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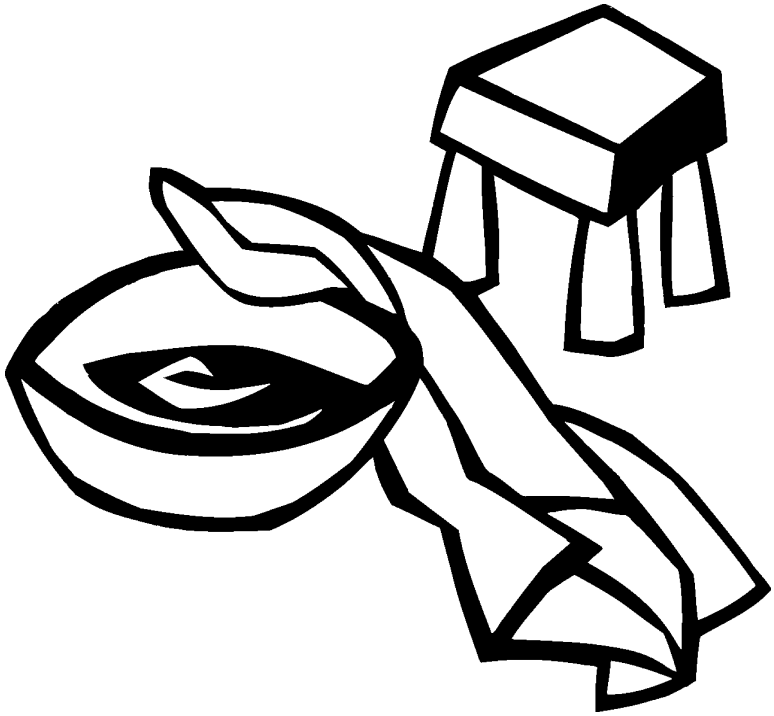


23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: Micah declares God's condemnation of those who abhor justice. Jesus warns against hypocrisy. Paul urges the Thessalonians to lead a life worthy of God. Called to be humble servants, we gather for worship, seeking justice and welcoming all people to share the banquet of life.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.
Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.
We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE **For All the Saints**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements are found on our website

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENES

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

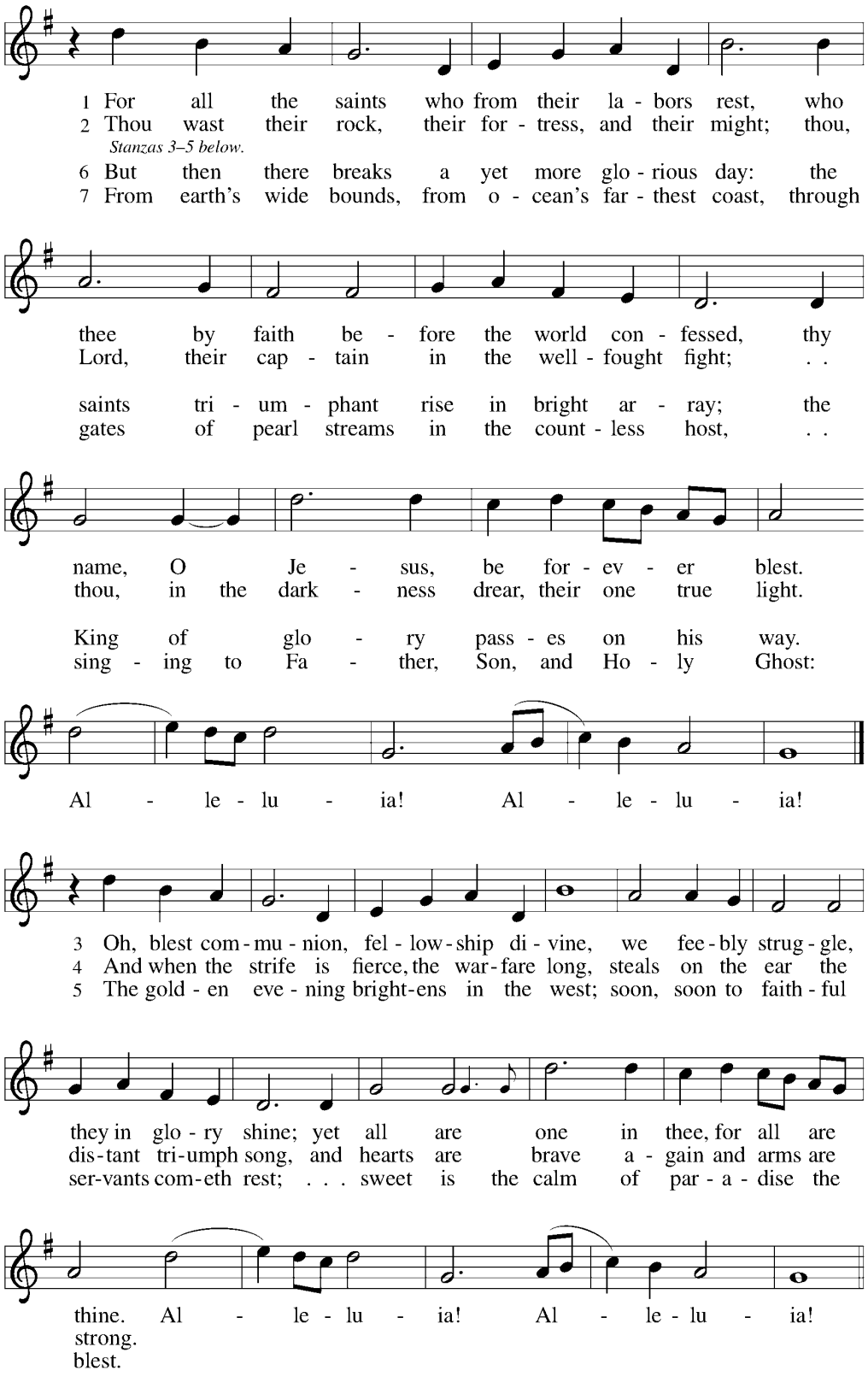
C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG **For All the Saints** **ELW 422, v. 1-3/Red Hymnal**

For All the Saints



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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

P: Let us pray…O God,
C: generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.
C: And you also.

Depending on your comfort level, please share the peace with each other with a handshake and a smile.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13**

Paul uses paternal imagery to depict the guidance and encouragement he provided to the Thessalonians. They received from Paul the word of God, which energizes their faith.
9 You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day so that
we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10 You are
witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you
believers. 11 As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children,
12 urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls
you into his own kingdom and glory.
13 We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of
God that you heard from us you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is,
God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

L: Word of God; Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

GOSPEL: **Matthew 23:1-12**
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
ALL: Glory to you O Lord

Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.

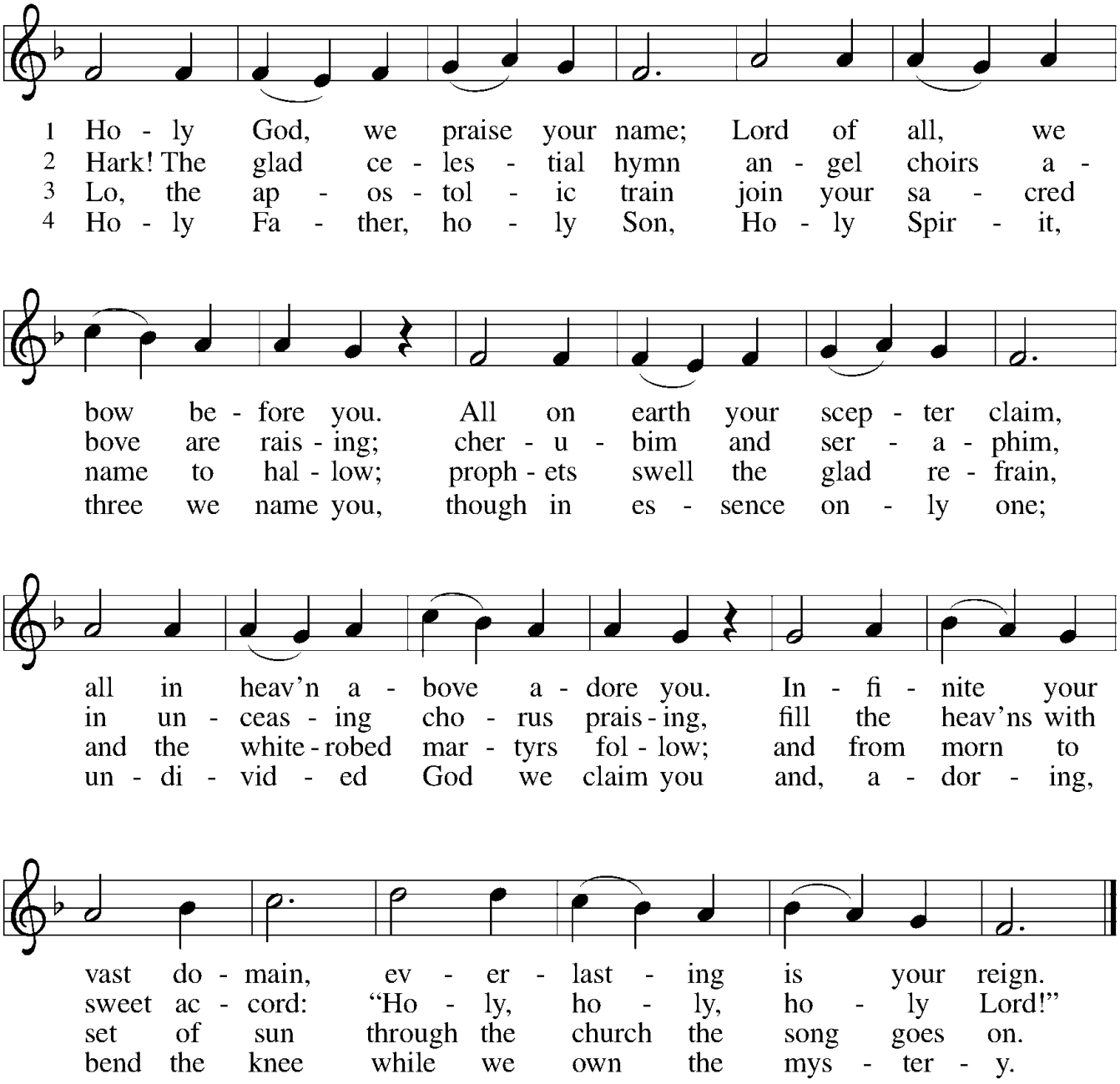
1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 "The scribes and the Pharisees sit
on Moses's seat; 3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as
they do, for they do not practice what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to
bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a
finger to move them. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their
phylacteries broad and their fringes long. 6 They love to have the place of honor at
banquets and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and to be greeted with respect in the
marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for
you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. 9 And call no one your father
on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called
instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be
your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves
will be exalted."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord
ALL: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL
Pastor David Mercurio

SONG OF DAY
Holy God, We Praise Your Name ELW 414, v. 1,2,4/Red Hymnal

Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

P: God of creation,
C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

(An offering will be taken before the prayer.)

Offertory Music **Saints Delight**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE
See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly.
P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.
P: Gather your church around the good news of your love at work in the world. Show us where we can more fully proclaim your good news within and beyond our congregation. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Preserve plant and animal species at risk of extinction. Further the work of ecologists, wildlife biologists, botanists, and all who work to conserve the rich diversity of life on earth. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Guide all the nations and their leaders in your ways of humble service and generous peace. Encourage communal discernment in the democratic process, and sustain election workers, candidates, and voters. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Relieve all who bear heavy burdens. Bring hope and new possibilities to individuals and families experiencing economic uncertainty, unemployment, or housing insecurity. Soothe hearts filled with sorrow or pain. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Where we face division and discord, draw us into mutual respect and understanding. Help us listen deeply to one another, our neighbors, and to you as we seek faithful pathways through disagreement or controversy. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: You welcome the faithful departed into your glory. With abiding thanks for their witness and service, we commend them to your eternal care. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.
P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.
P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ALL: 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.

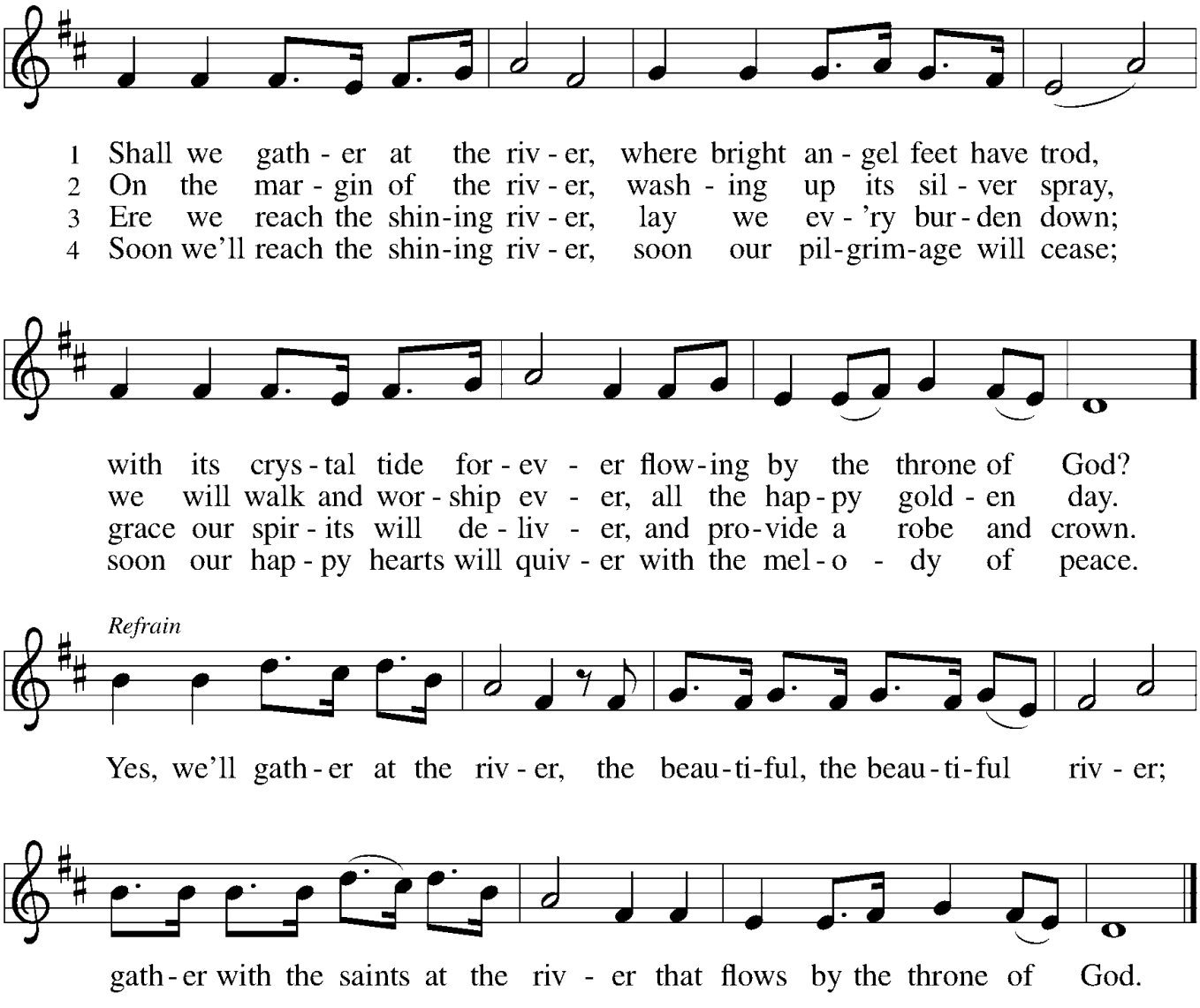
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymn
Shall We Gather at the River? **ELW 423/Red Hymnal**

Shall We Gather at the River



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy God,
C: 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.

CLOSING SONG
For All the Saints **ELW 422, v. 4-7/Red Hymnal**

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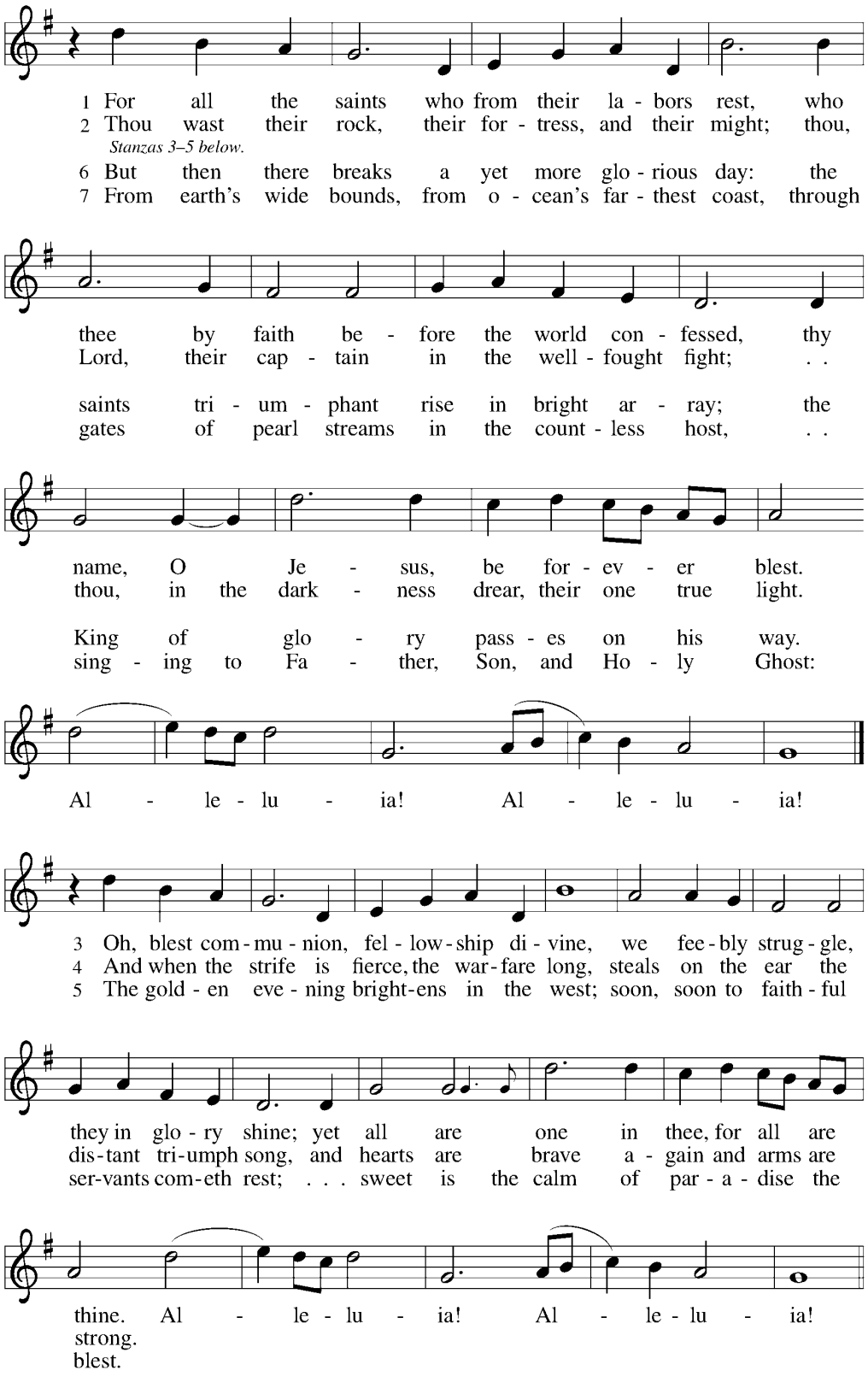

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GOD SENDS US

BLESSING
P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Raise a Song of Glory**

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON
Micah 3:5-12
Judgment upon corrupt rulers
Psalm 43
Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me. *(Ps. 43:3)*

11/1/26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are donated today by the children of Lee and Ralph Gerke in honor of their anniversary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is TODAY during worship and continues on the first and third Sundays of the month through May at 9:30am for children ages 3 – fifth grade. Our next class is on November 15th.

COFFEE HOUR is TODAY after worship. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for some savory and sweet treats, juice and coffee.

NOV. 8th CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Vision Team has announced a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 8, 2026. This brief meeting will be held right after our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to Accept the 2025 Audit. Vision Team is hopeful our members will be able to attend worship and help us to achieve a quorum. This meeting will be held in the sanctuary. We look forward to see you then. Thank you for your special attention to this matter.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS The Worship Team can use your help on Saturday, Nov. 28th at 9am, to help set up Christmas trees, wreaths and decore in our sanctuary and welcome area. Please mark your calendars if you're able to help. This is generally 2-2.5 hrs. with many helpful hands.

LINE DANCE LESSONS take place in Fellowship Hall from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Questions may be directed to Nancy Corbige 847-212-0237.

LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP BOWLING FOR ELCA CHURCHES 18 and older, bowl on 2ND & 4TH Sundays each month at St. Charles Bowl. Contact Nick Rex 630-742-5836 or email lutheranbowling@gmail.com if you are interested.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL We are currently full with 18 registered for the Monday/Wednesday mixed-age class. And we are also full for our new 2-year-old class on Tuesdays with 8 students registered. Thank you to God for all of these blessings!

SECURITY FOR PRESCHOOL Please be reminded that our Preschool policies are that all entry doors remain locked during preschool hours. (Mon/Wed: 9:15am – 1:15pm and Tues: 8:45am – 10:45am) If you need to come into church, we ask that you lock the door behind you, and of course ensure it is locked when you depart.

DIRECTORY FAMILY PICTURE Cara Turner is available for your family picture taking on Sundays at 9am, downstairs in first SS room/office on the left, and after church

service until 11am. Please contact her if you have further questions or need to schedule a picture taking at your home – her cell #: 630-291-6896.

LECTORS ARE NEEDED for readings during our service. Please look for the sign-up sheet posted on the board in the Welcome area.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER is available on-line at www.graceoflilylake.org**.** If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please email the information to Marty Bradley by the 24th of the month: masbradley50@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Are you looking for ways to be a little more involved in our church each week? We have a variety of tasks that take place before and during each Sunday worship service, such as preparing communion and altar, reading our announcements and Bible reading, ushering, running the PowerPoint during the service. A variety of ways to be a part of our worship behind the scenes or up front. Please see Pastor for more information.

SHOE BOX COLLECTION in lower level outside of Fellowship Hall. Please help!

NOISY OFFERING We gratefully accept your "noisy offering" after each service. These funds add up and go towards our capital improvement projects.

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE We are thankful and blessed with your giving offerings. Received as of 10/26 – $ 2,055 (our weekly goal is $4,000).

~ Blessings upon Grace in our 132nd year of ministry ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
* Ministries and people of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry, Bishop of the ELCA, and Erik Christensen, our new Bishop of the Chicago Synod.

* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

* For every living person facing the threat of war – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
* For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

* For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
* As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

* Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
* David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

* The continued support of our members
* For all members of healthcare around the world
* For those serving as first responders and in the military
* For our Nation, to extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT…

For our "Grace Family" members: Dan Burtnette, Travis and Lissa Brown, Alexa Diehl, Natalia Diehl, Jan Docherty, Mitch Hendry, Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Kay and Paul Kinsel, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Tom and Lois Larkin, Ray Larsen, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Joan Mortenson, Carol Nelson, Ed Nordwind, Nancy and John Schaefer, Norm Turner, Bud and Marilyn Wise, Wayne Whiteside

For our Families and Friends: Kathy Barton (mother of Tom Barton), Cindy Carlson, David Diehl, Rebecca Eagen, Rachel Glancy (friend of the Lindgren family), Joyce Helander, Andrew Kinsel and family in the Ukraine, Bob Koehling, Sally Kruthoff (daughter of Nancy Schnaitman), Gay Leslie, Janell McDonald, Oksana & Maria, Donald Overby, Mary Lindquist Rose**,** John Schnaitman, Bob Stanley (Marty Bradley's brother), Kelly Wilken, Ron Wilken, and Barbara Zegiel.

If you have requested that anyone (including yourself) be put on Grace's prayer list, thank you for your faith in our work of prayer! In order to keep our list current and accurate, we would like to hear from you regarding the need for continued prayer, praises and new requests. You may place these in a note in the offering plate, send them on-line via our prayer card on our website, leave them on the answering machine at church (630-365-6751) or speak with Pastor or Kathy Hooey. Aren't we blessed to have a God who listens and cares!

ALSO - Do you know someone who could use a reminder of our prayers and God's constant love? We have lovely **prayer shawls** all ready for delivery. Just call or see Vicki Linden for prayer shawls.