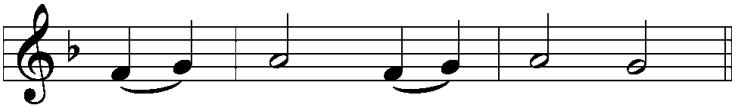
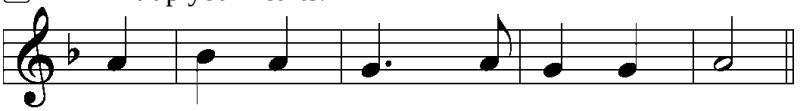
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *LSB 194*

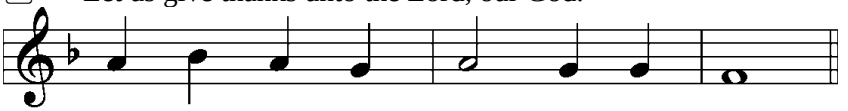
P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



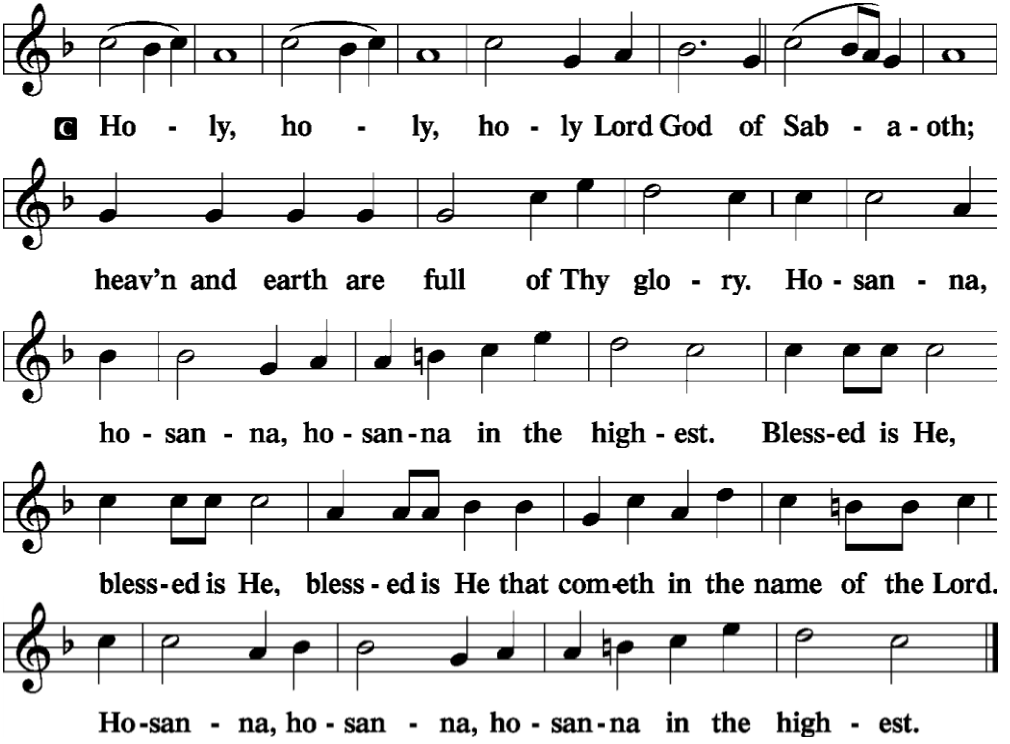
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



PROPER PREFACE *LSB 194*

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 195*



LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*

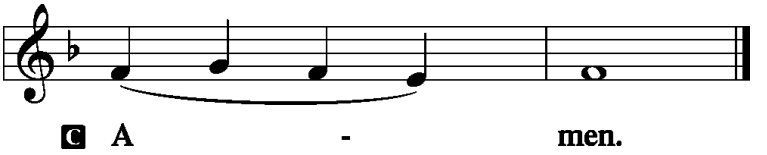
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

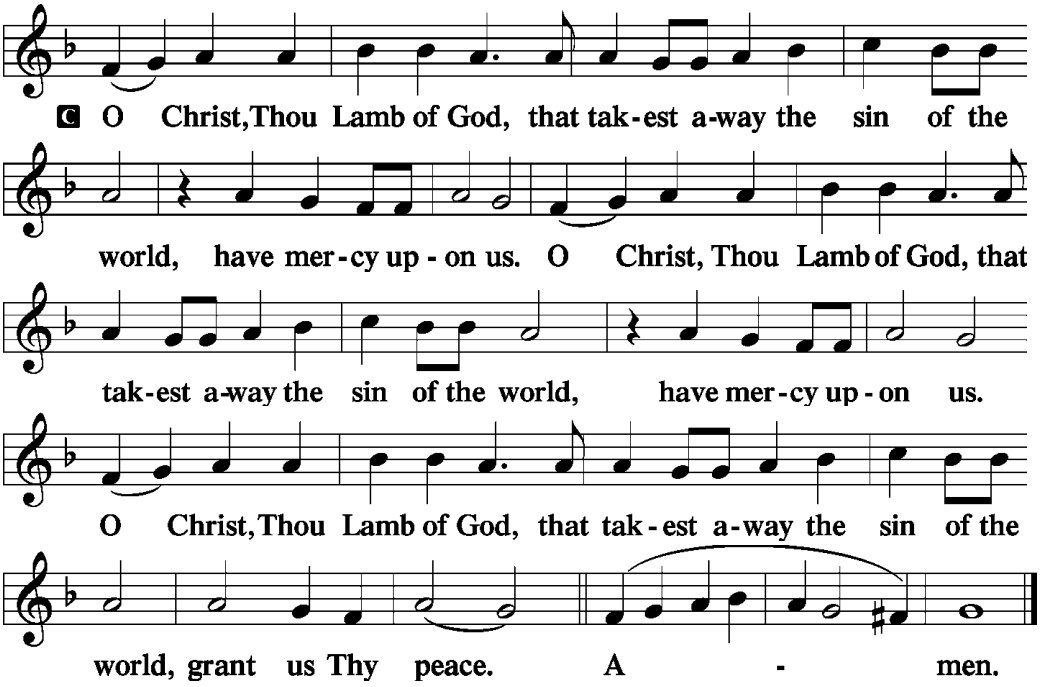
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *LSB 197*

PAX DOMINI *LSB 197*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI *LSB 198*



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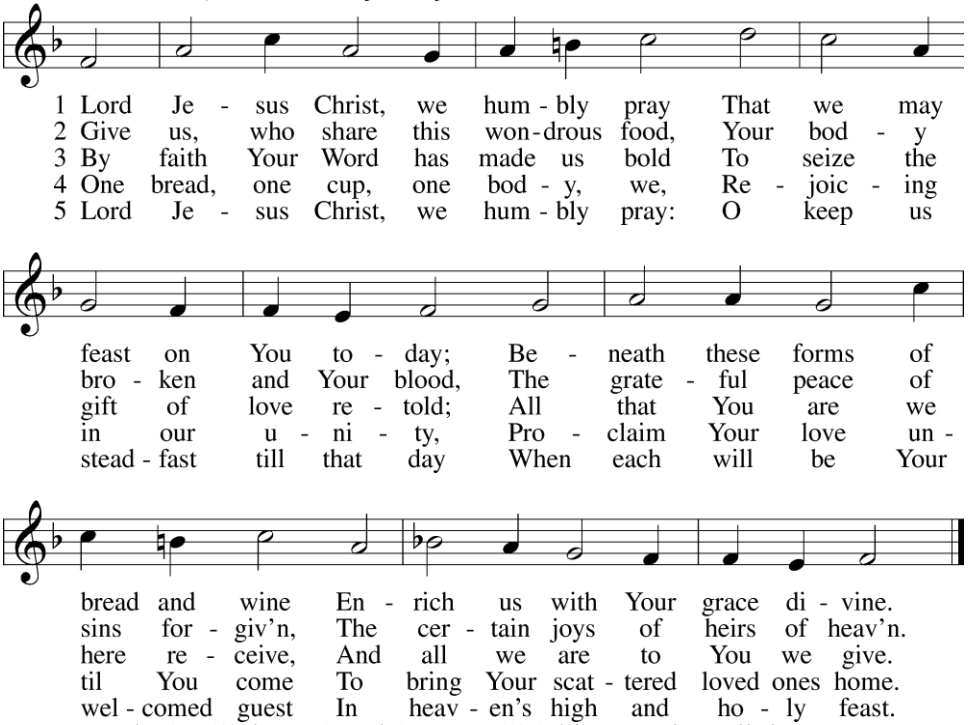
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



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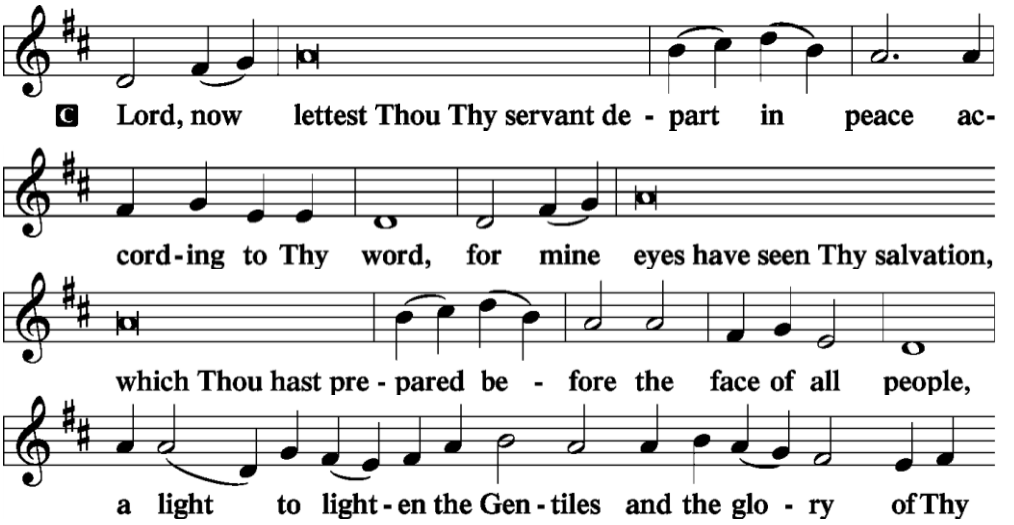
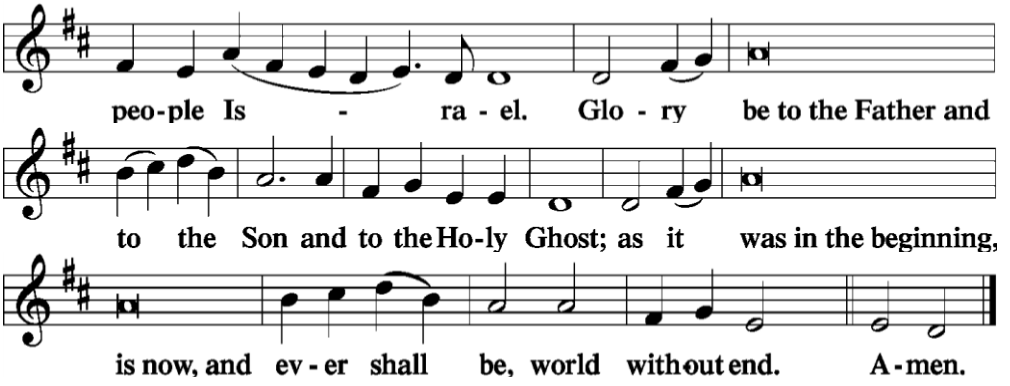
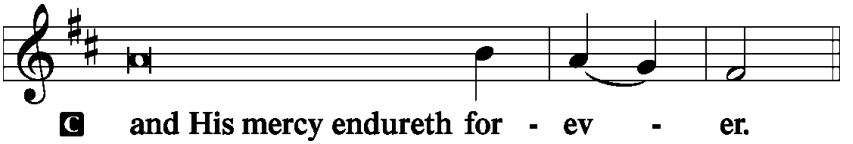


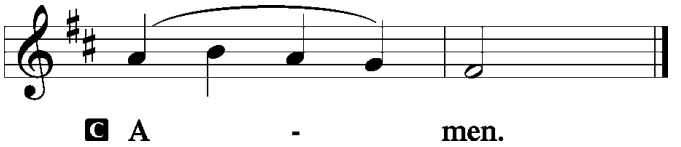


THANKSGIVING *LSB 200*

℗ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

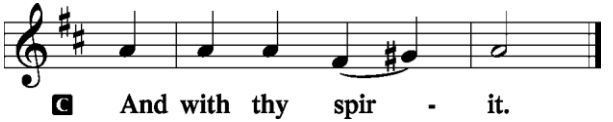


℗ Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

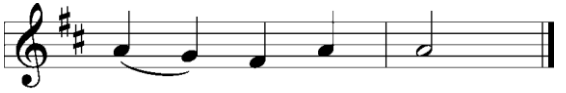


SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS *LSB 201*

℗ The Lord be with you.

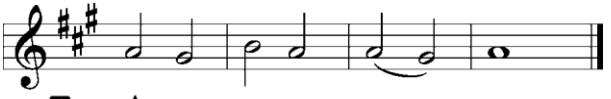


℗ Bless we the Lord.



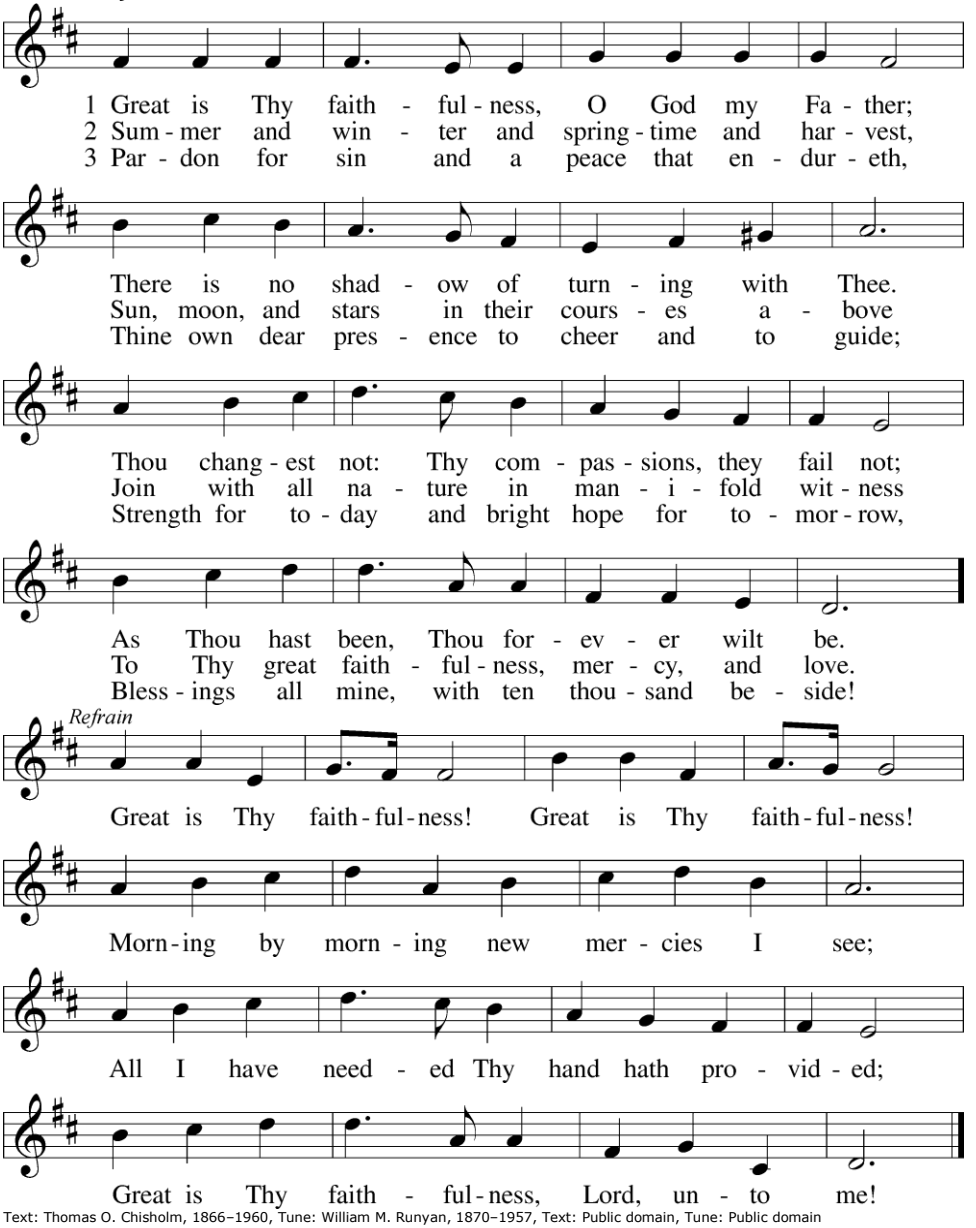
BENEDICTION *LSB 202*

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



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Today's flowers are given by Barbara *and* Russ Schilling Jr *in memory of their dear friend Richard Leavy.*

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and all who helped pack shoeboxes at the packing party last Sunday!

More donations are needed to fill a few of the shoeboxes. Items such as children's clothing, toys, wash cloths or coloring books would be helpful.

Additionally, we're asking for donations to ship the shoeboxes. The shipping amount is $10 per box. Please make checks out to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark it as OCC.

If you plan to create your own shoeboxes, the last day to drop them off is Sunday, November 22. We will then take them to the drop-off location where they will be packed and sent to the processing locations.

BOARD OF DIRECTION

The Board of Direction meets each month. Members of the congregation are invited to attend. The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 11th, 7:00 p.m**

Sunday, November 22 is Church Giving! We will be making a thanksgiving craft and enjoying a meal and fellowship. The church will be providing assorted sandwiches. Please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

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