

# Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025



**St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville**

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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 today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

*(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

*How Great Thou Art*

*Handbell Choir*

*(Arr. Sharon Elery Rogers; © 2001 Augsburg Fortress)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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**\*\*\*The Pastors are off on Fridays\*\*\***



### Notice of live streaming:

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



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This week's schedule	
Today	9:00 am Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 5:30 pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall) 6:45 pm Wednesday Night Worship (Smith Building)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* **ELW 393**

*Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesunge, Koln, 1623; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)*

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### WORD

**FIRST READING** **Acts 1:1-11**

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

Luke writes: <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for

Counting our Blessings			
Sun. 5/25	Attendance: 107 Offering: \$ 2,787 Homebound: 14	<b>2025</b>	
		February Offering Income	\$ 27,891
		February Other Income	\$ 4,348
		February Total Income	\$ 32,239
		February Expenses	\$ 31,597
		YTD Offering Income	\$ 69,560
		YTD Other Income	\$ 12,449
		YTD Total Income	\$ 82,009
		YTD Expenses	\$ 77,092

the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

**Psalm 47**

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the LORD Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

**SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> 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, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Joan Kraft, Betty Ehm, Shirley Kreh, Mary Gude, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, John McLaughlin, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Mildred Schaffer, Bill Fliegel, Ruth Albrecht, Marion McDonough, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Carol Kempske, Marilyn Baldwin, Bob White, Wendy Kraft, Michael Elligson, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, Rev. William Swisher, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Hank Truslow, Scott Hendricks, Ed, Chuck Taylor, Jane Esterby, Patsy Smith, Marianne Widderich, Peggy Lee Vanhouten, Hanna Greenberg, Charlotte Leach, Henry Davis, Bill Beck, Lynn Federline, Danielle Wilkinson, Dr. Vincent Wroblewski

**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:** David Rogers, Sr.

**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, 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.

**Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place this Wednesday, June 4<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/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors! **There will be no Wednesday Night Worship in July and August. We will resume in September.**



**Join us for St. John's night at the Ironbirds game on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm.** Tickets are \$13. There will be fireworks following the game. See David Evans or email him at ravenfan79@yahoo.com for tickets. **The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration is open for our 2025 Vacation Bible School.** VBS will take place July 14<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am– 12:30 pm. Forms are located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor bulletin board, in the newsletter, on our facebook page, and in the weekly email. We are in need of volunteers. If you can help, please contact Debbie Haacke at haackefamily@comcast.net or call her at 410-661-8970.



**Registration is open for our 2025 Music Camps.** Primary Music Campette is July 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am —12:00 pm for students who have completed K through grade 2. Summer Musical Camp is August 11<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am —2:00 pm for students who have completed grades 3 through 8. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and on our website.

**We are in need of a few more people who would be willing to serve as kitchen managers for our monthly community meals and other events.** This involves a free, one-day training in-person or online to receive a food license from the county. If interested, please be in touch with Robin Dibley!



what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.<sup>20</sup> 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,<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church,<sup>23</sup> 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**

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**

**Luke 24:44-53**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

*One Bread, One Body*

*ELW 496*

*(Text and music: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939; Text and music © 1978 John B. Foley, SJ, and OCP Publications)*

## 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.**

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Next Week— Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation Sunday

† 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship

† 10 am—Worship in-person

**and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel**

† 11:30 am—Executive Meeting

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**The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service** today are given in honor of Karen Ford's birthday by Len Ford and her family.

**We are taking altar flower dedications for 2025.** 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. Dates available are June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<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.



**St. John's Youth Group** is taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.

**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. **Please Note—there will be no Faith & Fellowship in July.**



**Join us for our Friday morning Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Smith Building.** We are studying the Gospel of John. All are welcome! **The last Bible Study will be Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will resume after Labor Day.**

**The Food for Thought Program** will stop collections for the summer since the school year is coming to an end. We will begin our collections in August to get ready for the 2025-2026 school year. Monetary donations are always welcome.



**Join us for our next Community Meal this Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm.** Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need donations and volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. **There will be no Community Meals in July and August. We will resume in September.**

## 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)*

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### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

**Sunday, June 1, 2025**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

### **Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754**

**Thursday, June 5, 2025**

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

### **Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

**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.**

**PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(We offer each other a sign of God's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*A Future and a Hope*

*Adult Choir*

*(Words and music: Cindy Berry; © 2008 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](http://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.)*





Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## You Are Holy Du är helig



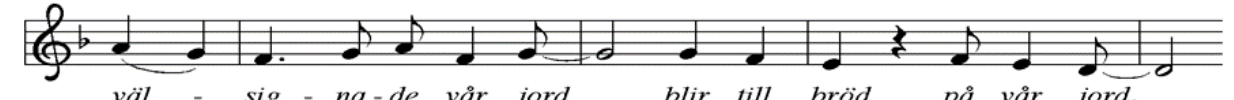
<sup>1\*</sup>  
Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck - et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



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



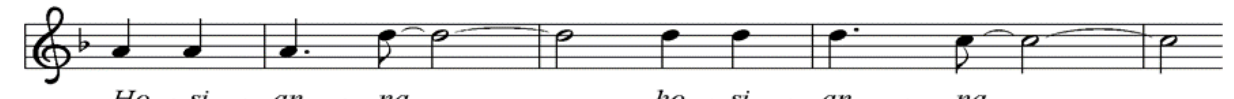
väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



<sup>2</sup>  
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!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

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**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**

*The Risen Christ*

*ELW 390*

*(Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952; Music: Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949; Text © 1993 Nigel Weaver; Music © Oxford University Press)*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune on “Salve festa dies”*

*Douglas E. Wagner*

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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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*You Are Holy (See page 13)*

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Vickie Jasinski
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Devon W., Jay C.
Lector	Bonnie S.
Communion Assistant	Bonnie S.
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

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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.)*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## 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.*

## Be known to us, Lord

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## COMMUNION HYMNS

### *O Christ, Our Hope*

ELW 604

*(Text: Latin hymn, c. 8 th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.; Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561)*

### *Blessing and Honor*

ELW 854

*(Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.; Music: Matthias Keller, 1813-1875)*

*(The assembly remains seated.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS