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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS' DAY

– based on Divine Service 1: LSB 151 –

🕮 Hymn of Invocation: "For All the Saints" *LSB 677 (Stz. 1-4)*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?

C **These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P God has made us saints, but we choose to live as sinners. Let us therefore confess our sins to the Lord, that we may receive His mercy.

C **Father, I have sinned against heaven and against You. I am not worthy to be called your child. Yet while I am still a long way off, you run to me. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on me, bring me back to Yourself, restore me in Your love, and help me to live in ways that give glory to Your name. Amen.**

P God our Father is more gracious and merciful than we could ever deserve. In His love, he gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die in our place, that we who believe in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *Music found in LSB #155*

C REFRAIN: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
Refrain

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
Refrain

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
Final Refrain

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

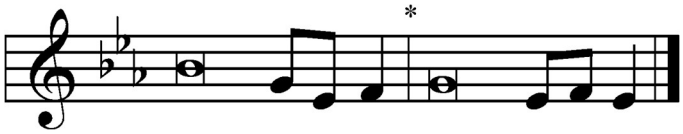
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

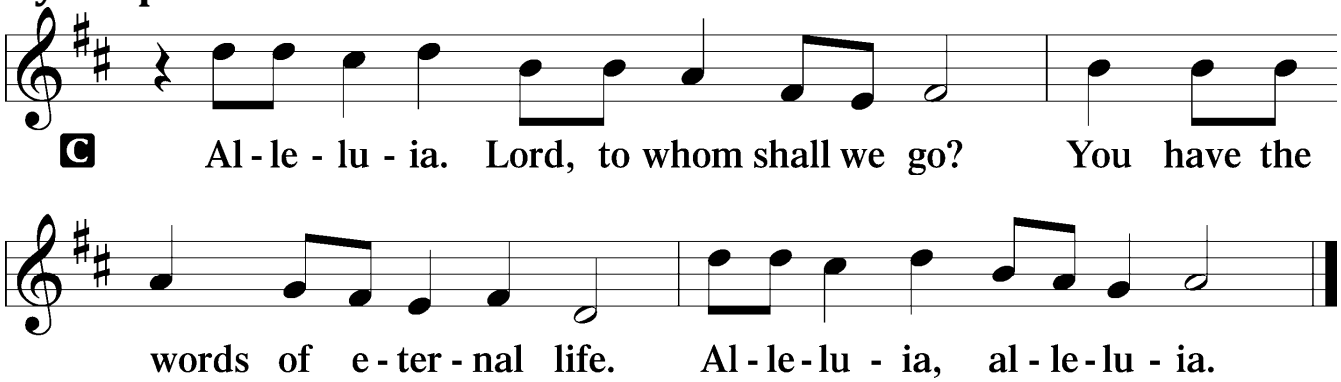


C These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

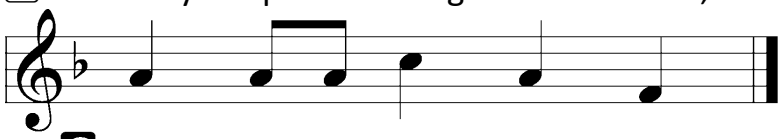
Epistle Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

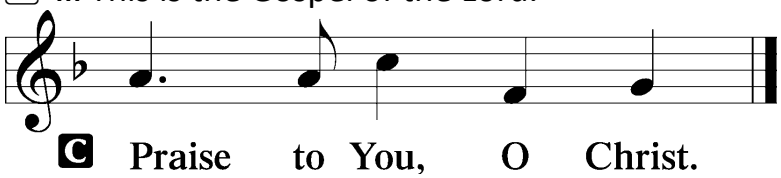
Holy Gospel



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



P ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.



📖 **Hymn of the Day:** "The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place" *LSB 838*

Sermon

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Hymn: For All the Saints (LSB 677, Stanzas 5 & 6)

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Statement of Faith in our Christian Victory over Death

P Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

C **If Christ has not been raised, our faith *is* futile; we are still in our sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people.**

P But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. (1 Corinthians 15:17-21)

C **We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

P For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

C **"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ...Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

Our Faithful Departed, Commended to God's Care

Peggy Kelly

September 15

Hymn: For All the Saints (LSB 677, Stanzas 7 & 8)

7 But, lo, there breaks
a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will close each section: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
Then please respond: **C** **Hear our prayer.**

Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.

If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

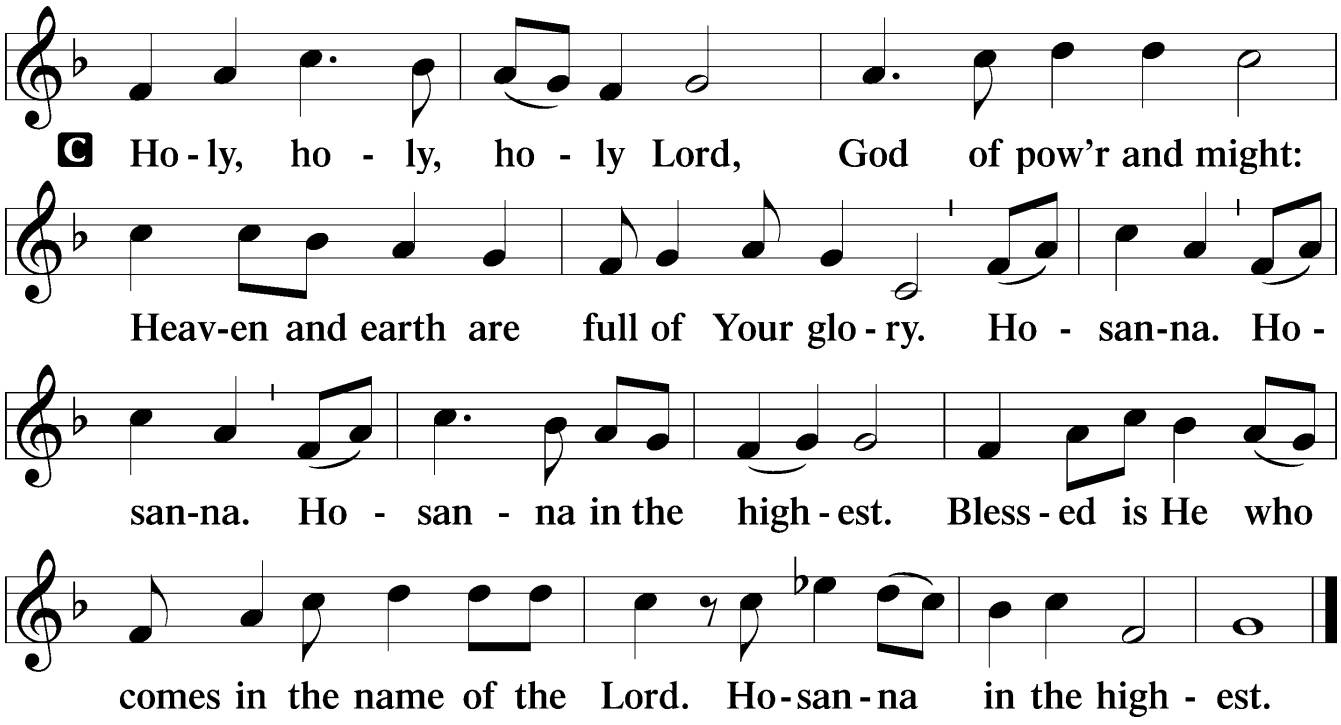
In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Preface *LSB 160*

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.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



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.

P 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."

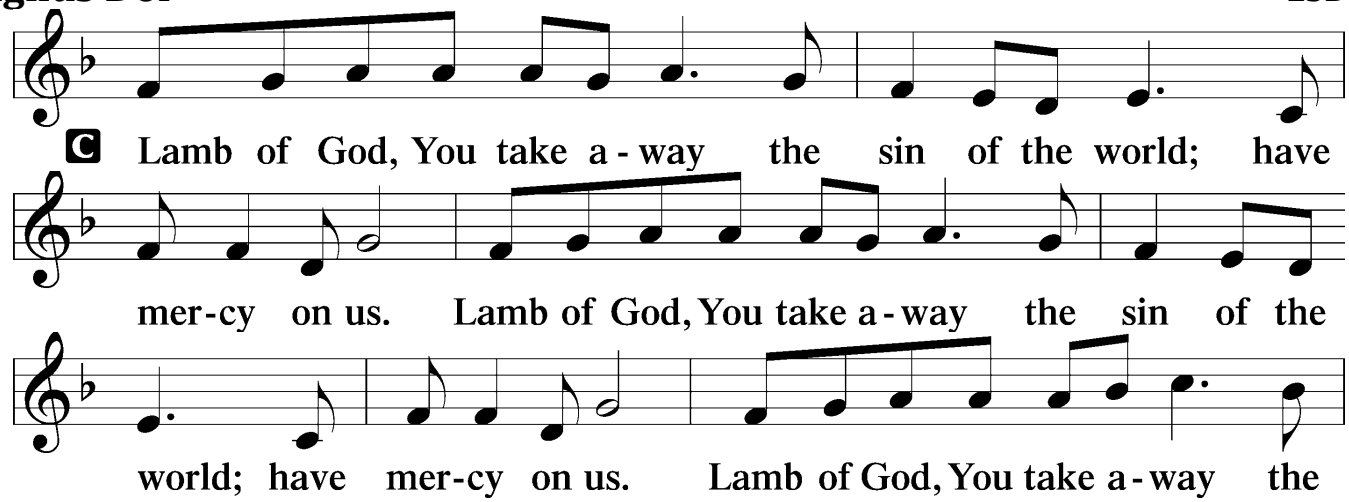
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C Amen.**

Agnus Dei

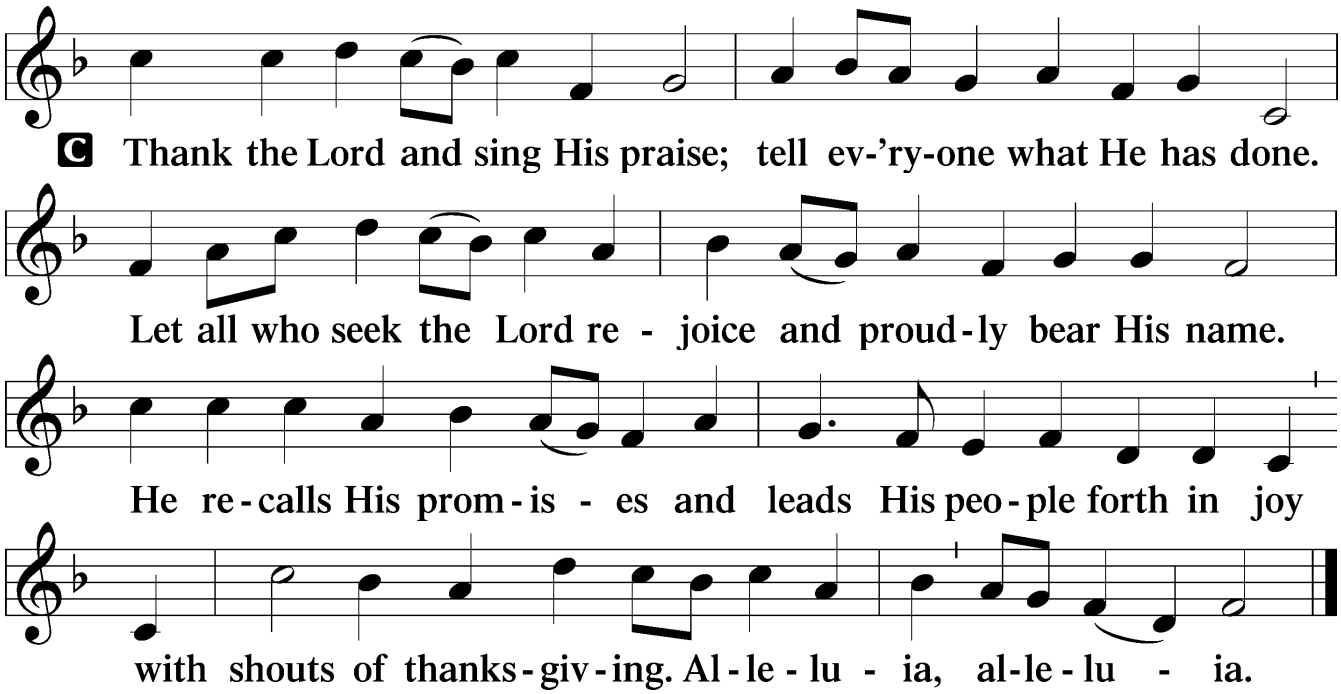
LSB 163



🕮 Distribution Hymns:

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" *LSB 671*
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *LSB 700*

Post-Communion Canticle *LSB 164*



P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

P 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.**

🕮 Sending Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *LSB 940*

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God!**

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor & Organist: Rev. Ben Bahr
Acolytes: Dillon Deskovic & Stewert Smith
Reader: Nathanael Gajdos
Head Ushers: Ross Folmsbee & John Loss
Communion Assistants: Jim Wolf & Mark Binkley
Tech Crew: Mark Binkley & John Bahr
Altar Care: Alice Moll & Luann Pyska

TODAY – 11/1/26 – ALL SAINTS' DAY
9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship (HC)

MONDAY – 11/2/26
6:30 pm Survivors' Group

TUESDAY – 11/3/26
6:00 am General Election

NEXT SUNDAY – 11/8/26
9:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Social Ministries Meeting

Statistics for the week of
October 25, 2026

Worship Service: 58 Attended, 23 Views
Adult Education: 21
Youth Education: 5
Education Staff: 3

Offering*: $2,411.84
Mission of Month: $90.00
Sunday School: $4.00
* Weekly budget needs $4,206

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit new announcements
*by **Thursday 10AM**: office@gracenf.org.*
Office Hours 1st Sun 8:30-12:30, M/W/Th 10-2
***GIVING:** Options at www.gracenf.org*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Amos 5:18-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 25:1-13.

THE GLEANINGS submission deadline for the next issue is Thursday, November 19th.

ATTENDANCE SHEETS found in the bulletin assist us in making sure that all of our members and friends are being cared for as needed. Please fill one out EACH WEEK and place it in the offering plate.

NOVEMBER MISSION ENVELOPE DONATIONS will be used to help pay for eyeglasses for Niagara Falls school children whose families cannot afford to purchase them, either because of their economic situation or lack of insurance coverage. Numerous children in the district have vision that does not allow them to clearly see the front of the classroom or reading material necessary for learning. We will be partnering with the Lion's Club to make our donations available to provide glasses for some of these Niagara Falls children. If you would like to support this effort, place your mission envelope in the offering plate during November, or donate online by choosing "monthly mission".

OUR FIRST DELIVERY of TURKEYS AND HAMS for our city's free holiday meals will be made in three weeks. They will be used by Community Mission, Lord's Day Dinner, Salvation Army, and Lighthouse (formerly Magdalene Project) to provide a hot meal for those in need on Thanksgiving. Donations can be placed in the freezer in our basement kitchen. If you need help carrying, please ask an usher.

NEXT SUNDAY SOCIAL MINISTRIES will have their final meeting of the year. We will meet for about an hour and lunch will be shared during the meeting. New members are welcome.

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION: Our annual food drive to support St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Military Road will continue until the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Shopping lists of their most-needed items are located on the donation tables in the chapel and narthex, but all non-perishable food items are appreciated. PLEASE be sure your donations do not expire before the end of 2026.

NEXT SUNDAY is the last opportunity to sign up to sponsor a **POTTER'S FIELD CHRISTMAS CHILD.** Many of the children that attend Potter's Field activities live in situations of poverty and neglect. Christmas gifts are not part of the life that they know. If you would like to help Potter's Field provide gifts for each of their children, SIGN UP ON THE GLASS CASE. Virginia Markel will provide you with a child's name, age, and wish list for shopping ideas. Bring your wrapped gift(s) back to church marked with the child's name, and Virginia will make sure they get to Potter's Field.

All Saints' Day

About the Cover

"Let the godly exult in glory." All the saints bask in the glory of the Lord. He enlivens them eternally. They sing of all that Christ accomplished when He died on the cross, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. So, on this All Saints' Day, let us join them in this eternal anthem, praising our Savior. He has made us among the godly not because of our works, but because of His forgiving work for us and all the saints of the Lord.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

9After this I looked, and behold,
a great multitude that no one could
number, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, clothed in white
robes, with palm branches in their
hands, 10and crying out with a loud
voice, "Salvation belongs to our God
who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!" 11And all the angels were
standing around the throne and
around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces
before the throne and worshiped
God, 12saying, "Amen! Blessing and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might be
to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13Then one of the elders addressed
me, saying, "Who are these, clothed
in white robes, and from where have
they come?" 14I said to him, "Sir, you
know." And he said to me, "These
are the ones coming 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 They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the
throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to
springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

1See what kind of love the Father
has given to us, that we should be
called children of God; and so we
are. The reason why the world does
not know us is that it did not know
him. 2Beloved, we are God's children
now, and what we will be has not yet
appeared; but we know that when he
appears we shall be like him, because
we shall see him as he is. 3And every-
one who thus hopes in him purifies
himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

1Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up
on the mountain, and when he sat
down, his disciples came to him.
2And he opened his mouth and
taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they
shall inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they
shall receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for
they shall see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they shall be called sons of God.
10"Blessed are those who are per-
secuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when others
revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and
be glad, for your reward is great in
heaven, for so they persecuted the
prophets who were before you."

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