

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 8:30 AM

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

Divine Service, Setting 1

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#### **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, <a href="mailto:office@stlukesmanhattan.org">office@stlukesmanhattan.org</a>, 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* 

# **▼ PREPARATION**



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#### Stand

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

INVOCATION LSB 151

ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

**EXHORTATION** *LSB* 151

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.

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

LSB 151

- **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.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- 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.

# **₩** Word **₩**

#### INTROIT

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

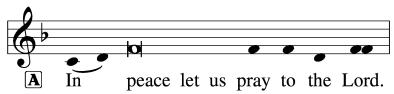


- These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.\*

  They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
- In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame;\* in your righteousness de- | liver me.
- P 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.\*

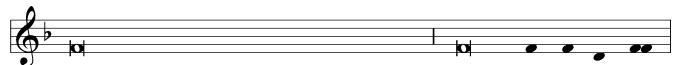
  They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

KYRIE LSB 152





C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

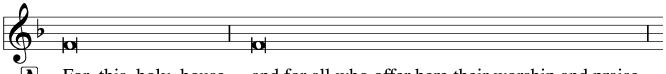




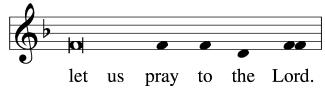
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



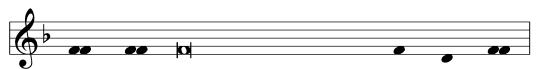




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

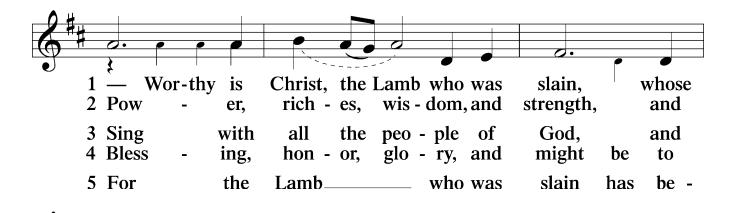


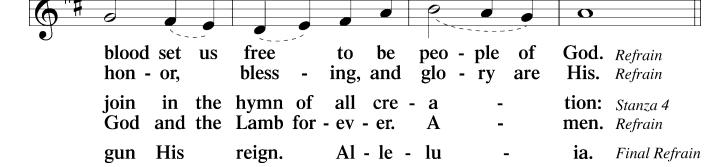
# **HYMN OF PRAISE – "THIS IS THE FEAST"**

LSB 155













#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.



# P Let us pray.

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



Sit

#### **SAINTS CELEBRATION**

- 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.
- It is 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.

- $\mathbf{A}$ 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.
- I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- 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.

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.

#### **GRADUAL**

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

- P 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.
- P Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- 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.

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

Stand



**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.



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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

# LAMB'S MESSAGE

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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."

#### **BLESSED ARE THE DYING**

JESU, MEINE FREUDE, LSB #743

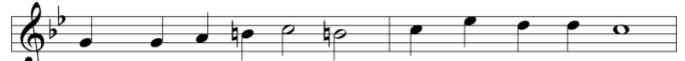


- 1 Bless èd are the dy ing Who on God re ly ing
- 2 Great the trib u la tion Saints from ev 'ry na tion
- 3 Dressed in white be-fore Him, Ev er they a-dore Him,
- 4 Vi sion can not cap ture The un end ing rap ture



Trust His Word, se - cure. Suf - fered in their strife; Serve Him night and day. Of the bliss a - bove.

Heav - en they in - her - it; At the end, tri - um - phant Nev - er shall they hun - ger, Who can tell the sto - ry



"Yes," de-clares the Spir - it, And with joy a - bun - dant, Thirst shall be no long - er, Of the weight of glo - ry "And their works en-dure."
Gained e - ter - nal life.
Tears are wiped a-way—
Saved for us in love?



God by grace pre-pares their place— They de - pend up - In the flood of cleans - ing blood, They have washed their For the Lamb, the great I AM, Shep-herds them to None on earth can know the worth, None can guess the



His on fa vor, Look to Christ as Sav ior. All of robes, e - ras ing sin's de - fac ing. liv - ing wa ters As His sons and daugh ters. bril - liant splen - dor God will free - ly ren der!

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#### **SERMON**

#### **VOTUM**

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

#### 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.

#### **COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS**

- 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**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – JuBellation (8:30 a.m. service only)

#### **SAINTS CELEBRATION**

- 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:
- 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.

- $\mathbf{A}$ 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.
- 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 LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

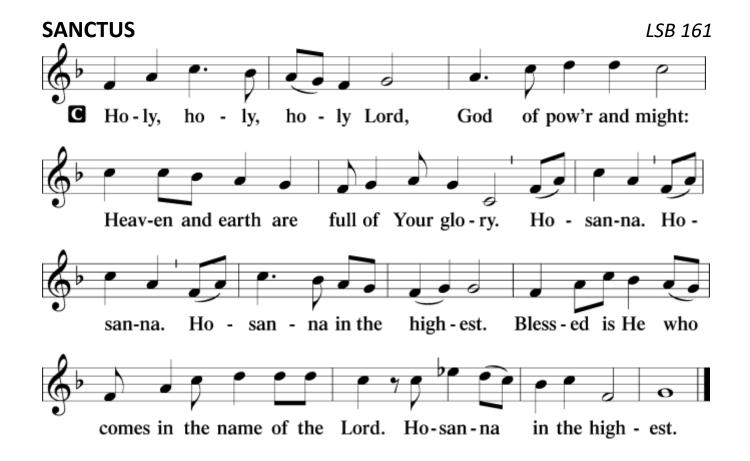


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



#### **PROPER PREFACE**

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, because You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. And now we thank You that You have called us as Your saints and have granted us salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

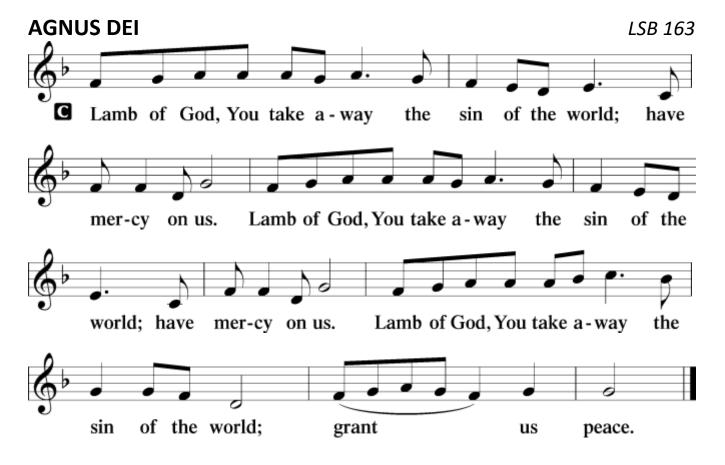
P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

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





Sit

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, s 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.

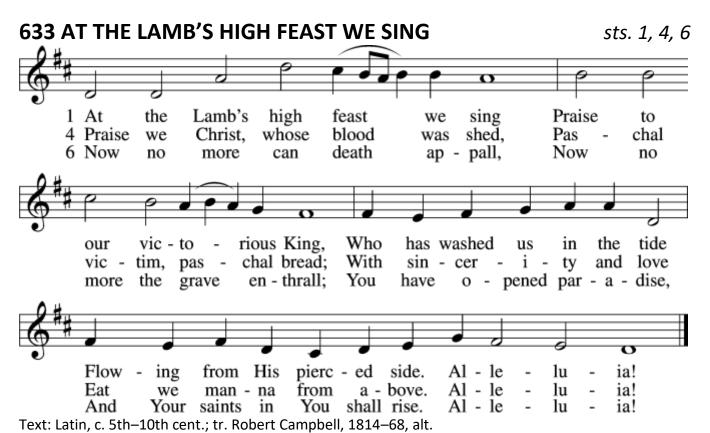
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#### **DISTRIBUTION**

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.

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**



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#### 725 CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER



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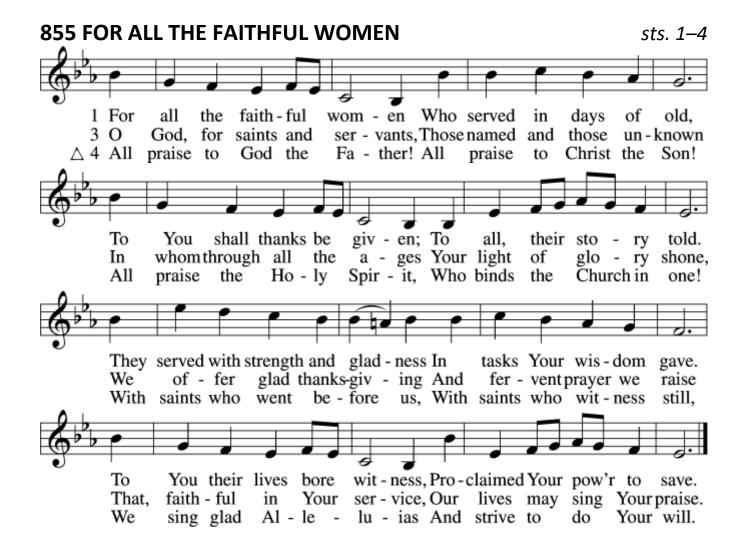
#### 982 BLEST ARE THEY 1 Blest the spir - it; Theirs they, poor the are in is 2 Blest low -They are they, the ly ones;\_\_\_\_ shall in -3 Blest who show mer - cy; Mer are they\_ cy 4 Blest seek peace;\_\_\_ They the are they\_ who are 5 Blest who suf - fer hate.\_\_\_\_ $All_{-}$ be are you king-dom of God.\_ Blest are they,\_\_ $full_{-}$ her - it the earth.\_\_ Blest are they who hun-ger and shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure\_\_\_ chil - dren God.\_\_\_\_ Blest are they who suf-fer in of cause\_\_\_ of Me.\_ Re-joice and be glad, vours is the soled.\_\_\_\_ sor - row; They\_\_\_\_ shall be con thirst;\_\_\_ They\_ shall have their fill.\_ They\_\_\_ heart;\_\_\_\_ shall God!see The glo - ry faith;\_\_\_\_ God is theirs.\_ of Shine\_\_\_\_ king - dom; all for to see.\_\_ Refrain glad!\_ Re - joice\_\_\_\_\_ and be Bless-ed are you, Yours is ho-ly are you. Re - joice\_\_\_\_ and be glad!\_

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#### Stand

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**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.



#### **SAINTS CELEBRATION**

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

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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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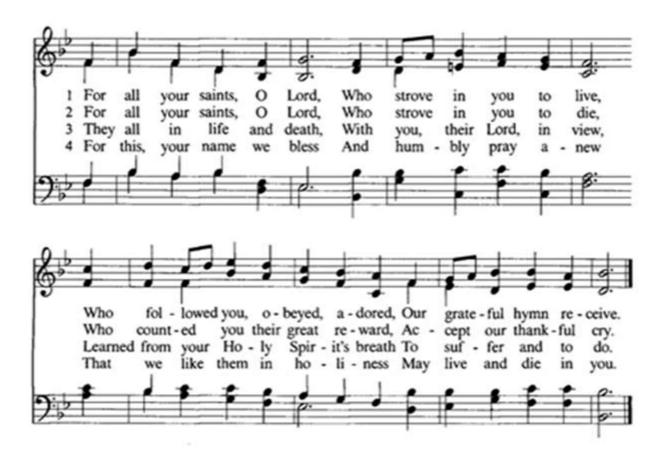
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and 

give you peace.



### **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".



5 To God, the Father, Son, And Spirit, ever blest, The One in Three, the Three in One, Be endless praise addressed.

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