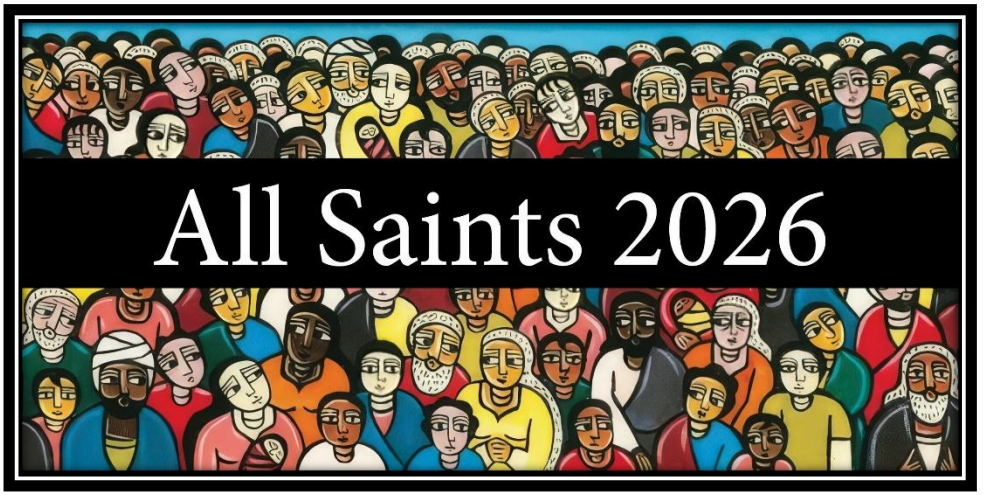
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All Saints Day

October 31/ November 1, 2026

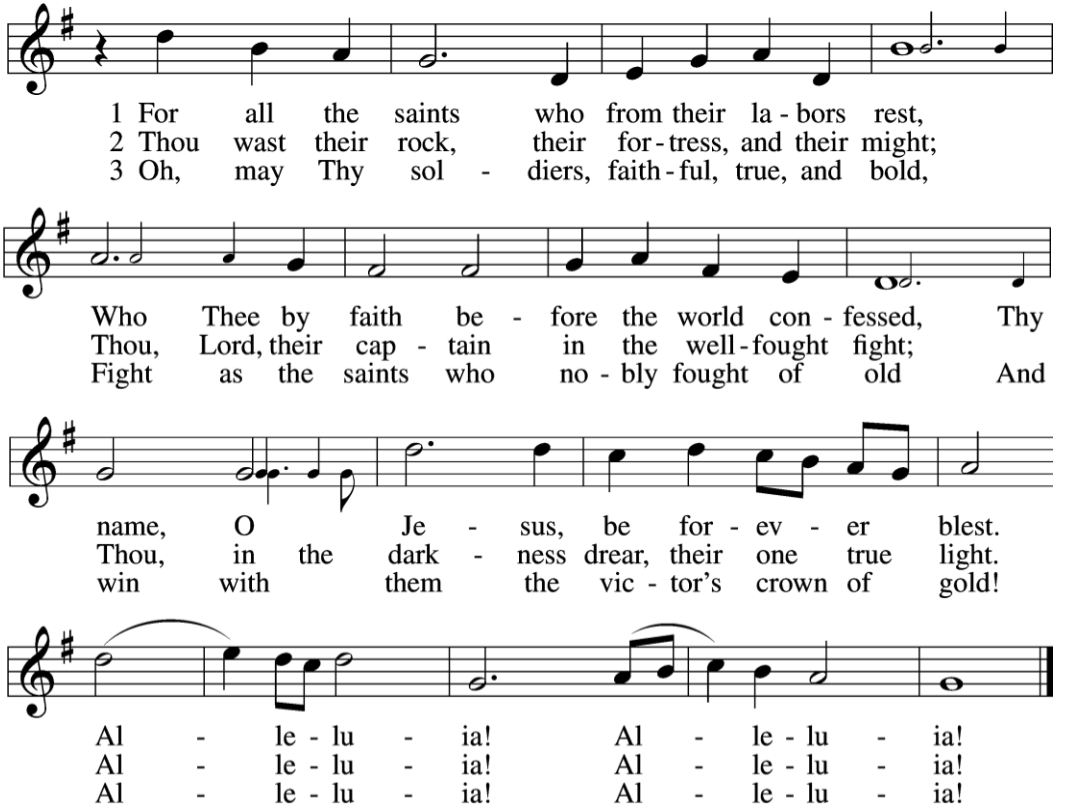
As We Gather

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.

Chimes and Prelude

Please Stand

Opening Hymn **"For All the Saints"** **LSB 677 (1-3)**



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Invocation and Call to Worship

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,
C **and give thanks to His holy name.**

P For His anger is but for a moment,
C **and His favor is for a lifetime.**

P Weeping may tarry for the night,
C **but joy comes with the morning.**

Confession and Absolution

P As saints and yet sinners, we call upon the mercy of God, our heavenly Father. O almighty God,
C **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.**

P 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.
C **Amen.**

Please be Seated

First Reading ***Revelation 7: 2-17***

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."

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

Epistle ***1 John 3:1-3***

3 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.

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

Choir **"And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"** **by Audrey Snyder**

Please Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord**

Holy Gospel ***Matthew 5:1-12***

5 Seeing the crowds, he 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. **12** Rejoice 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
C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,**
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

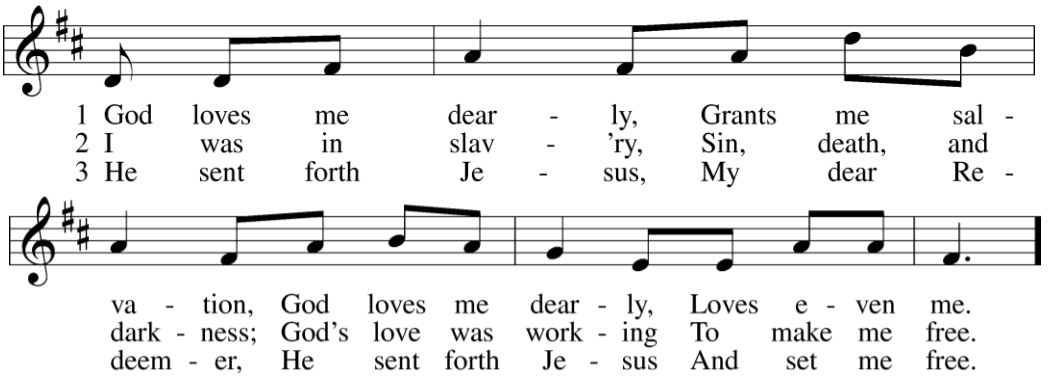
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
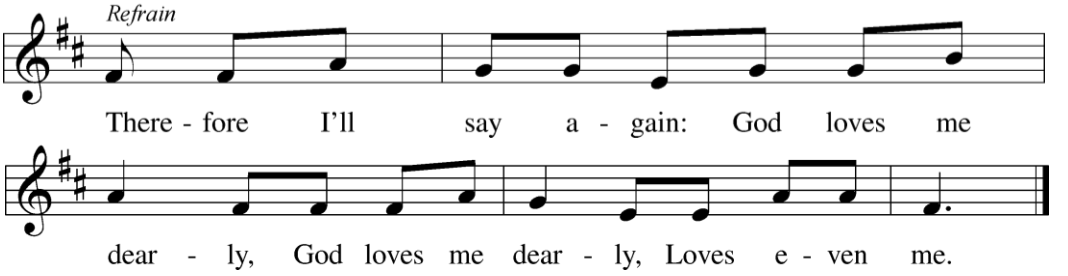
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day 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.

Please Be Seated

Sermon Hymn **"God Loves Me Dearly"** **LSB 392(sts 1-3)**



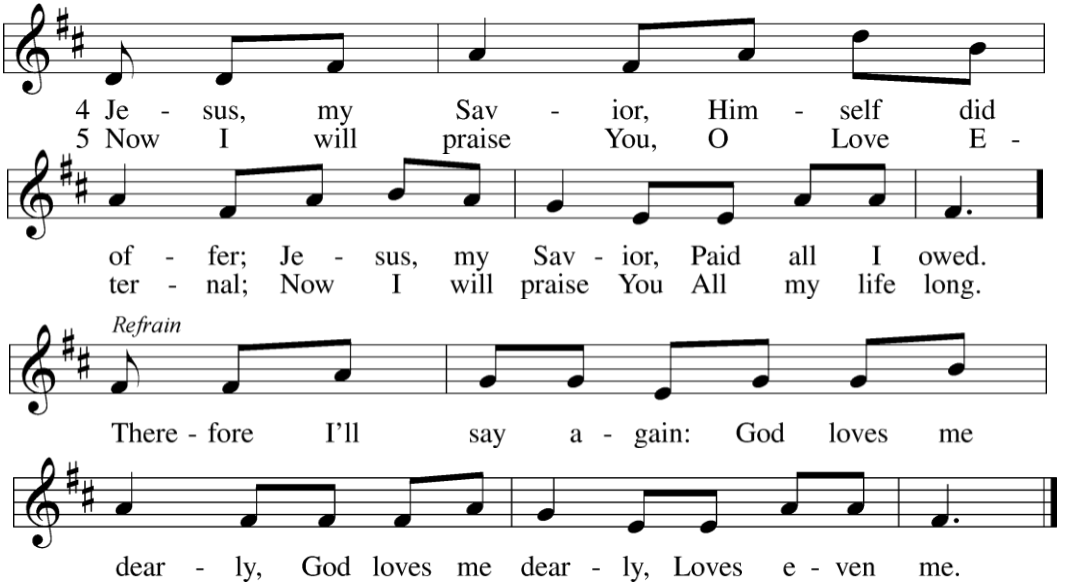


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Sermon "Creative Destruction: Ministry of the Church Militant" (Psalm 149)

1) **God's Saving Work and His Work of Judgment Are Different, but They Are Joined Together in the Scriptures.**
2) **Salvation/Judgment; Praise/Sword; Death/Resurrection**
3) **Sinner/Saint – ALL Saint's – YOU too!**

Responsive Hymn "God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392 (sts 4-5)



Offering (Please place in the Box located in the Narthex)

Commemoration Of The Faithful Departed

P Alleluia! I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:
C **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."**

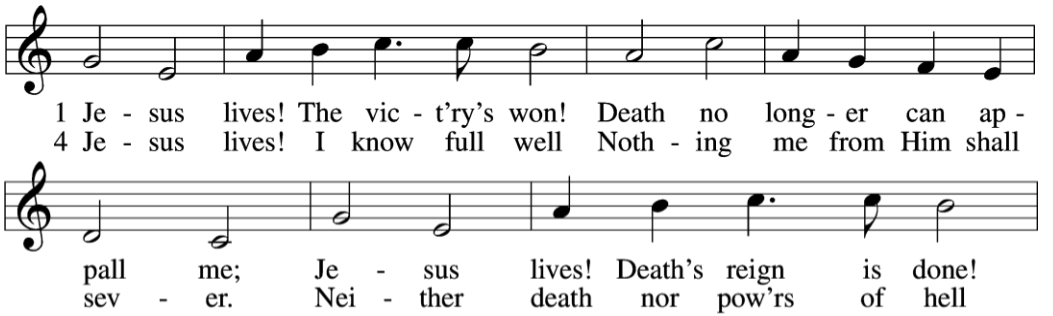
P "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors,
C **for their deeds follow them!" Alleluia!**
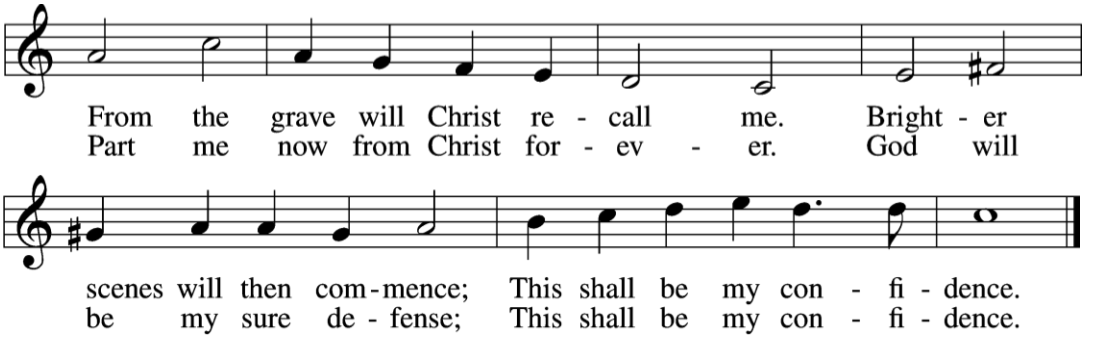
P On this All Saints' Day, we remember our hope in Jesus Christ, His grace, and His assurance of everlasting life, and we remember those saints who in death have claimed the crown of righteousness promised to all who trust in Christ as Lord and Savior.

(The Names Of Our St. John's Family And Those We Have Ministered To, Who Have gone To Be With Their Lord, Since All Saints' Day 2025. A Chime Will Sound After Each Name. **Families are welcome to come forward and take a carnation when your loved ones name is read.)**

+Betty Becke+
+Bonnie Broge+
+Ursie Broge+
+James Fernstaedt+
+Jerrall Fox+
+Iola Hudson+
+Deanna Jordan+
+Dale Knauer+
+Ted Kowalczyk+
+Wanda Kay Maaske+
+Sally Packard+
+Naomi Russ+
+Maria Seibert+
+Carole Wilbur+
+Jaime Wilson+

Responsive Hymn "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LSB 490 (sts 1,4)





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Prayer of the Church

P Just as the saints above surround the throne, we gather to plead for Your mercy, O Lord, for ourselves, our community, our nation, and our world.

Heavenly Father, You have called us Your children, and so we are. Fix our eyes on Your love, that we might be pure as Christ is pure and walk in hope of the glory yet to be revealed. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Merciful Savior, You opened Your heart to the poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, and the persecuted. Be the strength of the weak and the consolation of the hurting, **[*especially . . .*].** Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Eternal King, as an uncountable multitude sings of the salvation that belongs to the Lamb on the throne, make us aware of the struggles of Christians of every tribe and language, that we might support them with our prayers and charity. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

P Compassionate Christ, as You remember those who mourn, make us tender to care for those who grieve. Wipe away their tears with the hope of heaven and sustain them in body and soul until the day when pain and death are no more. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

C **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

℗ Faithful Lord, teach us a new song to sing, that as Your saints in this place we might impact our families and neighborhoods, displaying Your goodness and declaring Your Gospel. Blessed are Your saints, O Lord.

ℂ **Keep us faithful unto everlasting life.**

℗ For Your daily mercies, for our Baptism into Christ, for the faithfulness of Your church, and for the hope of Your return, we give You all glory and honor, O Lord, now and forevermore.

ℂ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer ***LSB 179***

℗ 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.



Service of the Sacrament

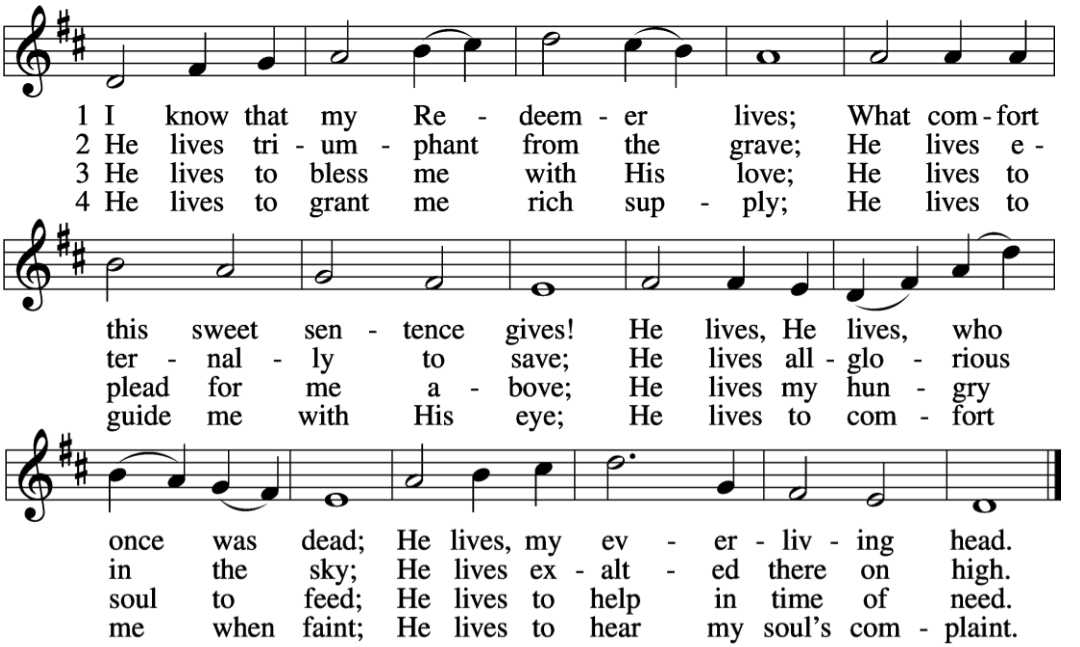


Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had 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." *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;1 Corinthians 11:23–2*

Communion Statement of Love

We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD'S Supper as the Lord Jesus indeed comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in with and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, *"Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.* ***29*** *For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29).* It is out of love and care for every baptized individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament to speak to the Pastor before attending the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461 (sts 1-8)



Verse 5

He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

Verse 6

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

Verse 7
He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

Verse 8
He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Distribution Hymn: "Hymn of Promise"

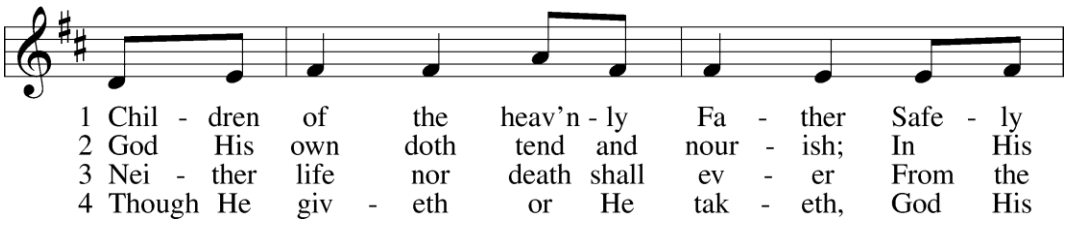
Verse 1
In the bulb there is a flower
In the seed an apple tree
In cocoons a hidden promise
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

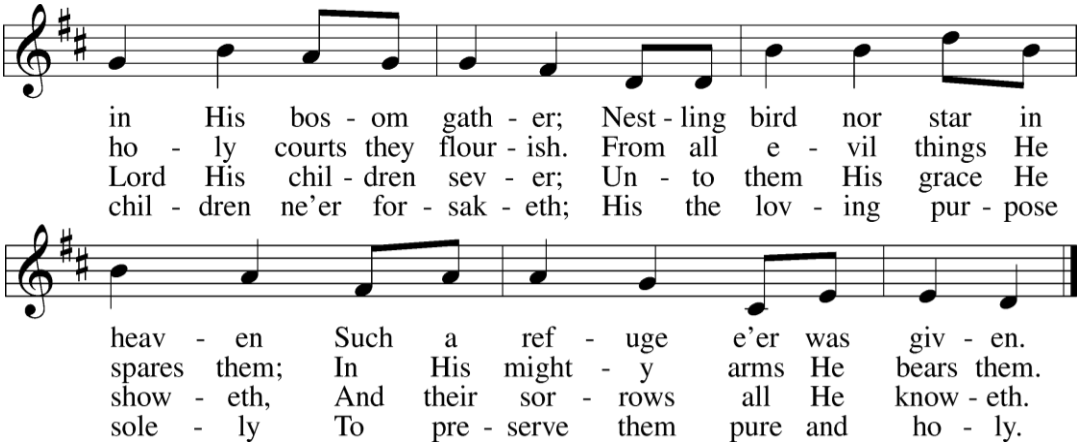
Verse 2
There's a song in every silence
Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness
Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future
What it holds a mystery
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

Verse 3
In our end is our beginning
In our time infinity
In our doubt there is believing
In our life eternity
In our death a resurrection
At the last a victory
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

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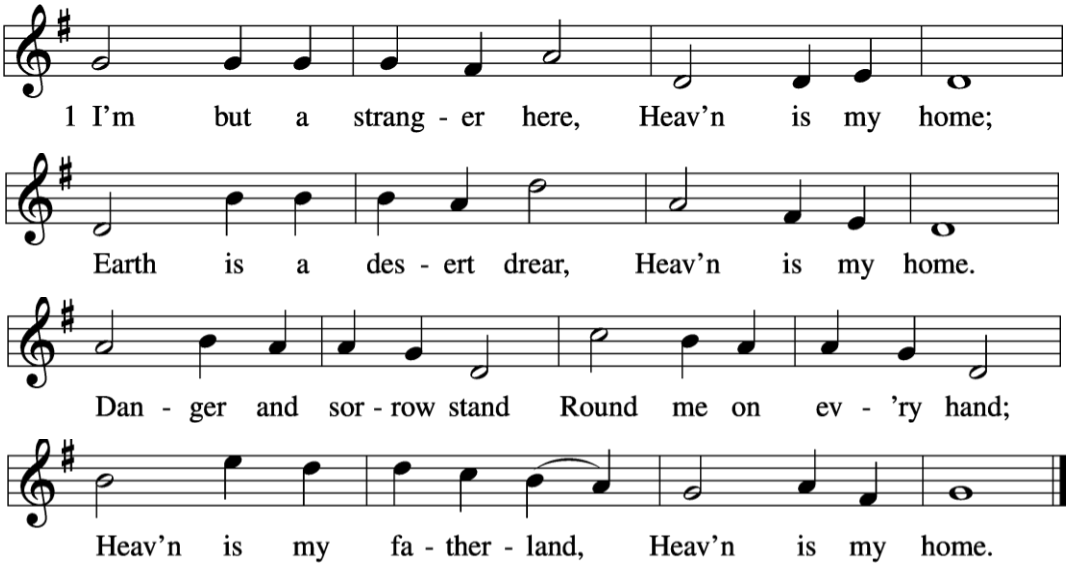
Distribution Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725 (sts 1-4)





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Closing Hymn **"I'm But a Stranger Here"** **LSB 748 (st 1)**



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Closing Sentences

℗ Alleluia! Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints!
℃ **They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Alleluia!**

Benediction

℗ 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.
℃ **Amen.**

Silent Prayer: "Jesus, once I was a sinner condemned! Now, because of You and Your Cross, I am saved! 'Hallelujah!' 'Praise the Lord!' Amen."

Announcements
Postlude

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SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEK – October 31/ November 1

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Donny Fox/ Don Bamberg	Craig Kroeger/ Mike Rothschadl/ Steve Stich	Rob Cobine/ Kevin Keltner/ Mark Mau
GREETERS	Don/ Angelia Bamberg	Dave/ Fawn Nolan	Chad/ Chris Winter
USHERS	Ken Lutz	Dale Calow	Nick Cobine
ACOLYTES	Usher	Blaine Drake/ Evelyn Tessendorf	Max Winter/ Addie Solverson
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Gary Erickson/ Jeff Jones	Ron Conway/ Steve Levan
ALTAR GUILD	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles	Ardi Ireton/ Joan Liles

SERVING THE LORD NEXT WEEK –November 7/8

	Saturday – 5:30 pm	Sunday – 8:00 am	Sunday – 10:30 am
ELDERS	Tom Bannon	Jon Werkheiser	Brett Richardson
GREETERS	Jim/ Lee Cox	Kory/ Lindsey Gerbick	Dean/ Arlene Holmes
USHERS	Neal Wagner	Rich Jogerst	Kevin Keltner
ACOLYTES	Usher	Ella Korte	Kenzie Hahne
AUDIO/VIDEO	Dave/ Judy Zier	Kory Gerbick/ Denny Potter	Anita Mau/ Michelle Rothschadl
ALTAR GUILD	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel	Marquita Bannon/ Kathy Heinkel