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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for 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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Handbell Choir

(Arr. Ronald Kauffmann; © 2000 AGAPE)

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have hurt our community.

We have squandered your blessings.

We have hoarded your bounty.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned.

We have failed to be honest.

We have lacked the courage to speak.

We have spoken falsely.

In the name of Jesus,

forgive us and grant us your mercy.

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	9 am	Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship
	10 am	Live & Online Worship w/baptisms
Mon.		
Tues.	6 pm	Trinity Circle & Men in Mission (Ermer's house)
	7 pm	Executive Meeting (Music Room)
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.		
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
	7 pm	Ironbirds Game
		Newsletter Articles Due
Sat.	10 am	Scrapbooking (Fellowship Hall)
	10 am	Funeral (Pulket)

Counting our Blessings

Sunday	Attendance: 112	2023	
6/4	Offering: \$4,268	March Offering Income	\$24,401
	Homebound: 18	March Other Income	\$ 2,521
		March Total Income	\$26,922
		March Expenses	\$34,539
		YTD Offering Income	\$64,156
		YTD Other Income	\$16,730
		YTD Total Income	\$80,886
		YTD Expenses	\$97,243



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Diane Carroll, Joan Swank, Andy Rother, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Phil Ermer, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Larry Harmel, Michael Ellisson, Lonnie Rash, 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, 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: Barbara Greb, Arthur Pulket, Thomas McDonough and Bill Spink

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of + Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556

(Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965; Music: Gaelic tune, arr. hymnal version; Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

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

Let us pray.
O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15--6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 50:7-15

⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.



It is that time of year. The Busy Bees are collecting sugar for making the jelly and jams. You can drop off your donation in the office or give it to one of the Busy Bees.

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. **Our last Bible Study will be Friday, June 30th. We will take July and August off but will resume again on Friday, September 8th.**



Faith + Fellowship Sunday Mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-9:45 am. We will read and share about one of the upcoming readings which will be used in worship. In June we are studying Romans. Join us as we share with one another and deepen our faith together.

Registration is open for our 2023 Vacation Bible School on July 10th -14th from 9 am-12:30 pm. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on the website. There is a trifold board on the counter outside of the Sanctuary where we will be putting sticky notes for some small donations. **As always, we will need many volunteers.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net.



We are now taking registrations for our Summer Music Campette. This camp is July 24th—26th from 9 am—12 noon. It is for students who have completed Kindergarten—Grade 2. Registration forms are available on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Food For Thought Program this past year! We will discontinue our collections for the summer but will begin again in the fall when the children go back to school.



Victor's Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church is in 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.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, June 18th—Third Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—**Faith & Fellowship**

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


Visit stjohnsparkville.org

11:30 am—**Altar Guild Meeting**



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Don and Shirley Snyder's wedding anniversary. **Additional flowers** are given in honor of Larry and Sue Addison's 50th wedding anniversary.


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

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten. 



Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, July 5th. Thank you to everyone who helped make the June Community Meal a success! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Community Meal on Wednesday, July 5th. If you would like to sign up to volunteer see the form on the bulletin board. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors!

St. John's night at the Aberdeen Ironbirds game is this Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. If you purchased tickets, we will see you there! Don't forget to stay for the fireworks after the game. 

 **We are looking for a few people to join the Caring Friends/Eucharistic Ministry team and make some visits and/or take communion to our homebound members.** If this is something that you might be interested in doing, please attend our Caring Friends Meeting on Tuesday, June 20th at 10 am in the Music Room or speak with one of the pastors.

Join us for our next Restaurant Night at Wayback Burgers in the Satyr Hill Shopping Center, on Tuesday, June 20th from 4-8 pm. Flyers can be found on the bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website. 

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God’s mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition

God, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

In our prayers today, we remember the Emanuel 9—the nine people shot and killed on June 17th, 2015 during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth

✚ bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

(Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share Christ’s mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven, arr. Don Hustad

(© 1971 Hope Publishing Company)

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Michelle Alkire
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Olivia S.
Lector	Megan Czarski
Communion Assistant	Megan Czarski
Dismissal Assistant	Madilyn A.

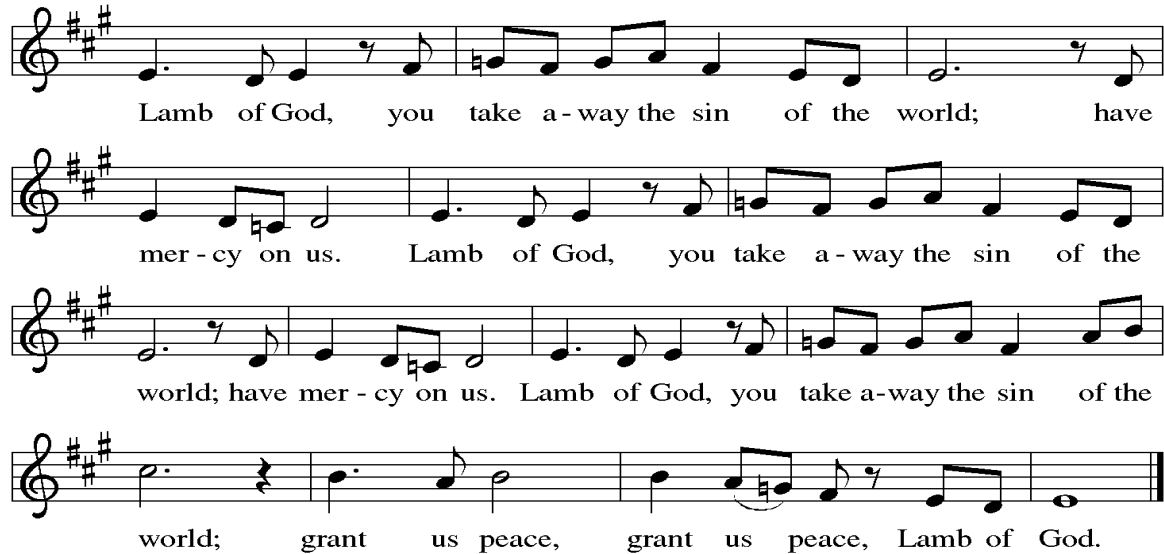
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COMMUNION

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 *Come, Ye Disconsolate* **ELW 607**

(Text: Thomas Moore, 1779-1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872, st. 3; Music: Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740-1816)

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come **ELW 610**

(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; Text © 1969 Hope Publishing Company)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson. Pastor Pinckney and Pastor Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. God, have mercy.

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 *Lord, Here Am I* **Adult Choir**

(Words: Fanny Crosby, 1821-1915, alt. Mark Weston; Music: Mark Weston; © 1999 Belwin-Mills Publishing Corp.)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.



Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

(Please stand as you are able.)

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

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

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

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,

that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

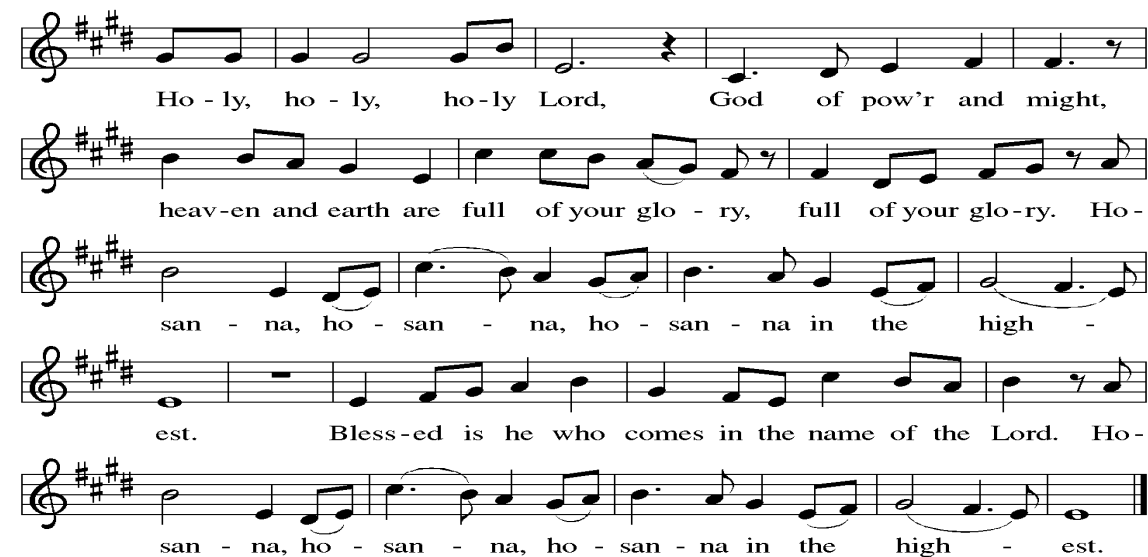
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,
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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.