

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22



Revelation 7:9–12 ♦ Psalm 103:15–22

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb! *Revelation 7:10*

Full House

You come into church. You take a seat. You look around. Maybe your sanctuary is packed, or maybe it isn't. You might see spots that are empty. A few places might be noticeably vacant due to a recent funeral. It can be difficult when it seems as if there are just a handful of believers who praise the Lord.

Oh, my friend, take heart. The dear woman you miss? She's rejoicing too. Your grandpa? He's singing praises to his Lord! One of the amazing things about Communion is that we remember that we are united not only with those sitting next to us but also with saints who are now with the Lord.

"Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend" (*LSB* 478:3).

We're talking angels. We're talking saints across the ocean. We're talking saints with Jesus. We're talking those who are in a nursing home near you. When we gather to worship, we truly gather together with "angels and archangels and all the host of heaven."

There will come a day when we all see one another as we gather before our God in His glory, worshipping Him forever. Until then, keep rejoicing. Maybe someone needs to hear your voice of welcome to join you in your pew.

Lord of the Church, hear our praises from all corners of creation! Keep us as we tell others of Your glory. Amen.