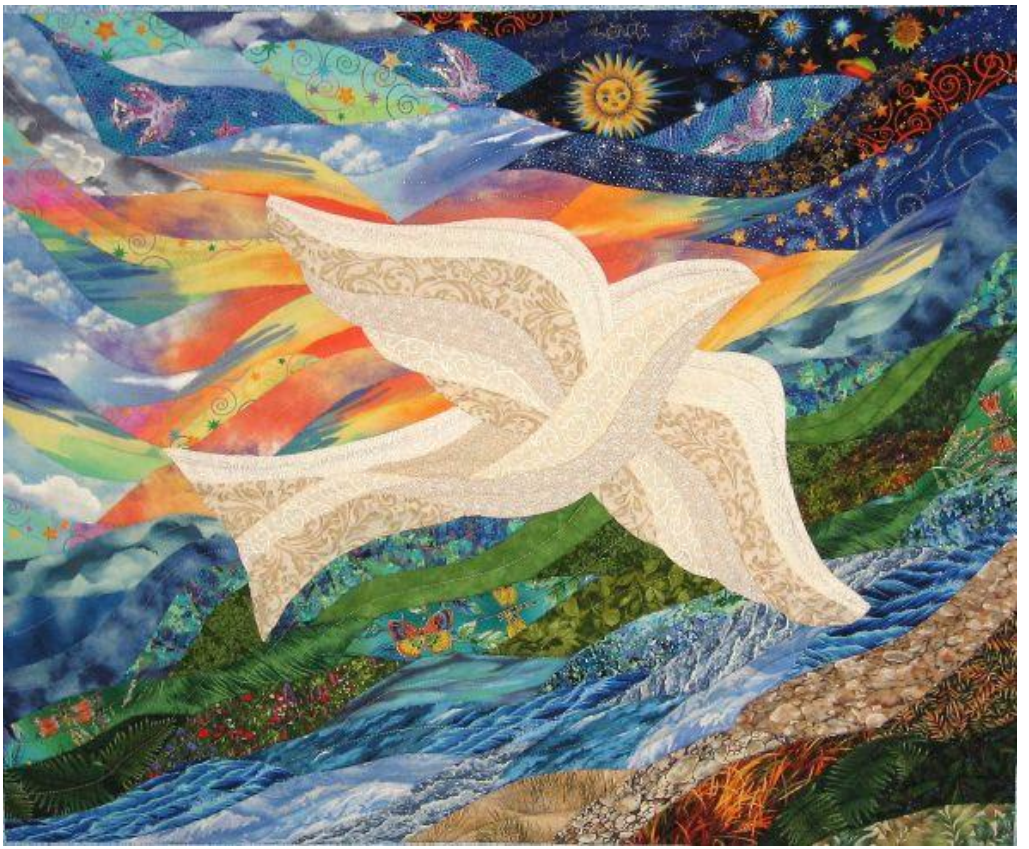
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
& Early Childhood Center



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

Worship Services

9:00 am | 10:30 am

Welcome to Bethlehem!

We hope you feel a warm welcome here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please visit our website at **www.blcenc.org** for more information about the congregation. If you are visiting with us, please fill out an information card and place it in the offering basket so we can stay connected.

CHILDREN

All children are welcome in the sanctuary for worship at Bethlehem. If you prefer, there is a comfort room at the back of the sanctuary. Busy bags and activity baskets are available in the narthex. After Children's Time at our 10:30 AM service children ages 3 years – 6th grade may either attend our Learning Circle program or remain with you.

COMMUNION

We practice **open communion,** meaning all are welcome to participate. We commune by intinction where the pastor dips the bread into a divided chalice with white wine or red grape juice. There is a gluten-free station on the left side of the sanctuary. We are happy to bring communion to individuals with limited mobility.

PARTICIPATION & ACCESSIBILITY

The different movements that happen during worship (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are all optional; please engage as you are comfortable or able. Hearing assistance devices are located at the back of the sanctuary and large-print bulletins are available in the narthex. If you, or someone you know, identify as neurodivergent and have questions about how to participate in worship or in one of our church ministries, please feel free to ask either the pastors or the church office for help.

PRAYER

In addition to the pastors, our Stephen Ministers are always available to pray with you about whatever is on your heart this day. Please look for the folks wearing a blue name tag with the Stephen Ministry logo. Healing prayer stations are available during communion on the second Sunday of each month.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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GATHERING

WELCOME

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

L: God of generational love, we remember those Saints who have gone before us. We grieve their loss, and honor their legacy.

C: We give thanks for all that we have learned from them.

L: For those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

C: Help us follow their example.

L: For all who made mistakes along the way, and were not perfect,

C: Yet were perfectly loved by you.

L: For those who dedicated their lives to waging peace,

C: Let us continue their work.

L: For those who lived simply and quietly,

C: May we be enlightened by them.

L: For those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

C: Inspire in us that same humility.
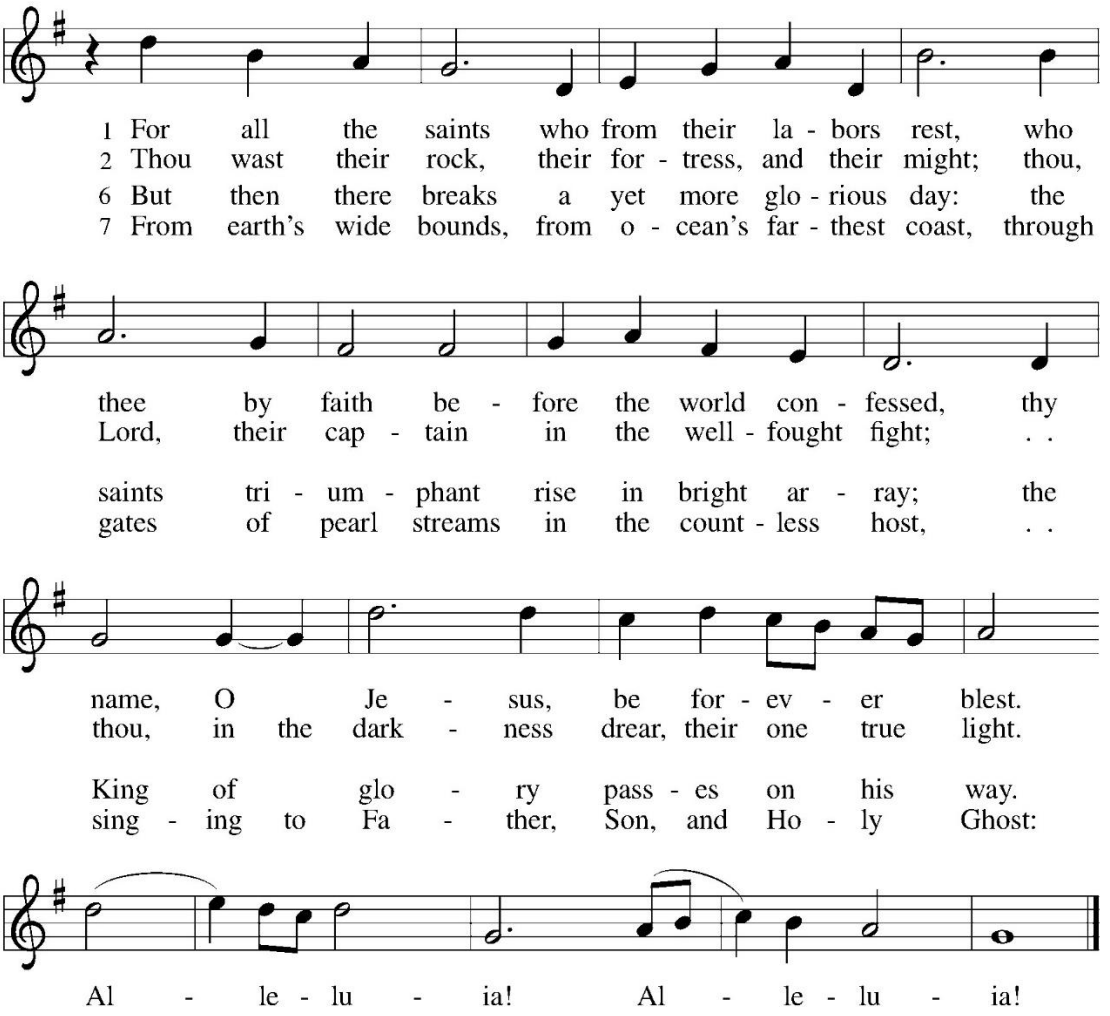
L: They have finished their work on earth, and that work lives on,

C: Reverberating through the lives we live now.

L: May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us to humility, service, and peacemaking. As our forebearers, and all who have gone before us, let us be inspired by Christ to live in grace and love.

C: May we do the same, on this and every day. Amen

GATHERING HYMN For All the Saints – ELW 422 vs. 1, 2, & 6
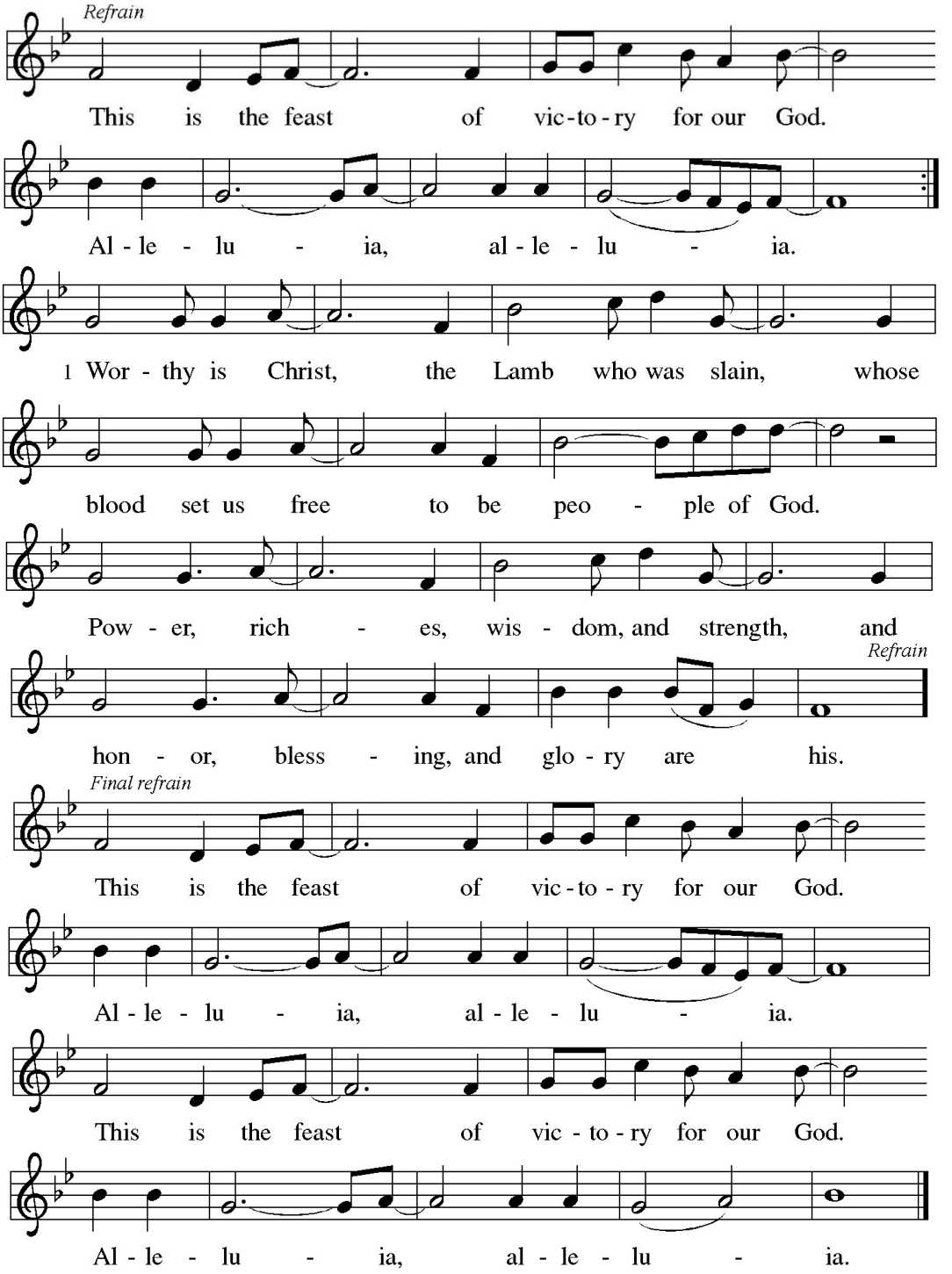


GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE This is the Feast – ELW pg. 169 – 170 vs. 1



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray … **C: Amen.**
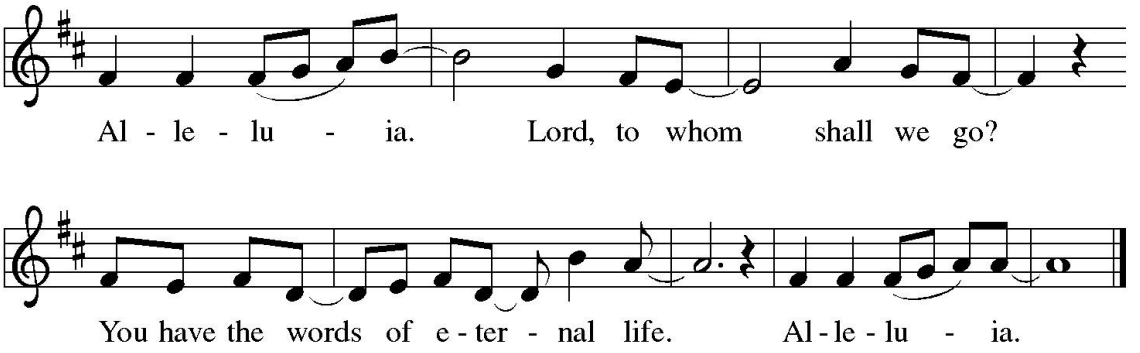
CHILDREN'S TIME (10:30 AM)

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 7:9-17

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW pg. 171



GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12
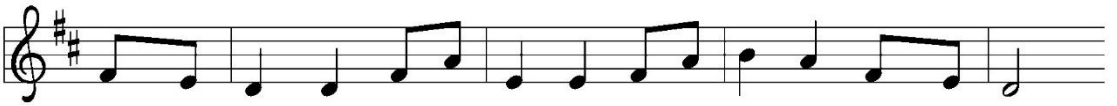
R: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Sam Nelson
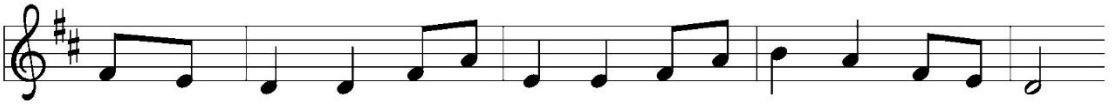
HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit"

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Set to the tune of ELW 807
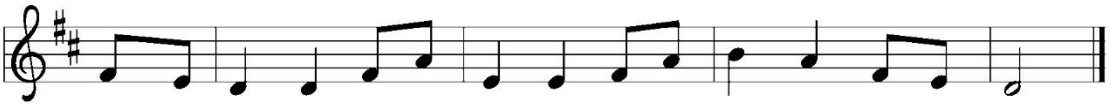


1. Bless – ed are the poor in spi-rit all God's realm is sure-ly theirs.
2. Bless – ed too are those who hun-ger and who thirst for what is right.
3. Those who share the peace God gives them will find bless-ing as God's own.



Those in mourn-ing will find com-fort as an an-swer to their prayers.
They will not be prone to wan-der for your will is their de – light.
Those op-pressed for faith-ful liv-ing will call heav-en's king-dom home.



Meek ones whom this world de-spi-ses will in – her – it ev-ery-thing
Those who show God's care and mer-cy will re-ceive that mer-cy too
When the world's ways seem di-stress-ing and we feel life's pain-ful sting,



God your king-dom still sur-pri-ses may we seek the reign you bring.
God in Christ you show us clear-ly of the joy we have in you.
God re-mind us of the bless-ings of the wond-rous life you bring.

APOSTLES' CREED ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

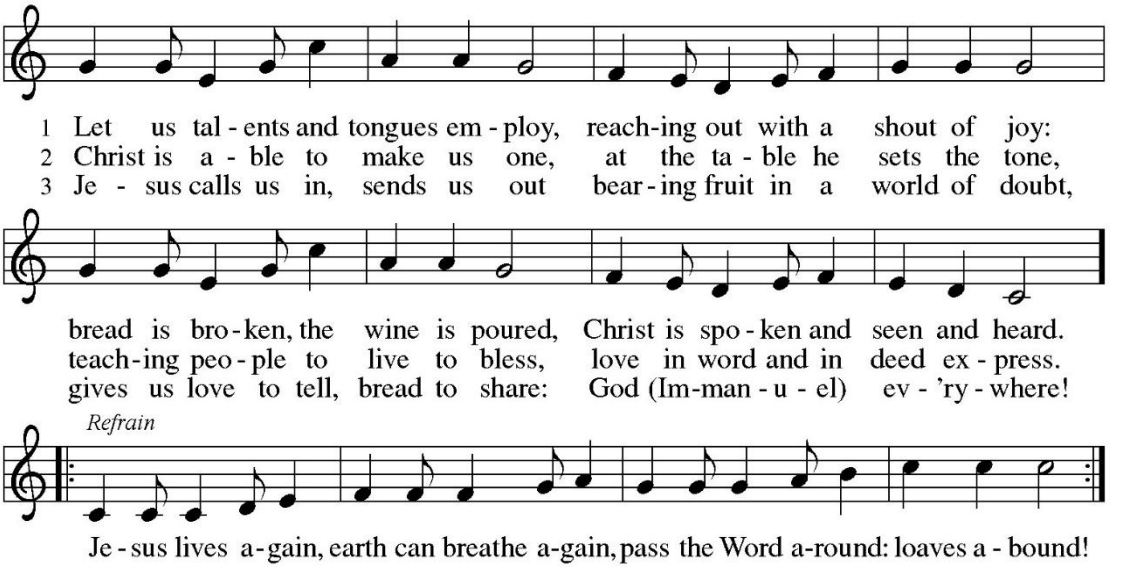
THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always, **C: And also with you!**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Gifts" – Woodwind Trio

OFFERTORY RESPONSE Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – ELW 674 vs. 1



MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you, **C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts, **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

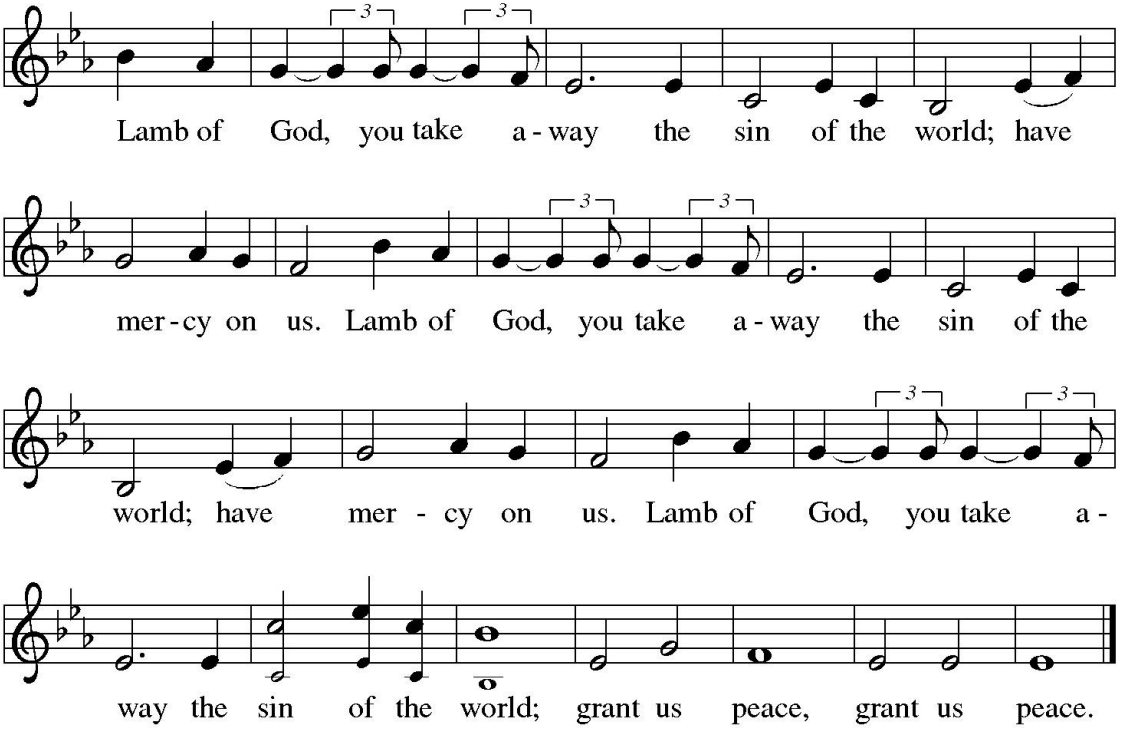
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

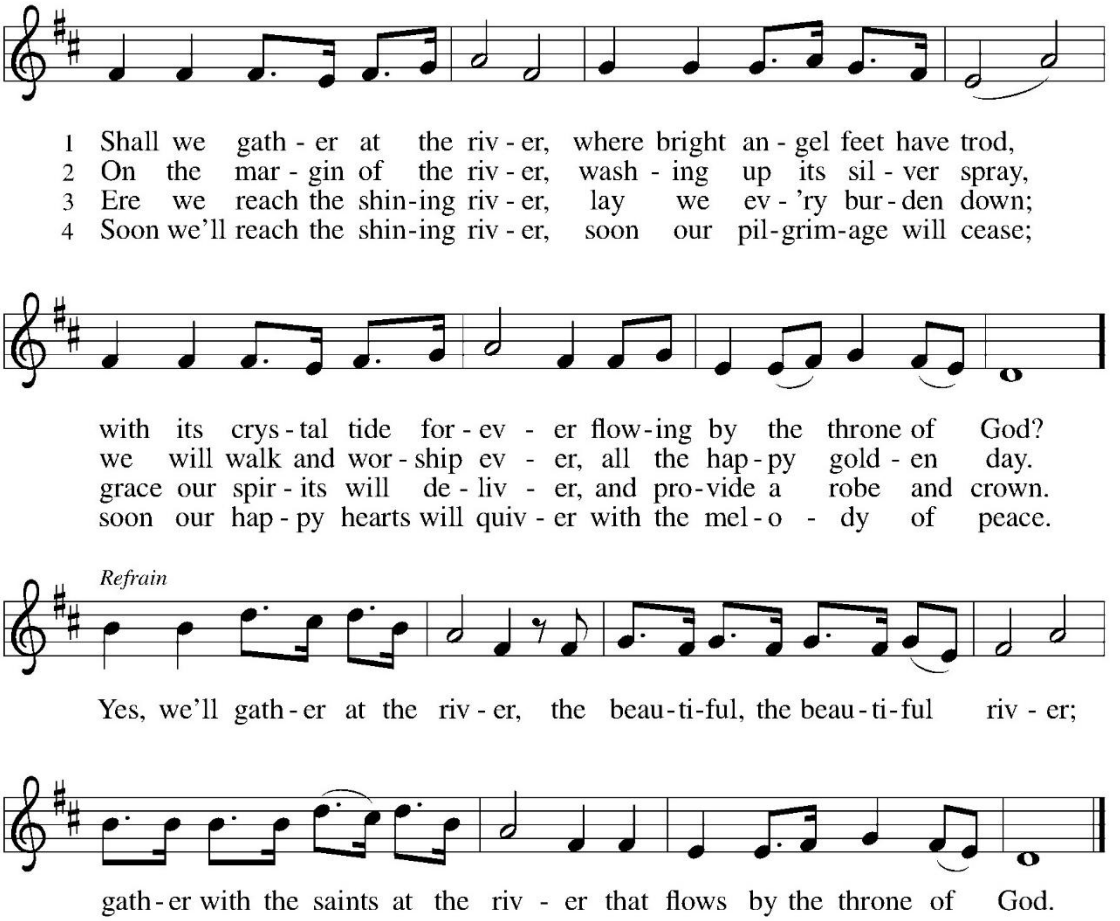
THE LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg. 112

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Lamb of God – ELW pg. 174



COMMUNION HYMN Shall We Gather at the River – ELW 423



SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Oh, when the saints go marching in, [Repeat]
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in!

And when the sun refused to shine, [Repeat]
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refused to shine

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call, [Repeat]
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the trumpet sounds that call!

And on that hallelujah day, [Repeat]
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

All Are Welcome!

We live in a diverse world. We are hurting, broken and heavy hearted. We are loving, joyous, and above all, we are welcoming. Regardless of the color of your skin, or the color of your hair; regardless of your gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, relationship status, or political affiliation, you are welcome here. We honor indigenous people and are committed to the work of anti-racism and the stewardship of the creation.

If you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic, Muslim, Jewish, seeking, have never set foot in a church, or are a life long Lutheran; you have a place here. If you own, rent, or have nothing at all; you are welcome here. If you are neurodivergent, fully abled, disabled, or a person of differing abilities; if you have regrets, fears, addictions, or afflictions; you have a place here.

All who are wise and all who are confused, all who have found love and all who have lost it, all who celebrate this welcome statement and all who fear it - are welcome here.
Come as you are and be celebrated for who you are. Your place is here. Bethlehem Lutheran is an All are Welcome church.

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