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# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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 is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

*(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** *Brother James’ Air* Dale Wood  
 (© 1986 The Sacred Music Press)

*(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 Ministry Leader Gathering (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	9 am Synod Conference Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	1 pm Labyrinth Walk (Labyrinth) 6 pm Youth Bingo (St. Ursula School Auditorium)

## Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance:	2023	
4/23	111	February Offering Income	\$18,755
	Offering: \$5,627	February Other Income	\$ 8,124
	Homebound: 17	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, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Gary Jones, 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:** Thomas McDonough, 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**      *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*      **ELW 619 (vv. 1-3)**  
*(Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.; Music: attr. John Hatton, c. 1793)*

## 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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalms 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

Let us know if someone in your family is graduating...We will recognize them and offer a blessing on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

**Registration is now open for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12:30 pm.** Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on the website. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.





**Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-9:45am.** We have finished up one topic and are moving on to a new one. The new topic is **Bible Study of Upcoming Scripture**

**Readings.** We will read and share about one of the upcoming readings which will be used in worship. In April and May this will include 1st Peter and in June we will move into Romans. Join us as we share with one another and deepen our faith together. We'd love to have you with us! Upcoming scripture texts: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2: 19-25, 1 Peter 2: 2-10


**Mark your calendar for our Basket & Bag Bingo that is coming up on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.** 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 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Labyrinth Walk on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup>“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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**

**John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.



<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*ELW 789*

*(Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868)*

## 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,\***

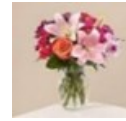
## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Next Week— Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>—Fifth Sunday of Easter

† 9 am—**Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship**  
10 am—**Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**

Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)

† 11:30 am—**Confirmation Class**  
† 11:30 am—**Assisting Minister/Lector Training**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Charles and Sheila Bender's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 27<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto: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, tuna & chicken salad kits, cookies, snack crackers, 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 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 learn more, contact Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors.

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



## 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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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** *He Will Carry Me* *Adult Choir*  
*(Words: Cheryl Reid; Music: Shelton Ridge Love; Words and music © 2019 Lorenz 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](http://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.*

*(Text and music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957; Text and music © 1984 Word Music, LLC)*

## 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.**

## 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:

*Refrain*



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 wor-ship 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.



## 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

*Have No Fear, Little Flock*

*ELW 764*

(Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, 1931-2010, sts. 2-4; Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, 1930-2022; Text and music © 1973 Concordia Publishing House)

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

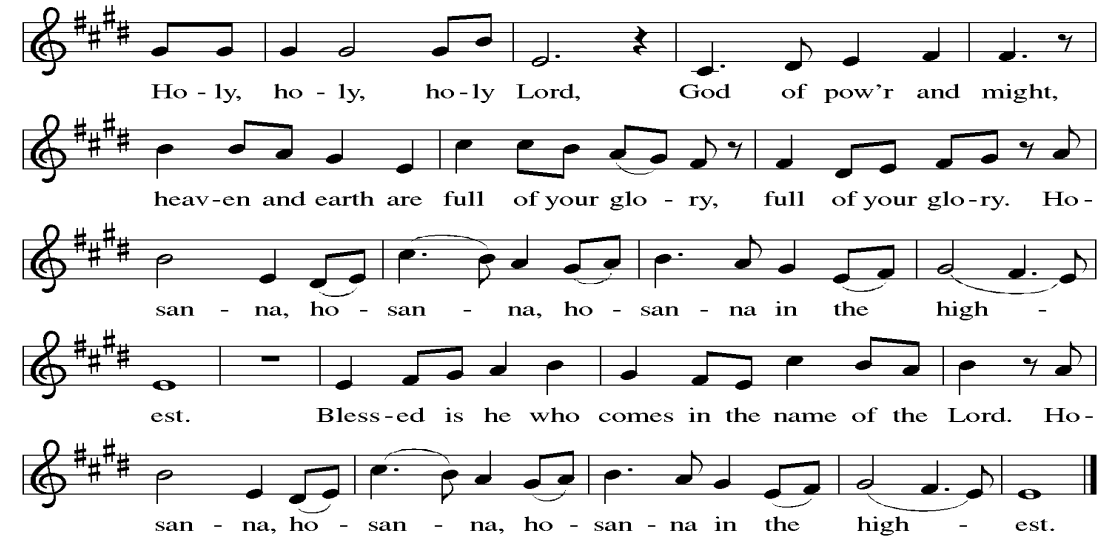
### POSTLUDE

*The Trumpeter*

*Craig A. Penfield*

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## 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.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Emily R.
Lector	Milt Dutcher
Communion Assistant	Milt Dutcher
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

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

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*ELW 484*

*(Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997; Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996; Text and music © 1977  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia)*

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### 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