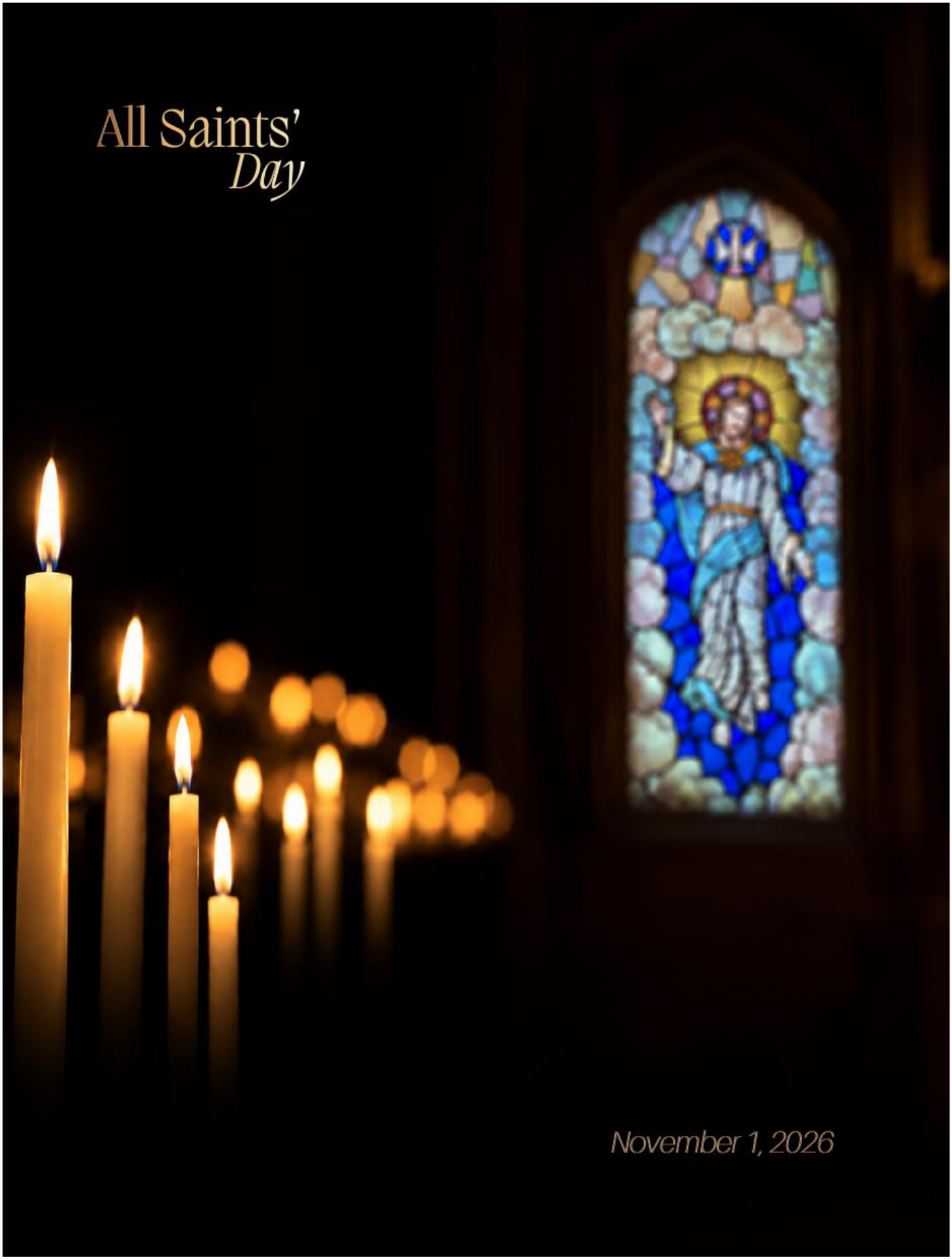
All Saints' *Day*



November 1, 2026

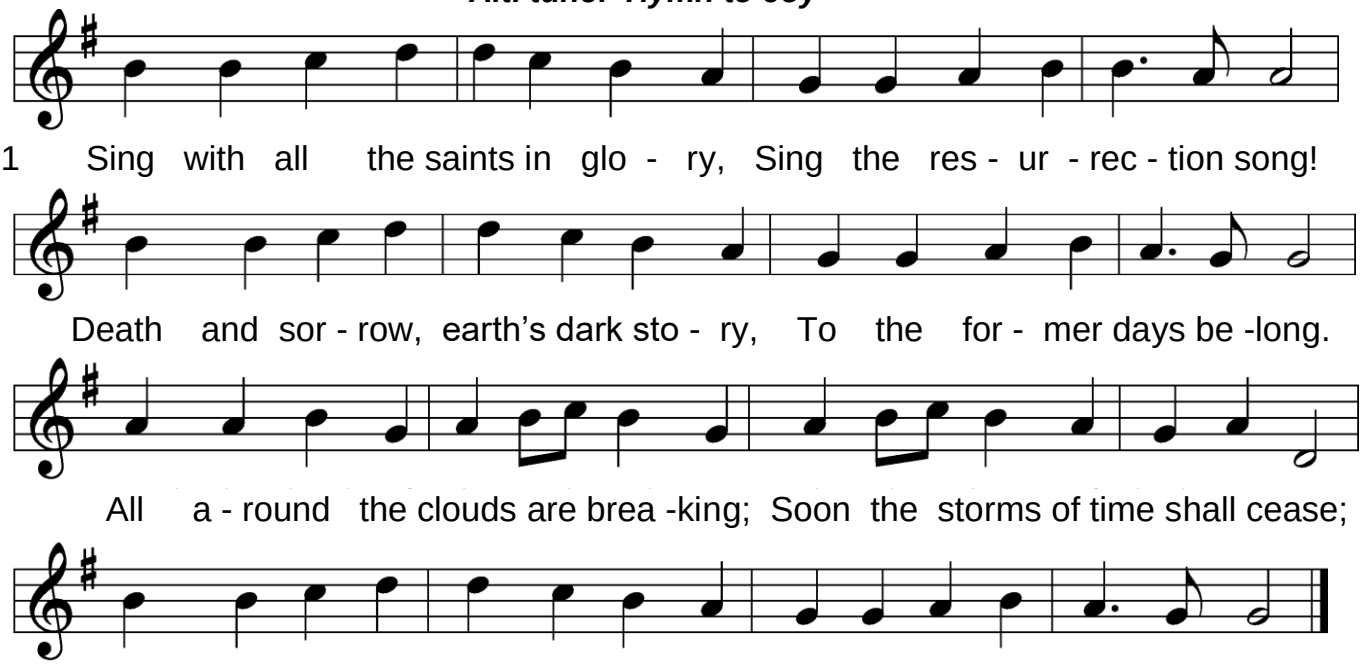
Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach

PRELUDE: **"For All the Saints** Jubilate Handbell Choir
~Arr. Brian Childers

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" LSB 671

Alt. tune: Hymn to Joy



2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding; All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading; Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders, Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
P: **Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.**

L: Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
P: **Well done, My servant!**

L: Jesus, You, You alone, deserve all glory! Our lives unfold, embraced within Your Story;
P: **Past, present, future—You, the same forever—**

All: **You fail us never!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Holy God, in baptism You declare sinners to be saints and declare those guilty before the law to be holy before You.

P: Yet Holy Lord we, Your redeemed people, sealed with Your Spirit, given a new identity as the holy children of God through Your only Son, confess that we have not constantly lived a holy life

L: and that we are by nature a fallen and broken people who have sinned against You, O Holy Lord.

P: Like saints gone before us who now rest from their labors and gather around Your throne, we too come for refuge to Your infinite mercy and grace, for we have sinned against You O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet, in love, You have given Your only Son to die for us. Now for His sake, forgive us all our sin. By Your Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L: Rejoice! For the sake of Jesus Christ, you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to God! For He, who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, has called me here to declare that your sins are forgiven in His name, the name of the Father, ✢ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Almighty God, You have knit Your people together in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

P: Give to Your church on earth Your light and Your peace; and grant us Your Spirit that we might follow Your blessed saints who rest from their labors— as we too live lives of faithfulness and joyful service, until with them we receive the crown of life and also hear those words,

L: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Amen.

RESPONSIVE SONG: "The Church's One Foundation"

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Revelation 7:9-17*

After these things I saw a large crowd from every nation, tribe, people, and language. No one was able to count how many people there were. They were standing in front of the throne and the lamb. They were wearing white robes, holding palm branches in their hands, and crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne with the leaders and the four living creatures. They bowed in front of the throne with their faces touching the ground, worshiped God, and said,

"Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength
be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

One of the leaders asked me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I answered him, “Sir, you know.”
Then he told me,

“These are the people who are coming out of the terrible suffering.
They have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the lamb.
That is why they are in front of the throne of God.
They serve Him day and night in His temple.
The one who sits on the throne will spread His tent over them.
They will never be hungry or thirsty again.
Neither the sun nor any burning heat will ever overcome them.
The lamb in the center near the throne will be their shepherd.
He will lead them to springs filled with the water of life,
and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”-GW®

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **“Welcome”** Bethany Choir

~Jeffrey Blersch

As rebels, Lord, who foolishly have wandered
far from Your love – unfed, unclean, unclothed –
Dare we recall Your wealth so rashly squandered,
dare hope to glean that bounty which we loathed?

Still we return, our contrite words rehearsing,
speech, that within Your warm embrace soon dies;
all of our guilt, our shame, our pain reversing
as tears of joy and welcome fill Your eyes.

A feast of love for us You are preparing;
we who were lost, You give an honored place!
“Come, eat; come drink, and be no more despairing –
here taste again the treasures of My grace.”

Welcome home.

EPISTLE READING: *1 John 3:1-3*

Consider this: The Father has given us His love. He loves us so much that we are actually called God’s dear children. And that’s what we are. For this reason, the world doesn’t recognize us, and it didn’t recognize Him either. Dear friends, now we are God’s children. What we will be isn’t completely clear yet. We do know that when Christ appears we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. So all people who have this confidence in Christ keep themselves pure, as Christ is pure. -GW®

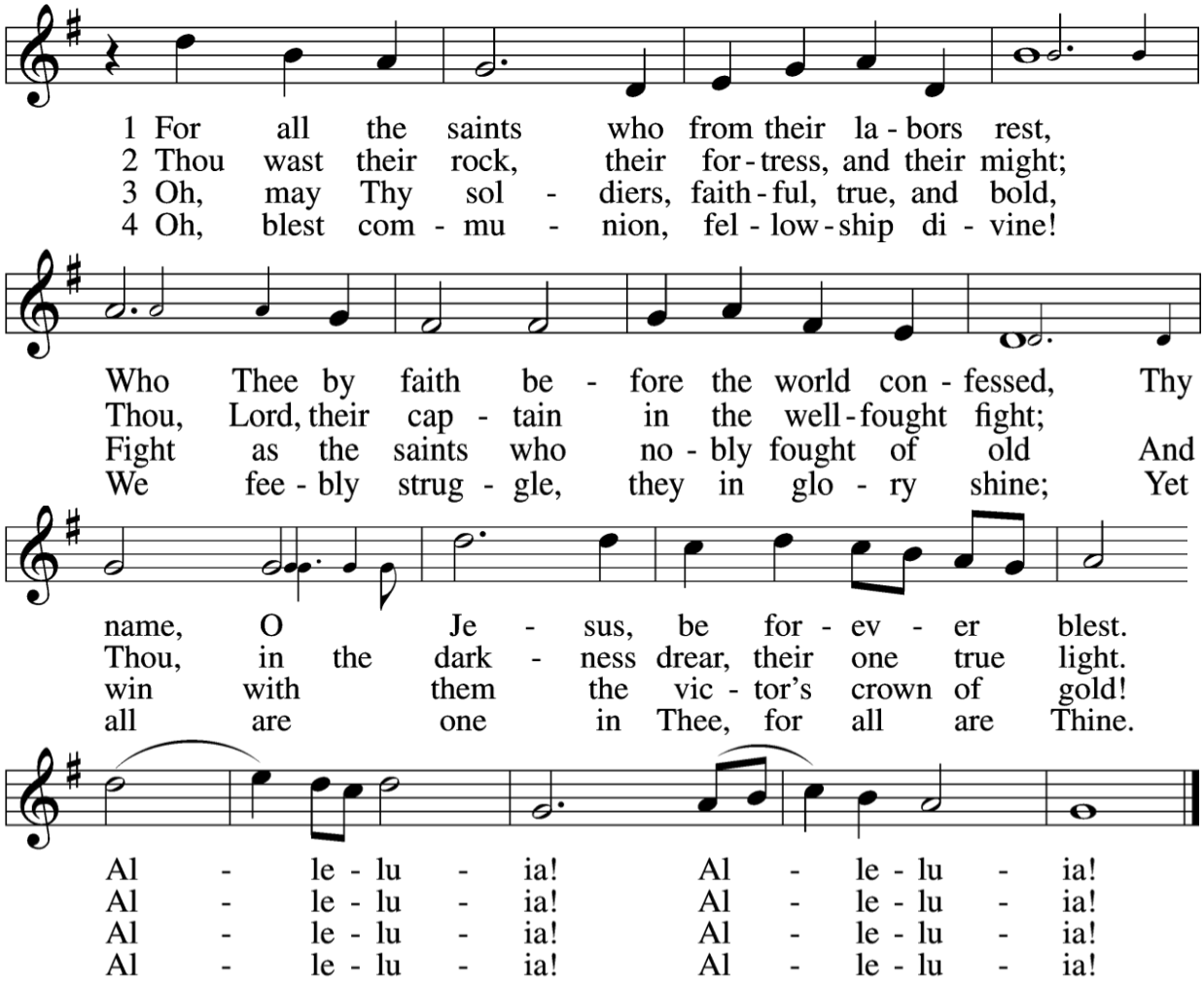
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up a mountain and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them:

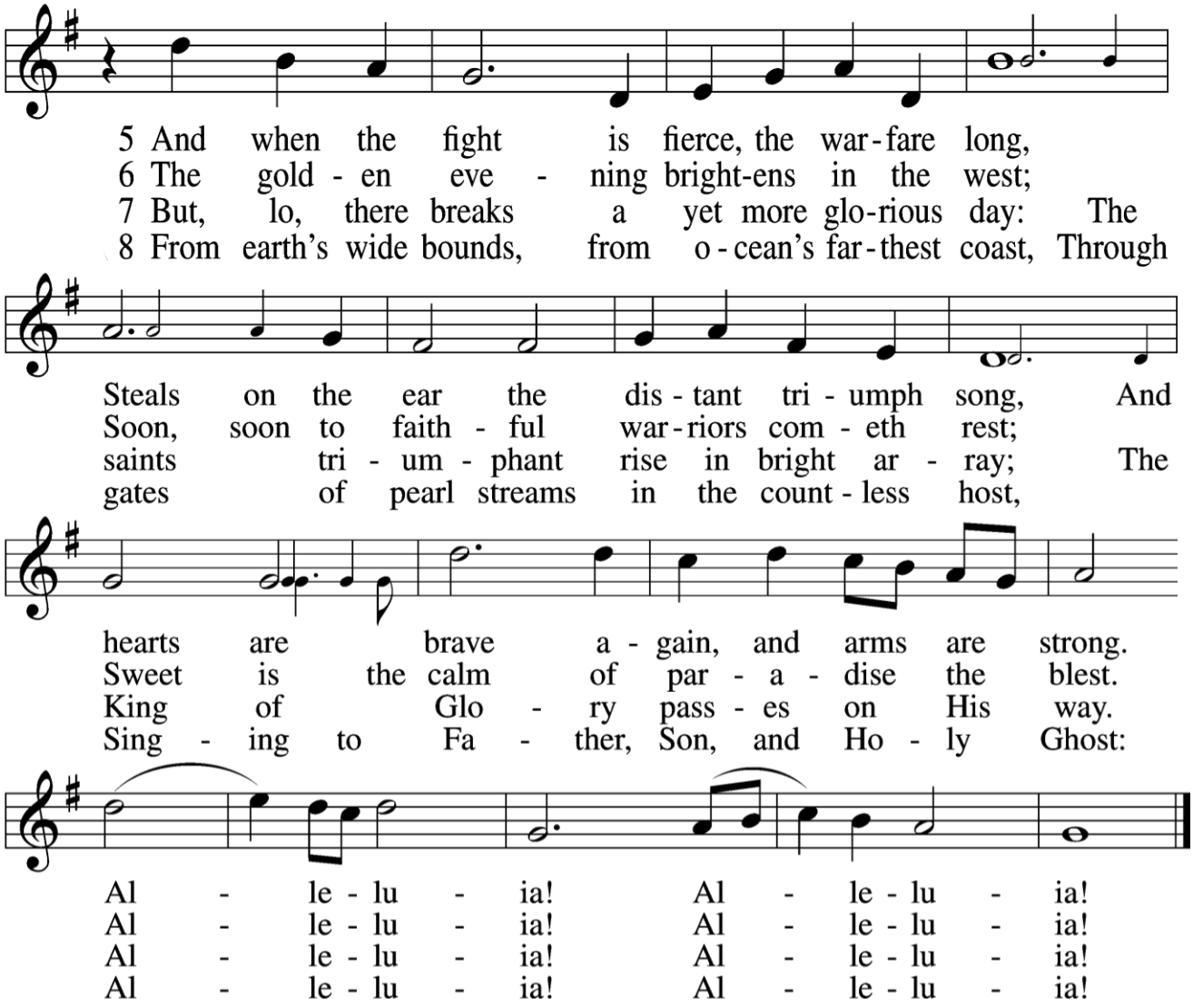
> “Blessed are those who recognize they are spiritually helpless.
> The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
> Blessed are those who mourn.
> They will be comforted.
> Blessed are those who are gentle.
> They will inherit the earth.
> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for God’s approval.
> They will be satisfied.
> Blessed are those who show mercy.
> They will be treated mercifully.
> Blessed are those whose thoughts are pure.
> They will see God.
> Blessed are those who make peace.
> They will be called God’s children.
> Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of.
> The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
>
> “Blessed are you when people insult you,
> persecute you, lie, and say all kinds of evil things about you because of Me.
>
> Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven!
> The prophets who lived before you were persecuted in these ways. - GW®

SERMON HYMN: **“For All the Saints”** LSB 677



MESSAGE: ***“You Know”*** *Revelation 7:9-17*

HYMN OF THE DAY: "For All the Saints" LSB 677



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CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

L: Almighty Lord who has given us every good and perfect gift

P: **Use these our gifts to fund and support ministry so that all who hunger and thirst for righteousness may be filled. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *there will be a brief moment of silence between petitions*

L: Lord Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, direct us to follow Your servant way so that all may know and experience Your Love.

L: Lord of the nations, You raise up leaders to govern that good may be praised and evil punished. Give a spirit of wisdom and clear vision to those who cast ballots and those who are elected to positions of leadership among us.

L: God of great compassion, bless those who struggle with poverty, lack of employment or housing; comfort those who mourn and are having difficulty in making hard decisions.

L: Protect Your people, O Lord, who face persecution for Your name's sake. Let Your Spirit fill them and direct them to remember the saints before who sacrificed much and faced even death rather than dishonor You when called upon to deny the faith. Grant that their witness leads the enemies of Your church to true repentance and move them to trust in Your Son, our Savior Jesus, who taught us to pray…

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

✢ *Service of the Sacrament* ✢

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone, and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

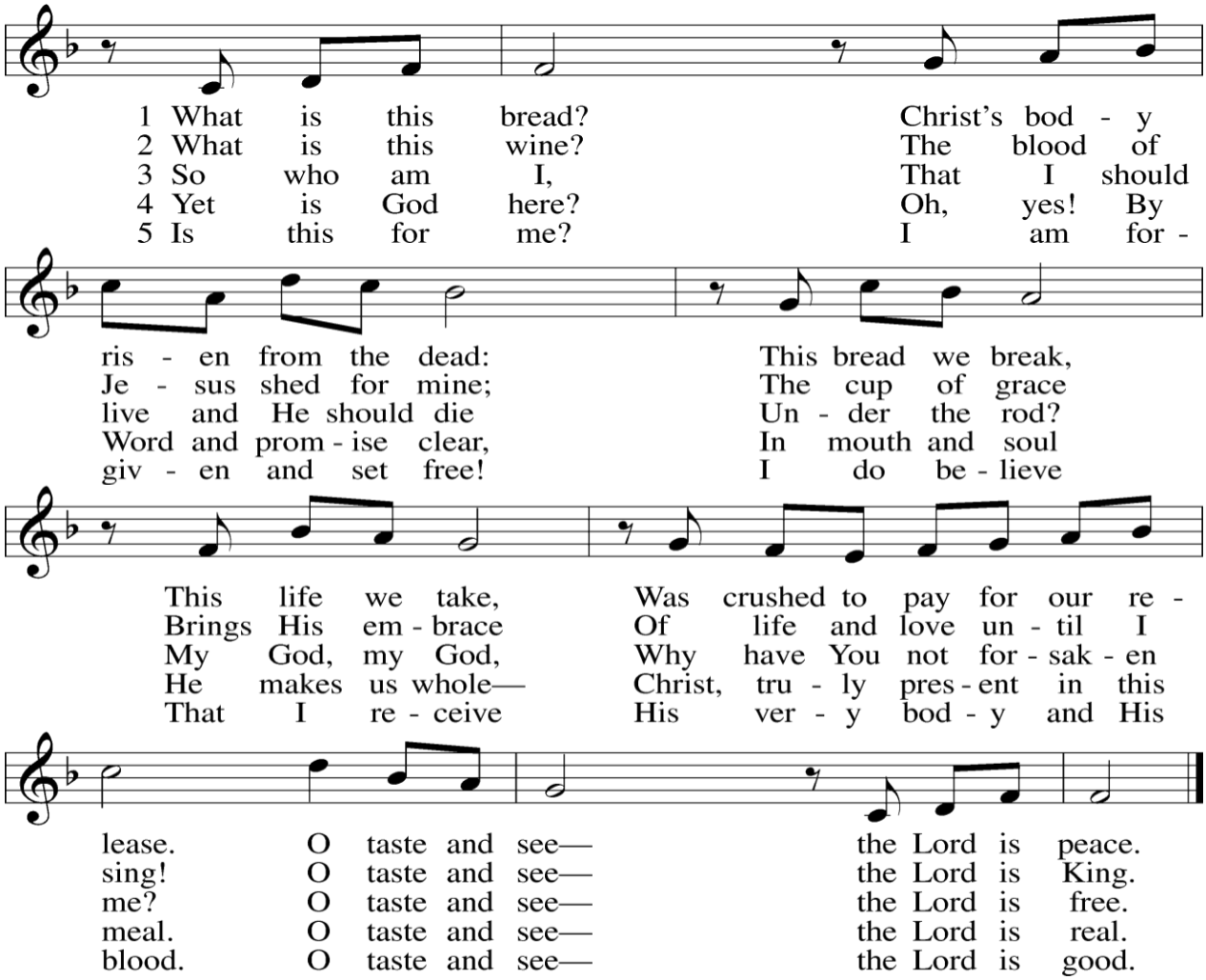
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are **alcohol free**.*

*The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are **gluten free**.*

In our 9:30 a.m. service, we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **"What is This Bread"** LSB 629



"We are Your Body"

Verse 1
Lord teach us to be Your body
Working together as one
So the world may know
By the love we show
That we are Yours
We are Yours
We are Your body

Verse 2
Lord teach us to be a temple
For Your Spirit so holy and pure
By the gifts we've received
We will be made complete
Built into
A house for You
We are Your temple

Verse 3
Prepare us to be Your bride
Watching for Your return
Let us be dressed
In Your righteousness
Faithfully
We'll wait for You
We are Your bride

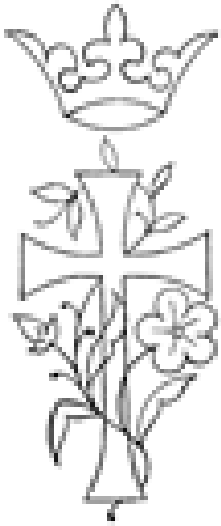
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD:

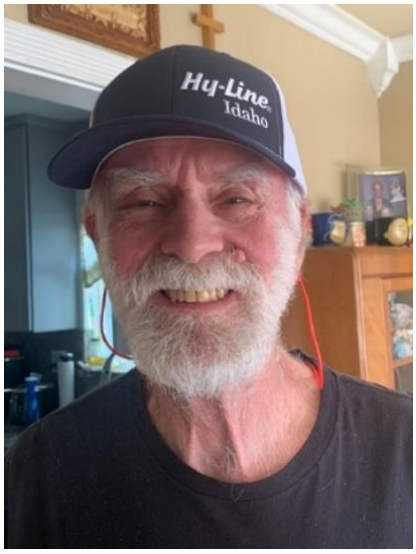
L: O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of Your love at work in the world. As we pause and give You thanks for these, Your servants, who have been transferred to the Church Triumphant this year, we praise You because we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Yet, even as we name these who have gone before us, we also thank You Heavenly Father for others whose names we never knew but who too showed the world the meaning of life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

✢ Roll Call of Bethany's Dearly Departed Saints ✢

Those transferred to the Church Triumphant this past year.



Larry Neasel
December 23, 2025



Richard Dana
January 1, 2026



Dixie Gierhan
June 11, 2026



Ronald Kusel
June 28, 2026

Richard Staley
July 17, 2026



Cheryl Paolini
August 4, 2026

Dale Greene
September 29, 2026



Phyllis Lee
October 19, 2026

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: **“Softly and Tenderly”** Bethany Choir
~Matthew Culloton

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
“Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home.”

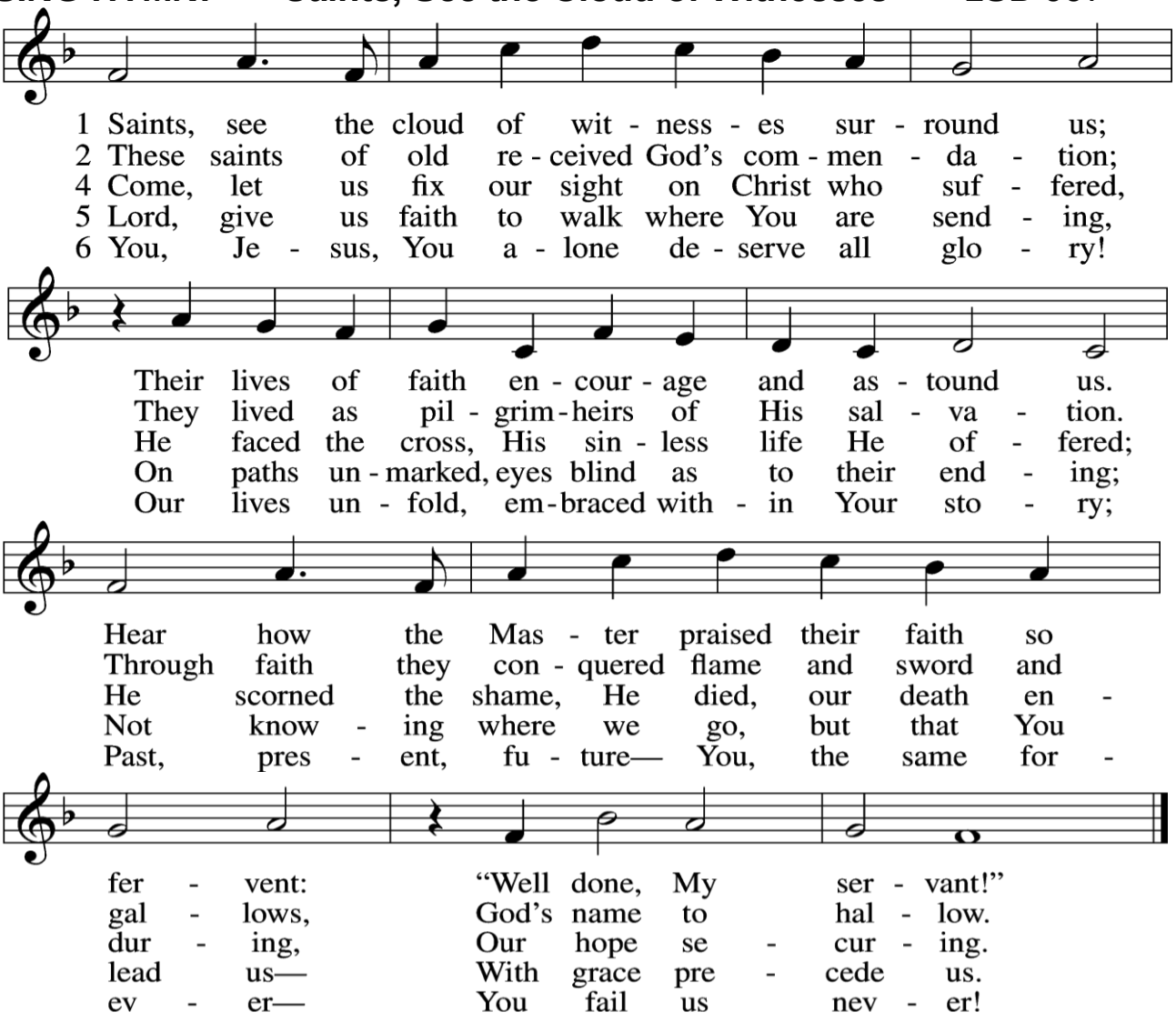
O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.
“Come home, come home. You who are weary, come home.”
Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home.”

BENEDICTION:

L: 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.

P: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses" LSB 667



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Lector 8:00…David Akins 9:30…Nola Seaman
Liturgist…Pastor John Alwood Preacher…Pastor Seth Moorman
Director of Music & Worship Arts …Noah Freeman Accompanist…Kevin Bowers
Artist in Residence…Blake Flattley Children's Message…Christian Carreras
Sound/Production…Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

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Parents of Young Children: We are so glad you and your children are here! Children are a joyful part of worship—after all, God created them with curiosity, energy, and yes, a few wiggles. Please don't feel pressure to keep them perfectly still in God's house. Their presence is truly a gift to our church family.

Worship is where we learn, together, how to listen and speak to God alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. You are welcome to quietly explain parts of the service and what our worship leaders are doing—children learn how to worship by watching and imitating you.

If it would be helpful, "worship bags" are available in the Narthex with items designed to support children and families during worship. Childcare is also available in our Nursery for children from birth through age five. Our caring and qualified staff look forward to welcoming your little one into a safe and loving environment.

Bethany's Nursery is located across the courtyard. Please feel free to ask an usher if you need directions—we're happy to help.