

# Festival of All Saints

November 3, 2024

## Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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**PRELUDE & BELLS** *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

**WELCOME**

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

*We stand* **OPENING HYMN**

#427

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

### ✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.*

**O God, our heavenly Father, we confess that we have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which we cannot fully understand, but which are known to you. We repent and are sorry for our offenses, and we ask of your great goodness to have mercy upon us, for the sake of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive our sins, and graciously to help our infirmities. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on you, and has given his only son to die for you, and for his sake ✠ forgives you all your sins. To all who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on you his Holy Spirit. On the other hand, I declare to the impenitent and unbelieving, that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God has not forgiven your sins, and will surely visit your iniquities upon you if you do not turn from your sinful ways and come to repentance and faith in Christ before the day of grace is ended.<sup>1</sup> **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Reclaim: Lutheran Hymnal for Church and Home, Introductory Edition (Minneapolis: Bronze Bow Publishing, 2006)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: REVELATION 7:15

*They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 24

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein

<sup>2</sup> **For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

<sup>4</sup> **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> **"Who is this King of glory?"**

**"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in

<sup>10</sup> **"Who is he, this King of glory?"**

**"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:11-22

<sup>11</sup>But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! <sup>15</sup>For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. <sup>16</sup>Where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup>For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. <sup>18</sup>Hence not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. <sup>19</sup>For when every commandment had been told to all the people by Moses in accordance with the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the scroll itself and all the people, <sup>20</sup>saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God has ordained for you." <sup>21</sup>And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. <sup>22</sup>Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*We stand.* GOSPEL VERSE

9 AM only P151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 11:32-44

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#728

“Blest Are They”

*We sit.* SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

**Redemption**

*Bloodshed*

*We stand.* PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*means whole, entire Christi

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

Thank you, dear Lord, for those forgiven sinners we call saints. Thank you for giving us a glimpse of your glory shining through their words and deeds. Thank you that, in Jesus, you have wiped away all their tears and taken away all their shame. Thank you for promising this to us, too.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Save and defend your Church, purchased with the blood of Christ. Give it righteous pastors and bishops. Defend it when it is attacked. Purify and heal it when it sins. Make it perfect in love and good works. Keep it steadfast in the faith once delivered to the saints, so that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the creator and redeemer of all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your persecuted Church the blessings promised by Jesus. Let it rejoice in being united to his Passion. Give it the peace that passes human understanding. Grant repentance and faith to all who hate the name of Jesus. Give them grace to bind up the wounds they have inflicted upon the Body of Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw to yourself the hearts of this congregation's members. Guide our minds; fill our imaginations; control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Set before us the example of your saints, great and small. Inspire us by their faith, generosity, and compassion. Strengthen us to endure, as they did, hardship and persecution for the sake of proclaiming Christ crucified to an unbelieving world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend all nations into your merciful care. Let everyone live in peace and be guided by your providence. Give those in authority the wisdom to know your will and the strength to do it. Grant to them – and to all of us! – a double portion of your Spirit, so that justice, mercy, righteousness, and peace may prevail.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your special blessing as many of us approach a national election. Give us wisdom, discernment, and the grace to put your will for our country above personal or partisan interests. Grant us a peaceful and uncontested outcome and transfer of power. Bless us with your healing and holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially {List}. Give wholeness and hope to all who cry out to you for help. Have mercy on the dying, and comfort the grieving. And to all, grant a measure of your love, shielding them with your tender care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all of our blessed dead who rest now in your care. {ALL SAINTS LIST}. Raise them to the life promised to all whom you have redeemed by the Cross and Resurrection of your Son. Grant that we, who walk as yet by faith and not by sight, may by your Holy Spirit continue our course on earth with steadfast hope, constant love, and unquenchable joy. Gather us, with all of your people, at that eternal high feast that celebrates your victory over sin and death, won for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to your glory and for the benefit off for whom we pray. **Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

*We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."*

*We sit.* OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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STEWARDSHIP TALK (*Reagan McAda*)

*We stand #692*

“We Are an Offering”

**1 We lift our voices**

**We lift our hands**

**We lift our lives up to You**

**We are an offering**

**Lord use our voices**

**Lord use our hands**

**Lord use our lives they are Yours**

**We are an offering**

**2 All that we have**

**All that we are**

**All that we hope to be**

**We give to You**

**We give to You**

**3 We lift our voices**

**We lift our hands**

**We lift our lives up to You**

**We are an offering**

**We are an offering**

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

*5PM Spoken*

♪ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy...

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

All honor and glory are yours...now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

*We sit.* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

*Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.*

*(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)*

*Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.*

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"

*John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*We stand* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER  
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

“Thank the Lord”

*9AM only*



☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

Let us pray, Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

#### 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.**

#### CLOSING HYMN

#423

“Shall We Gather at the River”

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"  
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**THANK, THANK, THANK YOU** to all who donated money, candy, or goodies as well as decorated your vehicle and passed out candy for our Trunk or Treat this year! It was amazing to see all the costumes and believe it or not most all the candy donated was given out! We only had a few handfuls left!

**TODAY Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** (*immediately following the 9:00 am Service*) and **St. Peter Blood Drive 8:00 am-1:00 pm:**

**Congratulations to Galen & Melinda (Poeling) Fojt who were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> and to Bryce & Olivia Lewis who were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**Please keep the family of Celia Ann Kruse** (*Krissy Henke's grandmother*), **the family of Milton Mika** (*Kayla Sralla's dad*), and the family of Gene Adee (*Michael's great-uncle*) in your prayers.

**Sunday, Nov 10 LYO FOOD DRIVE ONE DAY ONLY:** Join us in helping to stock LAMB's food pantry! Canned goods of any size! Special request for corn, green beans & shelf stable juice. We will have a table set up for your donation during the Thanksgiving Meal!

**Sunday, Nov 10 Annual Thanksgiving Meal & Celebrating our 80 and Over Members.** 80 and over members, please be here by **10:15 am** for the group picture. Meal will begin at 10:30 am

**ADD Value** is asking for a few people to help Set up, Serve, and Clean up the Thanksgiving Meal. If you are available to help, they would appreciate it!

**St. Nicholas Ministry** is asking for your help again this year. Boxes can be found upstairs by the front door and in the fellowship hall across from the elevator.

**Items needed:** monetary donations, toys, non-perishable food, Christmas wrapping paper, blankets, quilts, toiletries, books, bibles. They are also asking for help wrapping gifts, picking up items at collection sites, distribution, and deliveries. If you are interested, please call Mimi Richter at 979-877-4544.

**Solid Rock Bingo "Let's Fiesta"** One-half Hog Processed Raffle Tickets are available in the office for \$5.00. *Only 500 tickets will be sold, and you have 2 chances to win.*

**Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>- Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Solid Rock RADA Fundraiser** (*order forms can be found in the Church Office*)

Friday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Tickets go on sale for Solid Rock “Let’s Fiesta Bingo” (see Kari DeForest)

**YTD (Jan-Aug ’24)** \$186,900.05; **EXPENSES** \$214,718.49  
**DIFFERENCE +/-** -\$27,818.44 (due to increased insurance rate)

**Attendance:**

Sunday, Oct 27: 9AM 79/5PM11

**Openings for:**

Flowers: Dec 1, 8

**Serving This Weekend Nov 3**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Marilyn McAda

*Communion Set Up:* Linda Smith

*Communion Clean Up:* Ruth Muehr

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

*Ushers:* Kevin Sullivan, Trent Skelton, Cal Bonzer, & Michael Woytek

*Acolytes:* Kaylie Hotz & Clay Henke

*Power Point Sunday:* Judy Garmon

*Altar Flowers given by* Lee & Cindy Rother in memory of Edwin Rother

*Radio Ministry given by* Kay Rother & family in memory of Edwin’s Birthday

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

*Communion Clean Up:* Aileen Peck

*Organist:* Denise Drozd

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

**This Week @ St. Peter**

**Sun** Nov 3, 9:00 am Worship Service -*All Saints Day (Congregational Meeting)*,  
10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult/Youth Christian Learning,  
5:00 pm Worship Service (*All Saints*)

**Mon** Nov 4, 1:00 pm Quilting, 5:00 pm Stewardship, 6:00 pm Church Council

**Tue** Nov 5, 9:30 am Nursing Home Service, 6:00 pm Learning Commission,  
7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Thu** Nov 7, 9:00 am SHARPS Drive, 7:30 pm AA/Al-Anon

**Sat** Nov 9, Vavrusa/Benz Wedding

**Sun** Nov 10, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,  
10:30 am Thanksgiving Meal, 5:00 pm Worship Service

## **Serving Next Weekend Nov 10**

**Sunday AM:** *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

*Communion Set Up:* Linda Smith

*Communion Clean Up:* Ruth Muehr

*Organist:* Carol Drozd

*Ushers:* Kevin Sullivan, Trent Skelton, Cal Bonzer, & Michael Woytek

*Acolytes:* John Stillions & Ariel Muehr

*Power Point Sunday:* Judy Drozd

*Altar Flowers given by* Michael & Whitney Adee in celebration of Evelyne's Birthday

*Radio Ministry given by* Women in Mission in memory of Sarah Sralik

**Sunday PM:** *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

*Communion Clean Up:* Janis Muehr

*Organist:* Janis Muehr

**Our Prayer List:**– *Requests listed 4 weeks under **Concerns For** unless otherwise requested.*

**Concerns for:** James Kubecka, Carol Pope, The Wick Family, Dwayne Shafer, Mary Ward, Heather Smith, Kris Shafer, Bernice Brown, Pr. Amy Little, Barbara Steen, & timely rain

**Extended concerns:** Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett, Larry Stillions, Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Misty Fletcher Remmers, Cody Rice Jr, William Lane, Brandi Orsak, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

**Other Concerns:** first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*); San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Biden; our country; and those facing unrest & unemployment, and timely rain

**Grieving Families of:** Celia Ann Kruse, Billy Hrcir, Milton Mika, Aleks Medrano, Gene Adee, Patsy Klimitchek, Victor Vasek, Evelyn Lishinski, Bessie Garner, Sarah Sralik, Bubba Pustejovsky, Louis Kopnicky, Haleigh Matchett, Kylie Folmar, Rebecca Spies, Rogers Paul Guidry Jr, Irene Gummelt, Pr. Phil Baker, Carl Ticken, Dorothy Ehler

## **SAVE THE DATES IN NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Hallettsville Lunch & Learn 10:30 am (*First United Methodist Church*)

Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> SHARPS Drive (*LMC parking lot*)

Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Vavrusa/Benz Wedding

Sunday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Congregational Thanksgiving Meal and 80 & Older Celebration 10:45 am

Friday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Solid Rock's RADA Fundraiser ends

Sunday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Steps Class 10:30 am-3:30 pm (*lunch provided*)

Tuesday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm *Sacred Heart*

**ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *For All Your Saints, O Lord* (ELW 427)**

Text by Richard Mant; Music by William H. Walter

1 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.

2 For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.

3 They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath  
to suffer and to do.

4 For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.

5 To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.

**HYMN OF THE DAY *Blest Are They (ELW 728)***

Text & Music by David Haas

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
Theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
They shall be consoled.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you,  
Holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
They shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
They shall have their fill. *Refrain*

3 Blest are they who show mercy;  
Mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, who the pure of hear;  
They shall see God. *Refrain*

4 Blest are they who seek peace;  
They are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
The glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

5 Blest are you who suffer hate,  
All because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad yours is the kingdom;  
Shine for all to see. *Refrain*



**Closing Hymn (ELW) *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)**

Text & Music by Robert Lowry

**1** Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain**

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

**2** On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. Refrain

**3** Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. Refrain

**4** Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. Refrain