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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



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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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

*(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 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!* Robert J. Powell
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Long-expected God,
**we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you can provide.
We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war.
We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.
Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors.
Increase our trust in God's timing,
and awaken us to your advent among us,
that we may abound in the hope you have promised.
Amen.**



Advent Services

November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 3rd Community Meal at 5:30 pm & Worship at 6:45 pm

December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent
Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall
for all ages – 9:00 am – 9:45 am (songs, trivia, prayers & food)
Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent
Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am with a Cantata from
St. John's Choir

December 21st **The Longest Night Service**
Worship at 6:30 pm - A service of remembering our losses, acknowledging
the pain and celebrating the hope and light of Jesus

Celebration of the Birth of Christ – December 24th

10:00 am Christmas Eve Worship*

4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship with Children Participation*

8:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship*

December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10:00 am*

December 28th 1st Sunday after Christmas
Worship at 10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols

*Services include Holy Communion

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Join us as we dwell in the season of Advent and anticipate God's abundant love & grace born to us in Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

A few notes from your Financial Secretary:

I hope everyone is doing well!

It's that time of the year already! Just sending along some friendly reminders to you about your 2025 giving:

- Please make sure that any final 2025 contributions you wish to make to St. John's are placed in the offering plate or received by the church office no later than Sunday, December 28th. Our final count and deposit, which will include any contributions received through December 28th, will be done the morning of Monday, December 29th. All contributions received in 2025 will be included on your 2025 Contribution Report. Reports will be generated and mailed to you in mid-January.
- Our Simply Giving program continues to be available to you in making contributions to St. John's. If you are interested in signing up, you may do so at any time. Please feel free to send me an email at haackefamily@comcast.net or give me a call at 410-661-8970 and I will send a form to you for you to complete. If you have any questions about filling out the form or the program, please let me know. I'm happy to help.
- In addition to regular envelope and Simply Giving offerings, you may give by way of credit card or Venmo through our website at www.stjohnsparkville.org. (For Venmo, you may also just enter @stjohnsparkville if you have the Venmo App.)

On behalf of our Church, thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Debra Haacke

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

✝ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!*** **ELW 246**

(Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; Music: William H. Monk, 1823-1889)

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ***He Came Down*** **ELW 253**

(Text and Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949; Arr. © 1986 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
Hallelujah forevermore.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains

and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.
³ Many peoples shall come and say,
 “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob,
 that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths.”
 For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴ He shall judge between the nations
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
 they shall beat their swords into plowshares
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
 nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
 neither shall they learn war any more.
⁵ O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
² **Now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³ Jerusalem is built as a city
 that is at unity with itself;
⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
 “May they prosper who love you.**
⁷ Peace be within your walls
 and quietness within your towers.
⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
 I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
 I will seek to do you good.”

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

This week's schedule		
Today	9:00 am	Handbell Choir
	9:00 am	Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship
	10:00 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		
Tues.		
Wed.	5:30 pm	Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
	6:45 pm	Wednesday Night Worship (Smith Building)
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.	12:00 pm-	Shoebox packing (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	
Fri.	11:00 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	9:00 am	Breakfast with Santa (Fellowship Hall)

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 129	2025	
11/23	Offering: \$5,285	September Offering Income	\$ 21,087
	Homebound: 15	September Other Income	\$ 2,591
		September Total Income	\$ 23,678
		September Expenses	\$ 26,035
		YTD Offering Income	\$235,293
		YTD Other Income	\$ 36,234
		YTD Total Income	\$271,527
		YTD Expenses	\$308,174
		YTD Tax Credit	*\$ 92,089

St. John's Preschool is in need of: clean empty glass jars (spaghetti sauce size), large coffee cans with lids, and cereal boxes.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Nancy Ford, Gerry Steg, Barbara Conrad, Lou Carletti, Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Pat Denk, Joan Kraft, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Roxann Kelly, Joong In Rhee, Phyllis Gray, Bill Denk, Judy Miller, Hubie Tarbo, Abby Chamberlain, Bunny Russell, Jerry Earles, Lynette Earles, Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Donna Parrish, Brenda DeSouze, Carol Paulshock, Elaine Perzan, Debbie McWilliam, George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Marilyn Baldwin, Wendy Kraft, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Scott Hendricks, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich

For the military and their families: Christopher McCann, Mason Arnold, Kalib McCann, 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: Joan Swank, Shirley Kreh

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, Carl Lotterer, Barbara Mueller, Paul Nolder, Janet Roth, Doris Rye, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Note regarding the Prayer List

Those on the family & friends prayer list will remain for 6 weeks and then be removed—unless otherwise specified. If at any time you would like to add or remove someone from the list, please contact the church office.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

ACS 949



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual



Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, December 3rd beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We will need donations and volunteers. Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, December 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/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



Join us for our Wreaths Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony on Saturday, December 13th at 12:30 pm in our cemetery. You can sponsor a wreath and \$5 will be donated to St. John's. More information on sponsoring a wreath is located on the third floor bulletin board.

Our 3rd Annual Cookie Exchange will be held on Sunday, December 14th after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, contact Lynn Gerber.



Come join us for The Longest Night Service on Sunday, December 21st at 6:30 pm. We will gather together to acknowledge our pain and to remember that the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, shines into our grief with hope, mercy and love.

Social Ministry is providing gifts for seniors in need in our community for Christmas. If you are interested in participating in this program, take a snowman tag from the tree in the Narthex and log it on the sheet on the table. We ask that you wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it under the tree or in the church office. Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 21st.



We are again doing the Presents for Parkville Program in partnership with Carney Elementary. If you are interested in participating in this program, take a Christmas ball tag from the tree in the Narthex and log it on the sheet on the table. Return your unwrapped gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 14th. Please provide wrapping paper so parents can wrap the gifts. If you do not like to shop, we would be happy to take monetary donations and do the shopping for you! Contact Amanda Wood at 443-928-2859 or amanda.regina.wood@gmail.com with any questions.

Our "Caring Friends" ministry is in need of more volunteers to visit with our homebound members. If you enjoy visiting and talking with fellow siblings in Christ, please prayerfully consider if this opportunity is calling out to you! You will receive training to deliver communion from our worship service to our members who cannot make it to church on Sundays. Please be in touch with Pastor Amy for more information.



Save the Date for St. John's 7th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast on Friday, February 6th from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. More info. coming soon.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week—Sunday, December 7th— Second Sunday of Advent

† 9 am—Advent Celebration

† 9 am— Handbell Choir

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

† 11:30 am—Exec. Meeting

† 11:30 am —Youth Group

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Andi Fuhrman's birthday by her family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2026. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Dates available are January 11th and 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, April 12th and 19th, May 3rd and 31st, and June 28th, July 5th, 12th, and 19th.

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.



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 Youth Group meets 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.



The Food for Thought Program is providing 60 food bags for 30 students in need at Carney Elementary. **At this time we are in need of: Chef Boyardee single serving meals, poptarts and fruit snacks.** Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.



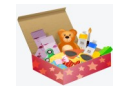
Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Smith Building. Our study is on Philipians. All are welcome!



Job Opportunity-Child Care...We're looking for a new nursery attendant! Sundays 8:30 am-11:30 am. Pay is \$15/hr. Background check provided. Contact the church office for more information.



Donations are due today for the Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program. Please put your donations in the bins on the second or third floor or drop them off at the office.



NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace.
Hear 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 *The Light Will Come* Adult Choir
(Words: Joseph M. Martin; Music: David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin; © 2003 Malcolm Music and GlorySound)

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. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville

(Please stand as you are able.)



OFFERING HYMN*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247



O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



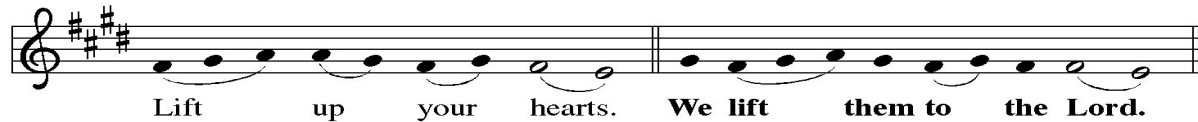
u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Text: Geonyong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope
 Music: OSOSŌ, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God,
 you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
 Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
 that we may rejoice and be for the world
 signs of your kingdom come.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING**DIALOGUE****Commemorations**

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)

Andrew, Apostle**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749**Thursday, December 4, 2025**

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, The Fount of Wisdom, remained influential for centuries.

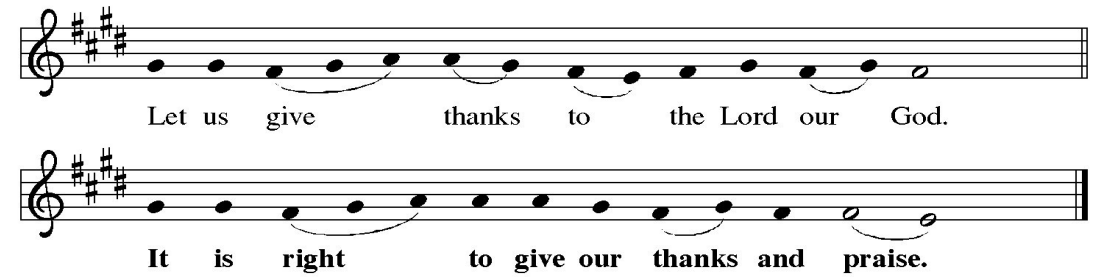
Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, died around 342**Saturday, December 6, 2025**

Little is known about Nicholas, except that he was a bishop in present-day Turkey. According to legend, he was famous for his giving to the poor, and so has become a symbol of anonymous gift-giving.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host,
 at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
 Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
 welcome the stranger,
 and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.
Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who comes among us,
 Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
 grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,
 and good news to share today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

(Text and music: Andrae Crouch, 1945-2015; Text and music © 1976 Bud John Songs, Inc./Crouch Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing; CCLI Song #11249)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Paul Manz

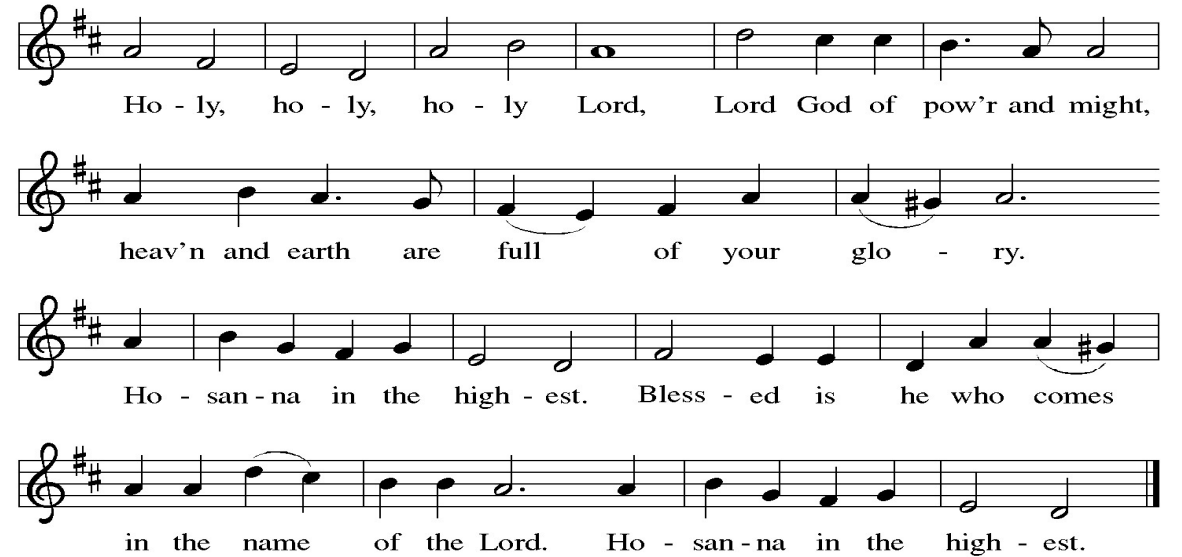
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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Robin Dibley
Crucifer	James W.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W., Maddie W.
Lector	Amanda Wood
Communion Assistant	Amanda Wood
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
 through whom you will also make all things new
 in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
 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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

We praise you, O God.

our hope, our joy, our peace.

Today, tomorrow, 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

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

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 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The King Shall Come

ELW 260

(Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925; Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003; Arr. © 1989 Concordia Publishing House)

My Lord, What a Morning

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(Text and music: African American spiritual)

(The assembly remains seated.)