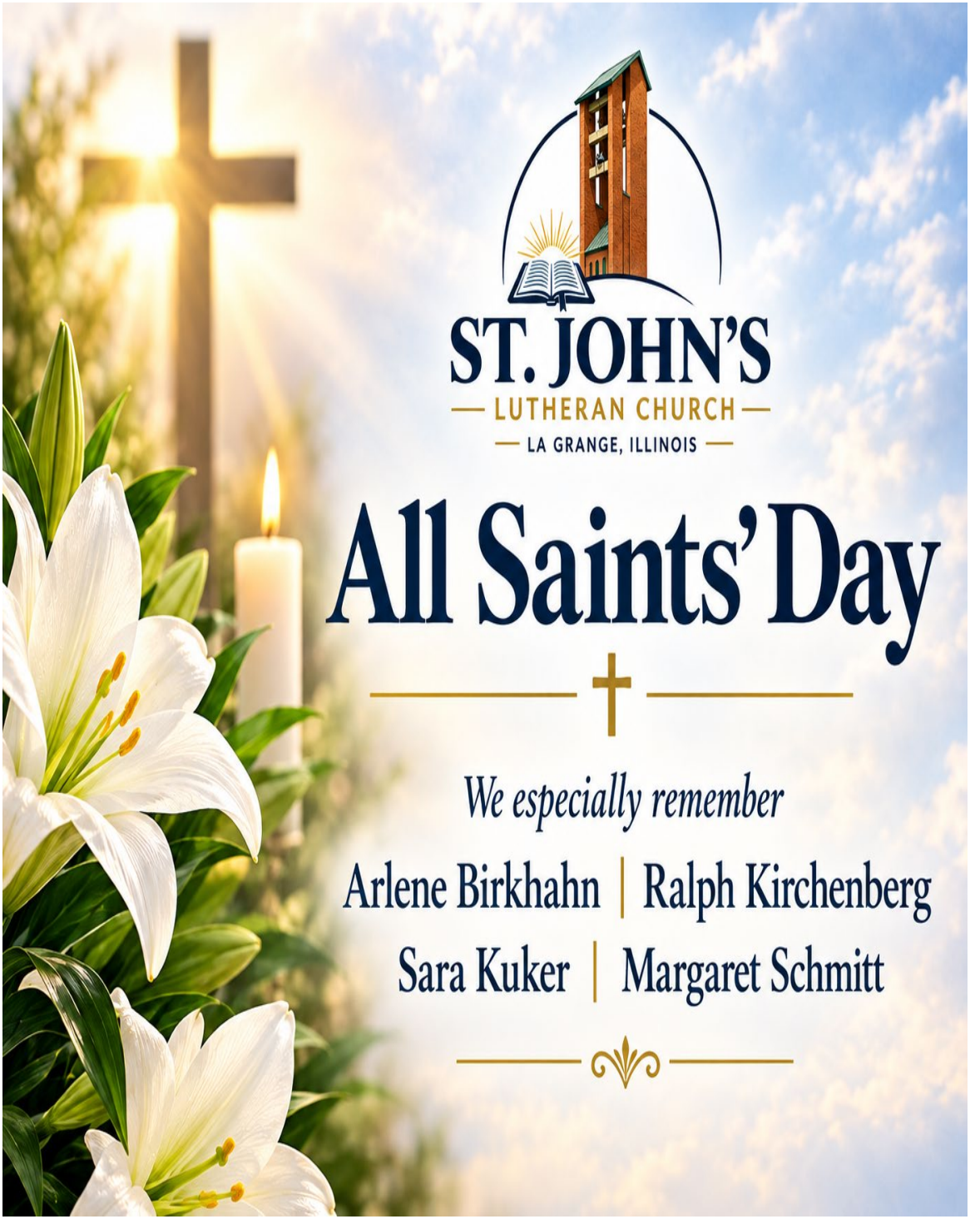

ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS
All Saints' Day
We especially remember
Arlene Birkhahn | Ralph Kirchenberg
Sara Kuker | Margaret Schmitt

WELCOME! TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S HOLY COMMUNION



For baptized Christians (Matthew 28:19) who have been instructed in the faith (Galatians 6:6), The Lord's Supper is our participation in the body and blood of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16), as the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:17), to receive forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26:28) and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So that those who partake of the Lord's Supper do so in a worthy manner (1 Corinthians 11:27) and not to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:29), let us each examine ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28):

- Do you believe that you are a sinner? That you have sinned in thought, word and deed?
- Are you sorry for your sin?
- Do you trust that Jesus Christ gives forgiveness of sin through His Supper?
- Do you believe that the body and blood of Jesus are present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- Do you seek to lead godly lives by the power of the Holy Spirit?

Please speak to a pastor or usher if you have questions. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is provided in the center of each communion tray. Those who are not communing may come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

AS WE GATHER



All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

THE PRELUDE

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Please stand

INVOCATION HYMN 677 For All the Saints



INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C **Amen.**

EXHORTATION *Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Please Kneel/Sit

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

CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

C **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 Ghost.

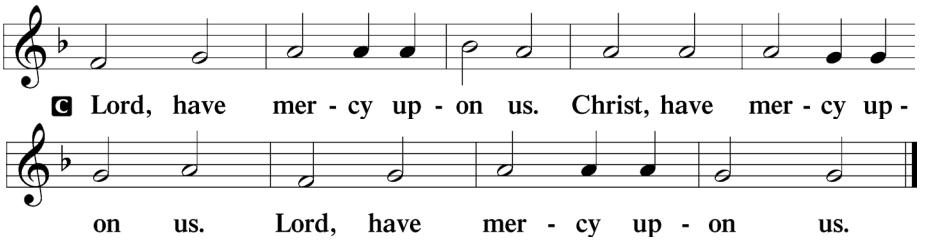
C **Amen.**

Please stand

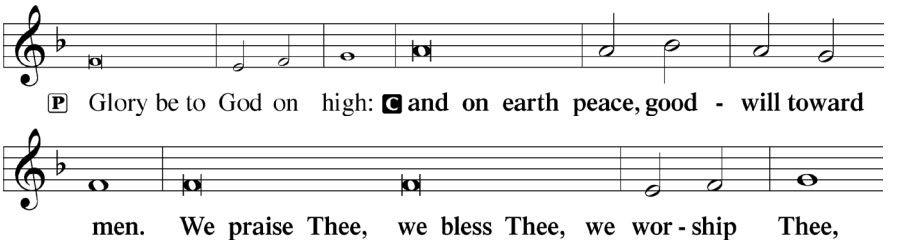
SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.



Please sit

FIRST READING *Revelation 7:2–17*

A The Old Testament Reading is from Revelation, chapter 7.

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."

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

PSALM *Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 4*

A Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
C **Let Israel be glad in his Maker;**
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
A Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
C **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;**
he adorns the humble with salvation.
A Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
C **Let the high praises of God be in their throats**
and two-edged swords in their hands,
A to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

C **to bind their kings with chains**
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
A to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–3*

A The Old Testament Reading is from 1 John, chapter 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.

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

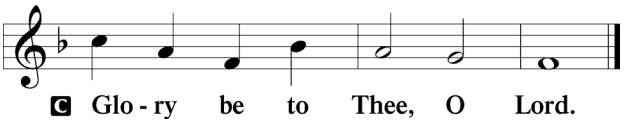
Please stand

ALLELUIA *John 6:68*



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12*

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



[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.

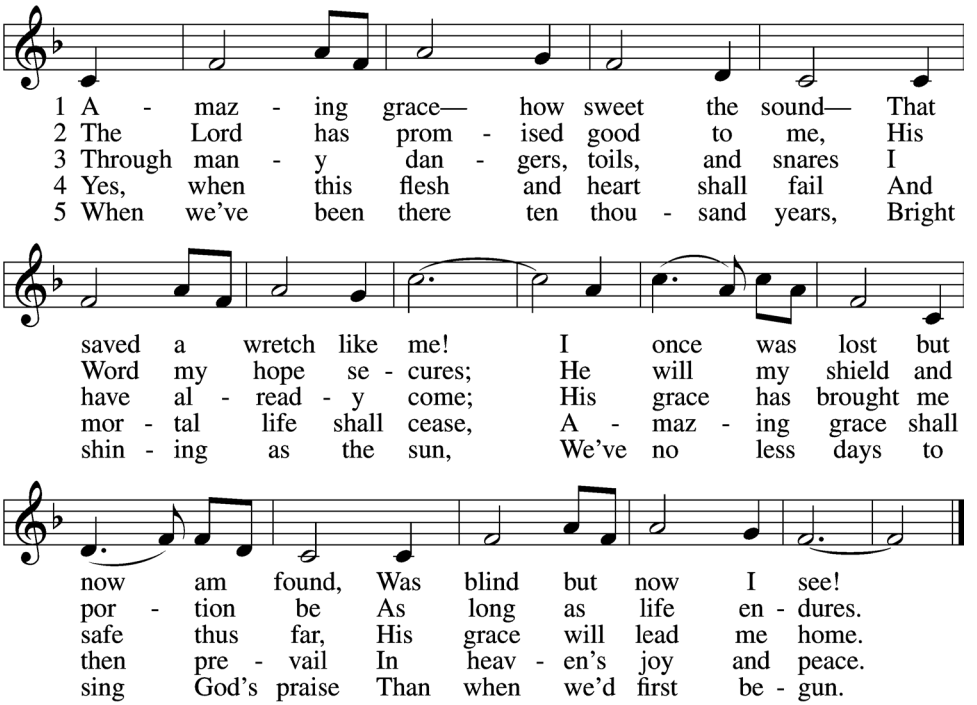
11"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON HYMN 744 Amazing Grace



SERMON **"Heros of Faith? Saints of God?"**
Pastor Ron Wiedler

Please stand

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
The Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spake 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.

Please kneel or sit

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for our fellow saints of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the nations of the world, that their leaders see with Your eyes of justice and mercy the needs of their people, and that Your blessed ones represent You among every nation, tribe, people, and language, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Bless us with Your mercy.**

P For Your Body, the Christian Church on earth, that we see in our service the coming of Your kingdom into our world, and that our love for others reflect the love our Savior has shown to all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Bless us with Your mercy.**

P For all the families of our congregation, that in seeing the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the grieving, we see You in them, and welcome the opportunity to bless others as You have first blessed us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Bless us with Your mercy.**

P For all those who grieve the death of those they love, that their hearts be filled with Your peace and their eyes of faith behold You until the day of our reunion at the throne of the Lamb, when we shall see You face-to-face. We especially remember those members of our parish who have received their eternal reward, especially:

Arlene Birkhahn
Ralph Kirchenberg
Sara Kuker
Margaret Schmitt

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Bless us with Your mercy.**

P For the sick, [*especially . . .*], that they receive Your blessing through the healing that comes by Your power alone, let us pray to the Lord:

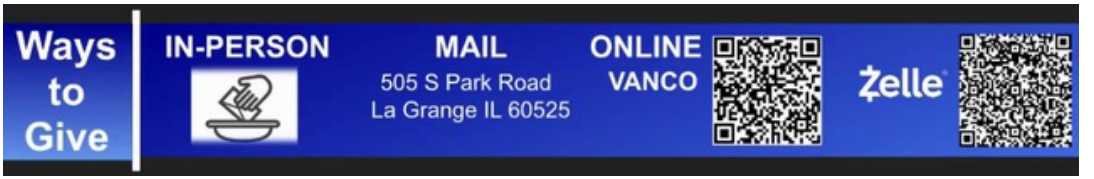
C **Bless us with Your mercy.**

P Into Your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, always relying upon Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

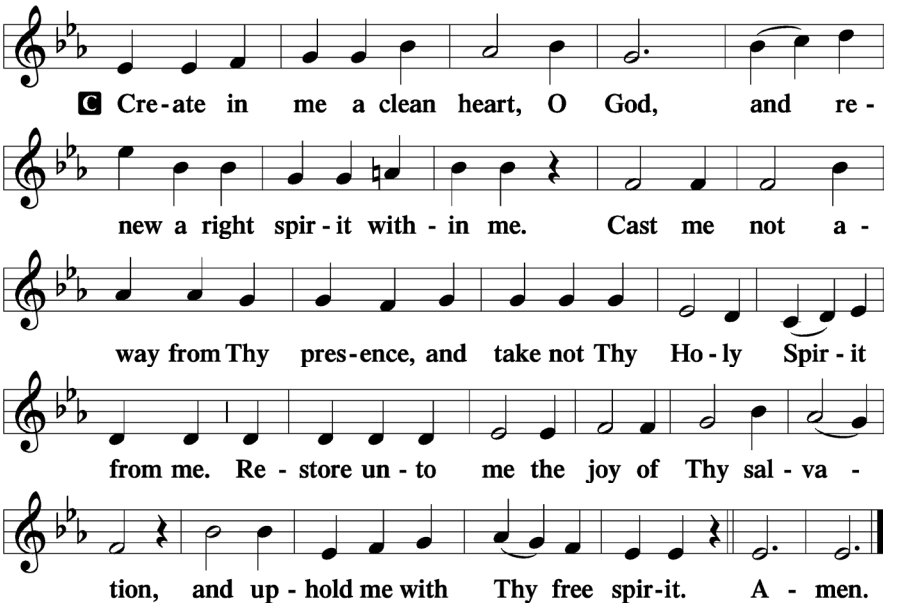
Please sit

OFFERING



Please stand

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10–12*



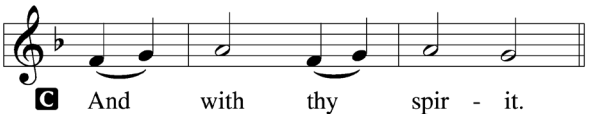
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | 10:45am

Frank and Diane Patterson
Marsha Poppie | Sandy Roberts | Brian Keilers

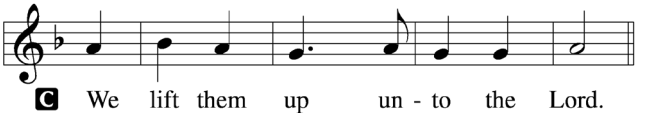
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

P The Lord be with you.



℗ Lift up your hearts.



℗ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

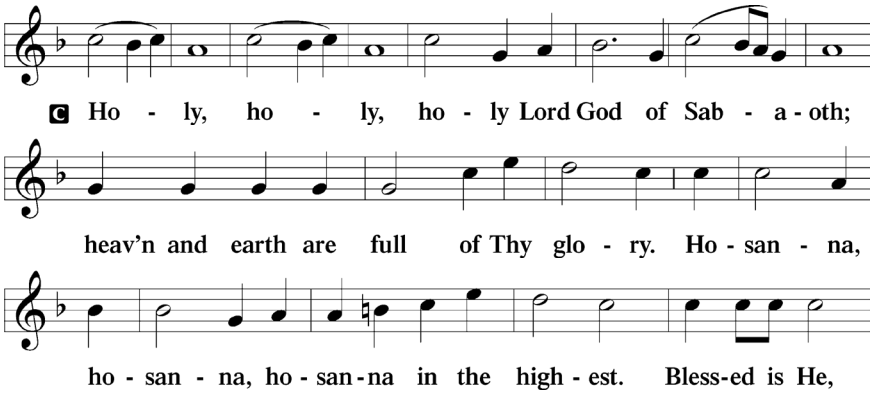


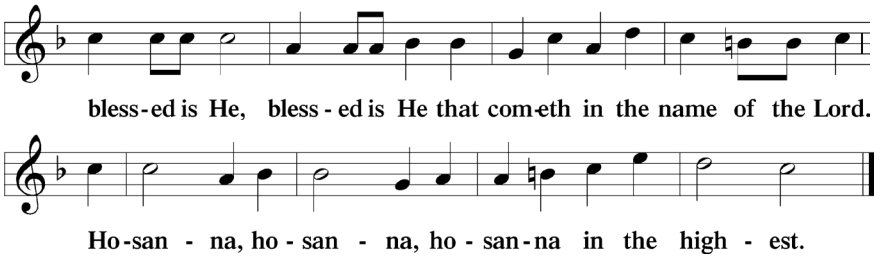
PROPER PREFACE

℗ It is truly meet, 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 saying:

SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*





LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

After the same manner also, He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

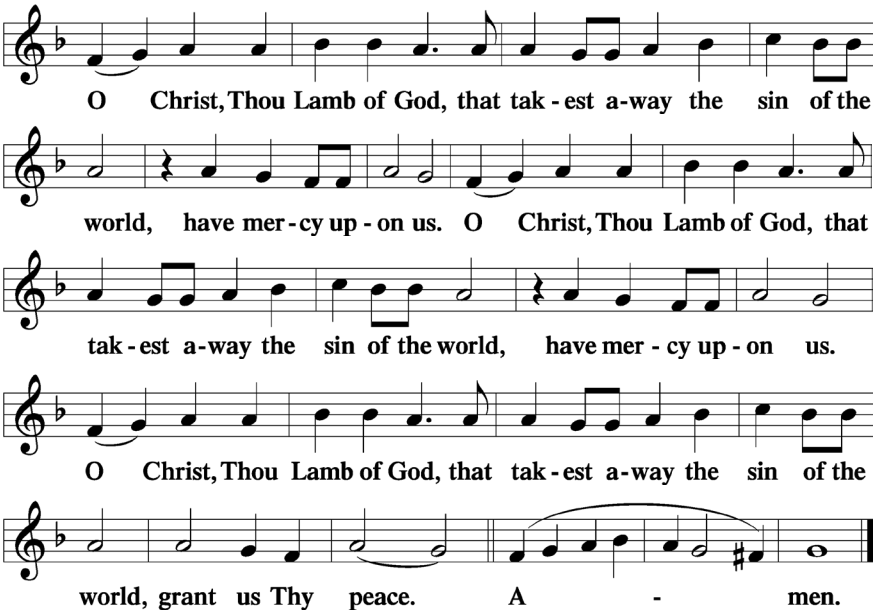


The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you,"
as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

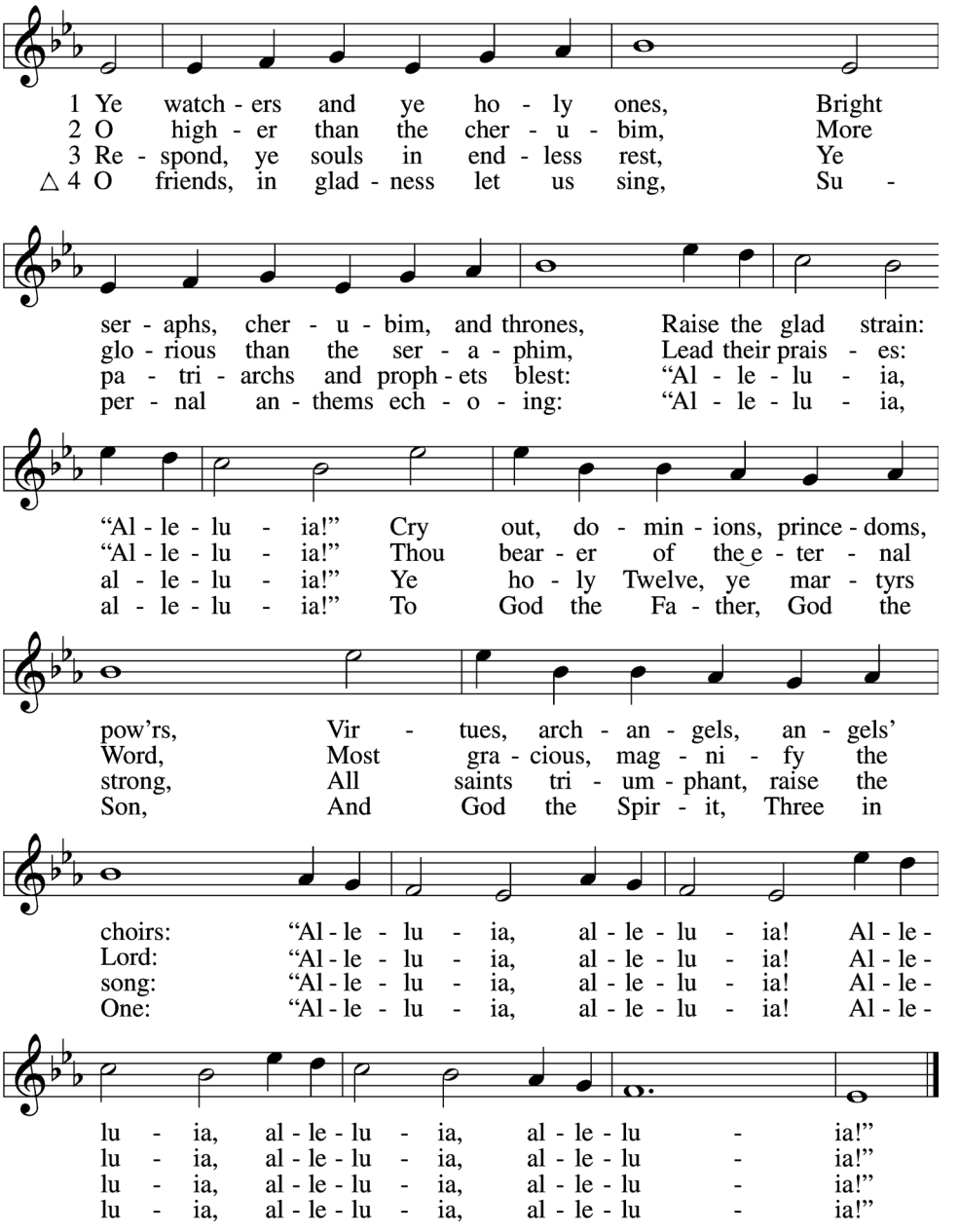


AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



Please sit


1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye
△ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -
ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:
pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
"Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs
al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the
pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the
Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in
choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Please stand

THE DISMISSAL

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

C **Amen.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32



THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



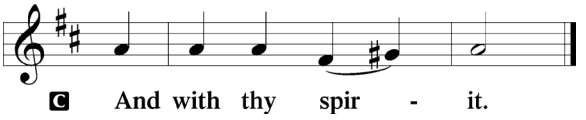
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.



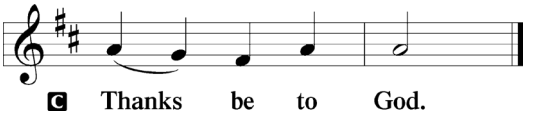
SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.



BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



Please sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP
Rev. Ron Wiedler, Homilist
Rev. Mark Stapleton, Liturgist
Dr. Marc Brunelle, Director of Music/Organist
Lynne Braun, Lector | 8:00am
Bonnie Kane, Lector | 10:45am

ALTAR FLOWERS
Today's flowers are given by Denny and Doreen Forrest in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary.

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