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Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

*(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 *The Garden Hymn* *Douglas E. Wagner*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

(Water may be poured into the font)

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

This week's schedule

Today	9 am Handbell Choir (Music Room) 9 am Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Worship & Music Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building) 6 pm Campfire at Labyrinth
Sat.	1 pm Member Function (Fellowship Hall)

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 98	2023	
4/16	Offering: \$4,983	February Offering Income	\$18,755
	Homebound: 17	February Other Income	\$ 8,124
		February Total Income	\$26,879
		February Expenses	\$28,213
		YTD Offering Income	\$39,755
		YTD Other Income	\$14,209
		YTD Total Income	\$53,964
		YTD Expenses	\$62,704



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Andy Rother, June Franz, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Alec Brock, Ruth Skarda, Mardi Nickel, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Karen Alban, Bruce Cohen, Kathy Barnes, Vic Giordani, Helen Bender, Anna Meyers, Rae Eberwine, Deemer Morrow, Lee Hall, Robin, Alice Ensor, Jeanne Edmunds, Mike Haven, Gail Gangi, Jen Schoenfliess, Doug Adams, Kristin Weger, Joan Murphy, Tim Dunn, 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, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Bill Spink, Nancy Natkin

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.
Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table* **ELW 522**
Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944; Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932; Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

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.

KYRIE *(Bulletin Page 13)*

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Now the Feast and Celebration* **ELW 167** *(Bulletin Page 14)*
(Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹²How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**



Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Registration forms will be available soon. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.

Help Needed for Music Camp... If you know any young (high school or college) person who enjoys and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and a love for working with children, PLEASE contact Martha Requard at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program (July 24-26) or musical (August 7-11). We need to make sure that we have the help before we can advertise our camps.



We have Venmo! We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



We are happy to announce that we have upcoming dates and times for our **Community Meals**. The dates are: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, & August 2nd. The meal runs from 5:30 pm - 7 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

Mark your calendar for our **Basket & Bag Bingo** that is coming up on **Saturday, May 6th**. Tickets are \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased after worship, by calling the church office or by calling Tony Jasinski at 443-474-2727. If you would like to sponsor a basket or bag, sign the board located on the third floor counter outside of the Sanctuary.




Join us for our **5th Annual Labyrinth Walk on Saturday, May 6th at 1 pm in observance of World Labyrinth Day**. Flyers with more information can be found on the bulletin board.



Assisting Ministers and Lectors, a training will be held on May 7th after worship in the sanctuary. This training is for all people who currently serve in these roles **and** anyone who may be interested in serving as an assisting minister or lector. If you are interested in serving in this way speak with one of the pastors or just show up to the training. Thank you!



 We will holding a **First Aid and CPR/AED Class through the Red Cross on Saturday, May 13th from 9:30 am-2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. The cost is \$115.20. If you are interested in participating, contact Robin Dibley at 410-668-5856 or call the church office.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held immediately following the **Youth-Led worship on Sunday, May 21st in the sanctuary**. This meeting will be a celebration of the ways God has been at work through the ministries of St. John's over the past year. Additionally, our Treasurer, Chris Hills, is up for re-election, so we will be voting on the Treasurer position as well. We hope you will join us!



 **St. John's Preschool is having their Spring Fundraiser**. Place your order online with BloomBox and your flowers will be delivered to your home. The sale runs from April 17-May 8. Flyers are located on the bulletin board and in the weekly email.

St. John's night at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game is Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 and there will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at 410-802-2268 or ravenfan79@yahoo.com or see him before or after worship.



¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁹**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, April 30th—Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Visit stjohnsparkville.org

† 11:30 am—**Ministry Leader Gathering**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Deacon Claire by the Albrecht family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: June 25th, July 2nd, 16th and 30th, August 27th, September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th, October 1st, 8th and 15th, November 5th and 12th, December 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

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.



Food for Thought Program is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals, pudding cups and cereal bars.** We are packing two bags of food for the weekend for 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!

Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in great need of items for their food pantry. Items needed are: canned fruit, cereal & oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, Raman noodles, mac & cheese, beef stew, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, and canned spaghetti.



BIBLE Bible Study....A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew meets weekly on Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building. If you have questions or would like to Study learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.

Campfire this Friday, April 28th...Join the St. John's Family Ministry at 6 pm in the Labyrinth for an evening of s'mores, fun and fellowship. Please bring blankets or chairs and dinner for a picnic-style event with games and activities for all ages. We will provide the ingredients for s'more along with outdoor games.



Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



Refrain



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



Refrain



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



Refrain



God; to make all things new.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

ELW 377 (vv. 1-3)

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 *We Have Seen the Risen Lord* *Adult Choir*
Words and music: Stan Pether; © 1995 Hope Publishing Company

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.)

OFFERING HYMN *We Are an Offering* *ELW 692*

*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.*

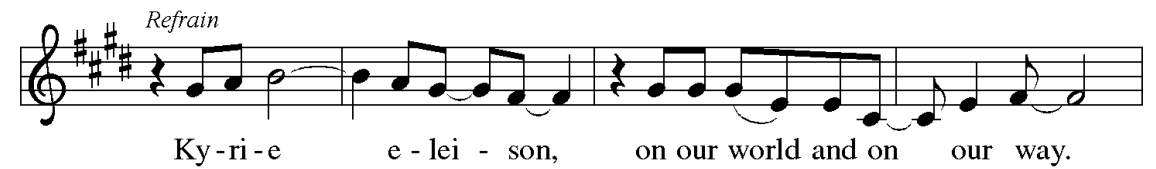
*We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.*

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

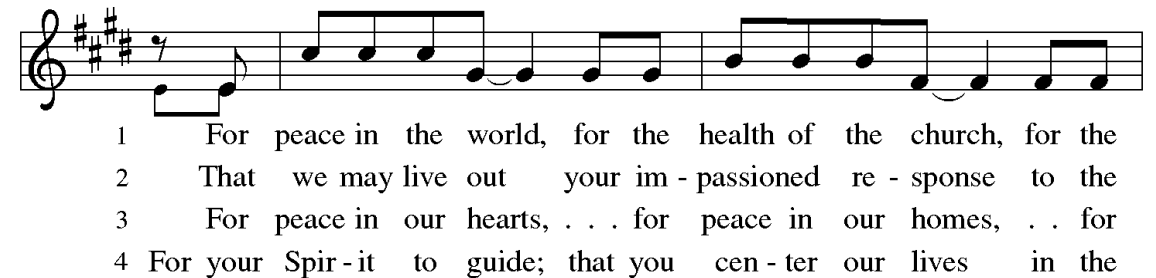
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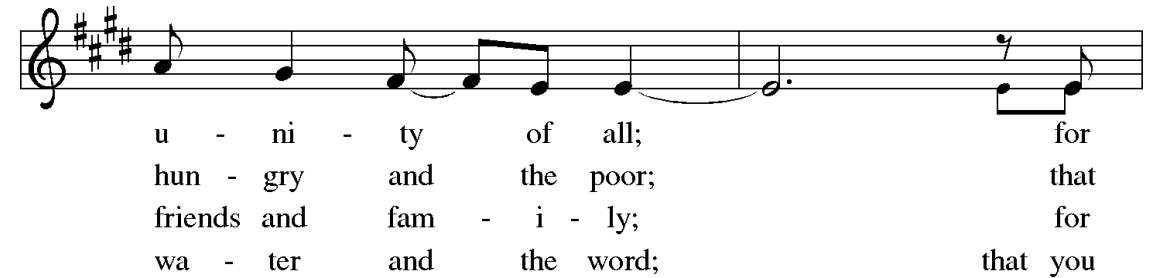
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



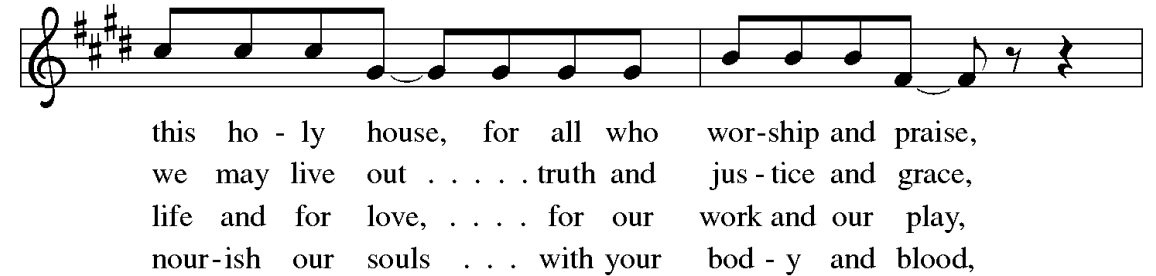
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

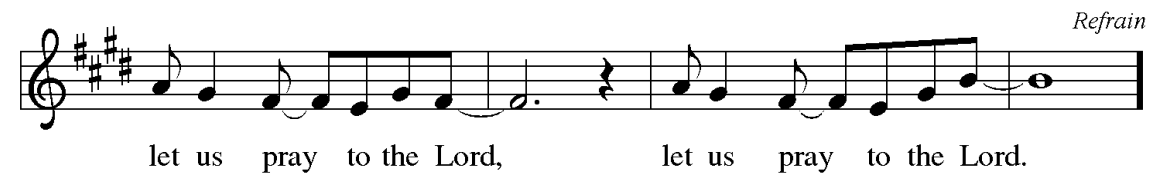


u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who worship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour - ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* *ELW 674*

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Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Lord Reigns, Alleluia!* *Gerald Peterson*

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Those Serving Today	
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Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Devon W., Landry E.
Lector	Bonnie S.
Communion Assistant	Bonnie S.
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

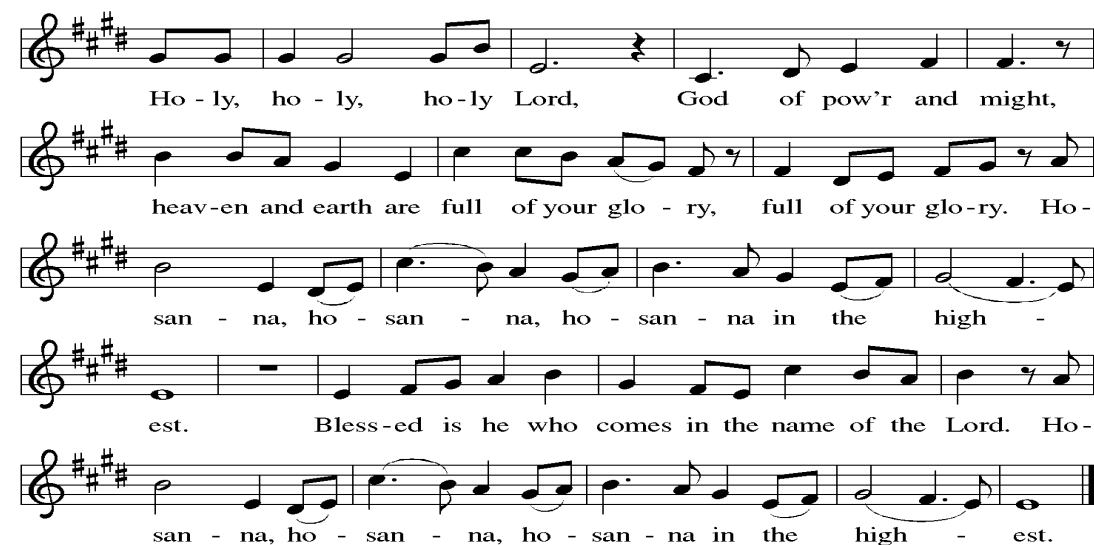
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

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

**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 assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

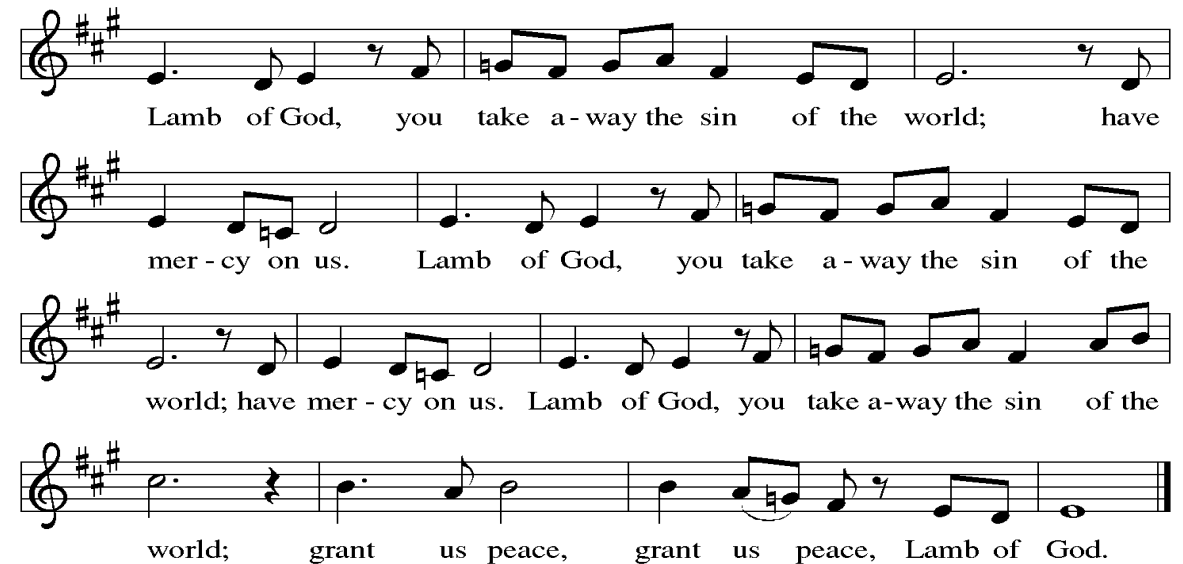
Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.