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All Saints & Confirmation Sunday

November 5, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River?

Larry Shackley

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
	11:30 am	Youth Group (Youth Room)

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	1 pm	Audit Committee (Christian Ed Room)
	6:30 pm	Finance Meeting (Christian Ed Room)
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thurs.

Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Music Room)
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Sat.	9 am-2 pm	Christmas Bazaar
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Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance:	2023	
10/29	136	August Offering Income	\$18,031
	Offering: \$4,773	August Other Income	\$ 741
	Homebound: 17	August Total Income	\$18,772
		August Expenses	\$25,284
		YTD Offering Income	\$179,427
		YTD Other Income	\$ 33,151
		YTD Total Income	\$212,578
		YTD Expenses	\$253,418



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Olushey Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Patricia Denk, Cass Tracey, Lisa Duerling, Len Steg, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Mardi Nickel, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Pastor John Burk, Klaus Thoeicht, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Lily Newman, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Joann Bayer, Norman Bayer, Sue Eid, Genevieve Byrnes, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Deemer Morrow, Kristin Weger, Donna Bobloch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Larry Byers, Norma Hofmann

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Betty Creutzer, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423 (vv. 1-2)

(Text and music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



Join us for our next Community Meal, Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30 pm—7 pm. Thank you to everyone who helped make the November meal a success! Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on December 6th after the Community Meal. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



Wreaths across America ceremony will be held in St. John’s Cemetery on Friday, December 16th at 2 pm. If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a veteran, please contact Nancy Ford at 443-835-7038. There are flyers with more information on the 3rd floor bulletin board. Orders must be placed by November 30th.

Save the date for St. John’s 5th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 2, 2024 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. More information will be coming soon.




Congratulations and God’s richest blessings to our confirmands:

Landry Evans & Olivia Shull


St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this Saturday, November 11th from 9 am—2 pm. What you can expect: food, crafters, jewelry, bake table, homemade candies & jellies, quilt raffle, white elephant sale, handmade items and more. Hope to see you there! Donations for jewelry and white elephant can be dropped off during office hours or Sunday after church. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign up board on the 3rd floor counter, outside of the Sanctuary.



 **We are in need of plastic grocery bags for the White Elephant sale at the Christmas Bazaar.** If you have any bags that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful. You can drop them off in the church office


Quilt Raffle... We are selling tickets for the beautiful quilt that will be raffled at the Christmas Bazaar. It is a queen size quilt. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 13 for \$10. Tickets may be purchased from the Busy Bees or in the church office.



 **Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service** with Hiss UMC and St. Ursula Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm. We are happy to announce that the service will be held at St. John's this year. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Plants are for sale. If you would like to sponsor a plant in memory or in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form and place your check (marked Altar Guild) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Forms are available in the weekly email and on the third floor bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, November 26th**



 Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program.** The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, individually wrapped tooth brushes, travel size toothpaste, books and toys that will fit in a shoebox for ages 7-**

14. Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 26th.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.

St. John's Youth is sponsoring Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Please sign up by December 3rd.**



SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given 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.

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

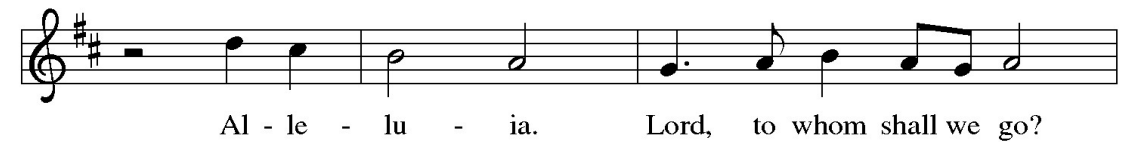
³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 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 receive 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 for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

For All the Saints

ELW 422 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: William W. How, 1823-1897; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Music © Oxford University Press)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM - RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PRESENTATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Presenters: We present Landry and Olivia, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

(The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, November 12th— Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—**Sunday School & Faith and Fellowship**

† 9 am—**Handbell Choir**

† 10 am—**Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**

† 11:30 am—**Worship & Music Meeting**

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of my sister, Marjorie Scharrer, by Mary Gude.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are January 14th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th, March 10th, 17th, and 24th, April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, May 5th, 12th, and 19th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the second floor from about 11:30 am-12:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another, and grow in faith together.

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



The Bible Study group meets on Friday's at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying the book of Matthew. All are welcome!

The Food for Thought Program is packing 50 weekend bags for 25 students at Carney Elementary. It costs \$16.94 to provide food for each child, each weekend. **We have an immediate need for tuna/chicken salad kits, individual packs of cookies and snack crackers.** Offering money helps support this effort too! Any monetary donations are welcomed and certainly appreciated. Thank you!



St John's Preschool needs glass jars for a project they are working on with the children. They can be spaghetti or pickle jars or something similar.

3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

4 Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

5 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

(Text and music: African American spiritual, arr. hymnal version; Arr. © 2020 Augsburg Fortress)

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Sine Nomine”

Dale G. Rider

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Vickie Jasinski
Crucifer	Simon B.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Devon W.
Lector	Susan Handley
Communion Assistant	Susan Handley
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

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Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God’s faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands kneel)

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

(Family may extend arms in blessing)

God, our Creator in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/ him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

<i>Daniel Albrecht</i>	<i>Frank Greif</i>	<i>Richard Riefner, Sr.</i>
<i>Gertrude “Trudy” Anderson</i>	<i>David Healy</i>	<i>Christopher Russo</i>
<i>Elizabeth Batton</i>	<i>Robert Henschen, Jr.</i>	<i>Erin Scarborough</i>
<i>Eileen Bennett</i>	<i>Norma Hofmann</i>	<i>Betty Jane Schaefer</i>
<i>Marlene Berry</i>	<i>Stephen Kucharski</i>	<i>Ruth Skarda</i>
<i>Larry Byers</i>	<i>Phil Massie</i>	<i>Patricia Sollanek</i>
<i>William Clipper</i>	<i>Thomas McDonough</i>	<i>Charles Spera, Jr.</i>
<i>Eleanor Cote</i>	<i>Mary “Claire” Miller</i>	<i>William Spink</i>
<i>Roland Curtis</i>	<i>Henry Mohr</i>	<i>Fred Turkin</i>
<i>Gladys Downs</i>	<i>Nancy Natkin</i>	<i>Darryle Walker</i>
<i>Linda Fliegel</i>	<i>Navy Newman</i>	<i>Patty Walker</i>
<i>Philip Gasior</i>	<i>Nicole Newman</i>	<i>Norma Weber</i>
<i>Barry Goodspeed</i>	<i>Alberta “Bertie” Nolder</i>	<i>Ronald Young</i>
<i>Margaret Grammer</i>	<i>Arthur Pulket</i>	
<i>Barbara Greb</i>	<i>Charlotte Mary-Anne Reek</i>	

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Blessed Is the One* *Adult Choir*
(Words: Patricia Mock; Music: Charles McCartha; © 2016 Hal Leonard LLC)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John’s. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God’s abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

COMMUNION HYMN *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* **ELW 628**

(Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.; Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
 Lord Jesus,
 in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
 Sustain us on the journey,
 strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
 and give us glad and generous hearts
 as we meet you on the way.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
 in whose image we are made,
 who claims us and calls us beloved,
 who strengthens us for service,
 give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
 The blessing of God,
 Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,
 be with you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* **ACS 950**

- Oh, when the saints go marching in,
 oh, when the saints go marching in,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when the saints go marching in.
- Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
 oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
 O Lord, I want to be in that number
 when the Lord in glory comes.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

OFFERING HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS 1063 (vv. 1-2)



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in



boun - teous hand, come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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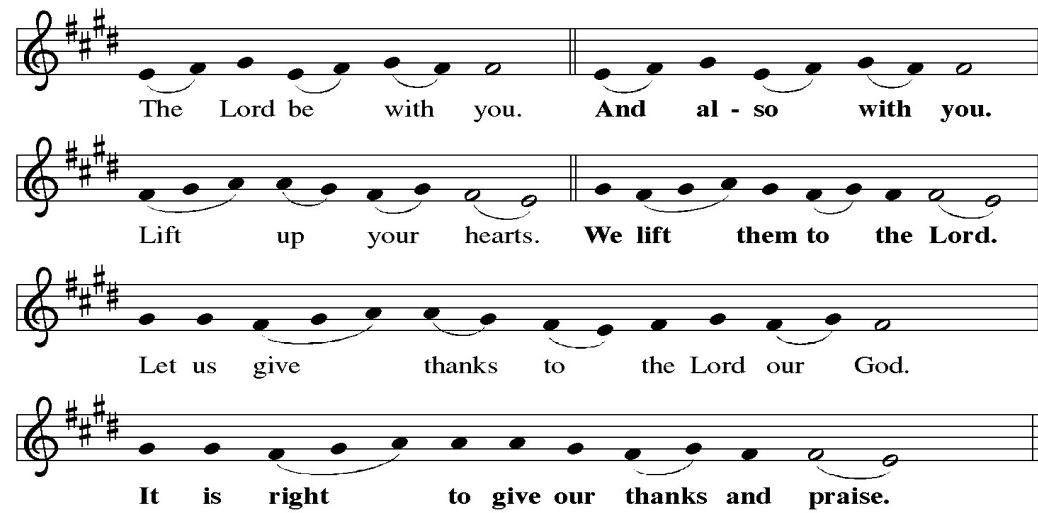
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

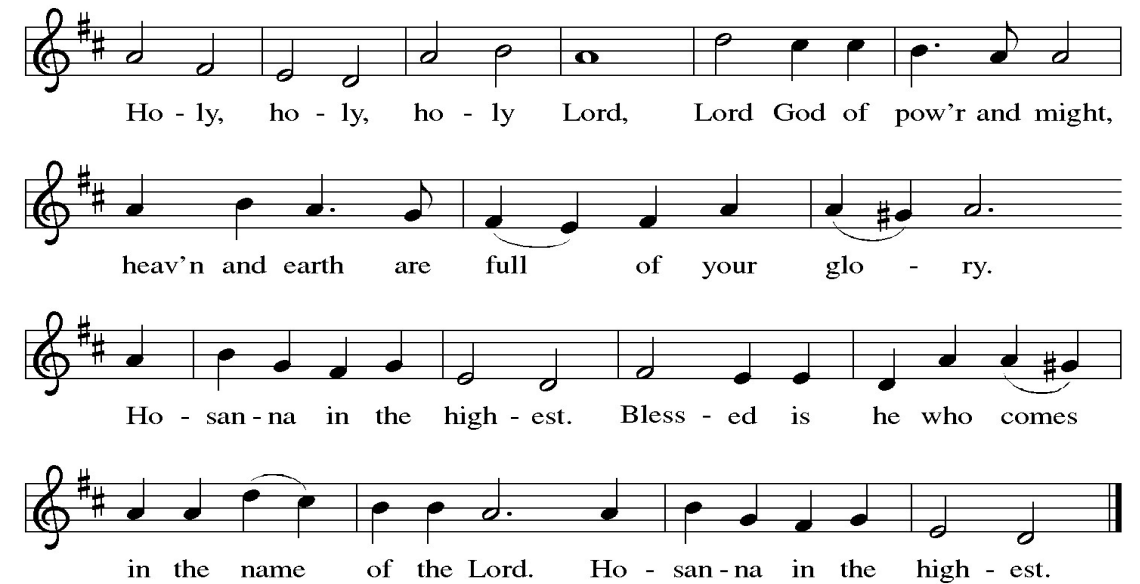


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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 your saints
you show us 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 all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you O God,
for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
Blessed are you,
for in Christ you entered into creation,
into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead.
in him promising new life to us all.
In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord, Jesus, in this meal,
and make us alive again.
By your Spirit,
bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place,
and make us your body in the world,
bringing light and healing to all.
Amen.

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

(Sung call-and-echo)