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Evangelica  
Luterana  
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Aurora, IL**

***Celebration of All Saints Day***  
***Sunday, November 6, 2022***

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**Senior Pastor of Iglesia Evangelica Luterana San Pablo, in Aurora IL**

Pastor Alex has served at San Pablo since 2005 when the Hispanic congregation became an official autonomous ministry of our Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Pastor Alex graduated from the Hispanic Institute of Theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis Missouri and was Ordained to the Holy Ministry in July 1996. Pastor Alex also serves as a facilitator for NID's Hispanic ministry matters. He is married to María Elena Merlo. They have adult three children.

Responding to the vast need of the Hispanic population to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their own language, for the past 17 years, he has passionately focused on identifying, raising up, and equipping new lay leaders to serve as missionaries for their local congregations and communities through Escuela Misionera the School for Missionaries, in which he serves as Director and teacher. As a result of this program, six students have been sent to the Center for Hispanic Studies at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, graduated, and now are serving as pastors in our District. One deaconess will be graduating next Spring, and two students are currently enrolled in the vicarage program and serving in San Pablo church. This fall semester, 13 students are enrolled with another two via long distance from Mexico.





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**ALL SAINTS' DAY (NOVEMBER 1)** is a remembrance of those who died in the faith, a thanksgiving for the work that the Lord did in their lives, and even an encouragement to imitate the courage of those who died for their faith. Holy Communion joins us as “forgiven sinners who in the reception of the Lord’s true body and blood are made one with all members of the church, all the saints in heaven and on earth, as the Body of Christ.”

*Source: Witness-Mercy-Life Together blog, www.lcms.org*

### **THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LITURGY**

*A traditional order for worship celebrating the Spiritual Gifts  
that the Holy Spirit gives to His people for serving the Church and the world.*

#### **Opening Hymn**

#### **For All the Saints**

LSB 677 sts. 1-2, 4, 6



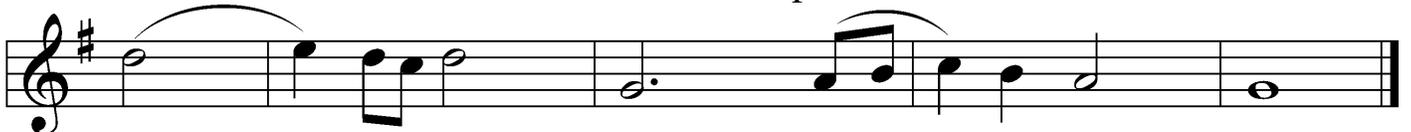
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Invocation** (Based on the hymn “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” LSB 602)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me

**C: To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!**

P: Gifts flow from baptism  
Where He calls us His own;

**C: There He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;**

P: The triune God Himself  
Gives you power to call Him Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

P: Lord, whose love through humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,

**C: Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy’s perfect deed,**

P: We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,

**C: Setting aside for Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart.**

P: But we confess unto You, Lord, all our sins and iniquities. We acknowledge how we have neglected the gifts you have given to us—our indifference to Your Word and our selfishness in not using our spiritual gifts to serve You and others, and so we confess before You in prayer:

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;

**C: The pastor’s words are Christ’s  
For us to trust and know.**

*(Based on the hymns “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” LSB 848 & “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” LSB 602, along with collects from LSB)*

P: Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us here;

C: **Blest words that give us life,  
His words, let us now hear.**

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins  
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise**

### **Glorify Thy Name**

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - fy Thy

name, glo - ri - fy Thy name,

glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Collect (Prayer of the Day)**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people  
of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your  
Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and  
godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys  
You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Revelation 7:2–17 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

<sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

<sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

<sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

<sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>“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.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**John 3:1–3(ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

**Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*Jerusalem, my happy home When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?*

*O happy harbor of the saints O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In pleasant flowers As nowhere else are seen.*

*Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand,  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.*

*Jerusalem, my happy home, Would God I were in thee!  
Would God my woes were at an end Thy joys that I might see!*

## Holy Gospel

## Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>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: **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

## Alabaré

LSB 799

*Refrain*

A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.  
A-la-ba - ré a - la-ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.

1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed,  
2 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,  
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God,

And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
Whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.  
And join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,  
 Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength  
 Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might

And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.  
 And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.  
 To God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

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## **Sermon “When God Empowers You, It is For You To Be Sent”**

### **Confession of Faith from 1 Corinthians 12 & 1 Peter 4**

P: There are varieties of gifts,

**C: but the same Holy Spirit;**

P: and there are varieties of service,

**C: but the same Lord Jesus;**

P: and there are varieties of activities,

**C: but it is the same God the Father who empowers them all in everyone.**

P: To each disciple is given an expression of the Spirit

**C: for the common good.**

P: Just as the body is one and has many parts,

**C: All the members of the body of Christ are one body.**

P: As each of you has received spiritual gifts,

**C: may we use them to serve one another,**

P: as good stewards of God’s varied grace:  
 whoever speaks,

**C: speak as one who speaks the Word of God;**

P: whoever serves,

**C: as one who serves by the strength supplied by God**

P: in order that in everything

**C: God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

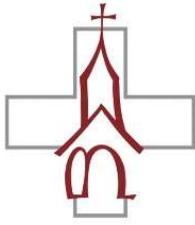
**To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

**Church Imitating Christ**

**Based on Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)**

P: Bethel as a congregation seeks to be a  
 C: **Church imitating Christ.**  
 P: We devote ourselves to generosity,  
 C: **bringing tithes and offerings to our God.**  
 P: We are only able to be generous towards the Lord  
 C: **because of His amazing generosity toward us.**  
 P: When we devote ourselves to generosity, we are a  
 C: **Church imitating Christ. Amen.**

**Church Imitating Christ**

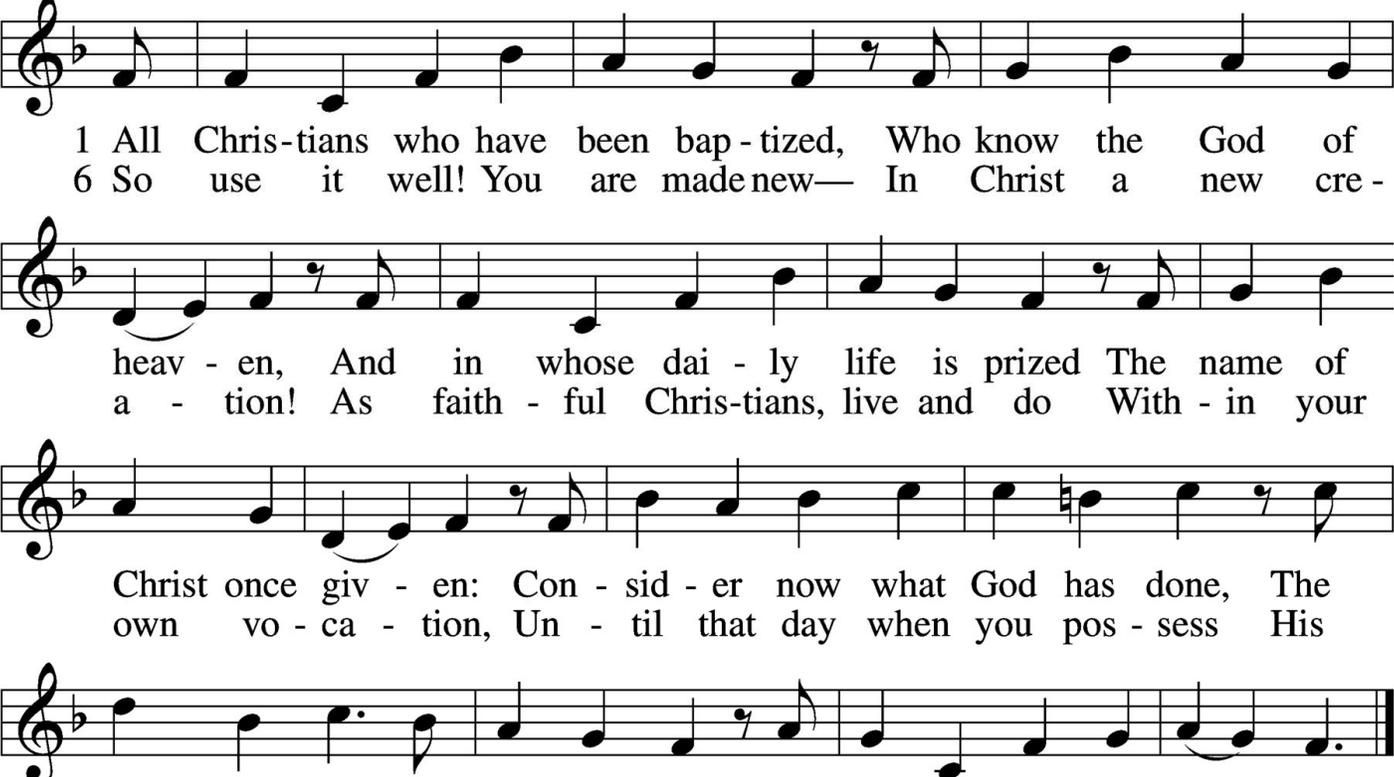


Scripture  
 Fellowship  
 Sacraments  
 Prayer  
 Mercy  
**GENEROSITY**  
 Winsomeness

**Offering & Prayer Requests**

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

**Offertory**                      **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**                      LSB 596 sts. 1, 6  
 (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of  
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In Christ a new cre-  
 heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of  
 a-tion! As faith-ful Chris-tians, live and do With-in your  
 Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The  
 own vo-ca-tion, Un-til that day when you pos-sess His  
 gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!  
 glo-rious robe of righ-teous-ness Be-stowed on you for-ev-er!

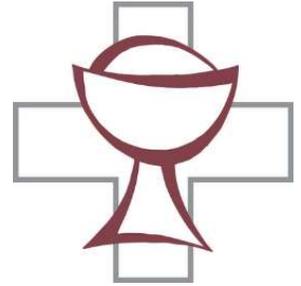
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## Prayers

### **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

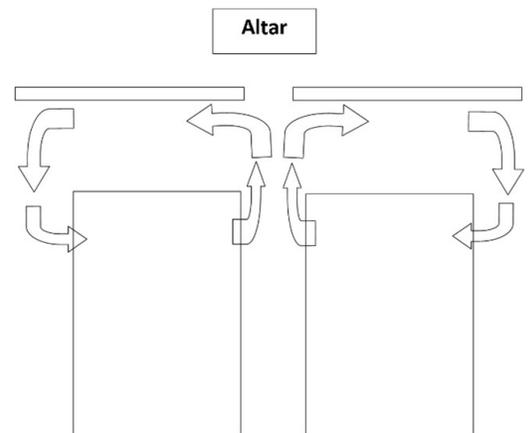
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



### **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.



### **Preface** (Based on 1 Peter 4 and the hymn “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” LSB 602)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: As you come to Christ,

**C: a living stone rejected by men**

P: but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house,

**C: to be a holy priesthood,**

P: to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

**C: a people for His own possession,**

P: that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you

**C: out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

P: Once you were not a people,

**C: but now we are God's people;**

P: once you had not received mercy,

**C: but now we have received mercy.**

P: The gifts are in the feast,

**C: Gifts far more than we see;**

P: Beneath the bread and wine

**C: Is His death on the tree.**

P: His body and His blood

**C: Remove our every sin;**

P: We enter His presence for

**C: His peace, renewed again.**

### **Sanctus**

LSB 599, sts. 1 & 6; tune: 634

1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your  
6 Then robed in white be - fore Your throne, Your ho - ly  
chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in  
saints, by You fore-known— Pre - des - tined, called, and  
them re - new: The gift of faith that clings to You.  
jus - ti - fied, Shall, crowned in light, be glo - ri - fied.

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.     **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying “God’s peace” or “The Lord be with you.”)

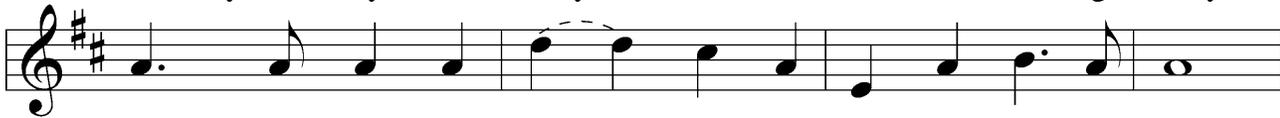
**First Distribution Hymn**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

LSB 507 sts. 1-4



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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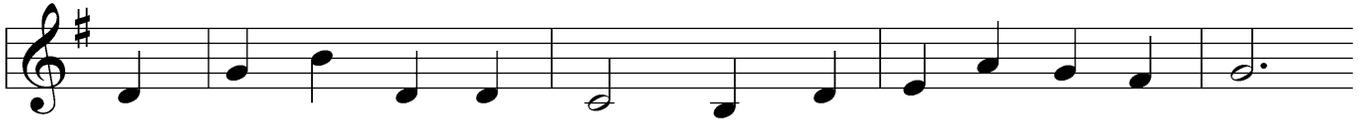
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**Second Distribution Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

LSB 515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... **C: Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer** (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: Let us pray. Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all Your graces now outpoured by Your Son's body and blood, on each believer's mind and heart; Your fervent love to us impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your light, in holy faith Your Church unite; from ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue, this to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Alleluia, alleluia!

**C: Amen.**

**Benediction (Blessing)** (Based on the hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497)

P: May the holy Light, guide divine,  
Now cause the Word of life to shine  
In You, His people, taught to know our God aright  
And call Him Father with delight.  
From every error may the Lord keep you free;  
Let none but Christ your master be  
That you in living faith abide,  
In Him, our Lord, with all your might confide.  
In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn**

**Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship**

LSB 949



1 Heav'n-ly hosts in cease-less wor-ship "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly" cry;  
2 All cre-a-tion, all re-demp-tion, Join to sing the Sav-ior's worth;



"He who is, who was and will be, God Al-might-y, Lord Most High."  
Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, Kings and priests, to reign on earth.



Praise and hon-or, pow'r and glo-ry, Be to Him who reigns a-lone!  
Wealth and wis-dom, pow'r and glo-ry, Hon-or, might, do-min-ion, praise,



We, with all His hands have fash-ioned, Fall be-fore the Fa-ther's throne.  
Now be His from all His crea-tures And to ev-er-last-ing days!

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# UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM  
VOTERS MEETING AT NOON

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM  
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM  
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30AM-11:30AM

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUMMER SERVICES BEGIN MAY 26TH. CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT [OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG).