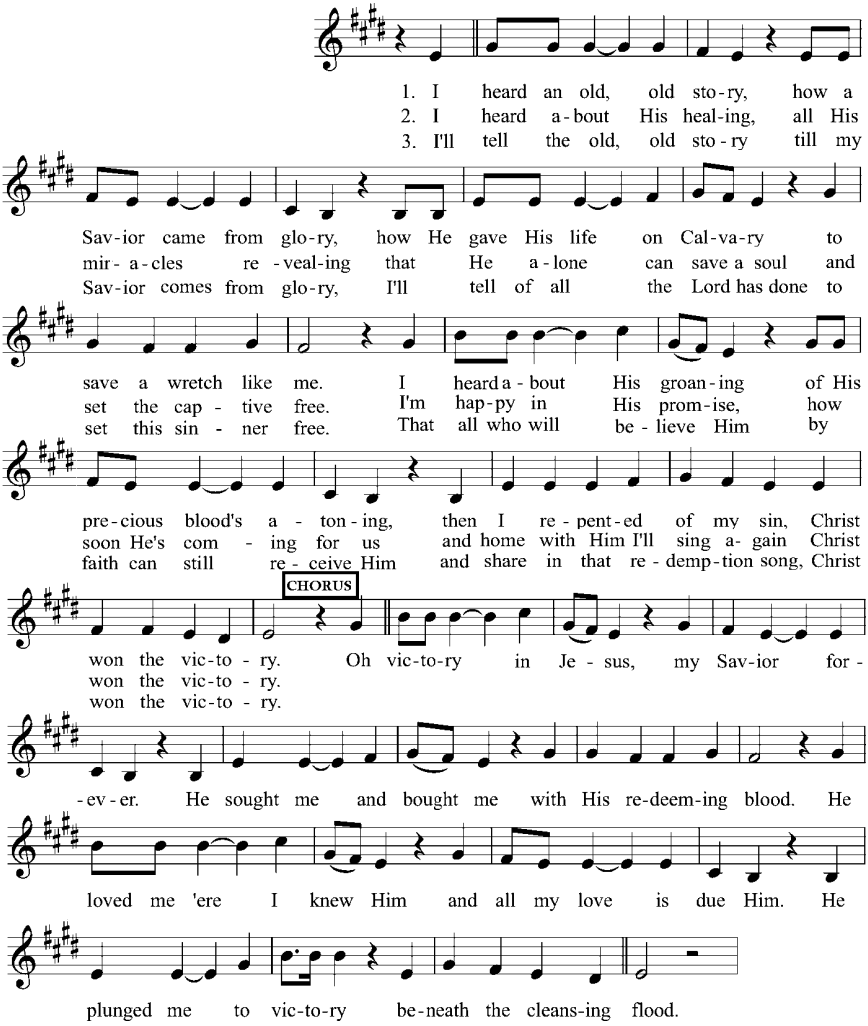
The Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 2026

Victory In Jesus (Christ Won The Victory)



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Invocation

L In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Kyrie

L Lord, have mercy upon us.
C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

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L I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
C **The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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C **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

L Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
C **I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.**
L I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like a mist;
C **Return to me, for I have redeemed you.**
L Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth;
C **For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.**

Service of the Word

Psalm *Psalm 95:1–7a*

L Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

L For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C **In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

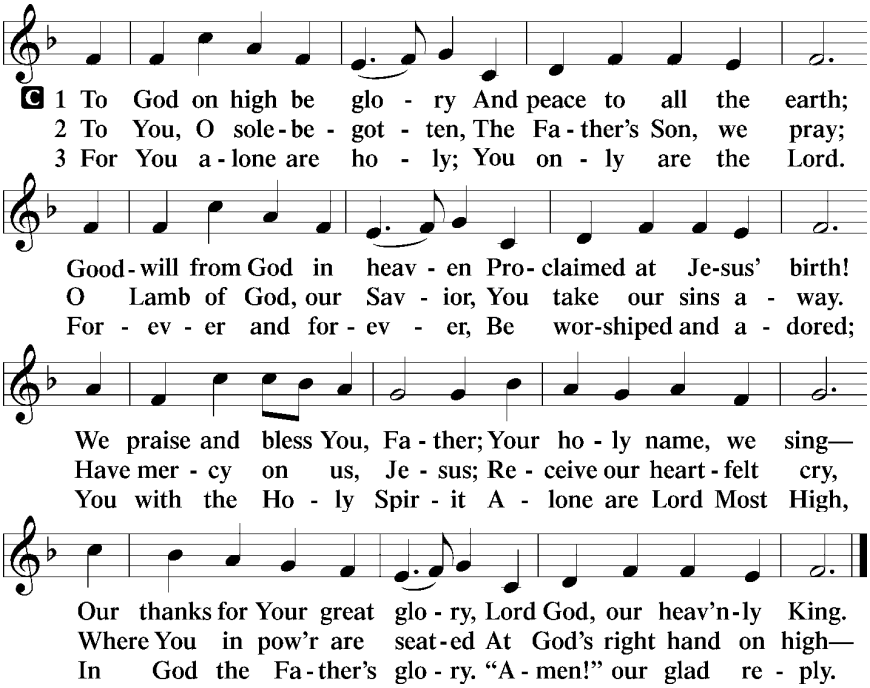
L The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C **Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

L For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis



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Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

11"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep
and will seek them out. 12As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among
his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will
rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13And I will bring them out from the peoples and
gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And
I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the
inhabited places of the country. 14I will feed them with good pasture, and on
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie
down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the
mountains of Israel. 15I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself
will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16I will seek the lost, and I
will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed
them in justice. . . .

20"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21Because you push with side and
shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered
them abroad, 22I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I
will judge between sheep and sheep. 23And I will set up over them one
shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and
be their shepherd. 24And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David
shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

New Testament Reading *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

20But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those
who have fallen asleep. 21For as by a man came death, by a man has come
also the resurrection of the dead. 22For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ
shall all be made alive. 23But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then
at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24Then comes the end, when he
delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every
authority and power. 25For he must reign until he has put all his enemies
under his feet. 26The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27For "God has put
all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in
subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection
under him. 28When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will
also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God
may be all in all.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel *Mark 13:24–33*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the
Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will
send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends
of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender
and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you
see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.
30 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things
take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass
away.
32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep
awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

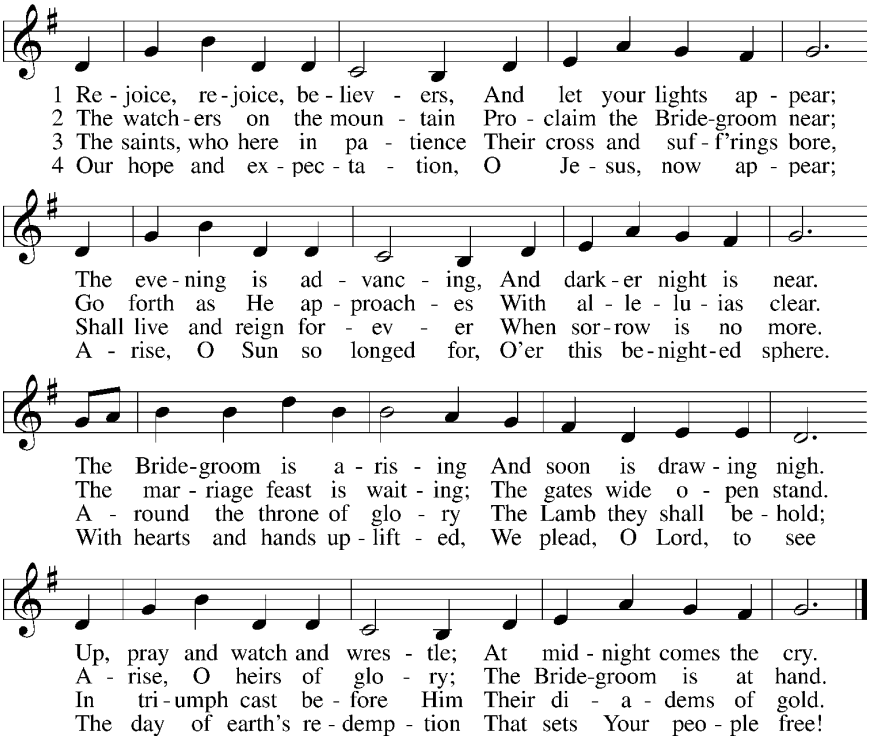
L This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Apostles' Creed

C **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.**

515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



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Sermon - Pastor William Engfehr

Offering - Please record your attendance in the Friendship Book located in each pew.

Prayer Response

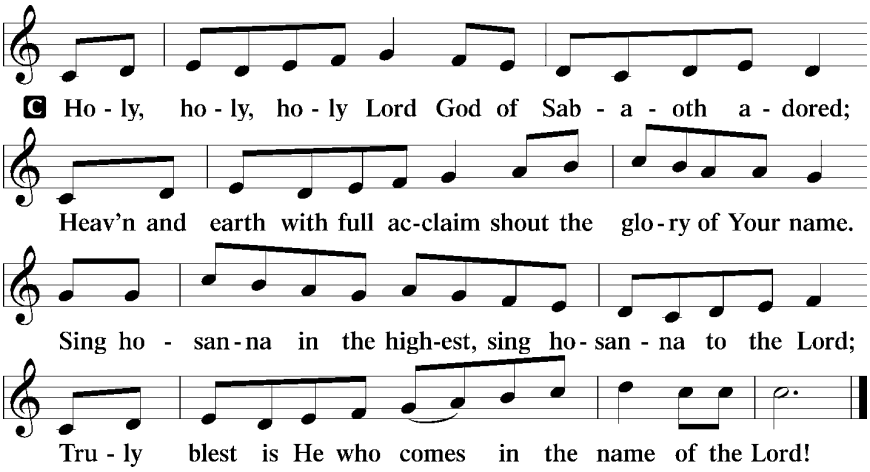
L Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**
L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



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Lord's Prayer

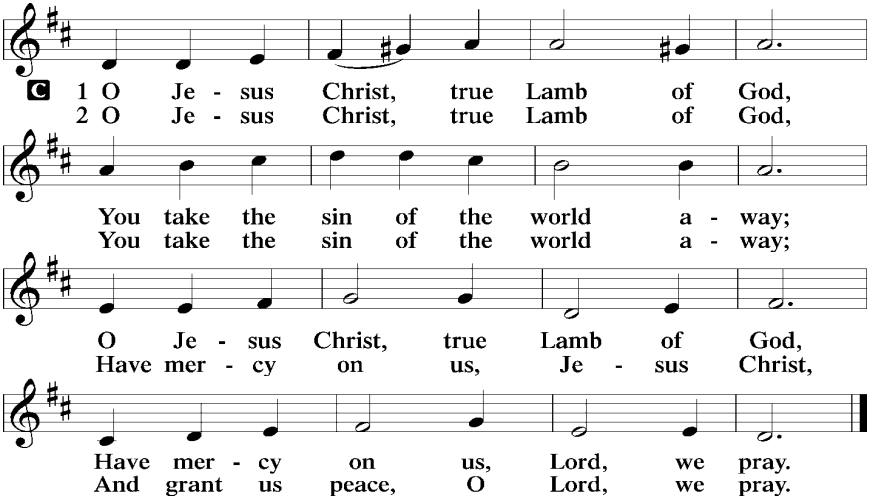
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

L 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.”

Agnus Dei



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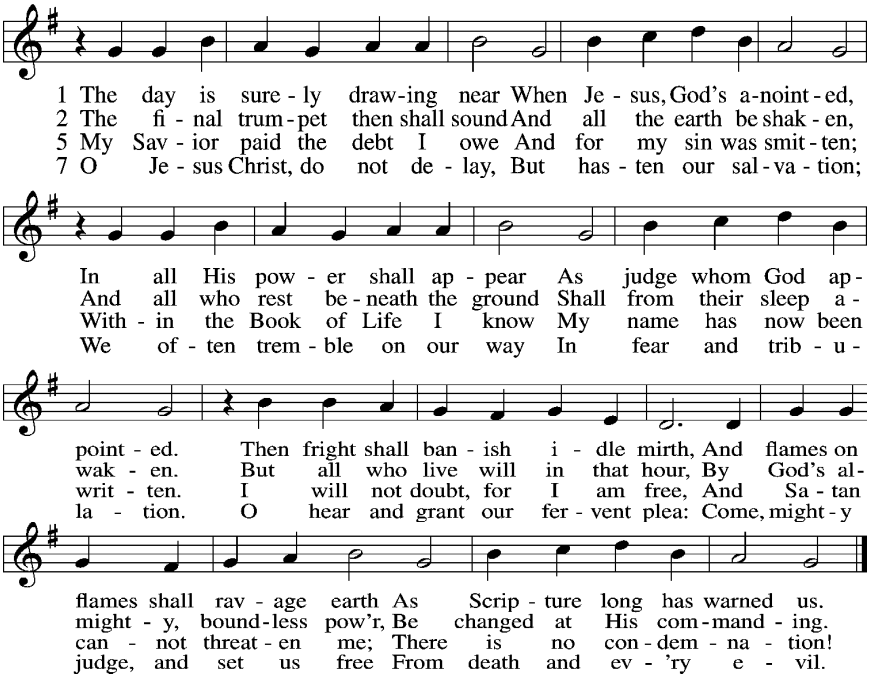

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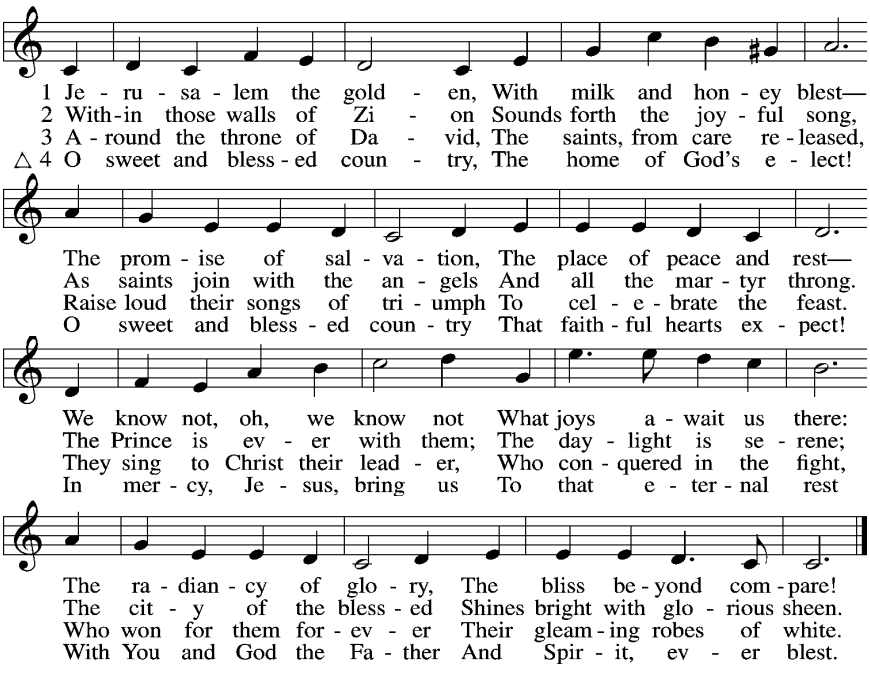

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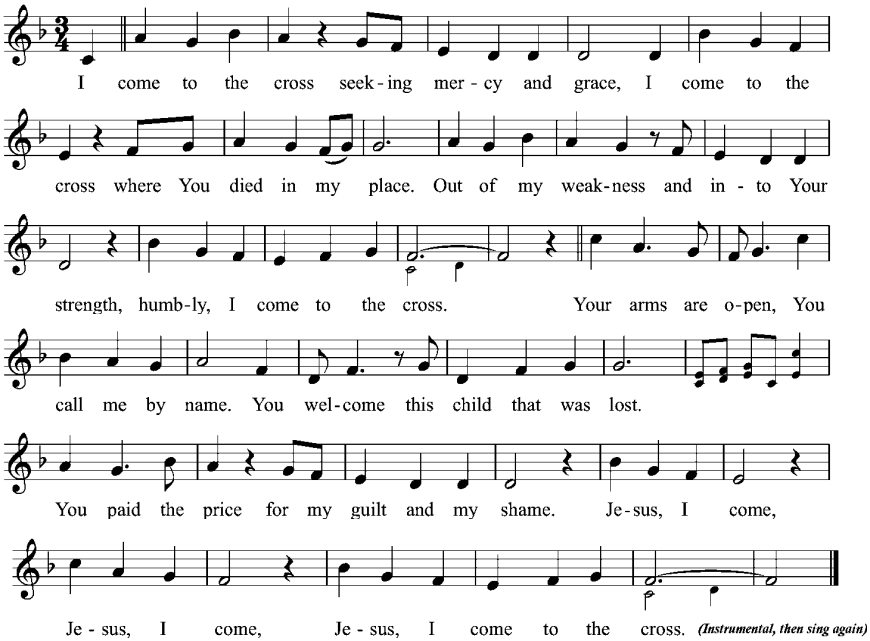

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The Dismissal

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Call to Christian Community

L The apostle John wrote, "…this is (God's) commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us" (1 John 3:23). As believers in Jesus, God calls us to community. Please take time to greet and get to know one another after our last song. If you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. Now receive God's blessing.

Benediction

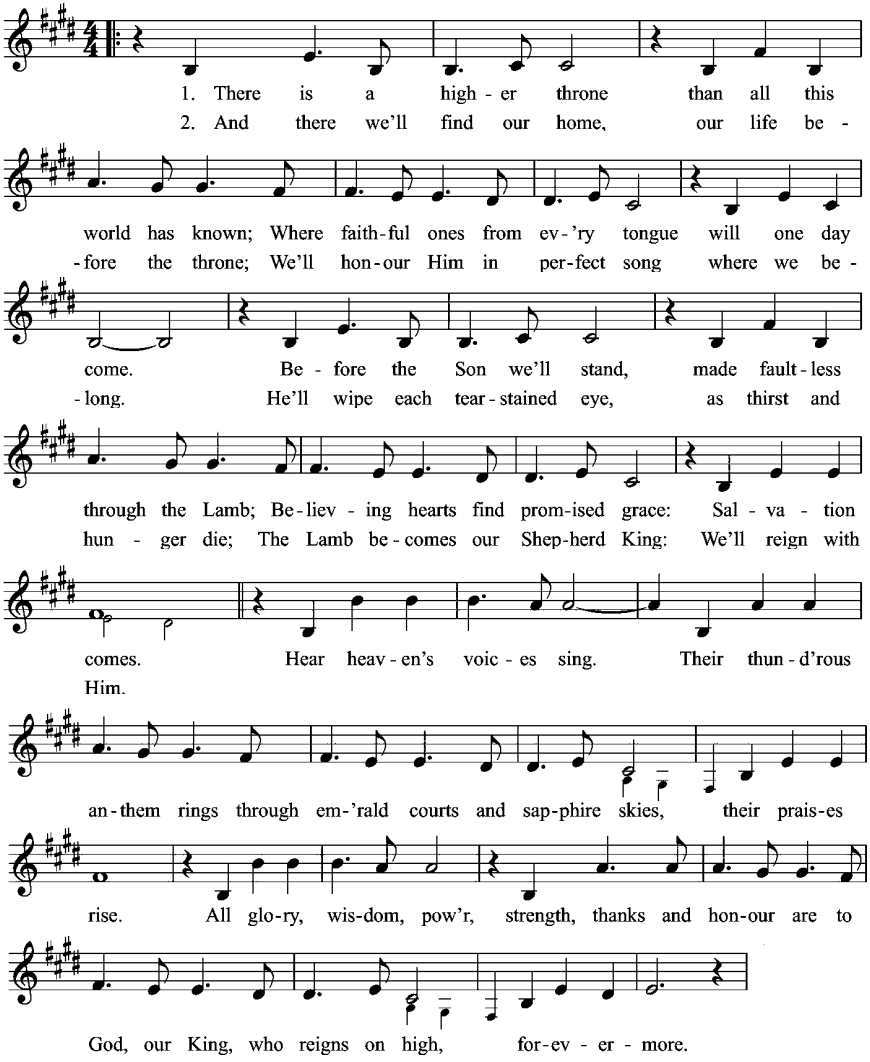
L Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God**

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.

C **Amen.**

There Is a Higher Throne



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- Sunday School – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Men's Bible Study

There will be no Men's Bible Study this Wednesday, November 25th. We will start a new study on Hebrews on December 2nd. All men in the congregation are invited to join. Please see Tim Schnicker for the new book.

Now Hiring: Part-Time Church Administrator: St. James Lutheran Church in is seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual (20 hours/week) or two individuals (each 10 hours/week) to fill our part-time Church Administrator position. This vital role serves as the central hub of our church operations. Key responsibilities include:

- Financial & Membership Records: Managing member databases (Shepherds' Staff), tracking and balancing giving (including Tithely), and generating financial summaries.
- Human Resources & Compliance: Serving as the Concordia Plan Services administrator, managing annual renewals, contributions, and required statistical reporting.
- Office Operations: Overseeing office and copier supplies, managing building security codes, processing mail, and coordinating estate gifts.

If you have a heart for administration and want to support the ministry of St. James, we would love to hear from you! Please send your resume to cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

St. James Lutheran is hiring a Ministry Coordinator!

Position Details:

- **Hours:** Part-time (10–15 hours per week)
- **Key Responsibilities:** Help coordinate ministry and fellowship opportunities, assist with worship bulletins and quarterly newsletters, support IT and digital announcements, assist Pastor as needed and collaborate on church communication platforms. Work closely with and sub for Church Administrator when needed.

If you have a heart for ministry and organizational skills, we'd love to hear from you!

How to Apply:

- **Contact:** Call Cheryl at **618-531-2186**
- **Email:** Send your resume to **cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org**

Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the St. James Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on December 6th immediately following service. The agenda and related documents are available in the narthex and will be emailed to all members.

Christmas Breakfast & Children's Program

Please mark your calendars for the annual St. James Christmas Children's Program on Sunday, December 20th. The Children's program will be during worship and the breakfast will be immediately following worship.

LWML- Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends will be meeting Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 AM for a Christmas brunch.

Thanksgiving Basket Drive – Thank You!

Thank you, St. James family, for your generosity! Our drive met its goal with 200 Christian cards, 404 lbs. of food donated (205 lbs. from members and 199 lbs. through the Thrivent Action Team) and $705.00 in generous donations. God bless you for helping to fill baskets for our neighbors in need.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 29 – First Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 2 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 6 – Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 9 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 13 – Third Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Dec 16 – Midweek Advent 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 20 – Fourth Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM
– Children's Christmas Program (in service)
– Family Christmas Brunch – Immediately Following Service
Sunday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve 6:30 PM
Sunday, Dec. 25 –Christmas 9:00 AM

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Thank you to all our visitors for joining us today! We would love to connect with you. Please complete a visitor card located in the pew or sign in the register in the entryway so we can reach out!

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

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