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




# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 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

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

*(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

*Canon of Joy*

*Handbell Choir*

*(Arrangement: Michele DiLuzio; © 2000 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### GATHERING

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

### 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 Youth Group (Youth Room)
Mon.	
Tues.	7 pm Stewardship Meeting (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Meal) 6:45 pm Wed. Night Worship (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11 am Bible Study (Smith Building) Synod Assembly (Grace Lutheran, Westminster)
Sat.	Synod Assembly (Grace Lutheran, Westminster)

### Counting our Blessings

		2024	
Sun.	Attendance: 99	April Offering Income	\$36,194
5/26	Offering: \$ 6,491	April Other Income	\$ 4,544
	Homebound: 15	April Total Income	\$40,738
		April Expenses	\$30,088
		YTD Offering Income	\$119,895
		YTD Other Income	\$ 23,162
		YTD Total Income	\$143,057
		YTD Expenses	\$135,216



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Emma, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rother, Mary Gude, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Pat Lambert, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, Eleni Bowden, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, and Donna Bobloch

**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:** William Bold, Sr., Mary Shaffer, Betty Creutzer, Mike McDonough

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, 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

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Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Gather Us In*

*ELW 532*

*(Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Text and music © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

## 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

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.

<sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

**Psalm 81:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;

I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always

name beginning with M-Z, please bring a dessert. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.



**Join us at Casa Mia's on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, in White Marsh, from 11 am—10 pm for our next Restaurant Night.** Bring a flyer or a picture of the flyer to participate.

**St. John's night at the Ironbirds game** is coming up on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$13 and checks should be made payable to St. John's. There will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at ravenfan79@yahoo.com. **The deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.**



**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. We have almost 50 children registered and have limited spots left. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites. We still need some volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

**Music Camp....** We are accepting registration for Music Camp. Registration forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and in the newsletter. We are looking for experienced volunteers. Contact Martha at mreuard1@gmail.com if you can help.



**Busy Bees need sugar!** We are collecting sugar to make our jelly. Please give your donation to one of the Busy Bees or you can drop it off in the church office.

**The Food for Thought Program is taking off for the summer!** A huge thanks to everyone who has supported this program with food donations and monetary donations. Also, to the behind the scenes folks who have spent tireless hours shopping, packing and delivering the bags to the school, we greatly appreciate **ALL OF YOU!**



### **"The Chosen" Discipleship Series**



Join us on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at Christus Victor Lutheran Church located at 9833 Harford Road as we finish the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30 pm.



## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Next Week— Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>—Third Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Handbell Choir  
† 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship  
† 10 am—Worship in-person  
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel  
† 11:30 am—Church Picnic  
Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of loved ones by Karen and Leonard Ford.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. 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. Available dates are June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**YOUTH GROUP** 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 school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Bible Study takes place on Friday mornings at 11 am in the Smith Building. We are studying 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians. All are welcome. Our last Bible Study is June 14<sup>th</sup> We will take the summer off and begin again after Labor Day.



**COMMUNITY DINNER** Join us for our next Community Meal this Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 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 May meal.

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> 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!



**CHURCH PICNIC** St. John's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> after worship. We will gather on the Pastors' lawn. Hospitality & Fellowship will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, tossed salad, iced tea and lemonade. We will be doing a potluck for sides and desserts. Last names beginning with A-L, please bring a side dish. Last

being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

Mark 2:23—3:6

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy 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**      *O Day of Rest and Gladness*      **ELW 521**

*(Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.; Music: German melody, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833)*

**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 Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**      *My Song to the Lord*      *Adult Choir*

*(Words and music: Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig; © 2005 Harold Flammer Music)*

*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.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✚ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**      *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*      **ELW 389**

*(Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936; Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789; Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Praise Him With Trumpets!*      *Richard Blake*

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<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Amanda Hartman
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Acolyte (s)	Devon W., Alec B.
Lector	Ed Ford
Communion Assistant	Ed Ford
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

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## COMMUNION

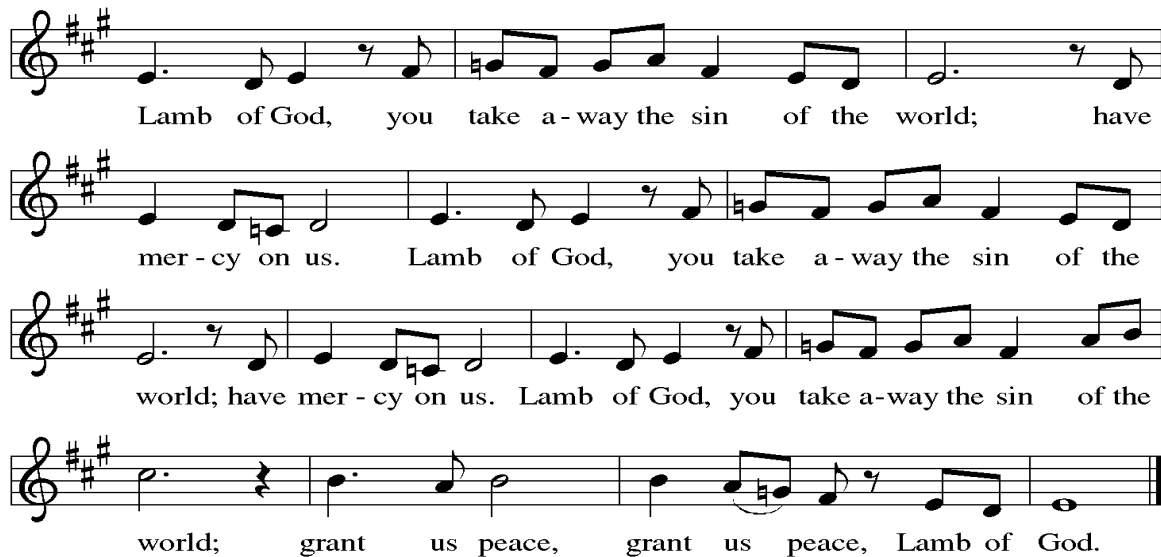
*All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After 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.*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## 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 HYMNS *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* **ELW 490**

*(Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.; Music: French folk tune, 17<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

## *There is a Balm in Gilead* **ELW 614**

*(Text and music: African American spiritual)*

*(Please remain seated.)*

*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

## *As the Grains of Wheat*

**ELW 465**

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.  
**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



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
Breath of life and Fire of love:  
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,  
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,  
who poured out your Spirit on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection,  
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,  
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:  
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,  
that, with thankful hearts,  
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

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

*(Sung call-and-echo)*

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

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive; 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.)*