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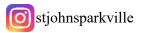
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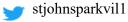
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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.





St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



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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

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

(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 A Lenten Prelude

Pergolesi/ arr. John Troutman

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(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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Holy God,

we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know,

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin,

This week's schedule				
Today	9 am 10 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room) Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship Live & Online Worship Altar Guild (Fellowship Hall)		
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)		
Tues.				
Wed.	6 pm 7 pm	Busy Bees (Smith Building) Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall) Holden Prayer Service Adult Choir (Music Room) Newsletter Articles Due		
Thurs.				
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)		
Sat.	10 am	Easter Egg Hunt (St. John's Park)		

Counting our Blessings					
Wed.	Attendance: 55	2023			
3/6	Offering: \$ 480	December Offering Income	\$31,972		
		December Other Income	\$ 2,421		
Sun.		December Total Income	\$34,393		
3/10	Attendance: 92	December Expenses	\$34,660		
Offering: \$4,588 Homebound: 16	YTD Offering Income YTD Other Income YTD Total Income YTD Expenses	\$283,985 \$ 40,567 \$324,552 \$386,155			

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Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Vernon Reid, Dennis Buckless, Lisa Muhlbach, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Barbara Mueller, Lisa Duerling, Joan Kraft, Mike McDonough, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Tim Hartman, Mary Jo Rother, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, Shannon McLaughlin, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Russell Fitch, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Lily Newman, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Ruth Reimschissel aka Mrs. Claus, Donna Boblooch 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: Elizabeth Moran

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, and Emma Volz

washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN O God, Who Gives Us Life (See Insert) ACS 1086

(Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944; Music: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900; Text © 1990 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all

Wednesday Worship during Lent

** *March 20th **

6 pm - Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)
7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service w/Reflections
(Please note: Adult Choir practice will begin after the prayer service.)

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship, March 24th

10 am Live & Online Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

12 noon & 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion *The Stripping of the Altar will follow the 7 pm service only.*

Good Friday, March 29th

12 noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (*Please note: The Ecumenical Procession begins at St. Ursula Catholic Church.*)
7 pm Good Friday Service with Cantata

Easter Sunday, March 31st

10 am Service of Holy Communion Live & Online Worship

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Robin Dibley
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Devon W.
Lector	Amanda Hartman
Communion Assistant	Amanda Hartman
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.



Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, April 3rd beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the March meal.

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on April 3rd after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. 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!





Join us at Wayback Burgers for our next Restaurant Night on Tuesday, April 16th for 4-8 pm. Flyers are located on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. Bring a flyer and you appetite while supporting St. John's.

Save the Date for our Prayer Partner Luncheon on April 28th at 11:45 am. If you would like to participate in the Prayer Partner Program, fill out a form and place it in the box located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary by Sunday, April 14th. Any questions, contact Vickie Jasinski at 410-529-7536.



Help Needed for Music Camp...If you know of any high school or college students who enjoy and has experience with theater, music, art, arts and crafts, and love working with children, PLEASE contact Martha at mrequard1@gmail.com. Our assistants will be working with the campers to help them create their program. Dates & times are as follows:

Music Campette-July 29-31; 9 am-noon; for students who have completed K-grade 2 Musical Camp-August 12-16; 9 am-2 pm; for students who have completed grades 3-8

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites.





Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp in Jefferson, MD invites you to join us this summer! Family Campers and youth ages 6-17 are welcome. We never turn anyone away for financial reasons, so please ask about our Campership fund if needed. Come experience small-group camping, swimming, hiking, sleep-outs, new friends, and exciting activities that challenge you to grow in confidence and in faith - all in a

safe and inclusive community. Our 2024 Theme is "Created To Be!" Registration is open. For more information visit mar-lu-ridge.org/summer-camp/ or call 800.238.9974.

who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the iudgment of this world: now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

Now the Green Blade Rises **HYMN OF THE DAY**

ELW 379

(Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958; Music: French carol; Text © Oxford University Press)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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 God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

How Great His Love

Adult Choir

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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.)

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— Sunday, March 24th—Passion/Palm Sunday 9 am-Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship

† 9 am—Handbell Choir

10 am—Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Claire Miller on her birthday.

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 April 7th, June 2nd, 23rd, and 30th, July 14th, 21st, and 28th, August 4th, 18th, and 25th, September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, October 6th, 13th, and 20th.

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 first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high GROUP school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

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.



St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, March 23rd from 10 am-12 pm. Join us for an event full of fun activities and Easter celebrations! The egg hunt begins at 11 am and is for ages 2-5th grade. Bring your own basket or bag. We need volunteers! If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary. If you took a sticky note from the board, donations are due today.

We will be sending Care Packages to our youth who are away at college. If you know of a college student who would like to receive a package, please see Chris Hills or contact the church office. If you would like to help fill the boxes, please take a sticky note from the board outside of the Sanctuary. Please return your donation by Sunday, March 24th. Thanks for your support!



COMMUNION HYMN As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Grains of Wheat EL

(Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)

Beautiful Things (See Insert)

ACS 925

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and + give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW 545 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Irish"

Lani Smith

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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; Test and music © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing, admin. Music Services)

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

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.

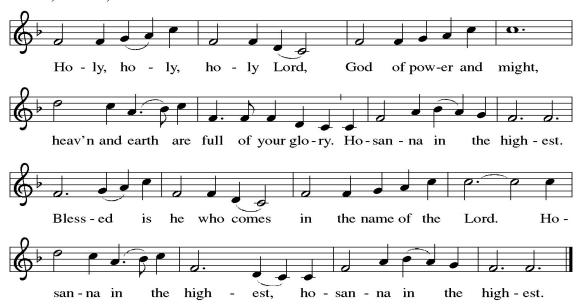
PREFACE

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



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

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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

