Immanuel Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP



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Worship Notes

All Saints' Day – Observed November 2, 2025 and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today, and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!

THEME

The confession resounds in every time and place by all believing peoples, tribes, and churches: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" These words emanate from faith-filled saints who belong to Jesus. In His eternal presence, the beloved saints are utterly content in endless service and worship. Saints are the ones forever blessed, comforted, satisfied, and rewarded, because their inheritance is the very kingdom of God.

ORDER

Today in our worship we follow Setting One of the Divine Service. Our hymn of praise this weekend is the great hymn taken from the book of Revelation, *This is the Feast*, or as it was first titled, *Worthy is Christ*. This canticle is taken from Revelation 5:12-13, & Revelation 19:5-9, and it gives us a picture of what awaits us in heaven as we join those saints who have gone before in praising the Lamb who was slain that we might live! It was composed by Dr. Richard Hillert, a professor at Concordia River Forest, in 1975.

HYMN OF THE DAY

When first published in 1864, William W. How's hymn, *For All the Saints*, contained 11 stanzas! Three have since been omitted, and our choir sings two of the remaining stanzas this morning. What makes this hymn's text stand out is that already in the second line it points to the essential trait of sainthood, that is, faith—"all who by faith before the world confessed." The saints boldly confess Jesus, the Savior of the world. The tune, SINE NOMINE, was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams specifically for this text in 1906 and is considered one of the finest hymn tunes written.

What our Church Believes, Teaches and and Confesses regarding The Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Those who are not members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed at Immanuel previously are asked to speak with a pastor prior to the service. Those who are of a different confession (i.e., church body)⁴ or are unsure about communing, are invited to come forward during distribution with their hands folded in prayer, or held close to the chest and receive a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

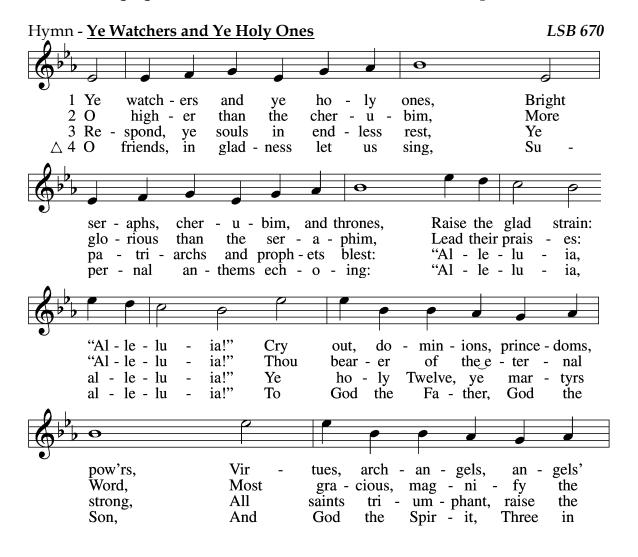
³¹ Corinthians 11:28-32

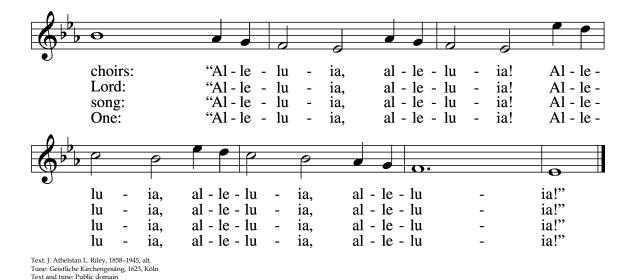
⁴¹ Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

All Saints' Day

Divine Service, Setting One

Prelude, Ringing of the Church Bells, and Welcome to Worship





The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Absolution

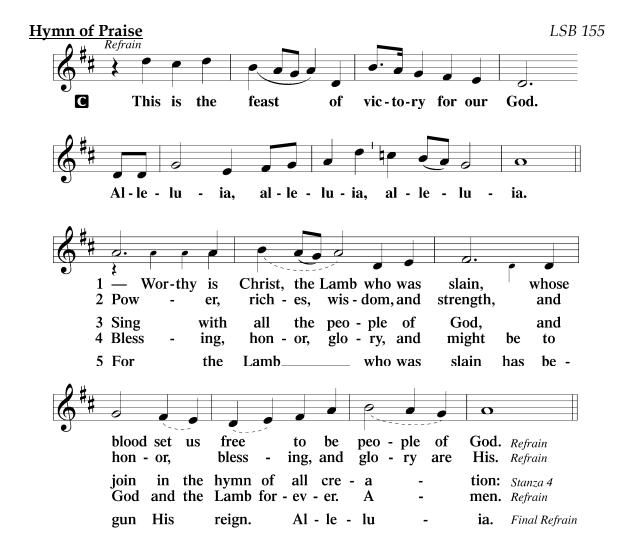
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

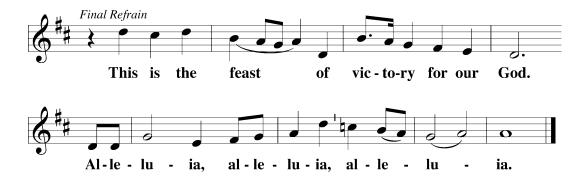
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **©** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **L** 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.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Revelation 7:9–17

The great multitude in white robes

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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."

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

Handbell Anthem - Glorious Things of You are Spoken (arr. J. Wayne Kerr)

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken formed you for His own abode.

On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am, Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name. Fading are the world's vain pleasures, all their boasted pomp and show; Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion's children know.

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Epistle 1 John 3:1-3

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us."

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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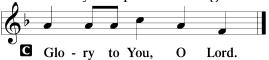
Stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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



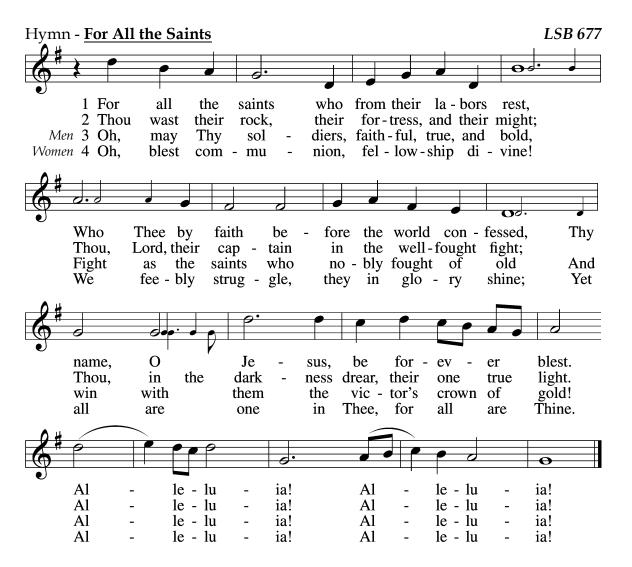
The Beatitudes

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- ²And 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. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."





5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8△From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

Sit

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism. He has nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

The following members of Immanuel were called to their eternal rest by our gracious Lord since our last All Saints' Day celebration:

Lester Boyer, Thomas Brockmann Sr., Dorothy Hanske, Virginia Kellman, Leon Mittler, Rosetta Schuessler, and Zane Zeable.

In addition, the following family members and friends were called to their eternal rest:

Jerry Benz, Riley Brown, Gustave Carlson, Neal Carlson, Lizzy Helen Denny, Ralph Felker, Joan Hall, Jane Hunger, Lois Jensen, Wayne Kasten, Judith Knepper, Mike Lesinski, Barb Muhs, Jerry O'Keefe, and Velma Walkmaster.

We remember all others who have died in the faith and are in our hearts and minds today, including those who have died due to natural disasters, and those who have died while in service to our country or their community.

- Let us pray. In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises. Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

- **L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

- Li Standing with those of every tribe and nation before the throne and before the Lamb, we rejoice and cry out: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. To Him be the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

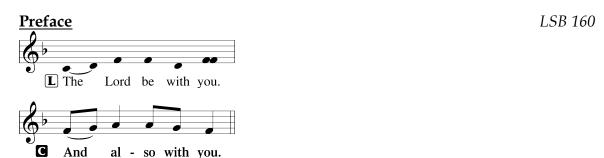
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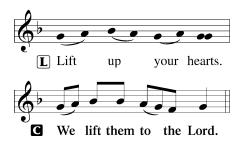
We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

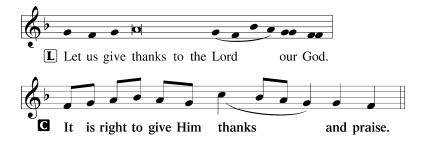
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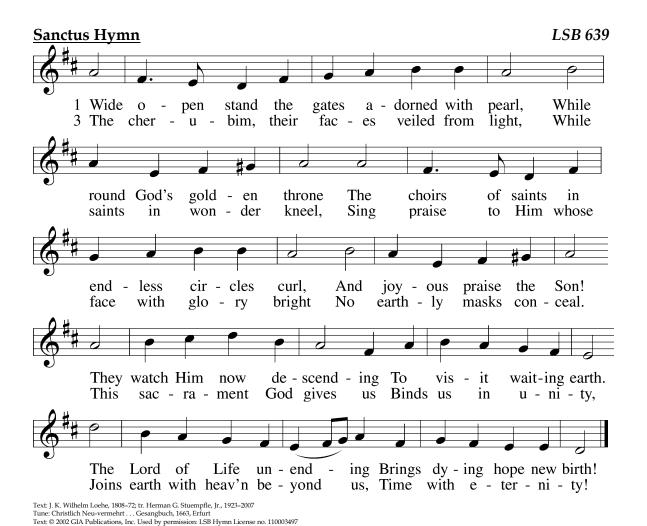






It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, 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 singing:





Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Confession

- The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly instructed. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:
- **©** I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness.

I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sins and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession – Article X)

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others. (*Romans* 12:1)

The Words of Our Lord

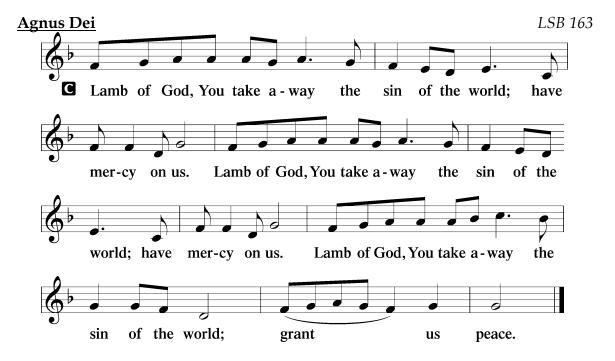
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

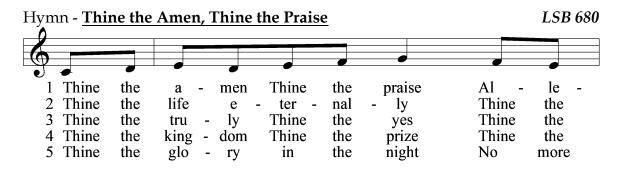
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





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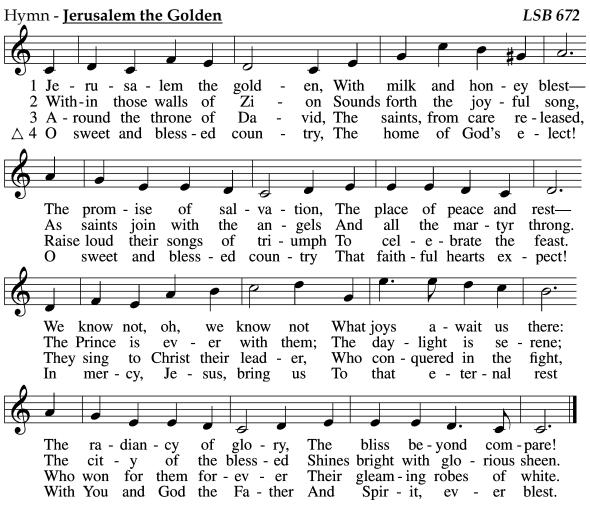
Reception of the Lord's Supper





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Stand



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

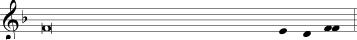


Post-Communion Collect

- 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 in 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. Amen.

<u>Benediction</u>

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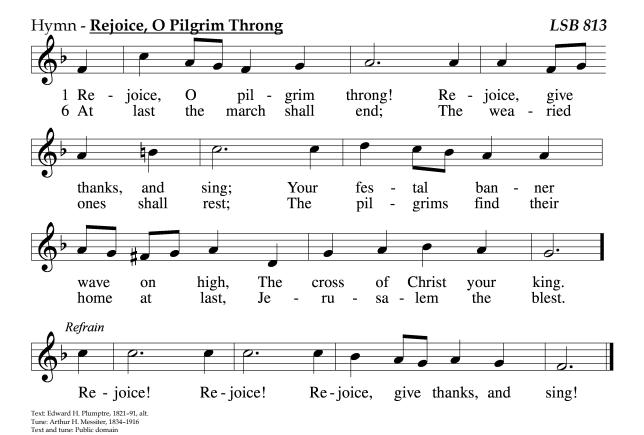
The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us
and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and + give us peace.



Sit



Silent Prayer, Announcements, and Postlude

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You may prepare for next weekend by reading:

Exodus 3:1-15

God promises Moses He will be with him.

Psalm 148

"His majesty is above earth and heaven."

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

Stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us.

Luke 20:27-40

He is the God of the living.

Hymn - "Sing With All the Saints in Glory" (LSB 671)

Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living ...



Serving This Morning:

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Pastor Rory Karg

Liturgist & Lector: 8:00 – Seminarian Luther Cameron

10:30 – Seminarian Abram Egger

Organist: Paul Snyder

Choir: Immanuel Handbells Acolytes: 8:00 – Ryan Hundelt & Grace Liu

10:30 - Emma Wu & Elaine Zhang

Elders: 8:00 – Jacob White 10:30 – Tim Schaff

Ushers: Team B – Wayne Meyr & Dan Krenning, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the praise and glory of God on the birthday of Cindy Rowold and in remembrance of Arthur Rowold's baptism!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL, THE 2026 CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

