

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." ~Luke 6:20

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church All Saints Sunday – November 6, 2022

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We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning! Know that you are welcome here just as you are

If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.

Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an * and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**.

All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.

During the time of Peace, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew. At the time of Offering, you are invited to share a gift as you are comfortable. You may also place any prayer requests for the pastor in the offering plates.

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of the people.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

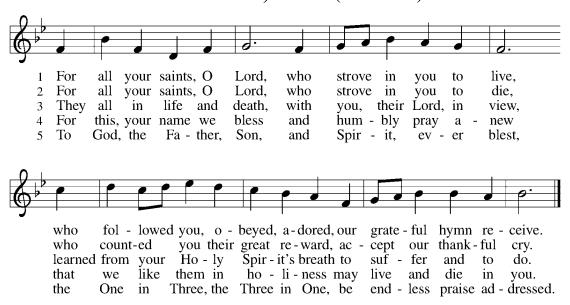
*GREETING

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

And also with you.

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest." In the same breath we ask God for the strength to hear and to heed the call of Jesus in today's gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

*GATHERING SONG For All Your Saints, O Lord (ELW 427)



*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remembering the gift of baptism and God's promise to hear us when we cry, let us lift our voices asking for God's mercy on our ministry and on our world.

*KYRIE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

*THIS IS THE FEAST



FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

A reading from the book of Daniel.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149



¹Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice | in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's ¹ name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambou- ¹ rine and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people and adorns the | poor with victory. R

⁵Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph; let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be ¹ in their throat and a two-edged sword ¹ in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance | on the nations and punishment | on the peoples,

8to bind their | kings in chains and their nobles with | links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

A reading from the book of Ephesians.

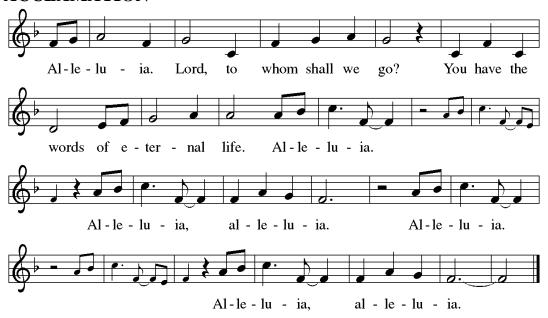
¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

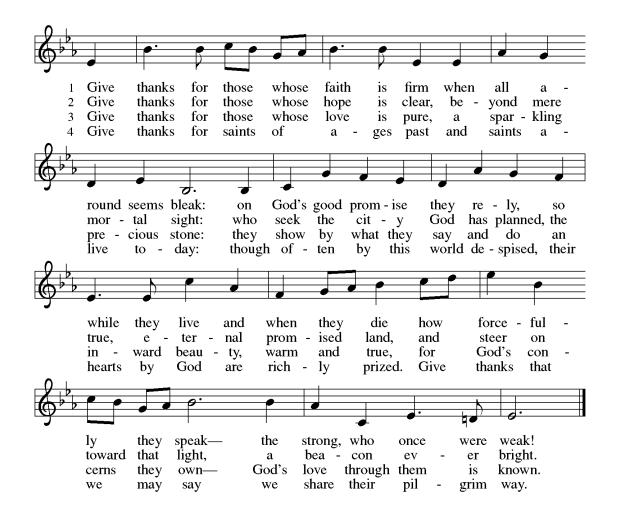
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY Give Thanks for Saints (ELW 428)



*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors.

We remember...

...teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us and

We give thanks!

We remember...

...choir member, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises and **We give thanks!**

We remember...

...preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years and

We give thanks!

We remember...

... friends and family who sat with us at worship and lived out their faith all week long and **We give thanks!**

We remember...

... all those who have held us in love and care and showed us Christ's love in this world and **We give thanks!**

We remember...

...our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today. For our siblings in the faith whose names are remembered only by God **We give thanks!**

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come:

We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

Remembering that, through our baptism, we are bound to Christ in life, death and resurrection, we use the flame from the Paschal candle to light a candle for each name read. Three larger candles are also lit for all whose lives slipped quietly without the world noticing.

God of life, we remember and give thanks for:

Warren Aylsworth George Belan Ed Bielo Bert & Jane Ann Bishop David Bishop Nancy Bratchie Robert Cole **Larry Collins** Charles & Irene Davidson Edith Duffey Leta Dyer Chauncey & Mary Feehan Loyal & Leona Ferguson Diana Florian Cliff & Dorothy Foster Roy & Betty Grise Raymond Hackworth Bud & Peg Hager

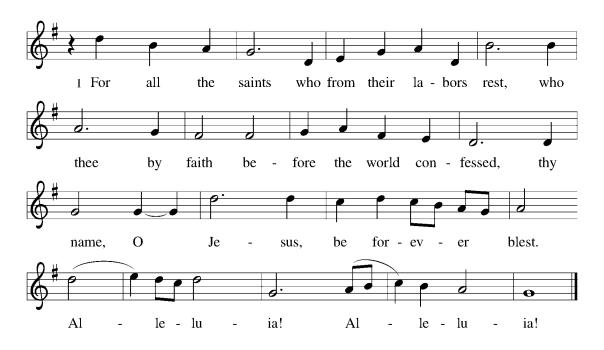
Leland & Helen Hager **Bucky Hall** Amy Lang Hendricks Don Hixon Jeff Hixon Wayne Hixon David J Hrach Dennis Igersheim John Igersheim Myra Igersheim Gary Kalkbrenner Steve Kapustik George Knochel Floyd S. (Buddy) Lang Jr. Jacob Lydon Rehanna Lydon Rich & Diana Lydon Marie McKeon

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Frieda Carbo

Tom McKeon Dorothy Nagel **Delores Nelson Greg Norton** Charles & Anne Olescyski Roy Page Art & Aggie Pallan Kathy & Eddie Pastirik Jean & Wilma Presseau JoAnn Richards Whitey Richards David M. Schuster William J. Shepard Waldo & Edna Smallwood Lenny Stang Fred & Susan Walko **Bob Windhorst**

As we remember these your children, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more.



*NICENE CREED

Together, with the whole church, with the saints among us today, and with the saints who have died before us in faith, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world. *A brief silence*.

Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give all leaders of the church the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. Offer healing and comfort to those in need especially Jeff, Bob, Katie, Marcia, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Chuck, Henry, Harry, Roy, Pastor Storm, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those who have died, those known to us and those who have died feeling unknown. Give strength to those who accompany people as they die. In our grief, comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Gathered together in the communion of the Holy Spirit, we lift up the prayers on the hearts of this congregation this day (received prayer cards are read). Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN Sing with All the Saints in Glory (ELW 426)

*Rise on 3rd verse



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo ry, sing the res ur rec tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo-ry, far ex-ceed-ing all that eye has yet per-ceived!
- 3 Life e ter nal! heav'n re joic es: Je sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long. Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con-ceived. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease; God has prom-ised, Christ pre-pares it, there on high our wel-come waits. Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won-ders crowd on faith; what joy un-known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e-ter - nal gates. when, a - mid earth's clos-ing thun-ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

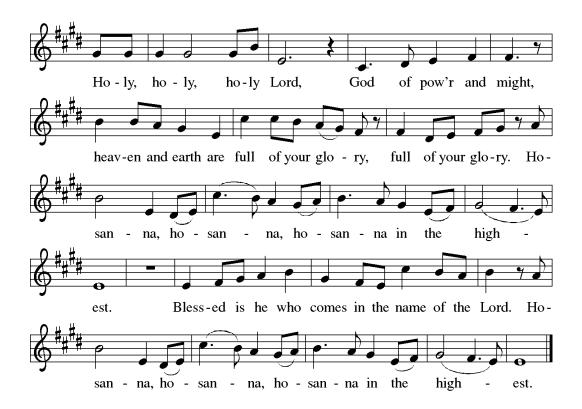
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of the saints, you show up the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

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

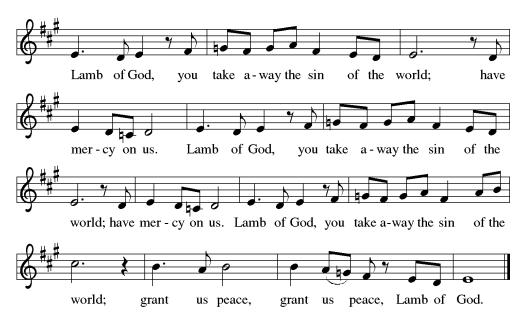
*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.

COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This (ELW 666)



*BLESSING OF COMMUNION OUTREACH

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. Bless those who carry your heavenly food to those unable to be with us this day. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

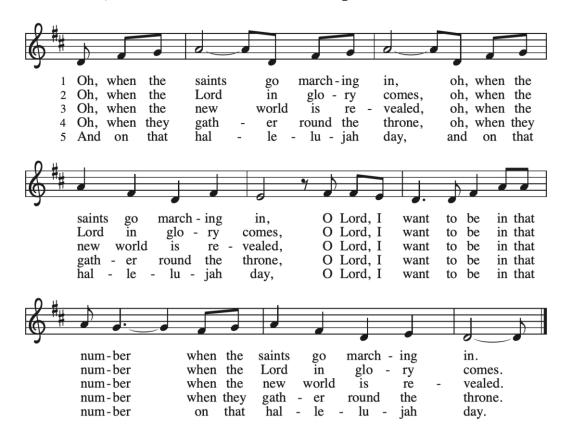
*BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,

→ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (ACS 950)



*DISMISSAL

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar today are from Keith and Valerie Cardinal in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

Assisting in worship today:

Assisting Minister: Martha Ward

Acolyte: Anna Kramer Ushers: Larry Werner

Offering: Ava Niklewicz & Emma Niklewicz

Attendance last week: 83 + 2 zoom

Notes for the day's texts:

Who are the saints, and what do they have to say to us? Rather than being perfect Christians, the saints are people who have been made whole by the grace of God, through baptism into Christ. The communion of saints is a diverse array of witnesses who remind us of God's continuing faithfulness, past, present, and future. In the picture painted by the gospel reading from Luke, the saints challenge us to embody the surprising, world-reversing ways of the reign of God. This version of the Beatitudes is especially appropriate for All Saints Day since it is addressed to "you," to all of us blessed by God. The extraordinary ethics described by Luke has inspired many believers—for example Martin of Tours and Francis of Assisi—to radical behavior and exceptional lifestyles. The final verse of this passage, usually called "the Golden Rule," expresses the ethic of reciprocity that was taught also by philosophers of antiquity and is perhaps the most famous dictum of the New Testament; its popularity might render it tame, less striking than the earlier sentences, such as "give to everyone who begs from you."

Today's Music

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Give Thanks for Saints. Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962, Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918. Kevin Mayhew Publishers.

For All the Saints. Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958. Public Domain.

Sing with All the Saints in Glory. Text: William J. Irons, 1812–1883, alt., Music: William Bradley Roberts, b. 1947. Public Domain /Augsburg Fortress.

What Wonderous Love Is This. Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt., Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt. Public Domain / Augsburg Fortress.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In. Text: African American spiritual, Music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version. Augsburg Fortress.

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