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Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

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**ALL SAINTS' DAY  
(Series B)**

## **WELCOME**

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, [office@stlukesmanhattan.org](mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org), or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

## **AS WE GATHER**

We are reminded that this gathering is in truth a far greater assemblage than the number of people in this room at this time. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as we journey through our earthly lives we are surrounded by “so great a cloud of witnesses” (12:1) and tells of “the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven” and “the spirits of the righteous made perfect” (12:23). Hymn writer Isaac Watts reminds us that “the saints on earth and those above but one communion make; joined to their Lord in bonds of love, all of His grace partake” (*TLH* 478:1). On this feast of All Saints, with the timeless words of the Te Deum, we pray that by God’s grace we, too, will be “numbered with Your saints in glory everlasting” (*LSB*, p. 225). With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith that binds us together with the faithful of all times!

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” *Revelation 7:9–10*

## **PRELUDE**

*(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)*

# ✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

## WELCOME

**PRESERVICE SONG** – Special Music  
JuBellation

*Stand*

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

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 34:1, 3, 8-9; 37:28; 97:11-12*

**P** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

**C** **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

**P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**C** **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

**P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

**C** **Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

**C** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins—the inherited sinfulness that is our original condition and our manifold sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we may serve You as Your redeemed people, now and forever.**

**P** Because of the sacrifice of His beloved Son for the sins of all people, God has promised His forgiveness. 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. May you ever live as the saints with a bright and glorious future that you are in Christ Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**P** Lord, have mercy,

**C** **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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*

**OPENING SONG – “God of Wonders”**

1 Lord of all creation  
Of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

2, 4 God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

3 Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call your name by night

5, 7 Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth

6 God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy, holy, holy

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## SAINTS CELEBRATION

*Part 1 Psalm 27:13; 37:28*

- P** The words of the Lutheran Confessions give three specific reasons for remembering and honoring the saints. The Apology of the Augsburg Confession states: “Our Confession approves honoring the saints in three ways. The first is thanksgiving. We should thank God because He has shown examples of mercy, because He wishes to save people, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the Church” (Ap XXI 4). Some of the saints listed in the commemorations section of the hymnal lived long earthly lives. Others, especially some of the martyrs who died on account of their faith in the first centuries of the Christian Church, did not. Today we bring to our remembrance someone old and someone young from the legions of saints from past centuries.
- L** St. Polycarp, who was born less than four decades after Jesus ascended into heaven, had a long and impactful ministry. As a young man, he knew and studied under St. John, the disciple of Jesus. For over fifty years, he cared for the church at Smyrna, which is now in the land of Turkey. During the time of his leadership, there was continuing persecution of Christians by the governing authorities. During the time when Marcus Aurelius was Roman Emperor, Polycarp was arrested and taken to the local stadium, where he was ordered to renounce his faith in Christ. In response to that order, Polycarp replied: “Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has done me no wrong, and can I revile my king that saved me?” St. Polycarp, whose name translates as “much fruit” labored fruitfully for his Lord. He is remembered as a martyr on the church calendar each year on February 23.

- A** St. Katherine of Alexandria lived in Egypt in the last years of the third century and the first years of the fourth. Raised in a wealthy and educated family, she came to know of Jesus through her course of studies as a teenager. Although by this time in history Roman state persecution of Christians was subsiding, there were still times when admitting to being a follower of Jesus Christ could bring a sentence of death. Courageously confessing her firmly held belief, Katherine went before the Roman Emperor Maxentius and requested that the persecutions and executions of Christian people for their faith stop. Refusing to give up her faith, Katherine calmly faced a prison sentence that was ultimately followed by her execution. During her time of captivity she continued her Christian witness, leading to the conversion of soldiers sent to guard her and scholars sent to dissuade her from her beliefs and even the empress, who had come to visit her. In the book of Revelation, St. John gave these words of encouragement from the Lord: “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (2:10). From her few years of earthly life, Katherine left a lasting spiritual legacy.
- P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C** **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**



## FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

*(God is worshiped by multitudes in heaven.)*

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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

<sup>15</sup>"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.

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

<sup>17</sup>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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.  
**C** **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

- P** Blessed are those whose strength is in You,  
**C** **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

## EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1-3*

*(We are called God's children now through His love.)*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

(Jesus speaks to His disciples on the mountain.)

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>4</sup>*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

<sup>5</sup>*“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

<sup>6</sup>*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

<sup>7</sup>*“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.*

<sup>8</sup>*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

<sup>9</sup>*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.*

<sup>10</sup>*“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

<sup>11</sup>*“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>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.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## LAMB'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

### VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

### COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

- P** We 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. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they may continue to serve Him forever.
- C** Amen.

*(Those who have died within the past year may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.)*

Darleen Moormann – December 6, 2023

Pat Hanson – February 20, 2024

Nyla Mathies – June 4, 2024

Mary Lou Little – August 15, 2024

Shirley Williams – September 26, 2024

Doris Ahrens – September 27, 2024

Janice O'Briant – October 13, 2024

## PRAYER

**P** In joyful anticipation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises that where You are, there Your servants shall be also. Bless the memories of the saints among us and keep us firm in the certain hope of the great reunion to come in Your gracious eternal kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray,

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Gratefully we pray for the church at large and for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, remembering the saints in other places around the world who share in our faith and hope and love and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Confidently we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that their petitions, Good Shepherd, be answered according to Your gracious will and that they be supported by this fellowship of saints. Help us to cherish the company of all of God's people and seek to bring care in Christ to all with cheerful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Humbly we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for the security of our communities. Grant that we always cherish the freedoms we enjoy and be strengthened by Your power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** “With angels, archangels, and with all the company of heaven ...” When we gather around the altar of the Lord in His house, we pray and praise God with “all the company of heaven.” Those we have lost in the Lord are not truly lost to us — they have simply entered their rest with the Lord. As we gather to worship our Lord, we gather along with them. On the Last Day everything that God has given into the care of our stewardship will fade away — everything except our brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for one another in love and grace is our highest calling.

## OFFERTORY – “I Exalt Thee” Psalm 97:9

1, 2 For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods  
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth  
Thou art exalted far above all gods  
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord  
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord

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## SAINTS CELEBRATION

*Part 2 Psalm 28:8; 97:11–12*

**P** Two other reasons for commemorating the saints noted in the Lutheran Confessions are the strengthening of our faith and the imitation, first of faith, then of other virtues. The calendar of the saints includes both men and women from every era of history and from many lands. In a hymn from the very end of the nineteenth century, writer Lesbia Scott penned these words: “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.” So now we meet two saints:

**L** Often showing up first on an alphabetical list of the saints, Ambrose lived in northern Italy in the fourth century. As a child, he proudly announced on one occasion, “I shall one day be bishop.” His studies and experiences, however, took his life in a different direction and eventually he became a governor in northern Italy, ruling from the city of Milan. When the local bishop of that region died, conflict broke out in Milan between two possible successors. When crowds of supporters of both sides gathered in conflict in the city center, Ambrose, as governor, went to keep order. The result of his peace-keeping efforts was that he was acclaimed as bishop by the crowd. He was the right man at the right time. He served the people and congregations at Milan tirelessly for almost a quarter of a century and used all his talents in the service of the Lord. Each Advent we sing one of his many hymns: “Savior of the Nations, Come.” The day on the church calendar associated with St. Ambrose is December 7—the day in the year 374 that he was named bishop of Milan.

**A** Some of the lesser-known saints turn out to be the most influential. One of those remarkable people is St. Hilda. Born in Great Britain shortly after the year 600, she lived her life in an era that is not often remembered. During the seventh-century, battles, feuds, and wars made life in England and Scotland unsettled and challenging. As the leader of a religious house for both women and men at Whitby, England, Hilda made it her vocation to bring Christian educational opportunity to her remote part of the world. She sought to develop the talents of people around her however she could. One of the people she influenced greatly was Caedmon, who was a herdsman and keeper of the abbey grounds at Whitby. With her encouragement, he became a noted minstrel and is viewed by many as the father of English language poetry. St. Hilda brought disparate groups in the British church together and continually sought to accentuate and develop the gifts of God she discovered in His people.



- P** The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
- C** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

*Stand*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### 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 unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### LORD'S PRAYER

- P** 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

**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 ✠ 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.”

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### **The Lord's Supper**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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 to His table those who trust in 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.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.*

*Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.*

## LAMB OF GOD

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

#### “The Lamb”

- 1           The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
  
- 2, 4        Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!  
6, 8,10     The Lamb is reigning on his throne!
  
- 3           The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heaven His praise to sing
  
- 5           The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill
  
- 7           He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness  
He Lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness
  
- 9           He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows  
His song prolong ‘till every heart to Him belong

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## “Purify My Heart” Psalm 51:10

1, 2, 3 Purify my heart  
Touch me with Your cleansing fire  
Take me to the cross  
Your holiness is my desire  
Breathe Your life in me  
Kindle a love that flows from Your throne  
Oh, purify my heart  
Purify my heart

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*Stand*

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the church. Having been blessed to be at Your Table in the company of the saints, we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## SAINTS CELEBRATION

*Part 3 Revelation 5:9; Psalm 28:9; 37:28; 116:5, 15*

- P** In the book of Revelation, the description of the company of heaven is one that includes “every tribe and language and people and nation.” That amazing and diverse group of individuals will include many saints we know today by name and reputation as their stories are passed from generation to generation. There will be others who were forgotten on earth but will certainly be fully known in the bright and glorious company of the blessed that is heaven.
- L** Some of the saints that have become well known through the ages left letters or books or diaries to chronicle their earthly lives. Perhaps the most outstanding of those writers is St. Augustine, who lived in northern Africa and southern Europe in the fourth and fifth centuries. Between the years 397 and 400, Augustine wrote a thirteen-volume composition telling of his life up until that time. Titled “Confessions,” it came to be regarded as the first autobiography in Western literature. It served as a model for Christian writers for hundreds of years. In his “Confessions,” Augustine tells of his childhood, youth, and early adulthood. Looking back as he wrote his personal history, he saw many ways in which his life in past times had been misspent, misdirected, and sinful. What he had come to realize was that his life did not find its true fulfillment until he had become totally and completely a follower of Christ and a servant to his Lord and Savior. One quote from Augustine that is best known is his prayerful exclamation to God: “For Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee.” St. Augustine is remembered on the church’s list of Commemorations on August 28.

**A** Although on All Saints' Day we remember many of God's people by name, there are also many people worthy of our remembrance and thanksgiving who are not able to be recalled individually. Hymn texts in our hymnal that have attributions like "Sarum Breviary" and "African American spiritual" and "Church Poetry, Philadelphia, 1823" were penned by unknown saints. Music without a composer named, listed simply as "Geistliche Lieder" or "Davids Psalmen" or "Himmlische Harmony, Mainz, 1628" were the results of dedicated labor by unheralded saints. Much of the mission work of the church has been done by people whose names now are not remembered. For these unknown saints, the words "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" speaks to us today, reminding us of the heavenly reunion of all of the saints in the courts of the Lord in eternity when what is forgotten on earth will be remembered once again.

**P** Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C** **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

**Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**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.**

## **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

## CLOSING SONG – “House of the Lord”

- 1            We worship the God who was  
              We worship the God who is  
              We worship the God who evermore will be  
              He opened the prison doors  
              He parted the raging sea  
              My God, He holds the victory
- 2, 4, 7, 8    There's joy in the house of the Lord  
              There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
              And we won't be quiet  
              We shout out Your praise  
              There's joy in the house of the Lord  
              Our God is surely in this place  
              And we won't be quiet  
              We shout out Your praise
- 3            We sing to the God who heals  
              We sing to the God who saves  
              We sing to the God who always makes a way  
              'Cause He hung up on that cross  
              Then He rose up from that grave  
              Our God's still rolling stones away
- 5, 6        'Cause we were the beggars  
              Now we're royalty  
              We were the prisoners  
              Now we're running free  
              We are forgiven, accepted  
              Redeemed by His grace  
              Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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