

**Listening for the Promise**  
**Weekly Devotional**  
**All Saints Sunday – November 2, 2025**

*“They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.”*

*- Revelation 7:16 -*

The stories of the Saints, beginning with the disciples, serve as an example of how to boldly live the Christian life in this world. Many of those who are remembered by the Church were martyred for being Christian; they were beaten, tortured, and murdered. Many were burned to death or beheaded. They were thrown in prison and forgotten. They were ripped from the people they loved and forced to serve as slaves. Through it all they never wavered in their faith. They accepted the pain and suffering and even sang God's praises while their world fell apart. They were witnesses, even unto death, of the Gospel and God's grace.

People often define saints as “holy people,” but this is not a complete understanding. The scriptures refer to all those who believe as saints. Saints do not have an exceptional degree of holiness or virtue. Some of the stories show extraordinary faith or piety, but we can all share stories of people who were imperfect witnesses who shared God's amazing grace in ordinary ways. A saint is a believer who is humble before the God who loves them. They believe in His Word and receive His salvation like a crown.

The book of Revelation gives us a picture of what life will be like when every promise of God has been fulfilled. Until then, we live in a fallen and broken world. We will hunger and thirst. We will suffer the loss of those we love. Their stories help us remember to live in trust and hope, knowing that God will be faithful to His promise that we will receive an inheritance beyond our imagination through faith. Jesus Christ made it possible for us to dwell forever in the Kingdom of Heaven. Through our baptism we are already part of that multitude, but as we wait for our time to join in the heavenly chorus, let us thank God for those who came before us, who shared the Gospel so that we would one day stand with them at the throne of God, singing the victory song.

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St. Matthew 5:12

All Saints' Sunday

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward  
is great in heaven”



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

Holy Communion 11:00 am

*Please come forward to light a candle in memory of your loved ones.*

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn *For All The Saints* (ELW) No. 422

\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

P: ....., let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *This is the Feast* (ELW) No. 140

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FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us downstairs following the service for Coffee Hour.

**Semi-annual Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, Nov. 16 following Worship Service.

**Thank Offering Sunday** is November 16.

**Adult Catechism** class is on Tuesday at 11 and 7 pm. We are discussing the book we read over the summer. All are welcome. We look forward to you joining us in our discussion.

**Adult Sunday School** is held before our Church Service starting at 9:45 am in the church library. Come join us.

**Bell Choir** rehearsal is Thursday at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. Please see Kris Briggs if you are interested, kkbgrs1@gmail.com. All are welcome.

**Chess Club** meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome from beginners to experienced. We hope that you will join us for fellowship and fun. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

**WREATH ORDERS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 14.**

\*The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty God, You have knit together Your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which You have prepared for those who love You; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 7:[2-8] 9-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 149

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the  
godly!

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel be glad in His Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine  
and lyre!

**<sup>4</sup>For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.

**<sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**

<sup>7</sup>to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,

**<sup>8</sup>to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

<sup>9</sup>to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise  
the LORD!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Anthem

*Faith of Our Fathers*

Bell Choir

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

The Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Children of The Heavenly Father*

(ELW) No. 781

\*\*The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**I 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.**

**I 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.**

**I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Betty Wight

Roy Mackay

Joan Mackay

Richard Celani

Bianche Schneider

Norma Price

Pat Cable

Charlie Rosenthal

Carol Serbak

Kevin Serbak

Harry Descuter

Linda Behling

Barb George

Arthur Graham

Faye Mcies

Laionel Downing

Tim Verderber

Kimberly Wagers

Jim Mangin

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Thomas Brownlee  
Carol Van Sickle  
Chiquita Pearson (USMC/US Army)  
Joseph Angelo Yanniello (USMC)  
Elmer Steele (US Army)  
Judy Domrowsky  
Georgann Reel  
Gail Ann Stanula  
John Secrist  
Larry David Zimmerman  
Jim Dry  
David "Butch" Kostilich  
Joanne Reck (\$150)  
Ed Mazur (US Army)  
Jim Pearson (US Army MP)  
Jane Paul  
Karen Schmelter  
Lawrence Downing (Airforce)  
Ron Todd  
Norma  
Linda Sonson  
Robert Elmer Rihs (Airforce Lt. Col.)  
Pastor Brian Shirey  
Sharen Macun  
Ruby Marker  
John Bishop  
Dolores Kovach

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\*The Prayers of the Church and The Prayers of the Saints (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (SBH) No. 27

\*The Great Thanksgiving (ELW) page 144

\*The 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.**

Lamb of God (ELW) page 146

The Distribution

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* (ELW) No. 471

Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

\*The Benediction (sung response)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

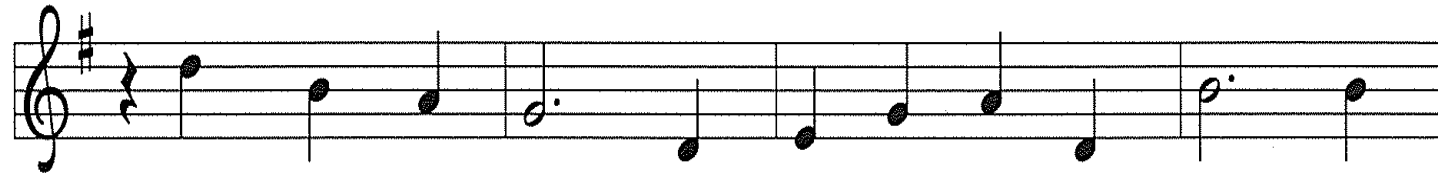
\*The Recessional Hymn *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (ELW) No. 536

\*The Dismissal (response)

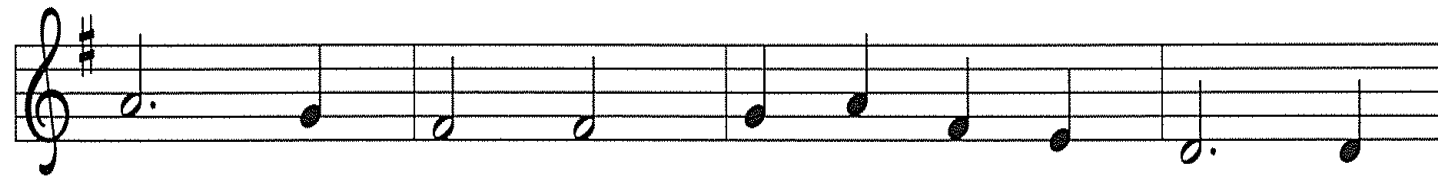
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 King of glory passes on his way.  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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

**The Flower Chart for 2025** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2025.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2025.** Please sign up.

**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Isaac Christian, Tyler, Amy Verderber, Lou Mayne, Judy, Brooke, Debbie, Linnese, Donna B., Karen John. Phyllis Daniels, Beckie Wood, Bridgette, Alex Houck, Stacy Carroll, Ron Erdmann & Belinda, James, Lori Mauer, John, Ed Dupas, Sandy Salerno, the Gavazzi family, Janelle Henderson, Rex Gibson, Pat Dupas, Gwen Roberts, Tammy, Judi, Larry Downing, Carol Cancelmi, Amanda Laib, Sandy Hebrank, Jennifer Sasek, Elizabeth, Phyllis, Joe Kern, Lisa Wilds, Julia Jeffcoat, Richard Hager, Rob, John, Terri Newton, Holly Hiser, Shari Kienzle, Susan Westcott, Eric Group, Terry Jurkovsky, Karen Dawson, Judd Lacko, Cadence, Sandy Mannsman, Robyn Cameron, Ian, Isaiah, and Alecia, Nettie Walsh and her parents and family, Greg Mason, Kenny and Josh, and Linda, Edelgard, Wolfgang, Thomas, Lowell, Paula, Klaus and Mel Behrens, Kim, Alice Z. Lindsay Mankey, Apollos Yocca, Jackie, Mikao S, Joe McBride, Neil Bassi, Roger C., Rhonda, Anneliese, Carl Group, Raisa Rodsky, Ms. Karen and family, Myeir & Raven, and Barb Hoover, Sharita McIntosh & family & son Larry, Dan and family, Tammy Baker, Jackie Zeni, Bob & Anneleise Christian, Bernadette, Mr. Paul & family, and Eric & family, Joanne Schultz, Amber Falosk and Sir, and Sharon.

**Pastor would like to thank you all for your cards and kind words for October Pastor appreciation. I am humbled. Rev. Robert Grewe.**

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Dennis Schmidt, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Mark Black, Lutheran Lay Worship Leader

Matthew Cimino, Organist and Music Director

**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God in honor of Mark and Jennifer Black on their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of my father, Bernard Killen. Also in honor of Kimberly Grewe's birthday. A donation is made to the Restoration Fund by Kathleen Black.

**The Lay Reader** is John George.

**Acolytes** are Heidi & Denico Walsh.

**Counters and Greeters** today are S. Rea and R. McGoogan.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs for infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

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## For All the Saints

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

# God Be with You Till We Meet Again



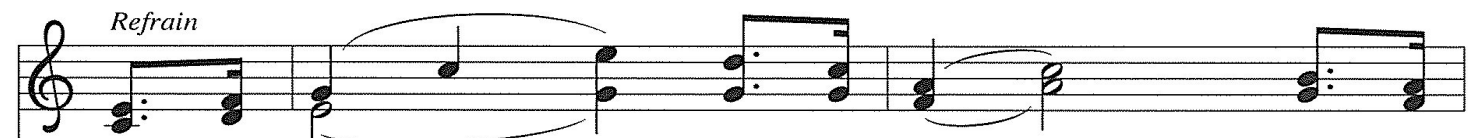
1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



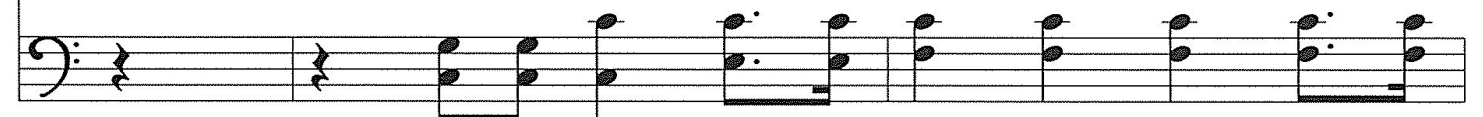
with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;



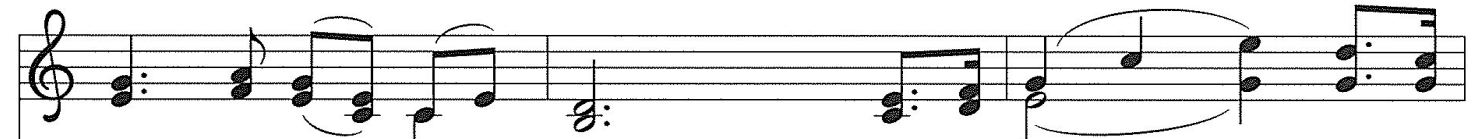
*Refrain*



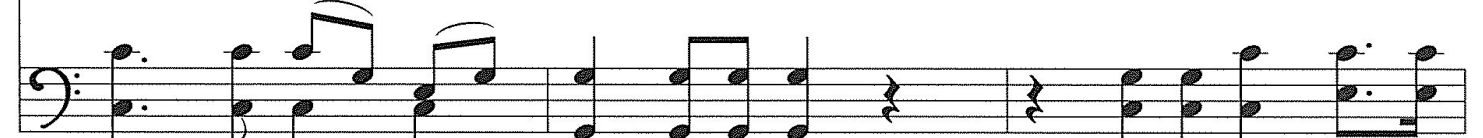
Till we meet, till we meet, till we



till we meet, till we meet a - gain,



meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we



till we meet, till we meet, till we



meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.



meet a - gain,

# Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

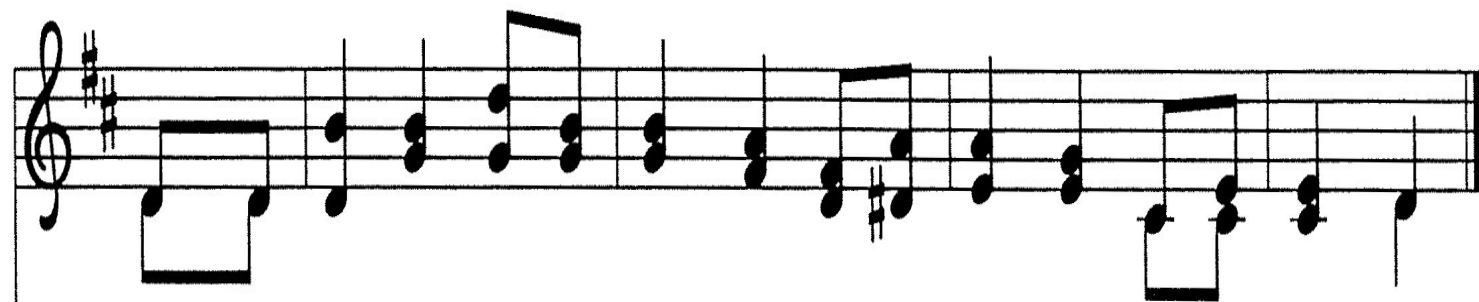
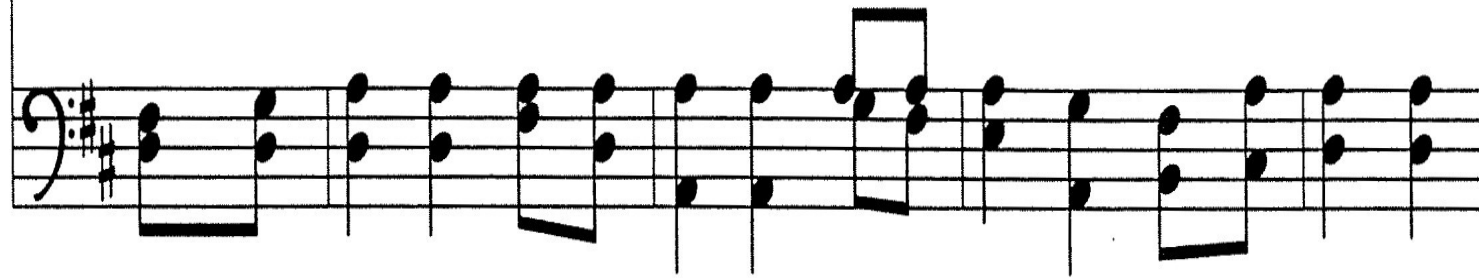
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# Children of the Heavenly Father

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



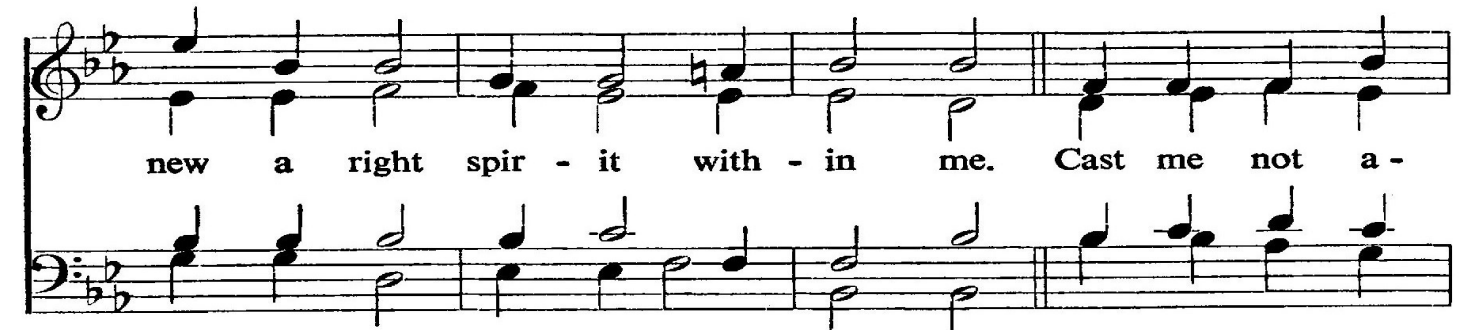
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



## The Communion



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from thy pres - ence: and take not thy Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of



thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with thy free Spir - it.