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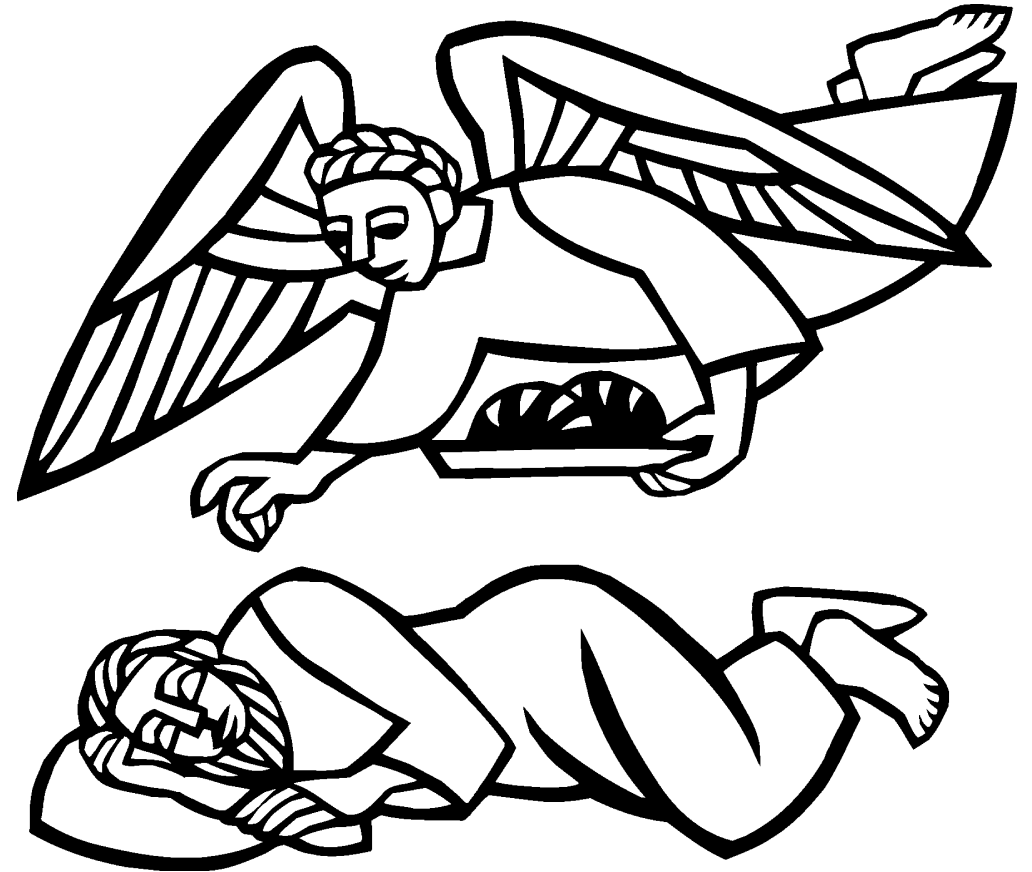
St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

*(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** *I Need Thee Every Hour & Sweet Hour of Prayer* Arr. Sun Ahn

*(Arrangement © 2017 Sun Ahn)*

*Violinist: Yoon-Mee Chong*

*(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.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

## This week's schedule

Today	9 am Faith + Fellowship 10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	9 am– 2 pm Musical Camp
Tues.	9 am– 2 pm Musical Camp
Wed.	9 am– 2 pm Musical Camp 9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	9 am– 2 pm Musical Camp
Fri.	9 am– 2 pm Musical Camp 7 pm Music Camp Performance <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.	12 pm New Members lunch (Fellowship Hall)

## Counting our Blessings

		2024	
Sun.	Attendance: 112	April Offering Income	\$36,194
8/4	Offering: \$4,814	April Other Income	\$ 4,544
	Homebound: 16	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:** Jeannette Dutcher, Tony Jasinski, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Matthew Shipman, Donna Parrish, Janek Bracken, Anne McHugh, Raelynn Koontz, Sharon Harrell, Michael Elligson, Jim Singer, Debra, Fred Smith, Kathy Thompson, Pat Lambert, Ralph Clark, Bob Murphy, 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, Alice Evans, 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:** Ernie Schuman

**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, Doris Rye, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

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** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **ELW 618**  
(Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.;  
Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932)

## 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.**

## KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

### FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalms 34:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

**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.



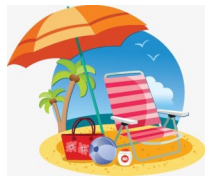
**New Members' Lunch. Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 12 noon-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.** This event is for all prospective new members who are interested in joining or re-joining St. John's. We will gather to get to know one another and some members of our community over lunch, to ask any questions—be it faith at large, Lutheranism, or St. John's specifically-- and to pray for God's guidance as we all seek to live out our faith together. **We will officially welcome new members on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> during the 10 am service.**

**Smore's and More Family Campfire, Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm– 8 pm at the Labyrinth.** (Rain date: Fri., September 21<sup>st</sup>). Join us for a fun night of yard games, s'mores, songs, prayer and fellowship by the fireside! Invite your friends and neighbors.



**Save the Date! CLAIM Presents Faith & Film Series: The Chosen Season 2.** Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm from September 10<sup>th</sup>—October 29<sup>th</sup>. Light dinner followed by viewing and discussion. Watch for more details.

**The office administrator is on vacation August 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup>.  
The office hours during the week will be 10 am—2 pm.  
There will be volunteers helping out in the office.**



## Commemoration

*When we are baptized, we are baptized into the body of Christ. We understand this body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of people across time and space. Throughout its history, the church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner. Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all of our lives. "The saints are to be remembered so that we may strengthen our faith when we see how they experienced grace and how they were helped by faith."* (Augsburg Confession)  
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### Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253 Sunday, August 11, 2024

A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Next Week— Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Faith + Fellowship  
 † 10 am—Worship in-person/ Welcome New Members  
 and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel  
 Visit [stjohnsparkville.org](http://stjohnsparkville.org)



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Debbie Haacke's birthday from Shelby and Kelly.

**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 August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</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!

<sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

John 6:35, 41-51

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

<sup>41</sup>Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has

eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(The assembly is seated.)*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Bridget Gautieri*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***I Am the Bread of Life***

***ELW 485***

*(Text and music: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6; Text and music © 1966, 1970, 1993 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*

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**

*Aria*

*G. F. Handell*

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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.*

**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**

***Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death***

***ELW 452***

*(Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984; Music: Car. G. Glaser, 1784-1829; Text © 1980 Augsburg Publishing House)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

*Dan Forrest*

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*Today we welcome Pastor Bridget Gautieri and thank her for being our guest preacher to talk about her work at the ELCA Wittenberg Center in Germany.*

<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Lee Smith
Crucifer	Landry E.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W.
Lector	Amanda Wood
Communion Assistant	Amanda Wood
Dismissal Assistant	Emma E.

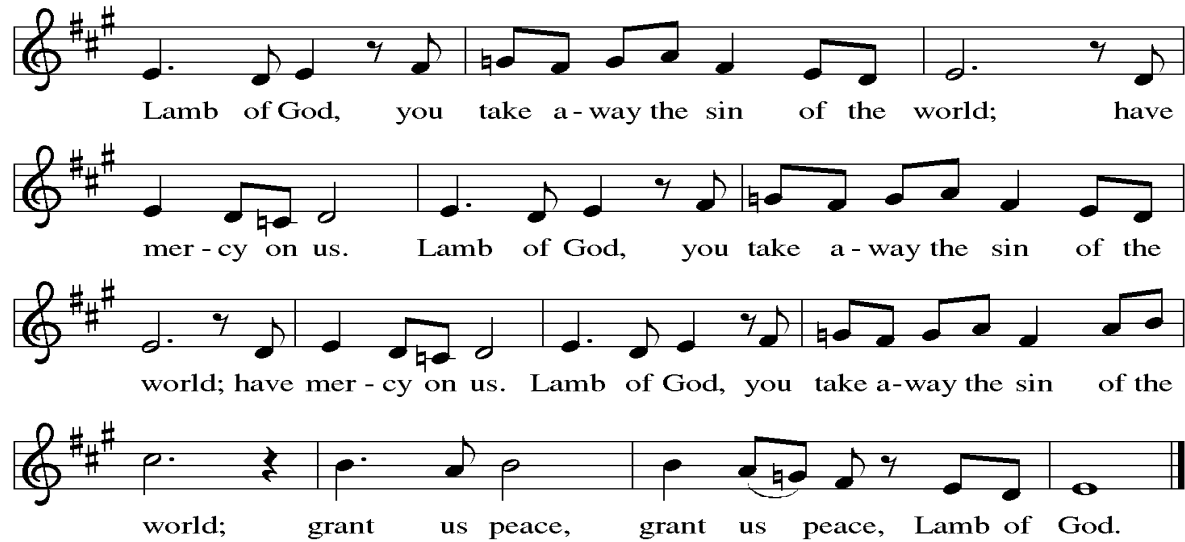
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If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,  
crossing your arms over your chest.

## 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 HYMN

*Taste and See*

*ELW 493*

*(Text and music: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Psalm 34; Text and music © 1983 GIA Publications, Inc.)*

*(Please remain seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:  
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

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  
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*(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

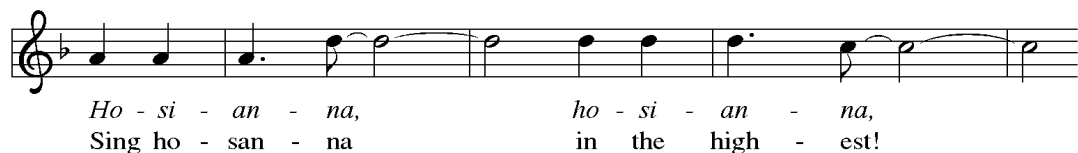
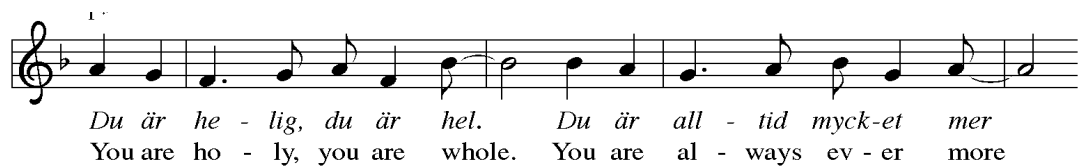
### DIALOGUE

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



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

## 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.)*

## 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.*