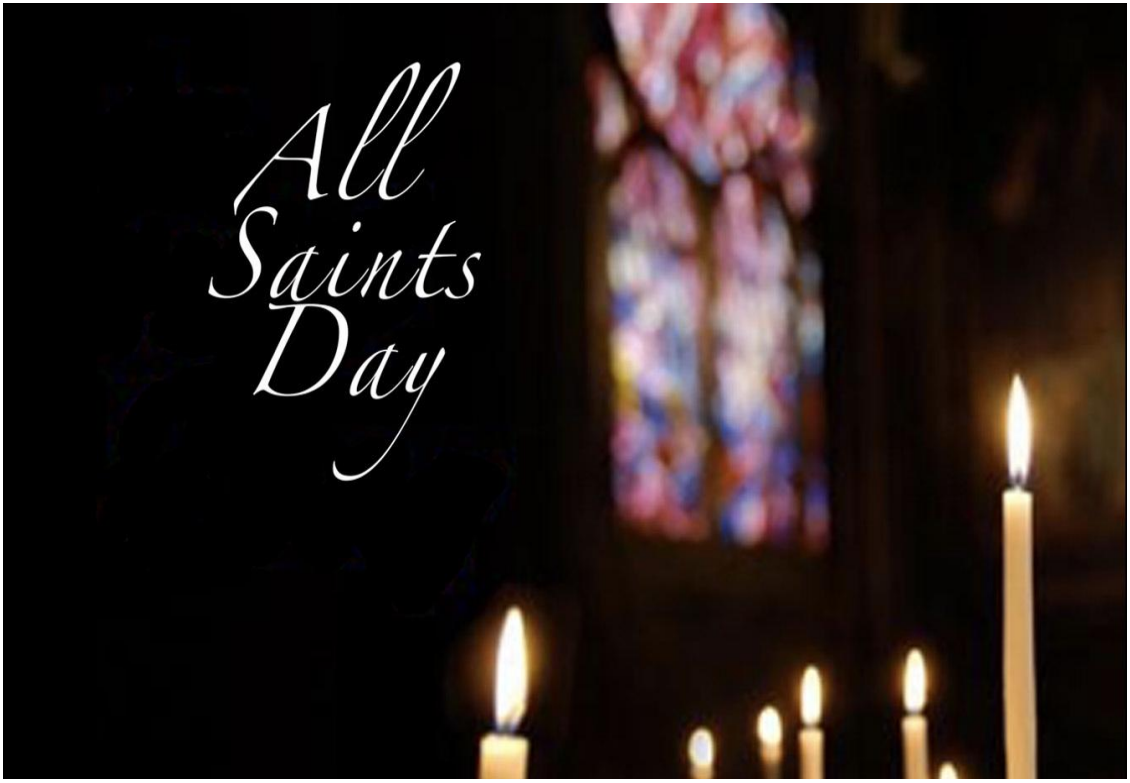

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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November 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
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Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

ALL SAINTS DAY
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

November 1, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" St. Peter's Brass Choir

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" #812

✢ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE ✢

(LSB, pg. 151)

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

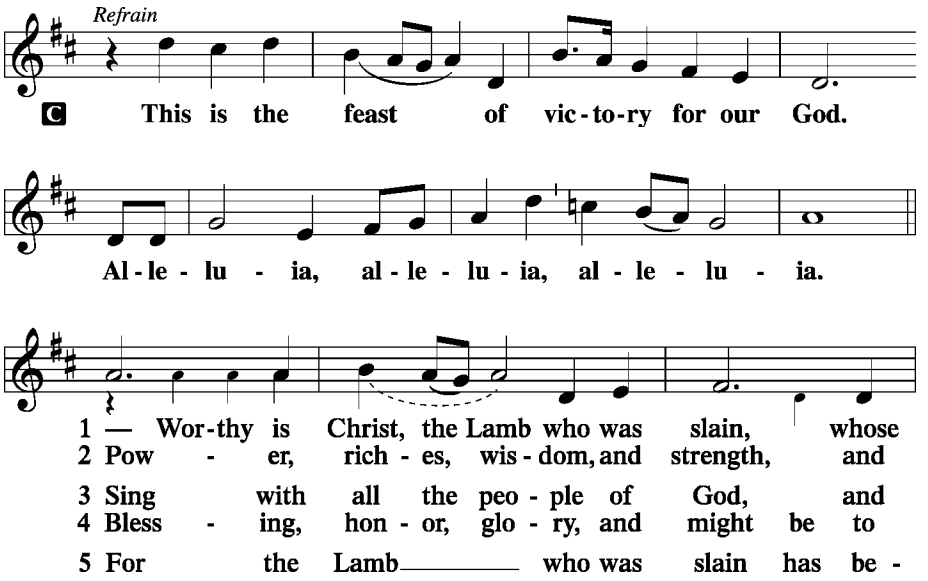
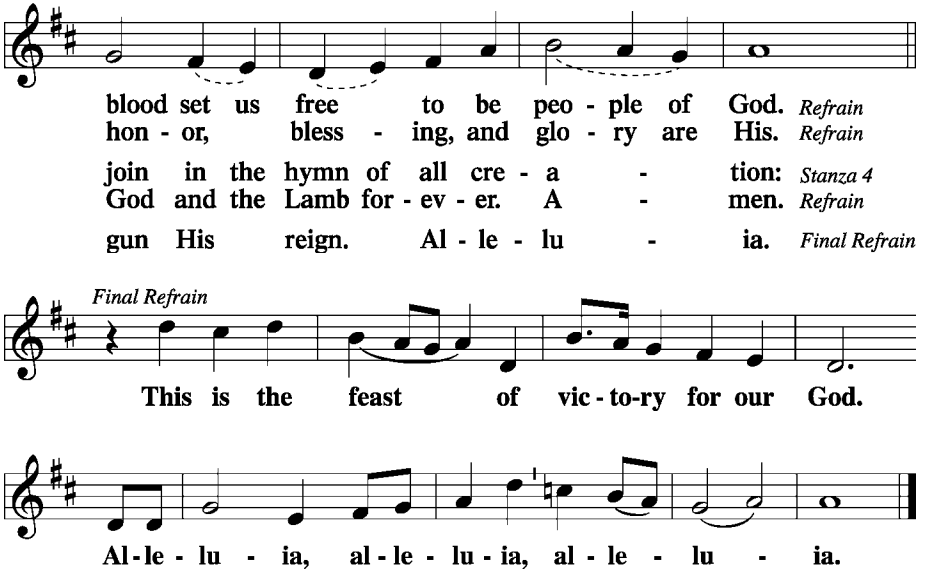
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CANTICLE "This Is the Feast"



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
C **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. Amen.**

(We are seated.)

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."

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

ANTHEM

(10:30) "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" Junior Choir

I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green;
They were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason – no, not the least – why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still,
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,

In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

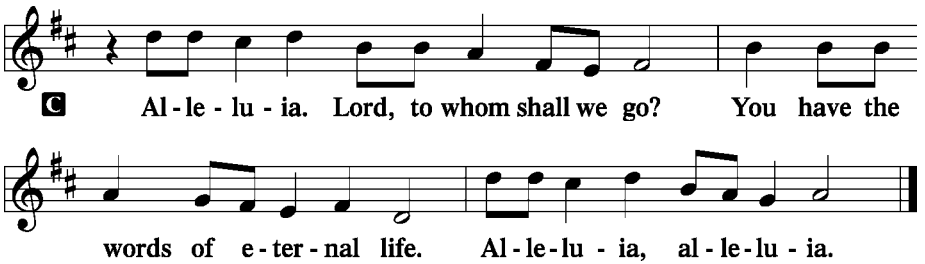
EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. [3] And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

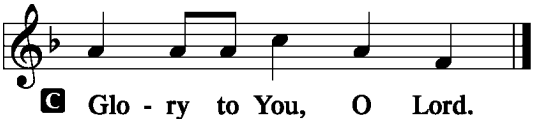
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(We rise.)

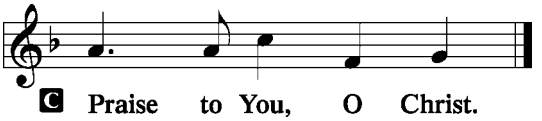
ALLELUIA VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

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

[1] Seeing the crowds, he 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.

NICENE CREED

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited to attend "Kids of the Kingdom" children's church. They will return following the sermon.)

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY **"For All the Saints"** **#677**

Stanza 1 – All
Stanza 2 – Women
Stanza 3 – All
Stanza 4 – Soloist/Choir
Stanza 5 – Men
Stanza 6 – Soloist/Choir
Stanza 7 – All
Stanza 8 – All *(We rise.)*

SERMON **"Looking Forward to It"**
Text: Revelation 7:9-17 – Pastor Nathan Widener

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

VOLUNTARY
"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" arr. David Schack

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Merciful Father,

C **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us—ourselves, 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.**

(We rise.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P United with the great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(A brief silence)

P Lord God, gather Your church around the good news of Your love at work in the world. Show us where we can proclaim Your good news within and beyond our congregation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Preserve plant and animal species at risk of extinction. Further the work of ecologists, wildlife biologists, botanists, and all who work to conserve the rich diversity of life on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Guide all the nations and their leaders in Your ways of humble service and peace. Sustain election workers, candidates, and voters. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Relieve all who bear heavy burdens. Bring hope and new possibilities to individuals and families experiencing economic uncertainty, unemployment, or housing insecurity. Soothe hearts filled with sorrow or pain *(especially those we have named and those we name in our hearts...)*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Nurture programs and communities that support the elderly and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministries with seniors and their families. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

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

✢ Elsie Selking ✢

✢ Otto Bradtmueller ✢

✢ Connie Vonderau ✢

✢ Ken Johnson ✢

✢ Dave Hieber ✢

✢ Ralph Scheiwe ✢

✢ Gloria Nietert ✢

✢ Shelly Koenig ✢

✢ Ruthanne Nietert ✢

✢ Doris Wiedemann ✢

✢ Craig Hoffman ✢

✢ Dorcas Boness ✢

✢ Maranda Ripke ✢

✢ Sharon Busche ✢

✢ Alice Witte ✢

✢ Ferne Carbaugh ✢

✢ Aldine Benecke ✢

✢ Anthony Amstutz ✢

✢ Lois Fahling ✢

✢ Marshall Vonderau ✢

✢ Carol Pufpaff ✢

✢ John Pusey, Jr. ✢

✢ Norma Bloom ✢

With abiding thanks for their witness and service, we commend them to Your eternal care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your steadfast love, heavenly Father, we entrust all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

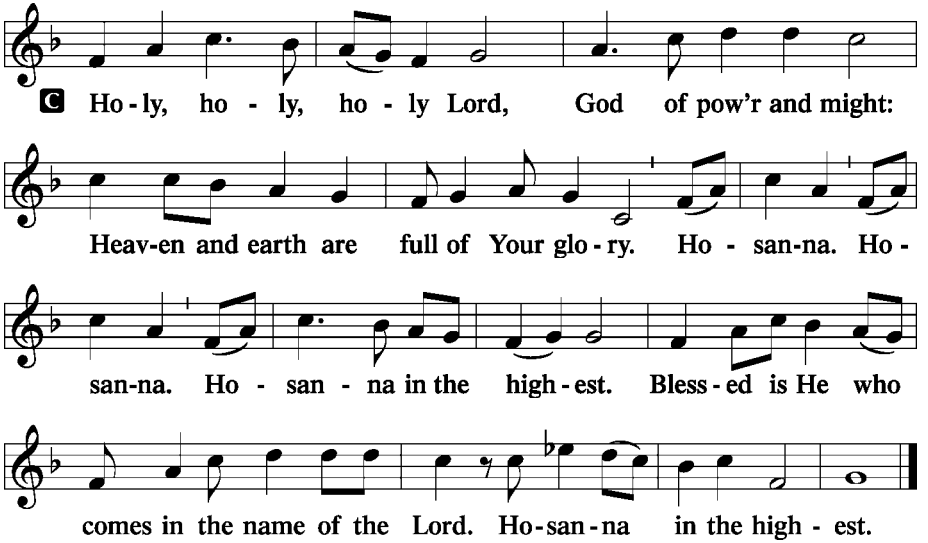
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who in the multitude of your saints did surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



LORD'S PRAYER

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;

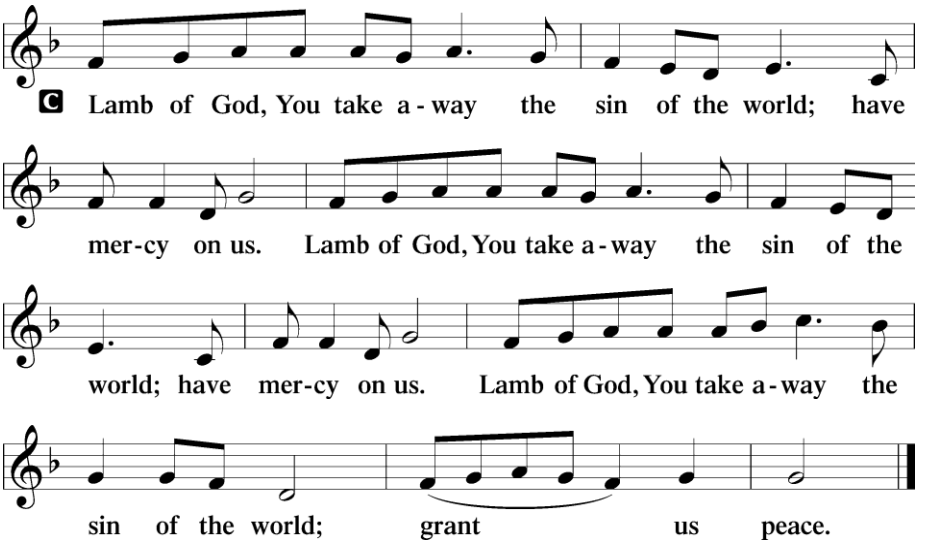
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI



(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" #676

"Shall We Gather at the River"

(Soloist/Choir)
Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With it's crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

(Soloist/Choir)
On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

(All)
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

(All)
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" *(We rise for stanza 7.)* #813

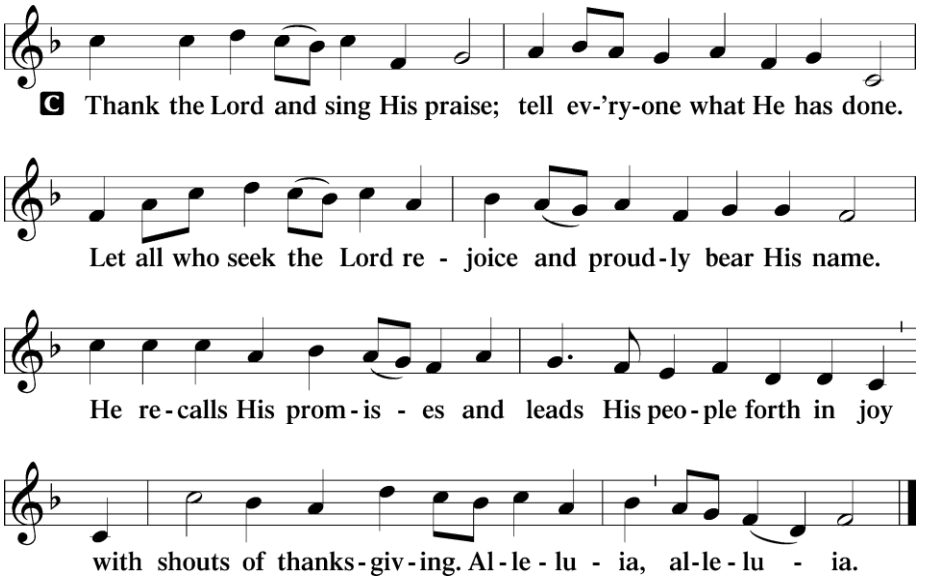
(We rise.)

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN **"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"** **#670**

(We rise for stanza 4.)

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints" arr. Charles Callahan