WELCOME TO WORSHIP
Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Day



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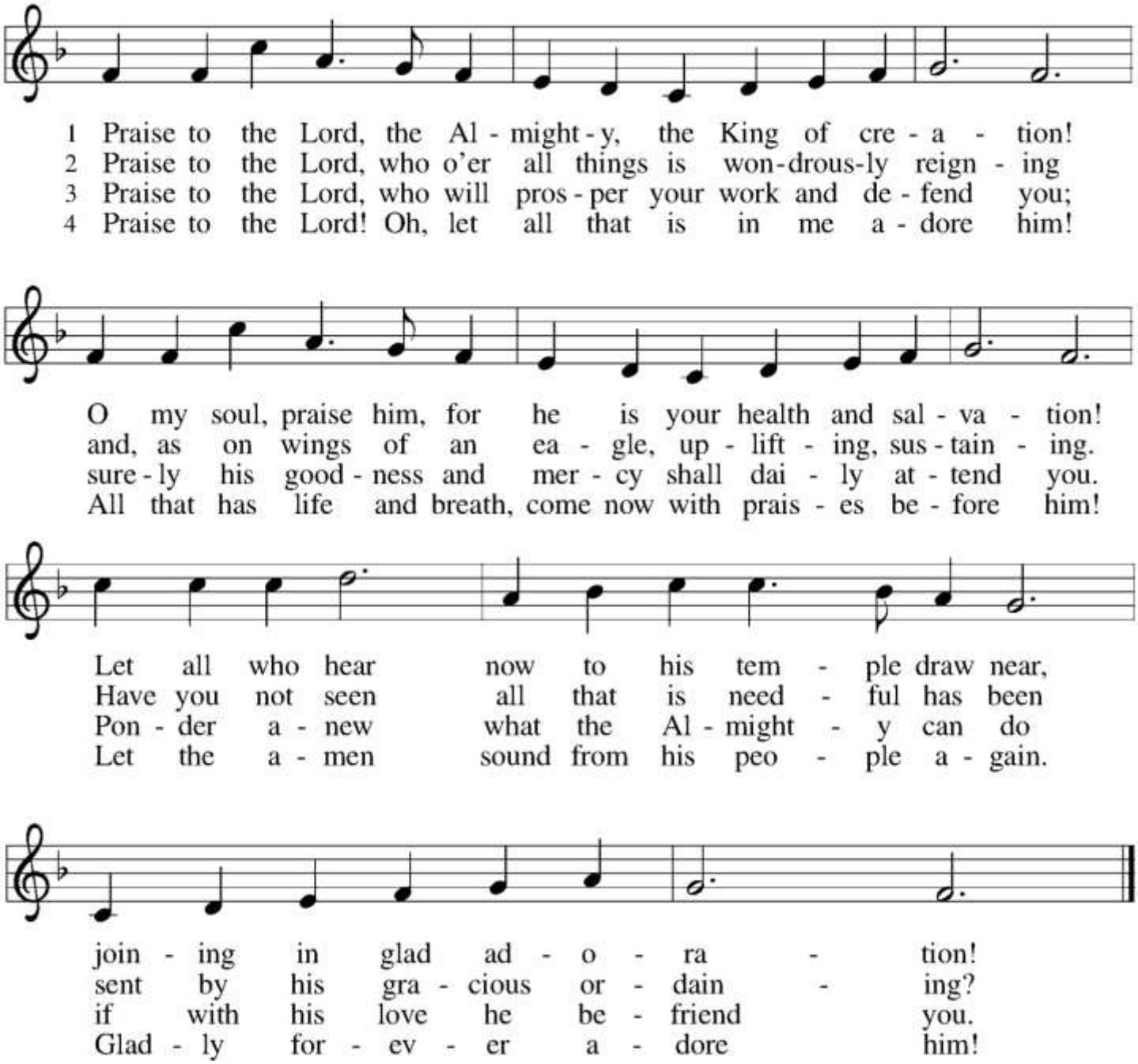
"We are a community of churches and a church to the community."

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes. Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

WELCOME / INVOCATION

PROCESSIONAL SONG: *"Praise to the Lord"*



CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ALL SAINTS

L: On this All-Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who made God's stories come alive for us.

C: We give thanks!

L: We remember choir members, praise bands, pianists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises.

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L: We remember preachers, deacons, readers, and volunteers who led our worship through the years.

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L: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

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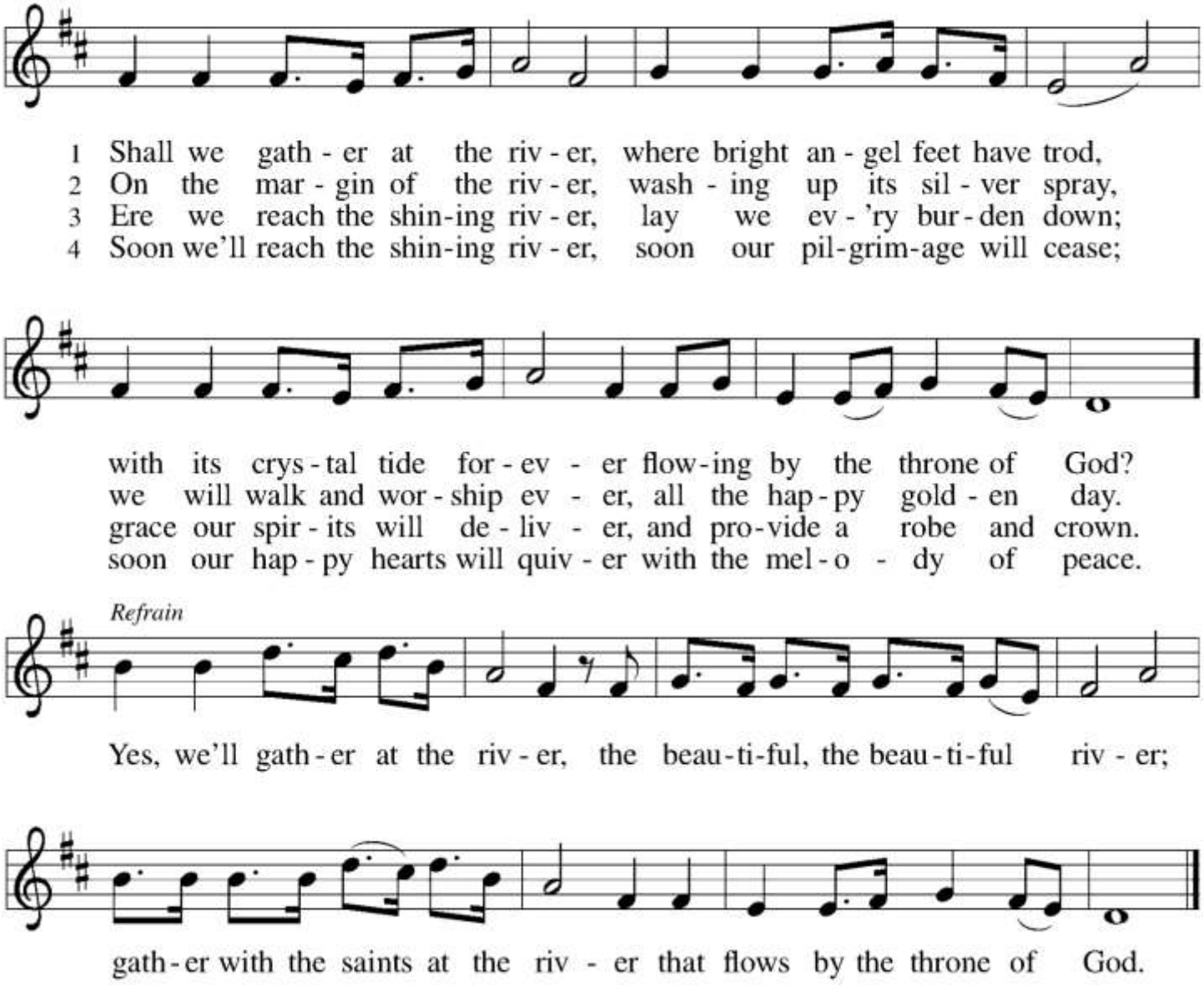
L: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

C: We give thanks!

L: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

C: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Shall We Gather at the River"*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome to worship** with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. Today we are celebrating All Saints Sunday with special bells and candles as we remember loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. Join us for a delicious lunch following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

- Thank you **Sandra** and the **Church Choir** for leading us in music today!

- Join us for a **Thanksgiving Feast** after worship on November 22nd. Ham and turkey are provided, bring a side dish to pass if you are able. A sign-up at the back of the church, please list number coming and type of food you may bring.

- Our **Bible Study**, ***"See Through the Scriptures"*** concludes this Wednesday. On December 2nd we are having a study on the true date of Christmas, and on December 16th, the story behind Hanukkah, both at 6:30 p.m. Join us!

- **Holy Cross Church Council** will meet on **November 8th** after worship, with a **Congregational** meeting on **November 15th** after worship, ***all*** Holy Cross members are encouraged to attend.

- **First Evangelical** will no longer provide ***numbered offering envelopes***. Please use envelopes provided in pews or with the offering box.

- Next Sunday we will have representatives from **Better Together** helping us launch our **"Angel Tree"** Christmas toy drive. They will also share about their work to help serve orphans, called **"Pure Religion Sunday".**

- Christmas is around the corner! Sign up to be in our **Christmas Pageant** this year – a special musical! Performance will be on December 20th in worship.

- Help us build a safe and secure fence for the new playground for $6172.70. We will have a **"Noisy Offering"** during worship today. Drop your loose change in the buckets as they pass and make a lot of noise!

NOISY OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The elementary-aged children are excused for Flame, our Sunday School class.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The Great Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches
in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:
"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."
11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying:
"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"
13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and
where did they come from?"
14 I answered, "Sir, you know."
And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 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.
16 'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

R: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called
children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. [2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we
will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we
shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] All who have this hope in him
purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 – "The Beatitudes"

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down.
His disciples came to him, [2] and he began to teach them.
He said:
[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
[7] Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
[8] Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds
of evil against you because of me. [12] Rejoice and be glad, because great is your
reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Pastor Daniel Baker**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

L: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

L: Beloved God,
C: who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
Hold us, dear One –
comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family,
and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence

L: Friends, hear the Good News! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus taught us through his words and deeds how God forgives us by his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Thus, through faith and by the grace of God, we and all the faithful who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!

C: Amen! Alleluia! Amen!



THE OFFERING

Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church. Separate BOXES are available for both* Holy Cross & First Evangelical *churches.

For First Evangelical only, you can give online at www.felcwpb.com or Text GIVE to 844-504-1678 Or Scan QR Code.

THE PRAYERS – REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

We remember those who have gone to be with the Lord this past church year with the ringing of a bell after their name is read.

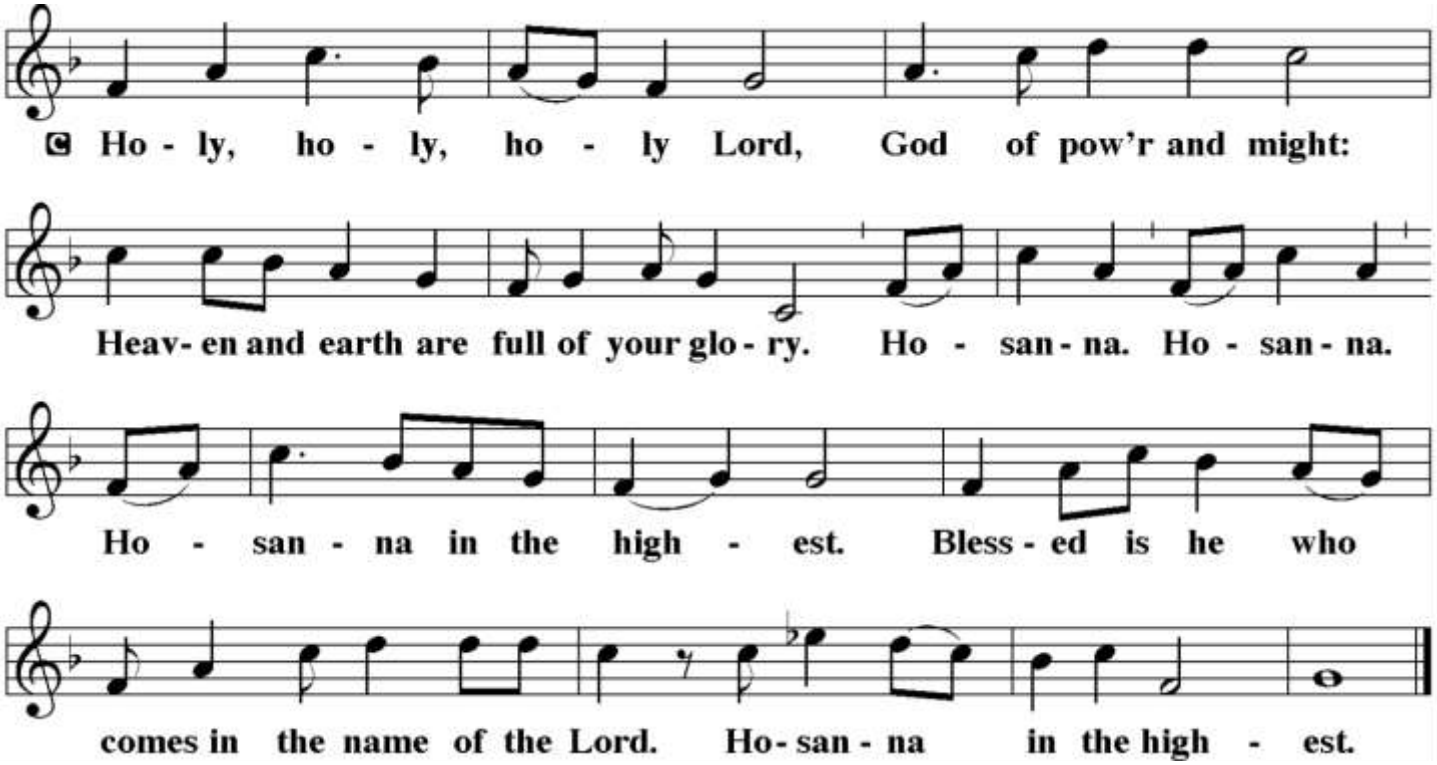
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give Him thanks and Praise.

SANCTUS: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 DISTRIBUTION – SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

As you come forward for communion pick up a candle, carefully light it, and place it in the sand cross, in remembrance of those who have died as a symbol of love, hope, and healing. You may then continue on to receive communion like normal.
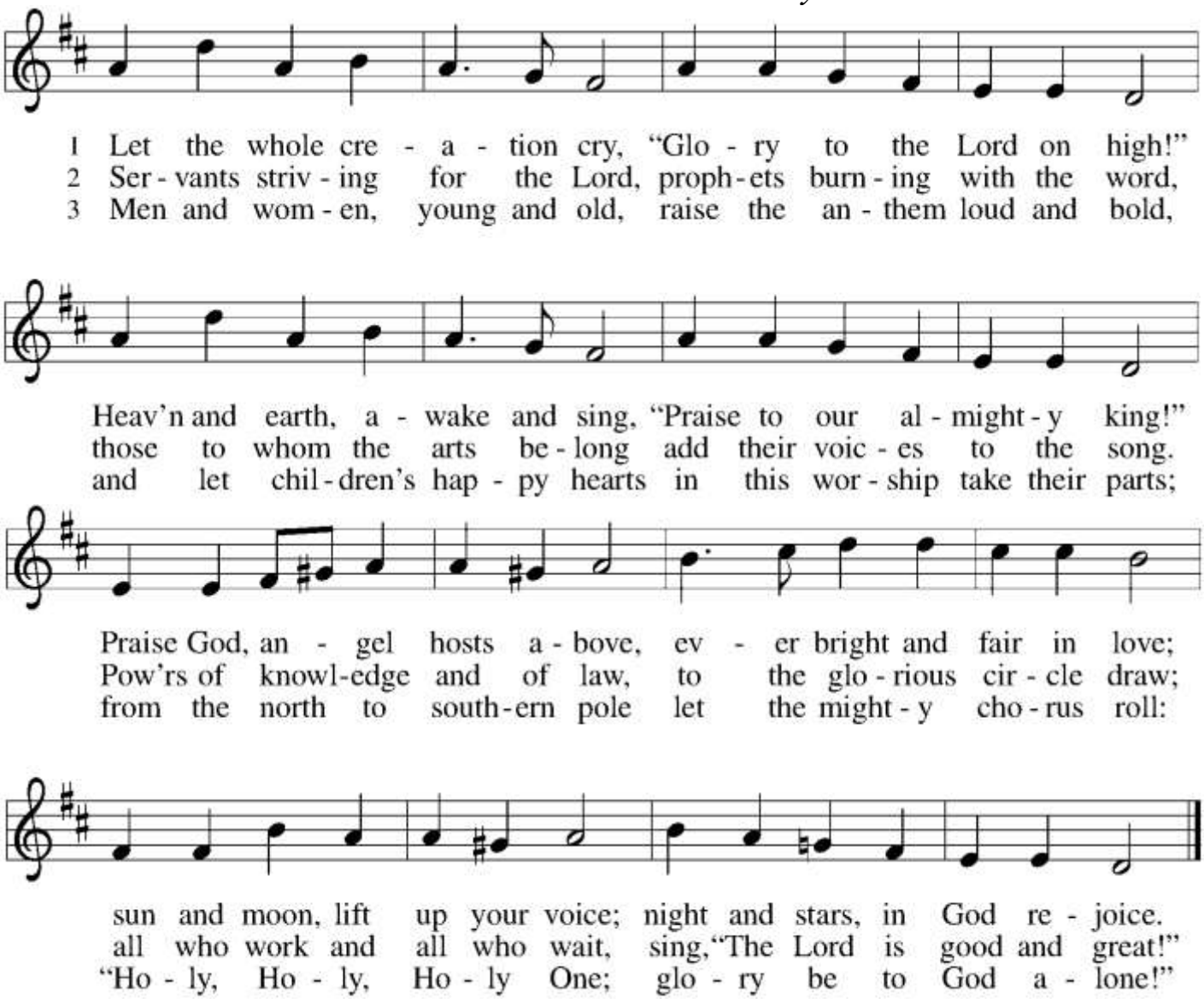
We practice Open Communion at Holy Cross and First Evangelical. If you believe that the Holy Sacrament carries with it the promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life and are a **baptized Christian** – you are welcome to receive. We do ask, however, that younger children who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the sacrament - please come to the chancel for a blessing but refrain from receiving. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION/ BLESSING

P: The LORD bless you and keep you,
The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL SONG: *"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video/Live Stream	- Scot Alexander/Sera Butz

	This Week	**Next Week**
Musicians / Singers	Sandra Baran & Church Choir	CAC
Lector	Vince Burkhardt	Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Ushers	Katherine S., Judith M.	Katherine S., Judith M.
Greeters	Bob S. & Susan M.	Bob S. & Susan M.

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation's leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony** and **Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God's healing presence to be with: **The Vehling Family, especially Emilie, Brodie** and **Maggie Mae**, **Debbie Rowan, Sandra Holly, Matt B., Matthew, Ken, Addie, Silas, Nick, Jamie, Elihana, Debbie Ann**, **Saul & Martha**, **Dennis, Bill, Cynthia, Dylan, John, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn & Patrick**, **Lesley, Linda**, and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church families** who are at home and unable to attend.

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