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**First Sunday in Lent**  
 February 26, 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 tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

*(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** *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Lyndell Leatherman

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## INVITATION TO LENT

Friends in Christ, in this season of Lent we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy time by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. We are invited, therefore, into the holy practices of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Holy God,  
**we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over**

## This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	6 pm	Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)
	7 pm	Holden Prayer Service
Thurs.		
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	9 am-11 am	Property Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

## Counting our Blessings

Sun. 2/19	Attendance: 114 Offering: \$4,634 Homebound: 17	2023	
		January Offering Income	\$21,245
		January Other Income	\$ 6,085
		January Total Income	\$27,330
		January Expenses	\$34,496
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## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Phil Ermer, Claire Miller, Alec Brock, Ruth Skarda, Bill Spink, Bonnie Rogers, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Deemer Morrow, John Bowman, Lee Hall, Norma Weber, Robin, Alice Ensor, Olivia, Michael A., 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:

**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

**compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* **ELW 319**

*(Text: based on Claudia F. Heraman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930; Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress; arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House)*

## 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

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)* **Psalm 32**

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt  
of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup>**“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”
- <sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam’s disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ’s obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

Save the Date for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10-14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-12:30 pm. We will starting our planning 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...** This summer, we hope that our Summer Music Camps will return. Pre-COVID these camps were very well attended, the community response was very positive, and many campers returned the following summer. We tried to restart our programs last summer but the community response was very low. However, the main reason that the camps did not happen is because we did not have the assistance we needed. We are hoping that this summer will be different, but we need your help. 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.



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

**Wednesday Evenings in Lent**

**You are invited to join us for meals and worship during Lent.  
Soup and Salad at 6pm  
Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm**



The theme for these Wednesday services is: Daily Bread.  
During these services we are looking for folks from St. John’s to share stories about daily bread. Have you experienced God’s grace in a meal? Has God provided you with literal or figurative daily bread?  
If so, we’d like to invite you to share a story which we’re calling a testimony.  
A testimony is your own story, told in your own voice.  
A testimony might be between 4 and 5 minutes long.  
Would you be willing to share? Let Pastor Amy or Pastor Mathew know by March 1st. Thank you!

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## Announcements & Upcoming Event

### Next Week— Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

† 10 am— **Worship in-person**

† 11:30 am— **Confirmation Class**

**and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns lutheran church parkville md.



We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: April 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 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>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 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, applesauce pouches, pudding cups and Capri Sun drink pouches.** 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!

**Would you like to join our new bible study?** *The Gospel of Matthew for Everyone.* This group is meeting weekly on **Fridays at 11 am in the Smith Building.** This bible study is great for anyone who is looking for a deeper dive into the Gospel readings we hear during worship. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact our bible study leader, Ardi Scarborough or speak with one of the Pastors. You're invited!



**Today is the last day to order Easter Plants!** Daffodils, Tulips or Hyacinths - \$10, Lilies - \$15. Order forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly email and on our website.



**Scrapbook Event on March 11<sup>th</sup>.** St. John's will again host a Scrapbook Event to support Food for Thought. Although in the past, the event was for experienced scrapbookers only, this time at 1:30 pm we are offering a Mini Album Class as an introduction to scrapbooking. If you would like more information or RSVP, for this event, contact Nancy Fox at 443-935-3399 or nanawithsix@hushmail.com.



**Join us for our next Restaurant Night at Silver Spring Mining Company** in Perry Hall, on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 am to 10 pm. Present a flyer when ordering or let them know that you are supporting St. John's. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

<sup>12</sup>Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup>For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

<sup>4</sup>But he answered, “It is written,  
 ‘One does not live by bread alone,  
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,  
<sup>6</sup>saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,  
 ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
 and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”  
<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”  
<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of  
 the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall  
 down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
 ‘Worship the Lord your God,  
 and serve only him.’”  
<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* *ELW 325*

*(Text and music: African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition* Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

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

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

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, ✚ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* *ELW 618 (vv. 1, 3)*

*(Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.; Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia on “Salvation”* *David Paxton*

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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Landry E.
Acolyte (s)	Brody E.
Lector	Vickie Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Vickie Jasinski

**LAMB OF GOD***Now Behold the Lamb***ELW 341**

1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
 2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
 3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
 you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.  
 cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

*(Text and music: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970; arr. Keith Hampton, b. 1957; Text and music © 1996 Lilly Mack Music CCLI Song #1892738)*

**COMMUNION HYMNS***Come to the Table***ELW 481**

*(Text: Claire Cloninger, 1942-2019; Music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956; Text and music © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! Music: Juniper Landing Music, admin. Word Music; and Word Music)*

*Just As I Am, without One Plea***ELW 592**

*(Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868)*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God,  
 at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to  
 your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with  
 your love.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****MEAL****OFFERTORY MUSIC***It is Well With My Soul**Adult Choir*

*(Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, alt.; Music: Gary Matheny; Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

*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.*

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 mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville*

**OFFERING HYMN***Change My Heart, O God***ELW 801**

*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.  
 Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

*You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart O God; make it ever true.  
 Change my heart O God; may I be like you.*

*(Text and music: Eddie Espinosa; Text and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts,  
 receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your  
 gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence  
 through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
**Amen.**

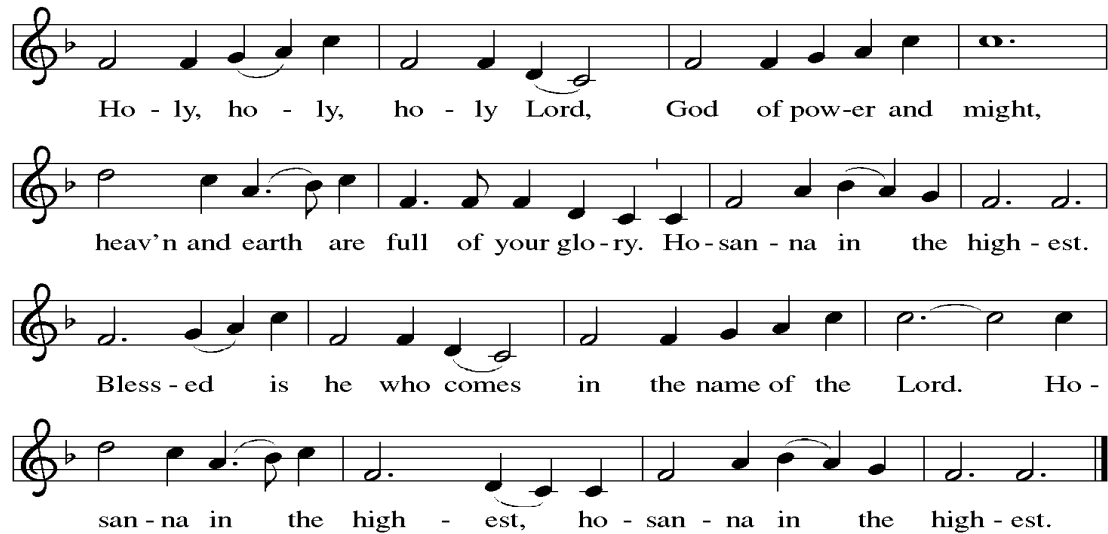
**GREAT THANKSGIVING****DIALOGUE**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, God of the universe.  
You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.  
When we turned away from our task of sharing,  
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,  
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,  
and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.

You entered human life in Jesus,  
who ate with sinners,  
who fed the thousands with a few loaves,  
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.  
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,  
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.  
With the earth and all its creatures,  
with all who have gone before us,  
we give you praise, feeding God, 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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## 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.*