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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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All Saints Sunday

November 2, 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

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

(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 *Psalm 121- God Who Looks After You* *Yoon-Mee Chong, violinist*
(Music: Seong-Sil Jung; arr. Yong-Jin Noh; © 1997 Seong-Sil Jung)

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
 yet we stray from your paths.**
**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
 and do not embrace the freedom
 of your faithful promises.**
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
**We reject your abundance,
 trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**
**Repair our relationships,
 restore what we have broken,
 renew our hearts,
 and bring us to new life.**
Amen.

This week's schedule	
Today	9:00 am Handbell Choir 9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship 10:00 am Live & Online Worship 11:30 am Youth Group (Youth Room)
Mon.	7:00 pm Pastor Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Wed.	7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	
Sat.	9:00 am—2:00 pm Christmas Bazaar

Counting our Blessings			
Sun.	Attendance: 131	2025	
10/26	Offering: \$4,671	September Offering Income	\$ 21,087
	Homebound: 17	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



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Joan Swank, Gerry Steg, Barbara Conrad, Lou Carletti, Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Pat Denk, Joan Kraft, Shirley Kreh, 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: Stephen Denk

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

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
✝ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW 427

(Text: Richard Mant, 1776-1848, alt.; Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893)

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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:10-18

Isaiah announces God's displeasure with the offerings and sacrifices of a people who are without compassion. He urges them instead to do justice and defend the oppressed. Indeed, if they repent, God promises that they will be made as clean as new-fallen snow.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!
Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
 who asked this from your hand?
 Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
 incense is an abomination to me.
 New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
 I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
 my soul hates;
 they have become a burden to me;
 I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
 I will hide my eyes from you;
 even though you make many prayers,
 I will not listen;
 your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
 remove your evil deeds
 from before my eyes;
 cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
 seek justice;
 rescue the oppressed;
 defend the orphan;
 plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
 says the LORD:
 If your sins are like scarlet,
 will they become like snow?
 If they are red like crimson,
 will they become like wool?

Word of God, word of life.

PSALM

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
 and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
 and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
 because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
 my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-7

Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, November 12th 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, November 12th 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!

St. John's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this Saturday, November 8th from 9 am –2 pm. Join us for this fun event with all of your favorites: food, crafters, jewelry, baked goods, homemade jellies and candies, quilt raffle, white elephant sale and more. We need many volunteers. There is a sign up board outside of the Sanctuary.



Tickets are on sale for our Quilt Raffle. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, or 13 for \$10. The drawing will take place during the Christmas Bazaar on November 8th. Winner does not need to be present. See the Busy Bees for tickets.

Baked goods are needed for the Christmas Bazaar. Please identify your baked goods and label if they contain milk or nuts. Bring your donations to the church office on Friday, November 7th or to the baked goods table on the morning of the bazaar. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Carletti or Gina McCall.



Save the Date for the Fall Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 23rd after the 10 am worship service. We need your vote!



Join us for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 26th at 7 pm. This service will be hosted by Hiss UMC. We hope to see you there!



Social Ministry is gearing up for the Shoeboxes for C.A.N. Program. The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats & gloves, books, coloring books and toys that will fit in a shoebox (ex. Legos, small stuffed toys, cars) for ages 2-14. Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due by Sunday, November 30th.**

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.



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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week—Sunday, November 9th— Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 9 am—Handbell Choir


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


† 11:30 am—Exec. Meeting
Visit stjohnsparkville.org




The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of David and Jenna Nash's first anniversary from their 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 4th, 11th and 25th, February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, May 3rd and 31st, and June 14th and 28th.


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. 

 **What is Lutheran Christianity?** Wow, what a big question! You're invited to Faith and Fellowship as we dig into this together. We meet on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00–9:45am to learn, ask questions, and share conversation about what it means to be Lutheran and how our faith shapes daily life. All are welcome—come with your curiosity!

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: tuna & chicken salad kits, Chef Boyardee single serving meals and applesauce pouches.** 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 Philippians. All are welcome! 

 **We are collecting gravy (cans, jars and/or packets of gravy mix) to help our local food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church with their holiday food distribution.** Please return your donation by Sunday, November 16th. There is a box for your donations on the 3rd floor counter, outside of the Sanctuary.

- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

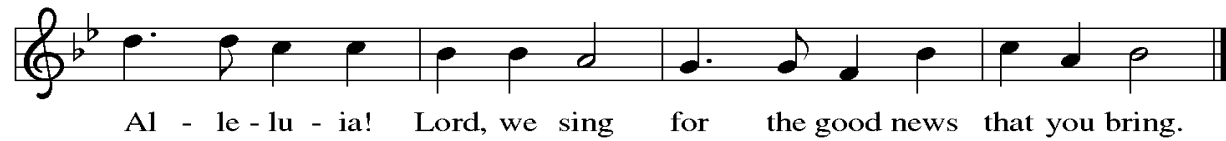
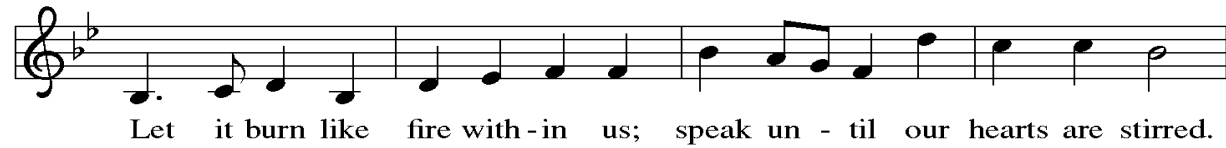
¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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)

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Monday, November 3, 2025

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;

Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Friday, November 7, 2025

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Death Be Never Last



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
 2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
 3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
 loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
 thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
 grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
 af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain



Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
 Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever
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²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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 Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722

(Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007; Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833; Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.)

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Alma Arnold	Cathy Gansert	David Pinto
Richard Arnold	Bernard Graham, Jr.	David Rogers, Sr.
Gary Barth	Andrew “Andy” Hills	Gary Roth, Sr.
Ralph Clark, III	Deborah Horton	Norma Jean Stewart
Richard Coyle	Dexter Horton	Rev. William Swisher, Jr.
David Czarski	May Huff	Hank Truslow
Stephen Denk	Patricia Hurley	David Weaver
John Dorsey, III	Norman “Butch” Kahl	Maeve Webster
Jerry Elgert	Charlotte Leach	Francis Wilt
Michael Elligson	Terry Neifeld	Gary Woods
Gary Fuhrman	Patrick O’Connell, Jr.	

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 Welcome Table* *Adult Choir*
(Words and music: Traditional Spiritual; Arr. Joel Raney; Arr. © 2019 Hope Publishing Company)

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.)

SENDING

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
 God the Son save you,
 and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you +
 and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
 now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW 422 (vv. 1-3)

(Text: William W. How, 1823-1897; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958; Music © Oxford University Press)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional on “Sine Nomine”

Gregg Sewell

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Paige M., Jack W.
Lector	JoAnn Weiland
Communion Assistant	JoAnn Weiland
Dismissal Assistant	Jack 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 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Death Be Never Last (see page 14)

ACS 1030

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

(Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945; Music: Geistliche Kirchensange, Koln, 1623; Text © Oxford University Press)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423 (verse 1)



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

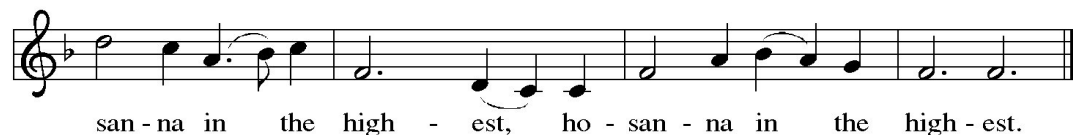
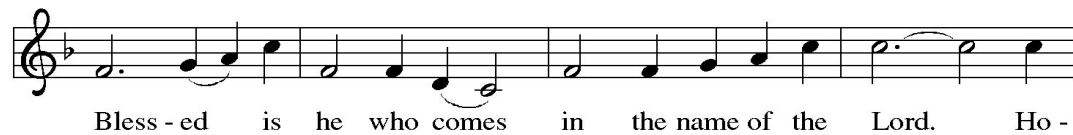
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you O God,
for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good.
Blessed are you,
for in Christ you entered into creation,
into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality.
You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death.
Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead,
in him promising new life to us all.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Again, after supper, he took the cup...

With this bread and cup
we remember Christ's steadfast love and faithfulness,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Come, Lord, Jesus, in this meal,
and make us alive again.
By your Spirit,
bind us to that holy communion of saints in every time and place,
and make us your body in the world,
bringing light and healing to all.
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.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.