All Saints' Day

Artwork: Jan van Eyck, *The Adoration of the Lamb* (Ghent Altarpiece), 1432.
Oil on wood, St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent.

"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."

Revelation 7:14b

All Saints' Day (Observed)

6 November A+D 2022

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

All Saints Day ~ The Blessedness of the Saints of God

"The Feast of All Saints" is a church festival that dates from the ninth century A.D. Its beginnings, however, are to be found in a very early festival in honor of "All Martyrs," which originated in Syria around A.D. 360. This truly historic festival finds itself in the midst of "Saintstide," the final portion of the church year, recalling to the mind all the faithful departed and the triumph of Christ over all false gods. "All Saints Day" is not a day to focus on the work, life or attitude of every saint who ever lived, but rather a day to focus on the work of Christ, His life and His attitude toward His people. Though we were dead in our trespasses and sins, God in His great mercy and grace has forgiven our sins and declared us righteous in Christ. He has made us saints. He has placed us in this estate. In Him we rejoice. For in Him alone we are eternally blessed. (Matthew 5)

Service Notes: The Johnson Family Kantorei will singing at 8:00 a.m. Bradley Adams will provide distribution music. The Ferris Family Kantorei will provide music at 10:45 a.m. Pastor Tews will be the preacher this morning. Pastor Frank is at the Good Shepherd Institute, St. Wayne, this weekend.

Opening Prayer: O God, as we gather before Your throne bless our worship with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing and receiving Your Sacrament, may our faith be strengthened and our lives be inspired to faithful service to You. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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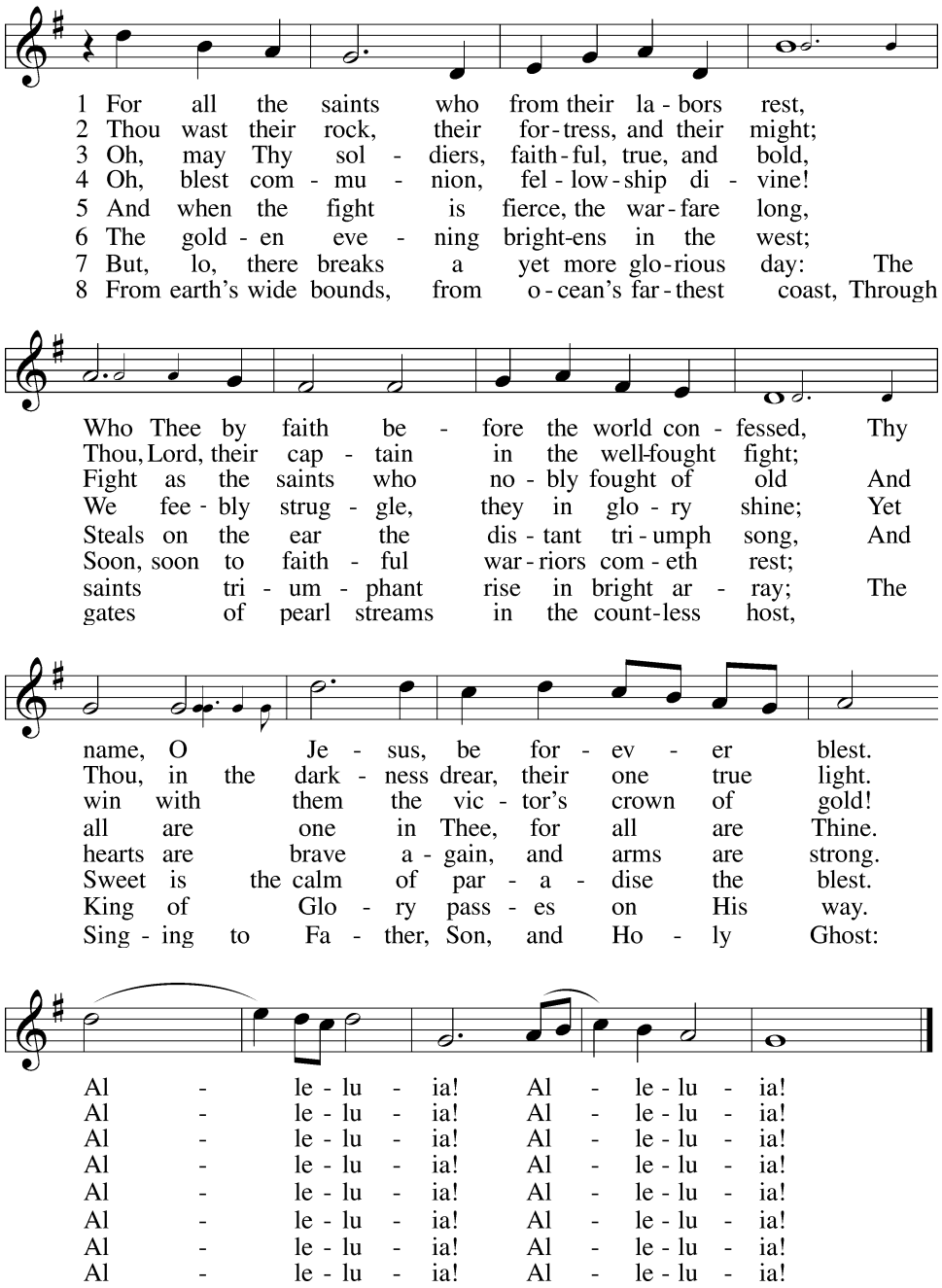
Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude: *Prelude on "Sine Nomine".....arr. Leo Sowerby*

During the singing of the first hymn please stand for the procession of the cross, symbolic of Christ's presence among us.

677 For All the Saints (Kantorei vs. 4 & 6)



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Confession and Absolution

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

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.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *(congregation chants bold) Ps.31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 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.
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.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....LSB p. 156

Pastor: **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.**

Cong: Amen

First Reading ~ Revelation 7:2–17

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to
the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we
have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of
the sons of Israel: 5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 6 12,000
from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000
from the tribe of Levi,12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000
from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. 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."
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

Gradual ~ *(Kantorei) "Jerusalem the Golden".....LSB #676*

Epistle ~ *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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *(Kantorei) Heb. 12:1a,2a*

Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, *
let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.
Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1–12

[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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

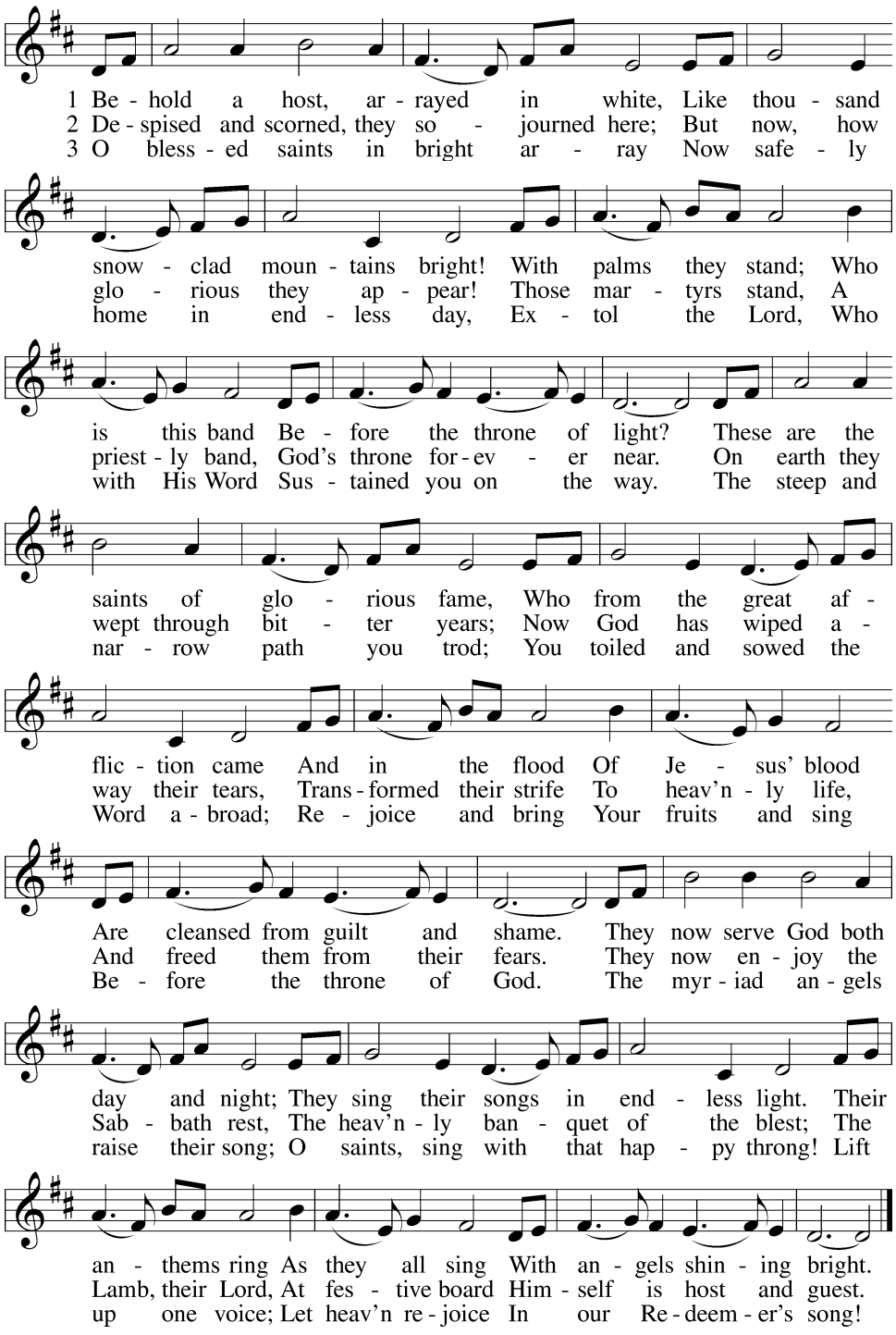
C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

Sit

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White



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Sit

Sermon: *"Who Are These...?" ~ Revelation 7:2-17*

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Today we remember those who have gone before us into the Church Triumphant:
Bill Storey, Ken & Edna Dukes, Salli Harmon, Joan Reinert, Dewey Brockmann,
Wes Walker, Virgil Steenbock, Nate Heinicke, John Penney

Sit

Offering ~ ***ICH RUF' ZU DIR, HERR JESU CHRIST*** *("I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ")* .....*Johann Sebastian Bach*

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

We welcome members of our sister congregations of the LCMS to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. Other visitors are welcomed forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Preface *LSB 160*

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.**
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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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 *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

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

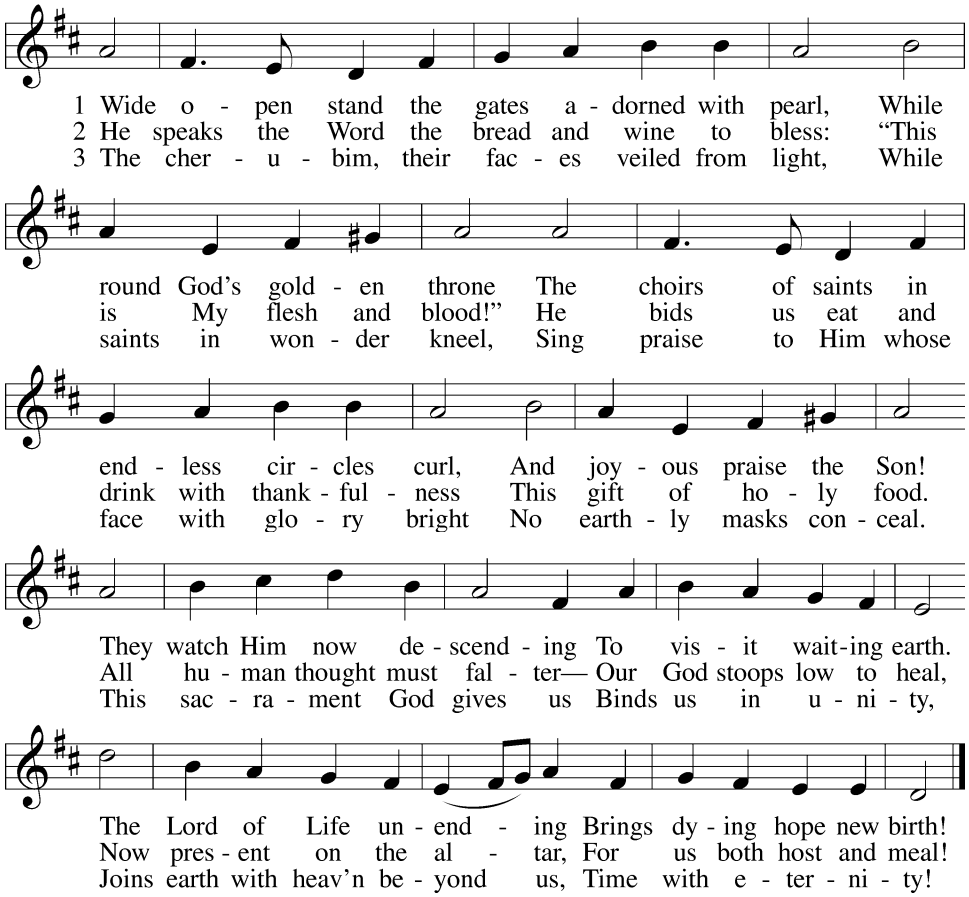
Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

8:00 a.m. "Wake, Awake"*.....*arr. Grimpo

639 Wide Open Stand the Gates



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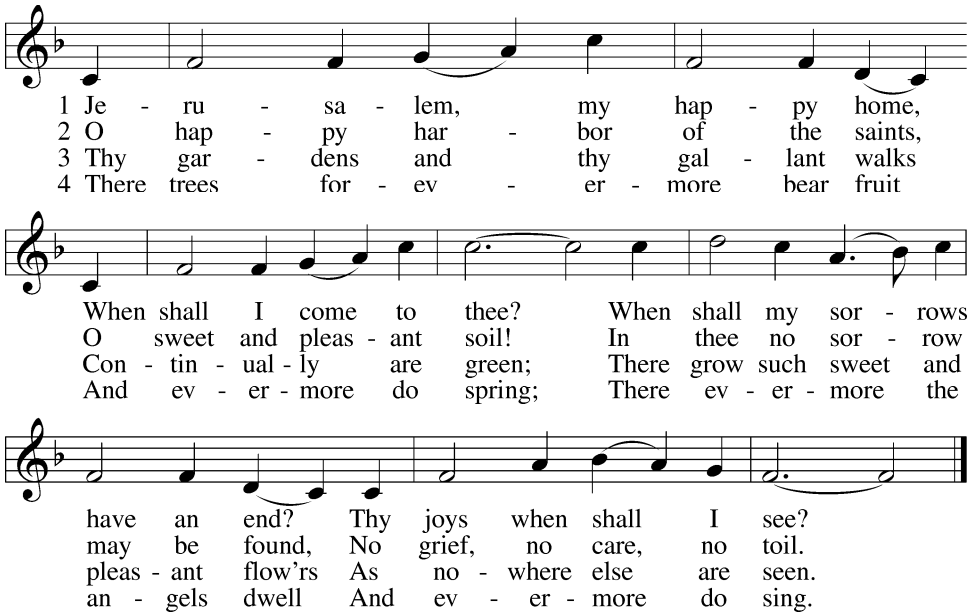
673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above.

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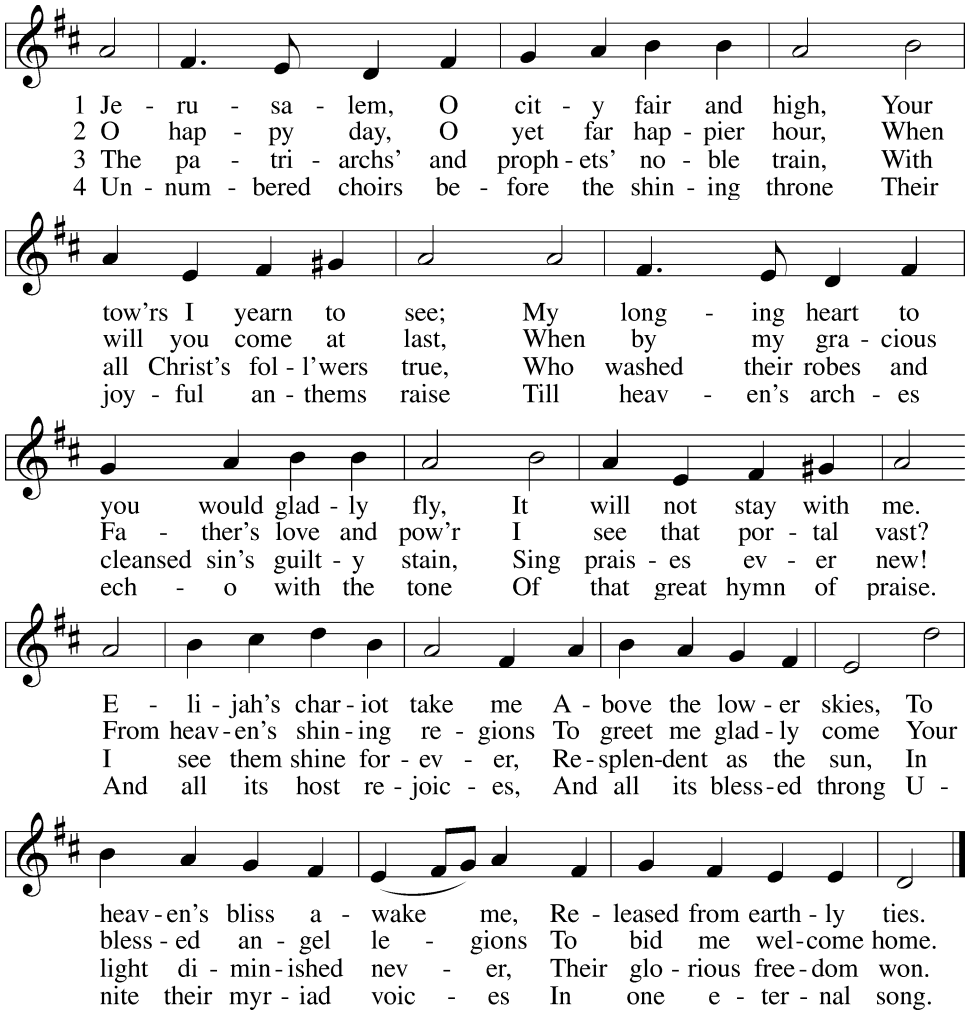
674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High



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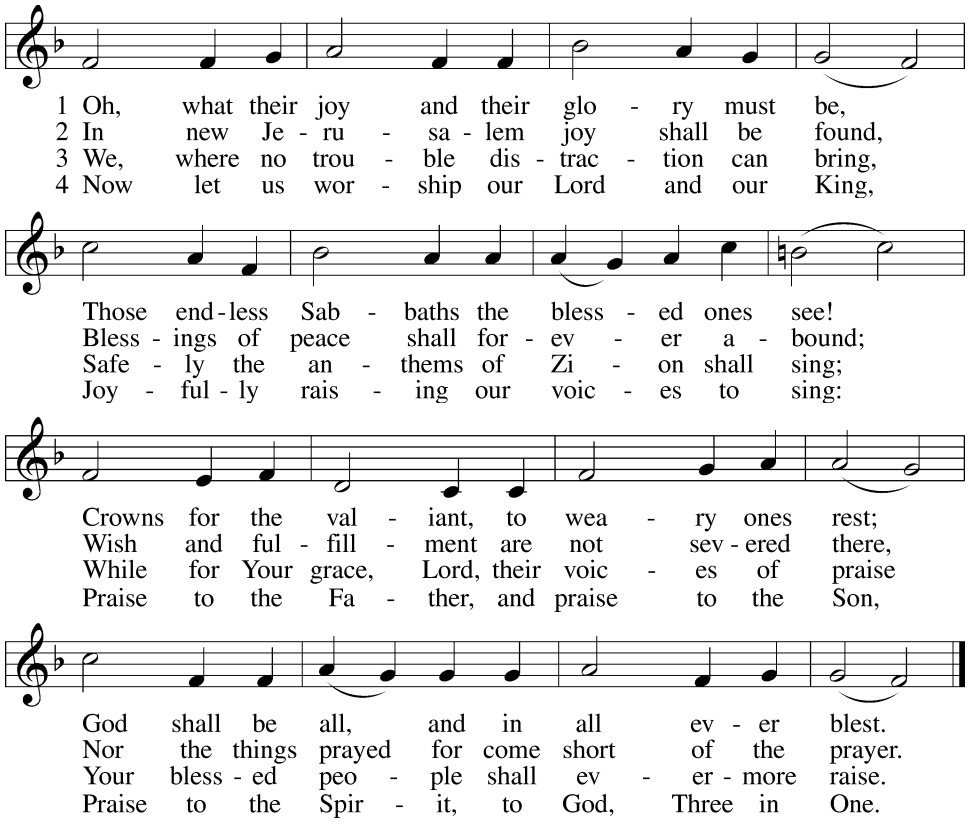
675 Oh, What Their Joy



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Thank the Lord

LSB 164

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

C **Amen.**

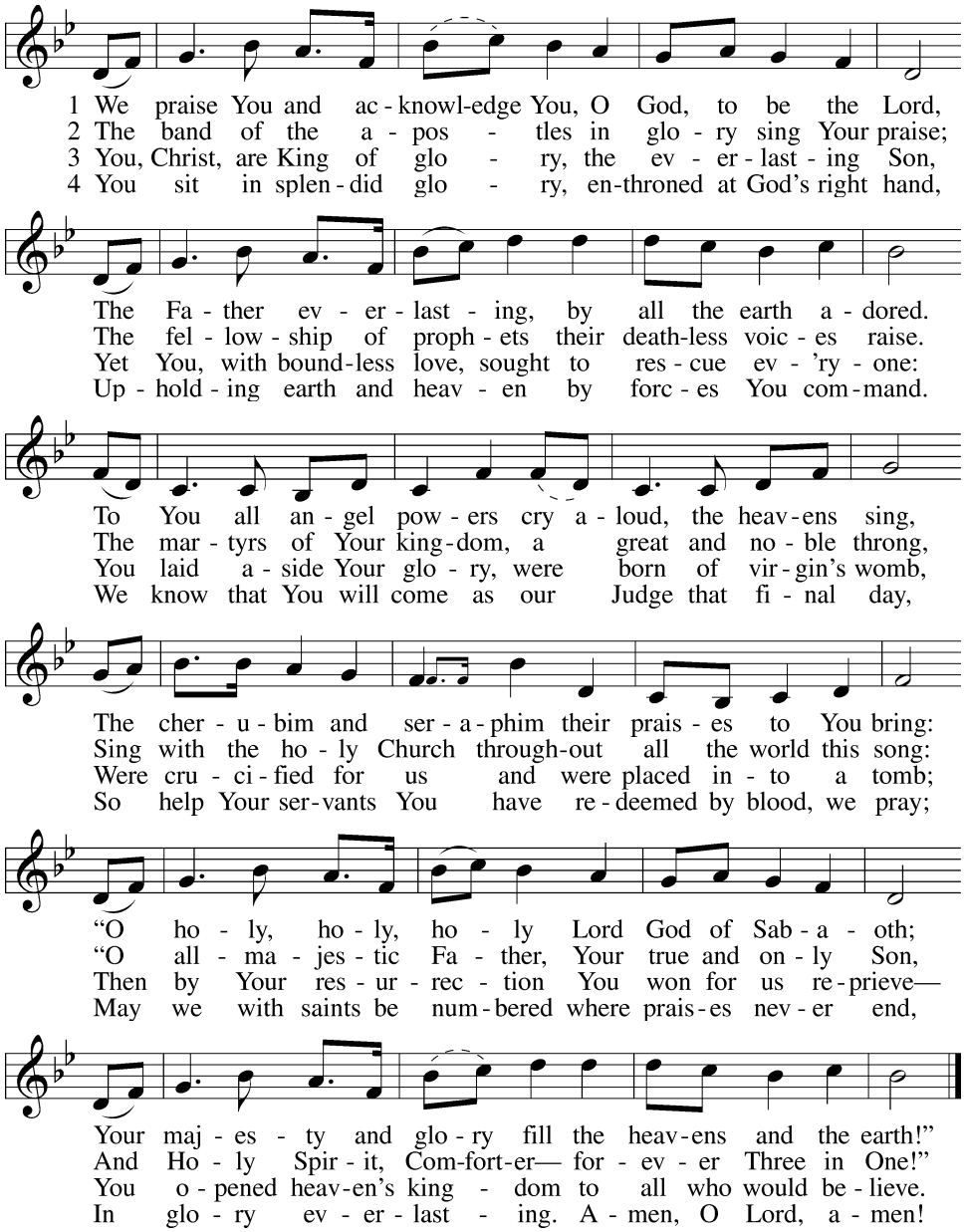
Benediction

LSB 166

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



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Postlude: ***Concerto I in G-Major*****.....*****Bach***

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News and Notes

CHRIST ACADEMY

Christ Academy Wednesday evenings: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner served beginning at 4:30 p.m.
Cantate Domino Choir – 5:00 p.m.
Gloria Dei Choir – 7:15 p.m.
Handbell Choir – Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

Harvest Dinner and Thanksgiving Eve Service

We are again happy to be able to plan another dinner at Church, specifically the annual Harvest Dinner on **Sunday, November 20th immediately after second service.** These dinners, as in the past, are sort of like Thanksgiving Dinners for our Church Family. The main theme will be thanksgiving to God for the generosity of our members and a prayer for continued generosity toward the accomplishment of refurbishing our structure

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Do you enjoy working with technology? Are you looking for a unique way to put your skills to use in service to the Gospel for those who are unable to attend our services? If so, please contact Dan Wych or John Timm to discuss joining our live streaming team! Thank you for your consideration!

Giving Tree ~ See the ***giving tree*** on the church office window, then take a leaf and help stock up the pantry at our Early Childhood Center. Please remember to bring enough for 40 hungry students. Snacks include: Ritz Crackers, Wheat Things, Applesauce, Pretzels, Graham Crackers, Saltine Crackers, Nutrigrain bars, Pudding Cups, Nutella, Fruit Cups, Cheez-It Crackers, Honey Nut Cherrios, and Nilla Wafers. Your donations may be dropped off at SPLEC or the church office.

From your Endowment and Legacy Board: Is there something you are drawn to each time you visit St. Paul's? Maybe you love the stained-glass windows or find yourself immersed in each song we sing. Perhaps you'd like to donate to the Church to help preserve these treasures. You can give a restricted gift to the church that will only be used for its designated purpose. Now is a great time to let your family and your church know of your wishes.

"Tune out the NOISE of the lies, bury yourself deep into God's Word of truth, and go forth with the life-affirming message, dressed in Christ's priestly armor and standing as sentry in prayer!" *Lynette Auch, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

2022 Poinsettias for the Christmas Season

$7.00 per plant

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Save the Date!

Come and here Part Two from the Hanscom Park Ensemble!!

The Hanscom Park Ensemble

Saturday, Nov. 19
7:00pm

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church, Council Bluffs

Free Admission!

This fall, Omaha's Hanscom Park Ensemble is presenting a unique perspective of J.S. Bach's Art of Fugue with paired performances: Rectus and Inversus. In a reflective division that splits the performance time between two concerts without violating the dramatic and tragic trajectory for either, time is opened for a fuller exploration of this masterpiece's developing complexity and an unhurried contemplation of what has long been mistakenly considered an unfinished work. Join us for the dramatic Rectus, the doppelgänger Inversus, or hear both for a reweaving of Bach's full pattern.

The Hanscom Park Ensemble is an Omaha-based consortium of professional and student musicians dedicated to innovative programing and historical performance.

Opportunities for Growth: November 6-13, 2022

Sunday: 11/6/22
9:30 a.m. ~ SS/ABC
Monday: 11/7/22
6:00 p.m. – Hand Bells
Tuesday: 11/8/22
9:00 a.m. – Pastors' Circuit Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Elders' Meeting
Wednesday: 11/9/22
9:00 a.m. – Chapel – SPLECC
5:00 p.m. – Cantate Domino Choir
5:30 p.m. – Christ Academy
7:15 p.m. – Gloria Dei Choir
Thursday: 11/10/22
9:00 a.m. – Chapel - SPLECC
7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting
Friday: 11/11/22
1:45 p.m. – Music at Risen Son
Sunday: 10/13/22
8:00 a.m. ~ Worship - C
9:30a.m. ~ SS/BC
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship – C

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