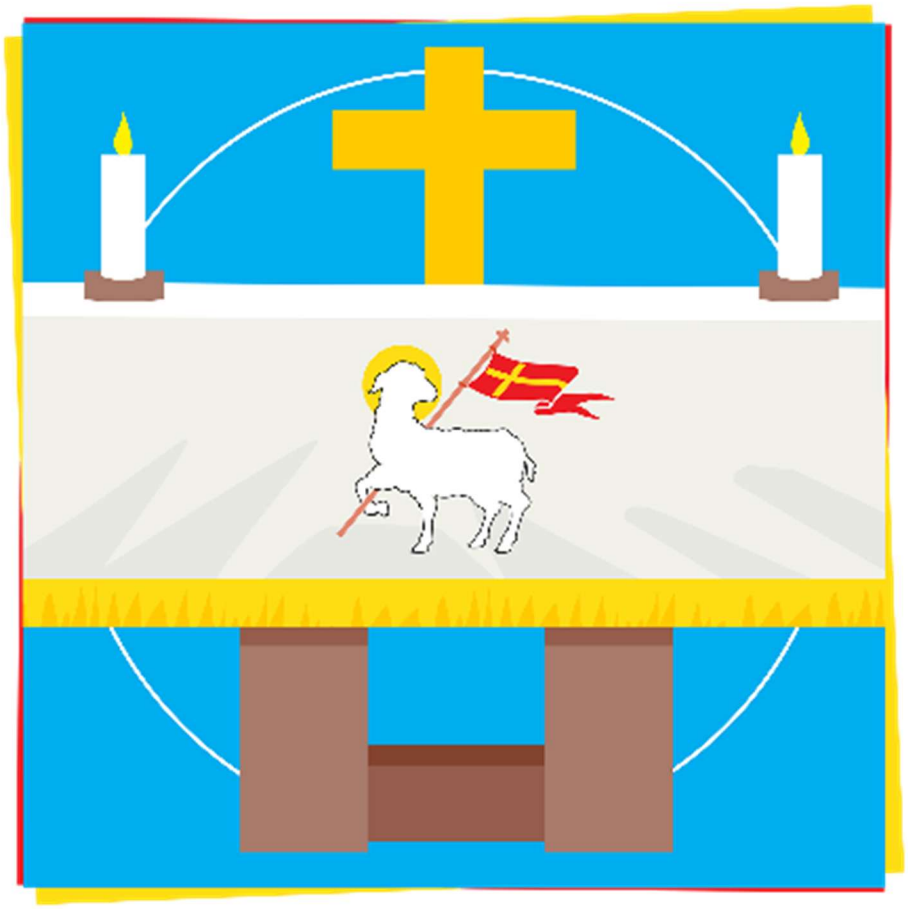
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO
October 31 and November 1, 2026
4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

SAINTS NOW AND THEN

As We Gather

Portraits of heroes are hung in museums, etched onto mountains, and immortalized in history books. But for those who keep the faith, the Lord has greater plans. On this All Saints' Day, we see that the Lord's faithful do not belong in galleries or textbooks but in the courts of heaven. There are no dead tributes to the fallen but living displays of Christ's mercy. All those who have been joined to Christ in Baptism can celebrate their citizenship in the Kingdom that never ends and the promise that when their days of being saint and sinner in this life are finished, they will be all saints in the presence of their Savior.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Prelude "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" Wilbur Held

Pastoral Greeting

Tolling of the Bell (all rise)

Processional (8:00 & 10:30) / Opening Hymn
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" *LSB* 670

Invocation

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 30:4–5*

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,
People: and give thanks to His holy name.

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment,
People: and His favor is for a lifetime.

Pastor: Weeping may tarry for the night,
People: but joy comes with the morning.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 5:3*

Pastor: As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,
People: You rule and reign with justice. As Your people, we should love all Your decrees. Yet our hearts are hard. We prefer our ways to Your ways. We shout our freedoms but whisper Your correction. You call us salt and light, yet over and over we choose the darkness. Forgive us, Father, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus. Renew our hearts that we might rejoice as the saints You call us to be.

Pause for silent reflection

Pastor: To make sinners into saints of His kingdom, God in His mercy sent forth Jesus, who declares, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The blood of Jesus has opened the door to the Kingdom where He rules and reigns, now and forever. As a called and ordained servant of the living Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!
People: Alleluia! Amen!

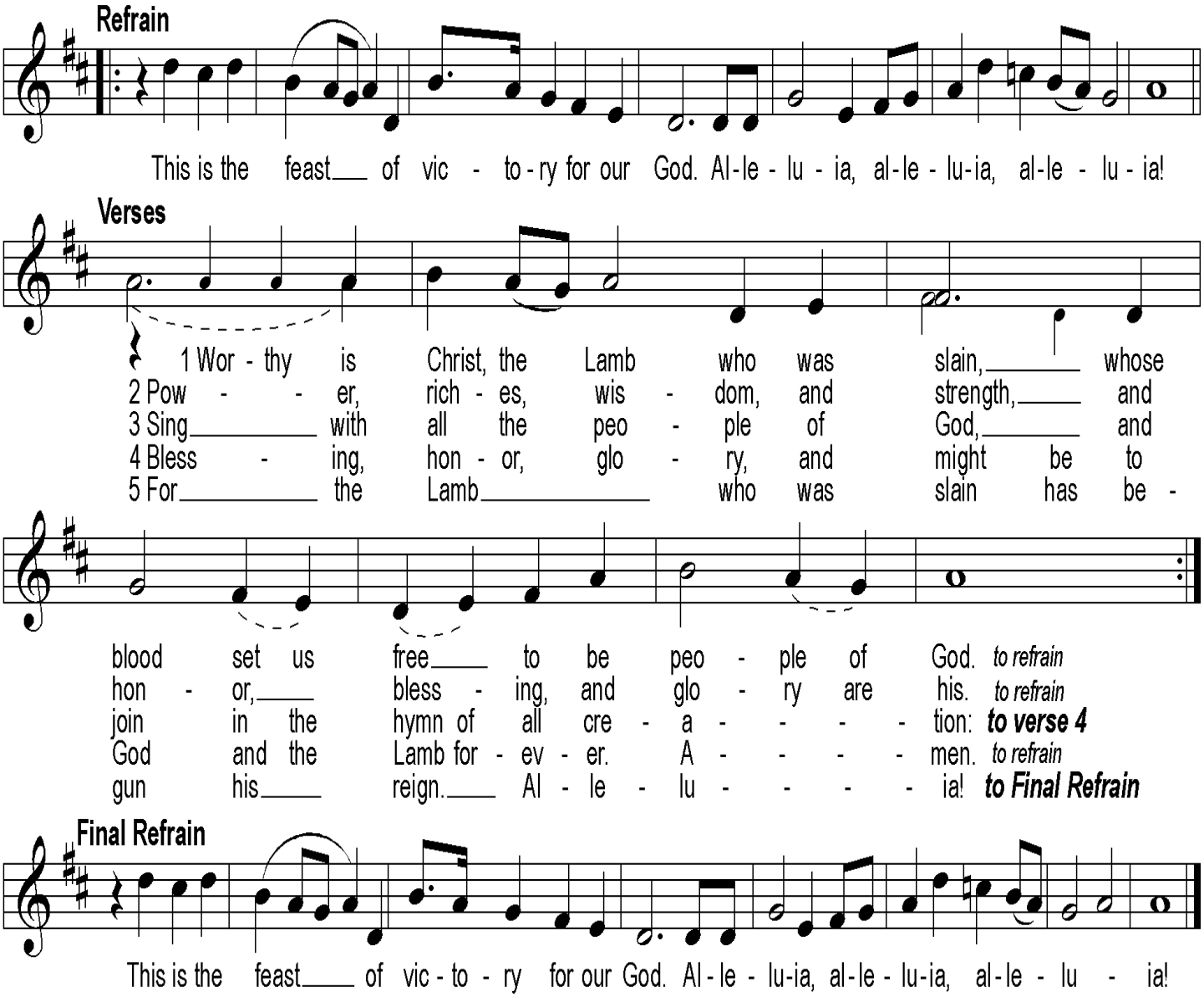
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Pastor: Father of all saints,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: Savior of all saints,
People: have mercy.

Pastor: Spirit of all saints,
People: have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: "I have heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth.' 'Blessed indeed', says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.'" In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises...For those of our **congregational family** who these past twelve months have died in Christ:

Judy Bress	***Mother of Eric and Mark Bress and Julie Woods***
Adeline Newth	***Friend of the Congregation***
Lois Kreye	***Mother of Gail Raether***
Irene Densmore	***Mother of Dave Densmore***
Ron Vega	***Husband of Jan Vega***
Ed Geisler	***Husband of Gwen Geisler***
Millie Fitzpatrick	***Mother of Kathleen Fitzpatrick***
Don Nelson	***Husband of Jeannette Nelson***
Starla Moltz	***Daughter of Larry & Gayla Buethe***
Dick Kuhlmann	***Father of Janice Koldeway***
Harvey Atchison	***Husband of Sally Atchison***
Jeanine MacCluskey	***Mother of Chad MacCluskey***
Stephanie Stasney	***Daughter of Collin & Jackie Brinkman***

Pastor: For those who have gone before us,
People: We thank you, Lord.

Pastor: For those in our **extended congregational family** who these past twelve months died in Christ:

Nick Romano	***Brother of Sue Calhoun***
Lonny	***Friend of Ron Atchison***
Gerry	***Niece of Flo Westra***
Darrell Kirschner	***Cousin of Cindy Fowler & Peggy Daniel***
Rick Westra	***Son of Phyllis Westra***
Anthony Soriano	***Cousin of Tina Kaiser***
Shirley Nichols	***Mother-in-law of Shirley Nichols***
Bob Hollowell	***Brother of Flo Westra***
Mary Fergesen	***Mother of Karen Engle***
Bill McCormick	***Father of Dan McCormick***
Judy Lesch	***Sister of Joan Antonnen***
Paul Keator	***Friend of Dennis & Joyce Lord***
Marie	***Friend of Joyce Gallagher***
Philip Rose	***Father of Naomi Price***
Mason Lenz	***Brother of Breezy Lenz***
Susan	***Sister of Doc Williams***
Cathy Valdez	***Wife of Lee Valdez***
Don Rabe	***Brother of Dianne Backhus***
Shelly Achterberg	***Cousin of Cindy Fowler & Peggy Daniel***
Jack Renwick	***Brother-in-law of Jude Donovan***
Pastor Glenn Isernhagen	***Husband of LouAnn Isernhagen***
Michalina Cora	***Aunt of Dennis Lord***
Herb Banister	***Brother of Gloria Mielke***
Molly	***Sister-in-law of John Oldefest***
Richard Tarabochia	***Brother-in-law of Dianne Backhus***
Roland Scott I	***Grandfather of Roland Scott***
Gwen Jorgensen	***Sister of Elizabeth Wilhelm***

Roy Jorgensen	***Nephew of Elizabeth Wilhelm***
Marsha McGovney	***Sister of Chuck Mielke***
Donna Oates	***Sister-in-law of Jan Burmeister***
Anita Lawrenz	***Grandmother of Michael Lawrenz***
Tyler Kerbs	***Son of Sherry Kerbs***
Mike Reimnitz	***Husband of Joyce Reimnitz***
Burt	***Friend of Joyce Gallagher***
Rev. John Rolf	***Former Visitation Pastor at Ascension***
Del Sandvig	***Aunt of Jan Nichols***
Jim Titus	***Brother of Chuck Titus***
Elijah	***Nephew of Nikki Becker***
Jim James	***Brother-in-law of Barb Bader***
David Harris	***Husband of Vicki, Father of Scott & Brian***



All Saints' Day

✠ WORD ✠

Theme

Pastor: Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone on before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. Together with the saints in heaven and all the company of heaven we sing their song found in the

Book of Revelation (Rev. 5:11-13; 19:5-9). We give thanks and praise for Christ's victory over death and His reign for all eternity by singing the first four verses of "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses."

Hymn **"Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"** LSB 667
Verses 1-4

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
(Saints around God's throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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 spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10:30 only)
"I Am Making All Things New" David von Kampen
Ascension Chorale



Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3
(The Father loves us and calls us His children.)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not

know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Holy Gospel.

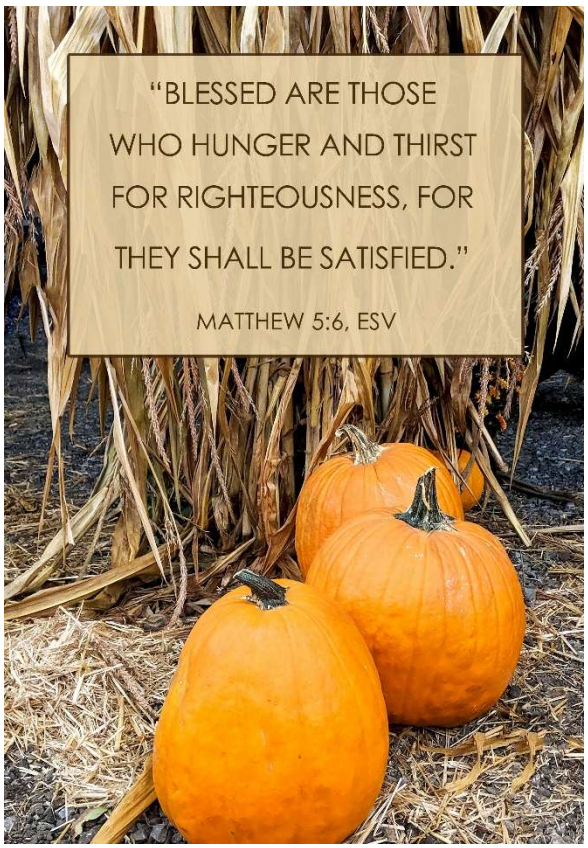
Alleluia Verse *Hebrews 12:1a. 2a*

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
(Jesus blesses some of the least likely people, teaching us that He is blessing us in the midst of all circumstances.)

Pastor: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
People: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Pastor: Blessed are those who mourn,
People: for they shall be comforted.
Pastor: Blessed are the meek,
People: for they shall inherit the earth.
Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
People: for they shall be satisfied.
Pastor: Blessed are the merciful,
People: for they shall receive mercy.
Pastor: Blessed are the pure in heart,
People: for they shall see God.
Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers,
People: for they shall be called sons of God.
Pastor: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
People: **for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**



Pastor: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad,

People: for your reward is great in heaven,

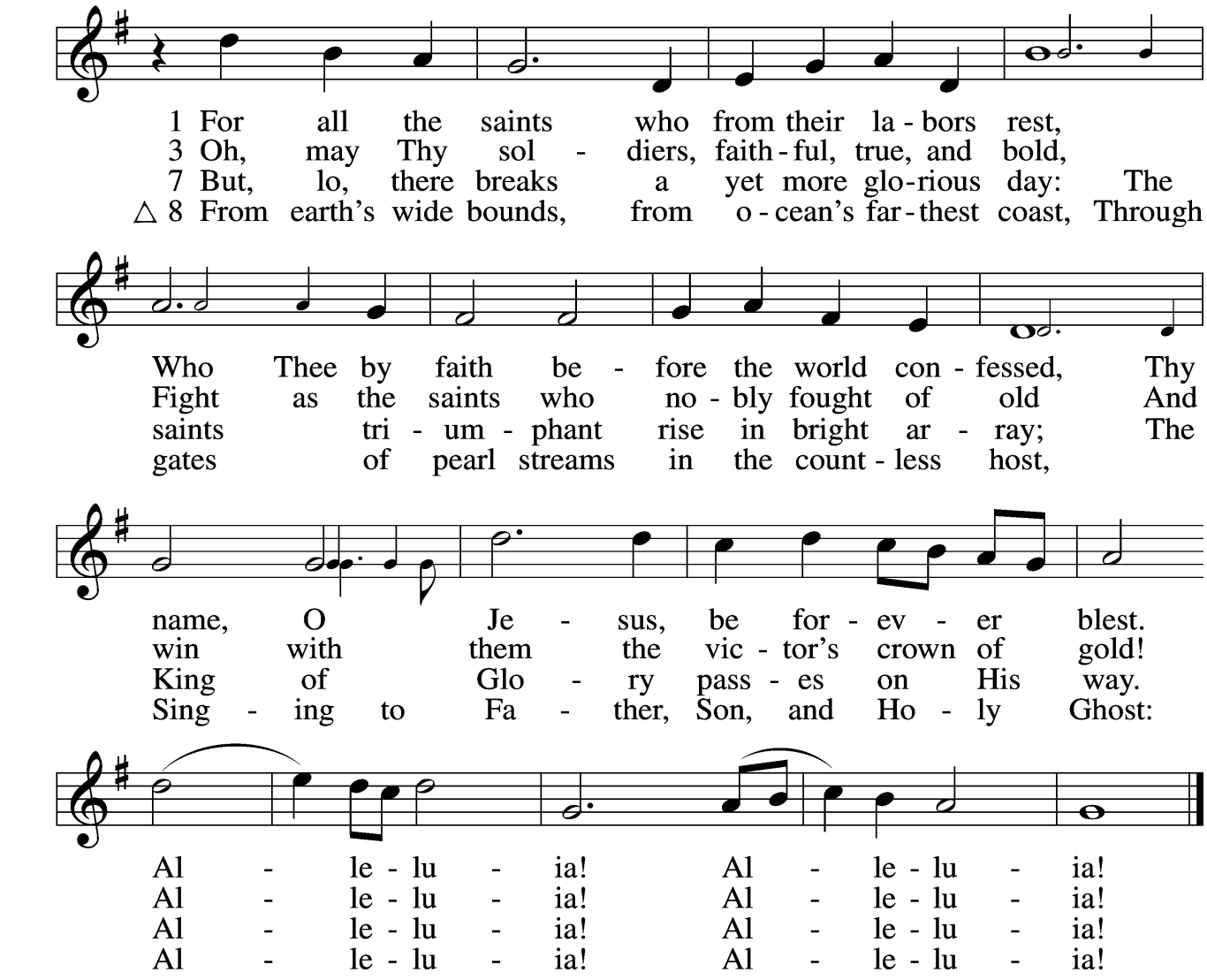
Pastor: for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message Stephanie Roettjer

Hymn of the Day "For All the Saints" *LSB* 677
Verses 1, 3, 7-8



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Sermon **"Signed, Sealed and Delivered"** Pastor John Larson
Text: Revelation 7:2-17

Nicene Creed *(Text found in the back of the hymnal)*

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy …
People: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And also with you.

You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using **...Peace be with you!**

Offering (collected in the back at 4:00 and 10:30 services)

Offering Music (8:00) "I'm Making All Things New" arr. Martin Sirvatka
Ascension Chorale

✠ HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION ✠

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
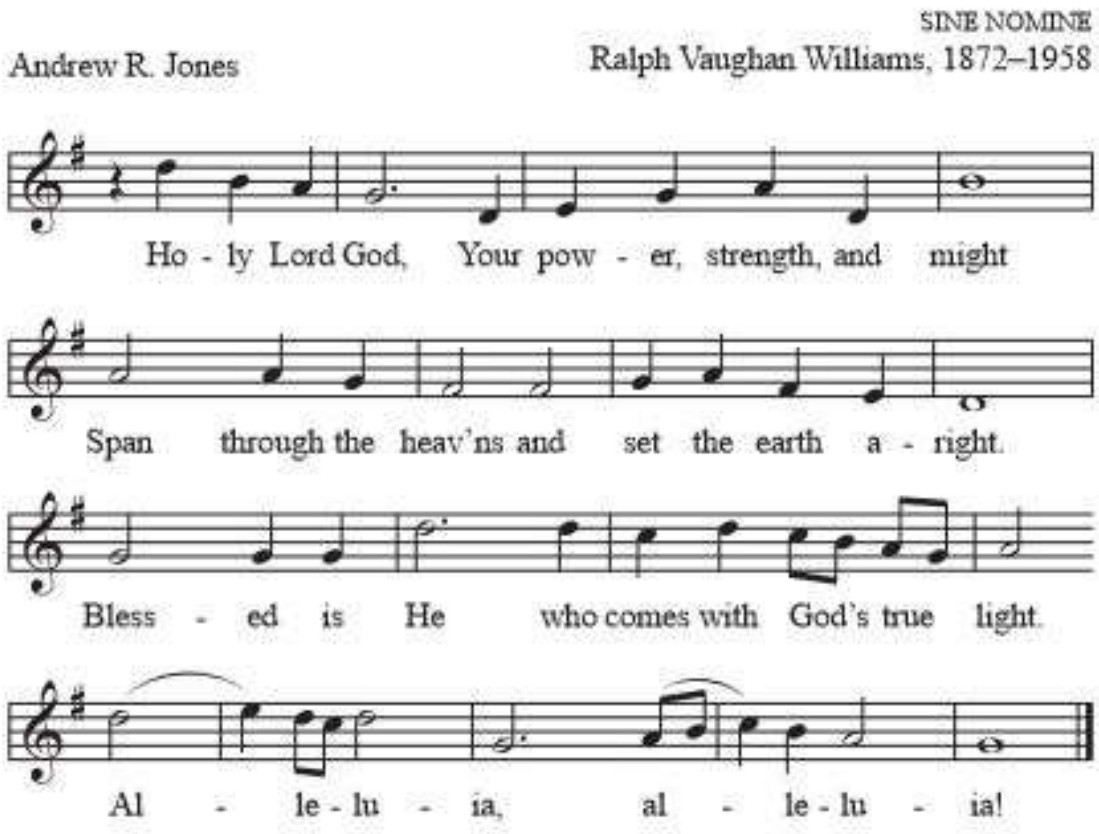
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one Body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels

and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

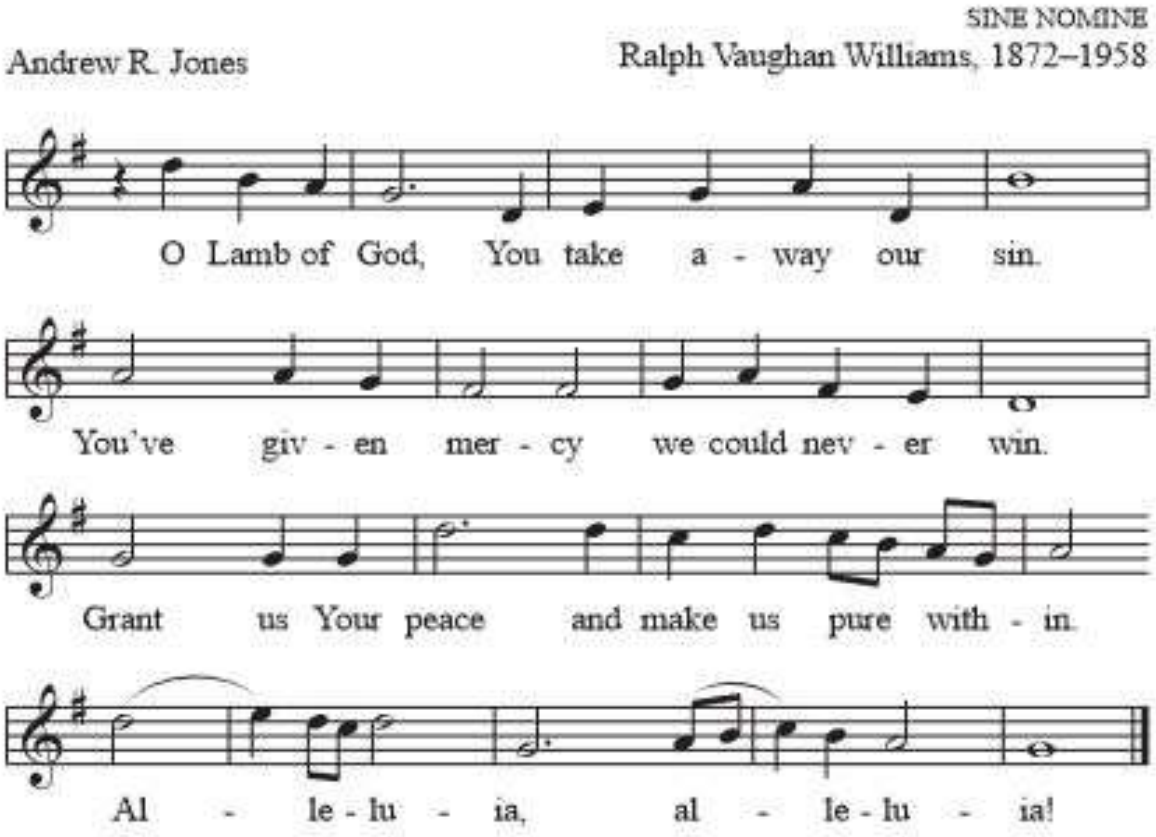


Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

People: **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.**

Agnus Dei



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Special Piano Music	"For All the Saints"	arr. Nielson and Young Diana Gaide, pianist
Hymn	"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"	*LSB* 676
Hymn	"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"	*LSB* 680

General Communion Blessing

Closing Sentences *LSB* 677:1

Pastor: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
People: Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

Pastor: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction (Divine Service, Setting One)

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

Closing Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *LSB* 461
Verses 1-3, 8

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Toccata Pontificale" Gordon Young

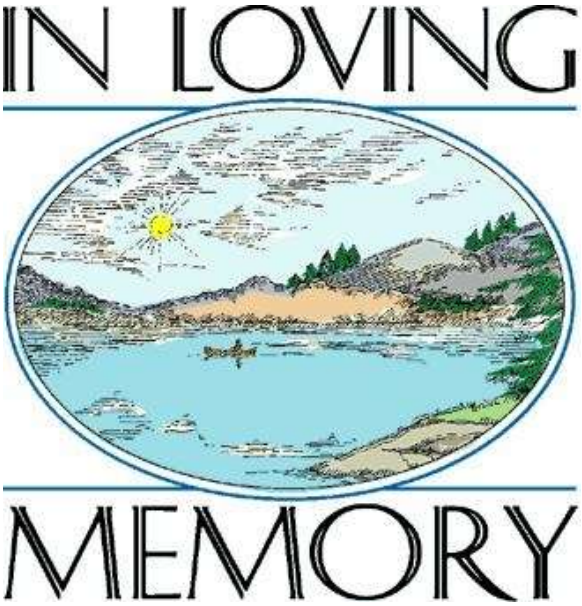


Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT	Pastor John Larson
MINISTER OF MUSIC and WORSHIP	Rev. Michael Zehnder
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Stephanie Roettjer
CHOIR ACCOMPANIST / PIANIST / ORGANIST	Diana Gaide
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADER	Cody Knapp
ELDERS	4 p.m. Jeff Dunker; 8 a.m. Arvin Michel; 10:30 a.m. Michael Lawrenz
ACOLYTE	8 a.m. Lizzie Wilson; 10:30 a.m. Parker Aldrich
LECTORS	4 p.m. Anita Baresel; 8 a.m. Carrie Friend; 10:30 a.m. Candace Uyeda
COMMUNION SERVER	4 p.m. Anita Baresel; 10:30 a.m. Candace Uyeda
ALTAR GUILD	Shelia Beu, Cathy Utecht, Charmaine Rohde

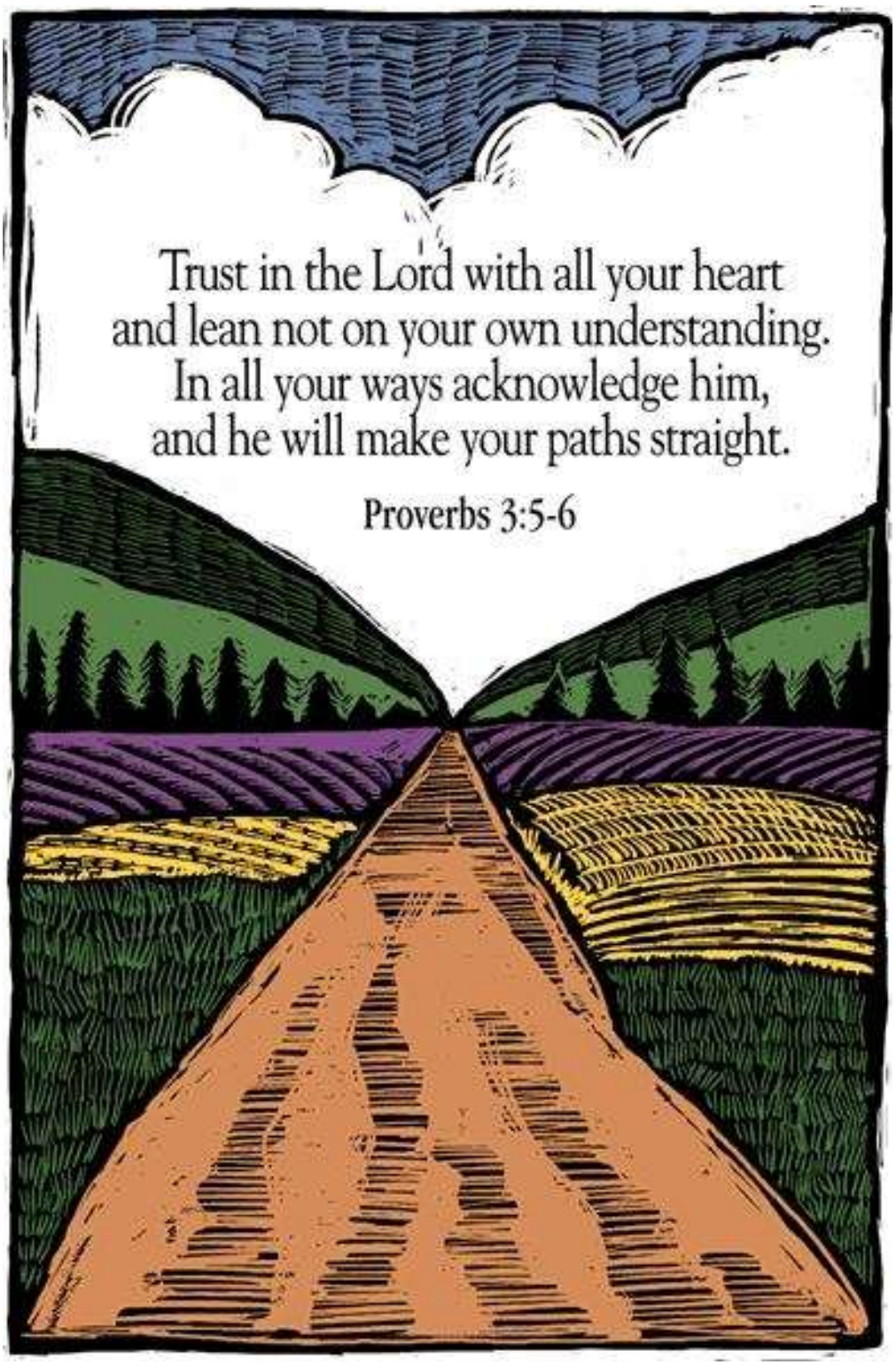
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IN LOVING MEMORY

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Craig Baldwin	*Father of Laurie Mullane*
Kelly Baldwin	*Sister of Laurie Mullane*
Dorothy Luft	*Mother of Jim Mullane*
Ben Mullane	*Son of Jim and Laurie Mullane*
Betty Berry	*Sister of Carolyn Helstrom*
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Ernest Szugyi	*Brother of Carolyn Helstrom*
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Mary Walstrom	*Mother of Mary Lou Regan*
James Walstrom	*Father of Mary Lou Regan*
Daniel Walstrom	*Brother of Mary Lou Regan*


Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6