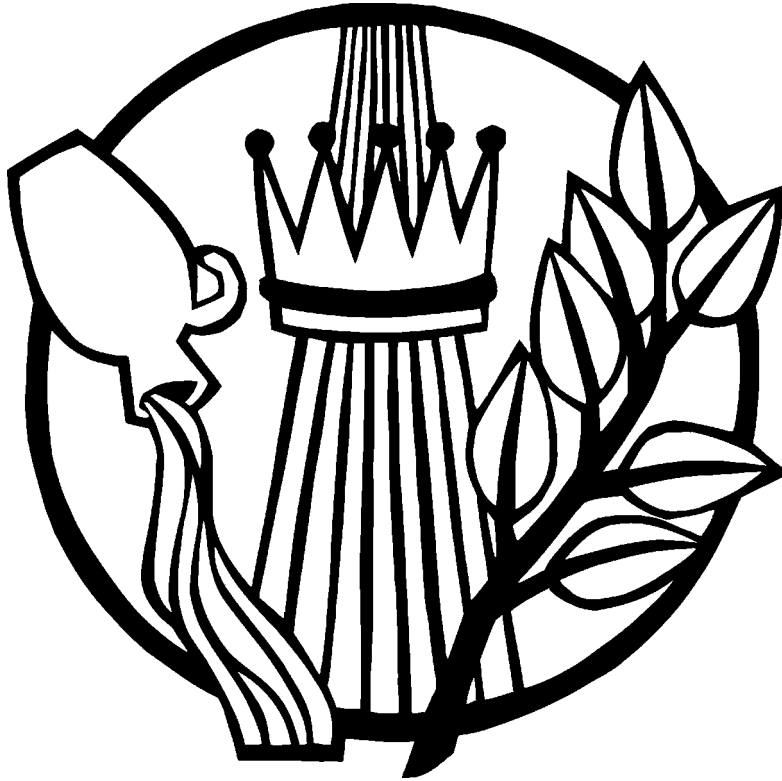


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WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Jesus Loves Me! This I Know

Matthew McConnell

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 (vv. 1-3)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

Refrain

(Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956; Music: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947; Text and music © 1974 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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses

Psalms 116:1-9

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

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

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

Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 (vv. 1, 4, 5)

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

(Text: John L. Bell; Music: Scottish traditional; Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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 Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord 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
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Let Us Break Bread Together

Richard Blake

*An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.
Please stand as you are able.*

OFFERING HYMN

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)

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| 1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the
gift may be; all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true
receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give. |
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(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

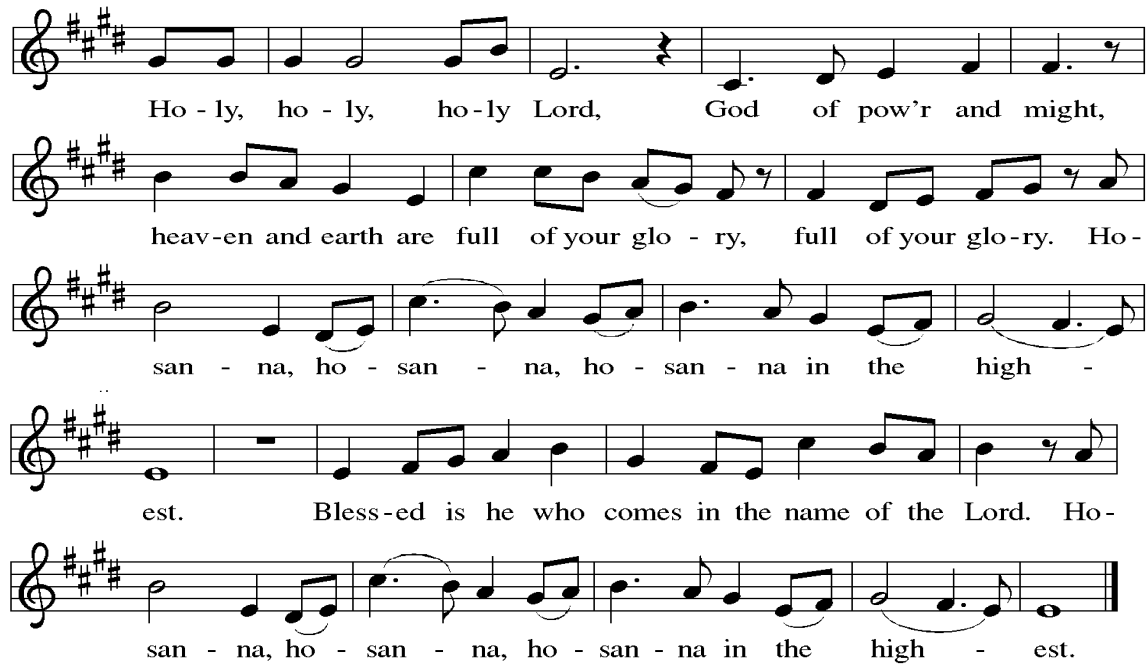
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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'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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.

FRACTURE

The breaking of the bread.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the
rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain

(Text and Music: African American spiritual)

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to
serve and give, to make of all the earth a better
place to live. **Repeat**

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do
what we were meant to do in Jesus' name; that falls
to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O
Lord, we pray, to do your will today. **Repeat**

(Text and Music: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford: English text © 1998 Augsburg Fortress)

Announcements

September Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

- ❖ Today, we welcome Rev. Richard Goodlin as our Preacher and Rev. Joseph Lettrich as our Presider.
- ❖ Sunday School begins today.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of Norma M. O'Connell by her husband, Patrick H. O'Connell and her son, Brian K. O'Connell.

The remaining date available for altar flowers is October 10th.



Join us after worship today for some service opportunities and refreshments in celebration of "God's Work. Our Hand's Sunday".

We will be sending Care Packages to our youth who are away at college to let them know that their church family is thinking of them and praying for them. If you know someone who we should send a package to, contact the church office. We are also accepting donations for the students. Donations needed are Target, Walmart or Weis gift cards (any denomination) and \$10 gift cards for Dunkin, McDonalds, Subway or Chick-Fil-A. Thank you for supporting our youth!



The Busy Bees are in need of "filler" for our quilts. Flannel sheets are a great filler and make our quilts nice and warm for those in need. Usually we have all year to work on the quilts and our goal is to make 100! This year we couldn't get started until June so we are working hard to get as many done as possible. If you have any large cotton or cotton blend pieces for the quilt backing, we would appreciate having them. Check your closet for any material you bought but just never got around to using. Many thanks! Your support continues to make St. John's a vital part of the community.



We are excited to announce the tentative return of our Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendar. We are hopeful that the conditions will remain stable to allow us to proceed with the event. We will keep you updated in the coming months. If you would like to have a spot in the Crafter's Room, spaces are \$15 each or \$25 for a space with a table rental. Tables are limited, so please respond early. If interested in a space contact Bonnie Spellman through the church office by phone at 410-665-1234 or email office@stjohnsparkville.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



Don't forget to support Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John's. Items needed are cereal,

spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and instant mashed potatoes.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Joyful Trumpet

Patricia Lou Harris

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This week's schedule		
Today	10 am	Live & Online Worship Sunday School begins God's work. Our hands event (after worship)
Mon.	7 pm	Executive Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	7 pm	Men in Mission (Youth Room)
	7 pm	Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
Wed.	9 am	Busy Bee's (Smith Building)
	7:45 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		Newsletter Articles Due
Sat.		

Those Serving Today	10 am
Assisting Minister	Claire Miller
Crucifer	Brody Evans
Acolyte (s)	Simon Blazakis, Noah Shull
Lector	Joan Kraft
Communion Assistants	Joan Kraft



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Laurie Krieger, Kim Townsley, Cam Houston, Donna McDonough, Mike McDonough, Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Lou Ermer, Ralph Clark, Jackson Clark, Helen Marcomin, Mary Macreadie, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance 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: Robert Scott, Sr.

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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