Living Saviour Lutheran Church
Charlotte, North Carolina



All Saints Day
November 1, 2026

Living Saviour Lutheran Church is a faith community striving to live and love as Jesus did, eagerly welcoming all and bringing healing, help, and hope to the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Assisting Minister - **Becky VanSandt**
Crucifer - **Cooper Thom**
Acolyte - **Ben Thom**

INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Trumpet - **Gordon Hann**
Woodwinds - **Barbara Tobin**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Anita and Gregg Mitchell to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gregg's mother, Martha.

THIS WORSHIP FOLDER contains all elements of the worship service. It is designed to encourage your participation. Please read the words in bold print and join in the singing of all hymns. Italicized words are instructions.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the sanctuary and down the short hallway.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!
Parents, you are always welcome to bring your children to worship with you. If you are comfortable and prefer having them in supervised childcare, it is available and is under the very capable and loving supervision of Ms. Carla. The Childcare Room is down the steps as you enter the gathering area outside the sanctuary. Someone will be happy to direct you there.

- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** for readers and non-readers are available on the welcome table where the worship folders are located.
- **QUIET BAGS** for use by children during worship have been updated and arranged by age groups. They are located to the left as you enter the sanctuary. Feel free to pick one up and replace it on the hooks when you leave.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES are on page 17.

NOISY OFFERING for November (11/15) will go to Diaper Bank of NC. Their mission is to increase awareness of and access to essential hygiene items to promote dignity, health, and quality of life for the people of North Carolina. And they don't stop with diapers - they also assist with period products, adult incontinence supplies and formula.

You can learn more on their website: https://www.ncdiaperbank.org/

WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE SAINTS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We come together on this All Saints Day to give thanks for all the saints who have died in the faith. We remember especially members of our own church family whom we have commended to the mercy and care of Almighty God here in this space since last All Saints Sunday.

John Farris	January 15, 2026
Joey Skidmore	April 13, 2026
Frank Snodgrass	September 5, 2026

Too, we give thanks for others who are dear to us who have entered the Church Triumphant. Those whose pictures we have gathered here and those whose images and memories we carry in our hearts.

Silence is kept.

We also give thanks for those in this congregation who through the waters of baptism have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, who have joined us as saints of God.

Noah Hatcher	December 14, 2026
Kippie Malinowski	April 5, 2026
Lily McCarthy	April 19, 2026

Let us pray.
O God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We give thanks that you have made us your own through the waters of baptism We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, and especially those most dear to us, whose names we lift before you either silently or aloud…

We look to the time when we will be united with those who feast at your heavenly banquet. To your name, we ascribe all honor and glory, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, now and forever.
Amen.

Please turn to face the processional cross.
As the cross passes your row, please turn to the altar.

GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints" ELW 422

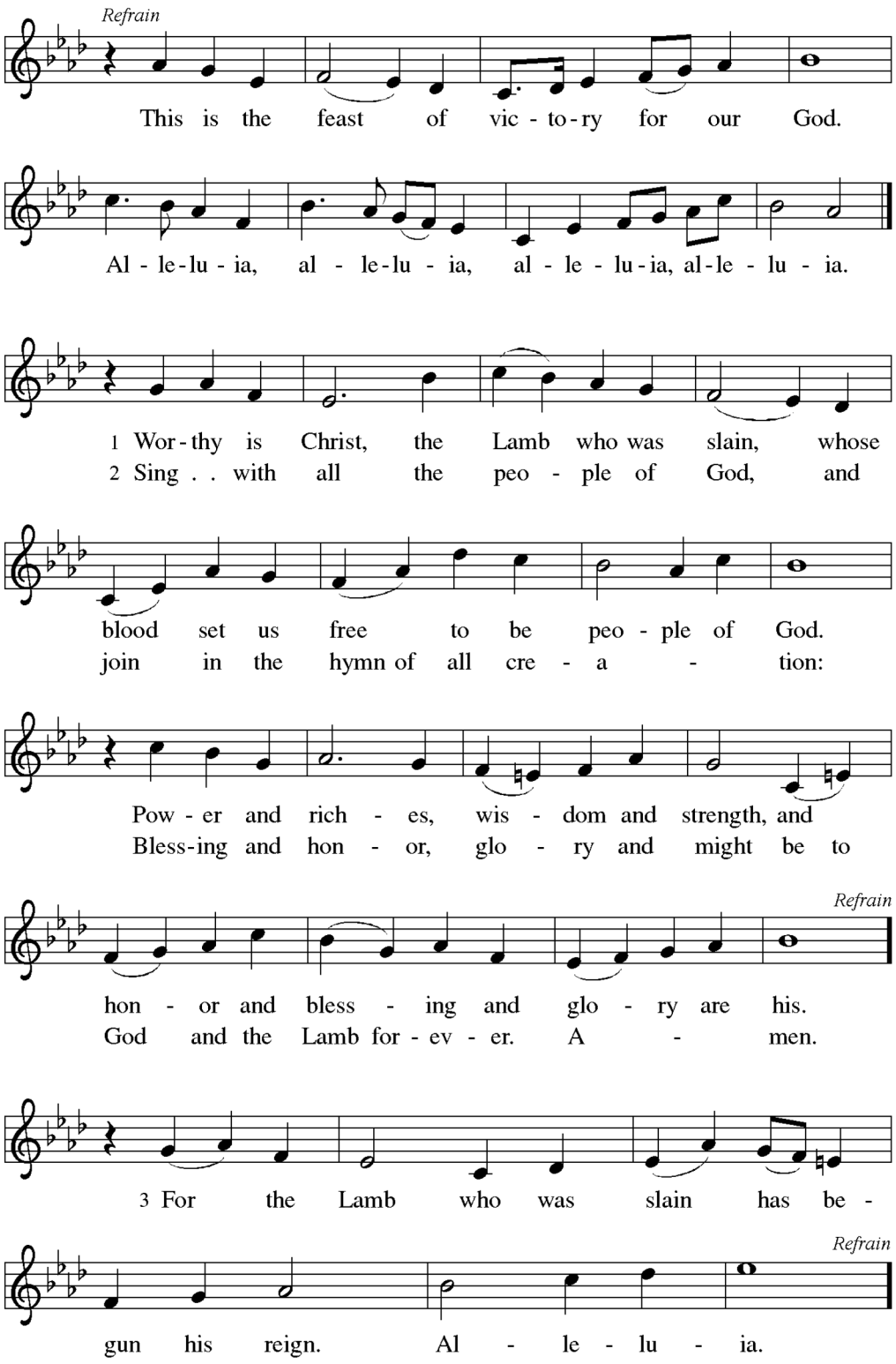
Omit Stanza 4



GREETING

Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" Setting One



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood 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 singing,
"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, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.
15 For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

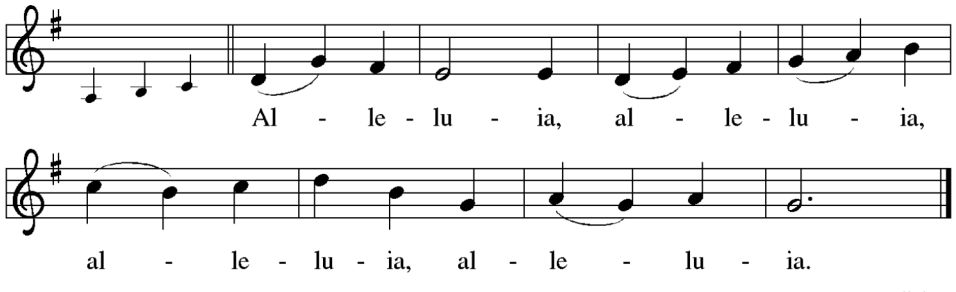
A reading from John.

1 See what love the Father has given 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. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as
he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Setting One



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak 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 will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON **Pastor Sara Ilderton**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Rejoice in God's Saints" ELW 418:1,3,4

Stanzas 1,3,4



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Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially those we name silently or aloud...
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families and send your blessings upon our ministry at The Pines Senior Living.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

After exchanging the peace with those near you, please be seated.

MINISTRY MINUTE Sunday School

WE CELEBRATE THE SUPPER OF OUR LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

The offering plate is passed. You may also give electronically using the QR code on the back cover.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Blessed Are the Pure In Heart" Voullaire

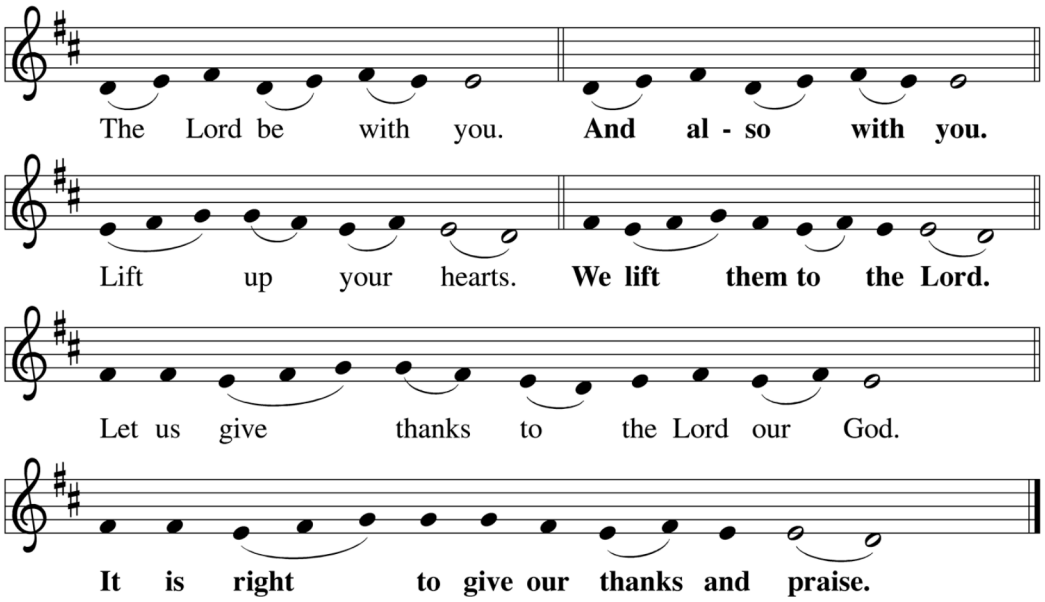
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OFFERING PRAYER

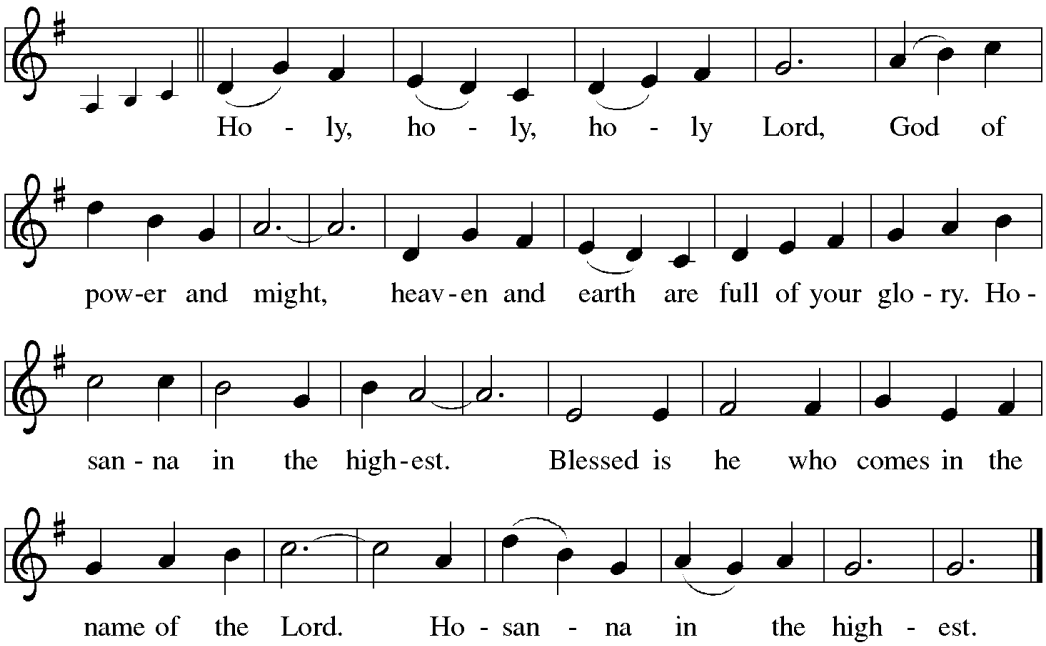
Let us pray.

Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, eternal God.
You are the hope of all who trust in you.
In Christ you weep with those who mourn
even as you cry out in triumph over the grave.
Raise us from death to life,
so that we may join that great crowd of saints
who forever sing unending praise to your holy name:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The celebrant continues with the Words of Institution.

As your saints on earth gathered in celebration, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in receiving them we may be for the world the hands and feet of Christ.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we have remembered before you today.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

An usher will direct you forward for Communion.

Communion is served at the head of the aisle.

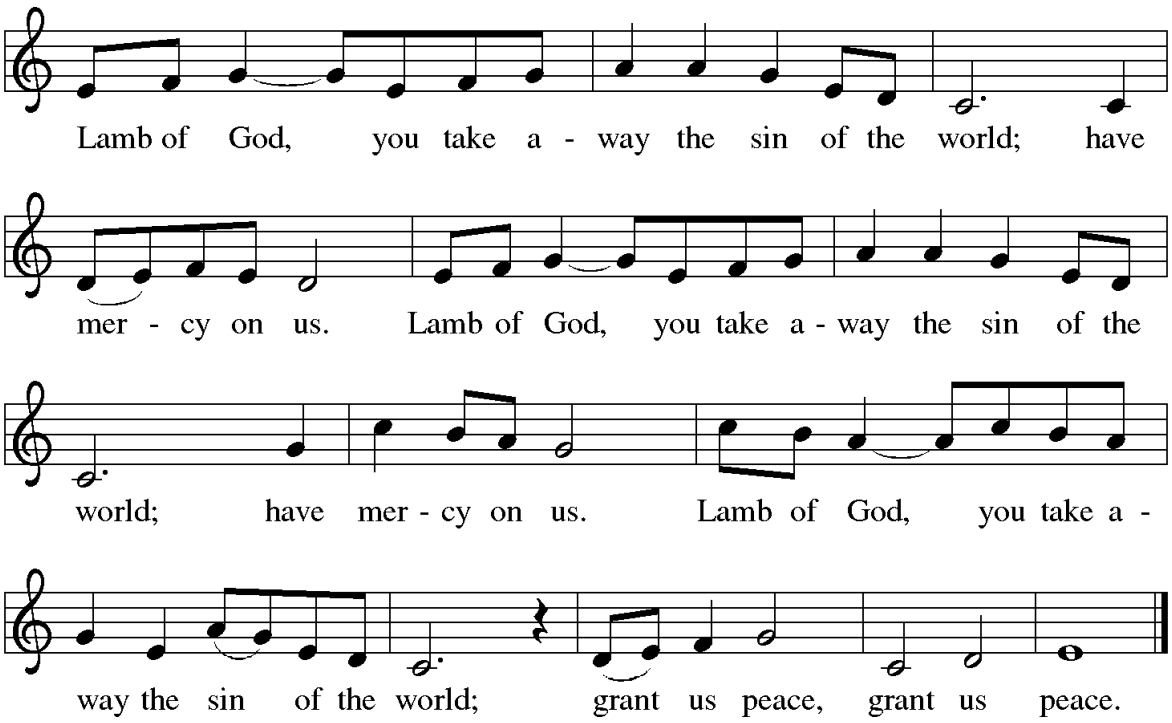
We use wheat wafers, wine and white grape juice. If you need a gluten free wafer, please make that known to the pastor.

For any who desire a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD Setting One



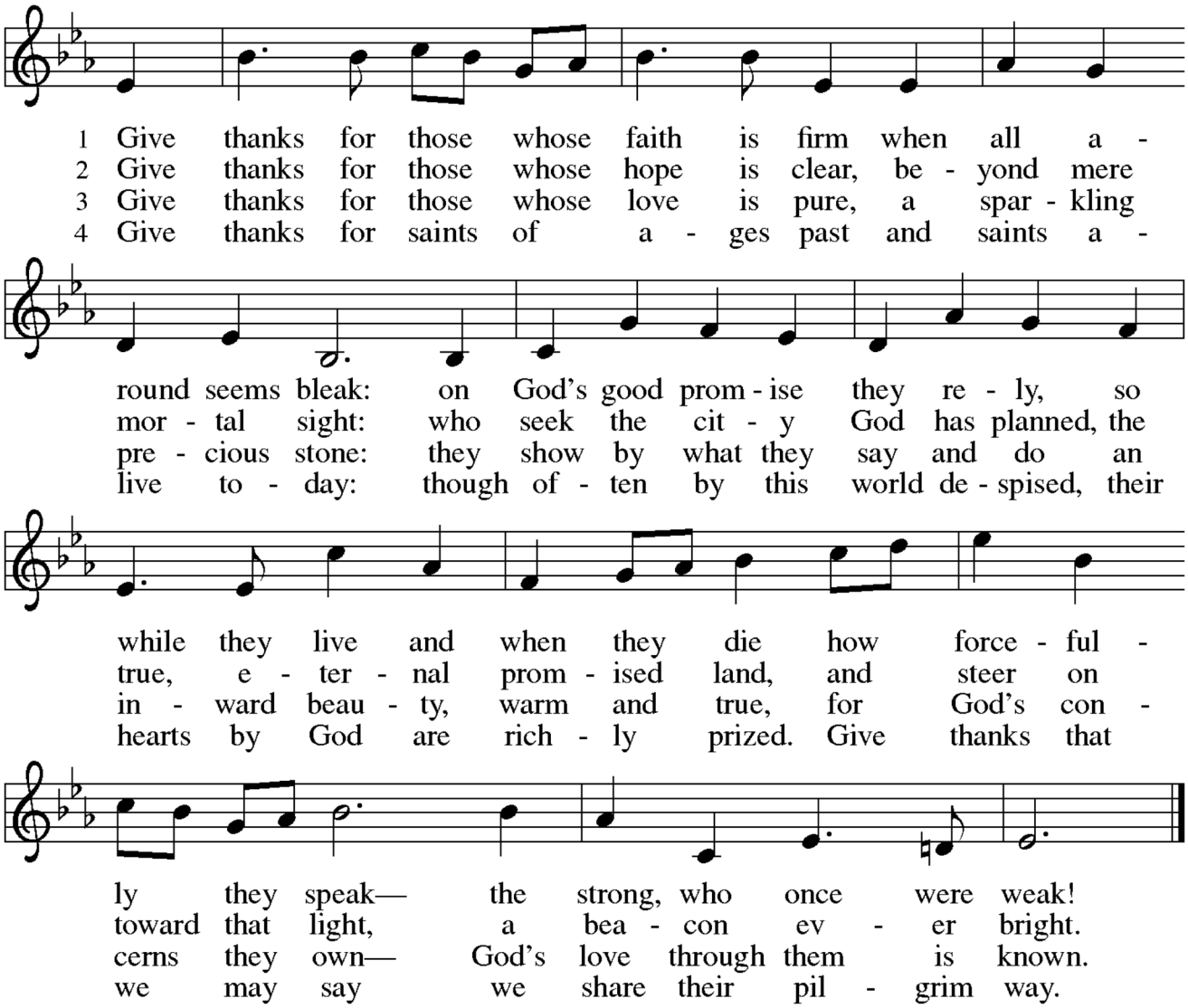
HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please join in singing the hymns which follow.

"Shall We Gather at the River" ELW 423



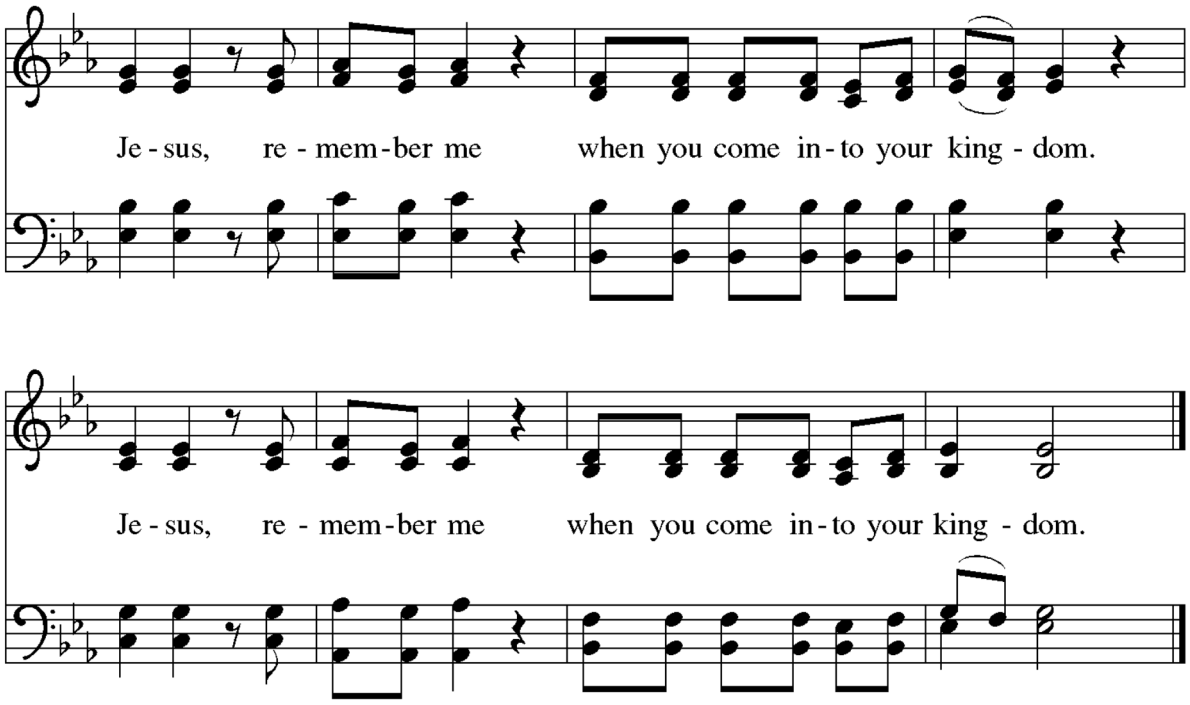
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Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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"Jesus, Remember Me" ELW 616



Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

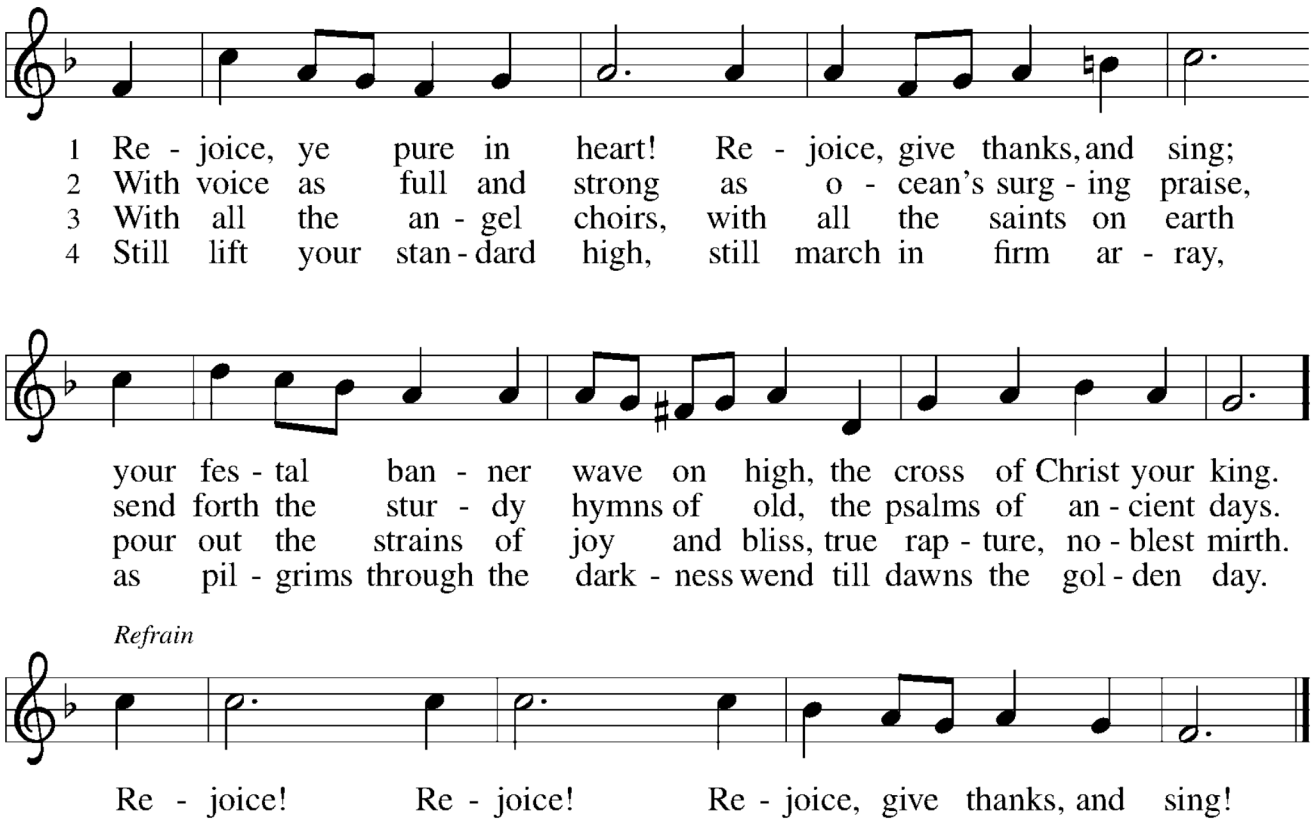
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" ELW 873



5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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DISMISSAL

Go out with joy, striving to live and love as Jesus did,
welcoming all and bringing healing, help, and hope to the world.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "God Is Our Refuge" Reuss

THIS WEEK AT LIVING SAVIOUR

Sunday: November 1 - All Saints Day
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Middle/High School Hangout
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday: November 2
- 10:00 a.m. Charlotte Lyric Theatre
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 165

Tuesday: November 3 - Election Day
- 6:30 a.m. Coffee for Carmel Chase
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 265

Wednesday: November 4
- 10:00 a.m. Bible/Book Study
- 11:00 a.m. Charlotte Lyric Theatre
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: November 5
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 11:00 a.m. Chair Yoga
- 1:00 p.m. Charlotte Lyric Theatre
- 6:15 p.m. Yoga 4 You

Friday: November 6
- 11:00 a.m. Charlotte Lyric Theatre

Saturday: November 7
- 10:00 a.m. Yoga 4 You
- 2:00 p.m. Charlotte Lyric Theatre
- 3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Sunday: November 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation & Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Middle/High School Hangout
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

HEALTH & WHOLENESS MINISTRY

The November theme is suicide prevention.

Tip#1: Identify and provide help to persons at risk. They may talk about being a burden, wanting to die or commit suicide, or about unbearable physical or emotional pain. You may see increased anxiety, agitation or rage. They may increase alcohol intake. Withdrawal from family and community, changes in sleep patterns, and extreme mood swings may also be present. If you are concerned about someone and observe these warning signs, immediately connect the person with professional help, such as calling or texting 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

Psalm 34:17-18 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

POTENTIAL CLASS - Need Input on Interest

QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention is a free 1.5 hour course offered by Mental Health America. We can offer this training at Living Saviour if we have 30 people to commit to attending this one class. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. Health and Wholeness would like to offer this class to our congregation and community in November on a Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, or we can plan a class in January.

If you're interested in attending, contact Laura Michael with your interest and if a Wednesday or Saturday works best for you. Encourage your teens, family and friends to come and learn to detect and prevent the tragedy of suicide. Please include your name and contact information.

Email Laura Michael at lmichael9901@gmail.com

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CHARLOTTE LYRIC THEATRE

Charlotte Lyric Theatre is a nonprofit, artist-led organization dedicated to mentoring emerging artists, presenting compelling performances, and strengthening Charlotte's cultural identity through innovative opera and music experiences. It was founded to address a gap in the American arts ecosystem — the transition from academic training to professional artistic careers.

Charlotte Lyric Theatre will be renting space here at LSLC for about 2 weeks beginning November 2. They are using our fellowship hall as rehearsal space for their upcoming opera, Don Giovanni. The performances will be held at the Sandra Levine Theater at Queens University on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22.

You can learn more about CLT on their website: https://charlottelyrictheatre.com/

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