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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026



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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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

*(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

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Dale Wood*

*(© 1986 The Sacred Music Press)*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## GATHERING

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.  
**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,

## 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 Executive Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	
Tues.	7:00 pm Men-in-Mission (Youth Room) 7:00 pm Trinity Circle (Smith Building)
Wed.	9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	

## Counting our Blessings

		2025	
Sun.	Attendance: 121	December Offering Income	\$ 42,204
2/1	Offering: \$10,846	December Other Income	\$ 3,025
	Homebound: 15	December Total Income	\$ 45,229
		December Expenses	\$ 29,421
		YTD Offering Income	\$322,459
		YTD Other Income	\$ 44,344
		YTD Total Income	\$366,803
		YTD Expenses	\$411,841
		YTD Tax Credit	*\$ 92,089



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Vernon Reid, Judy Jasinski, Ruth Albrecht, Sheila Bender, Ethan Alford, Barbara Conrad, Lou Carletti, Landon Ullmann, John McLaughlin, Barbara Mueller, Tony Jasinski, Danyiel Cleckley, Pat Denk, Olusegun Fowode, Marge Jasper, Julie Hastings, Kim Townsley, Bill Fliegel, Diane Carroll, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Tommy Martin, Joe Brown, Karen Alban, Janet Barney, Tony & Barb Distefano, Jane Esterby, Leroy Harrison, Cierra Harrison, Owen Hastings, Peggy Van Houten, Lou Ermer, Roxann Kelly, Joong In Rhee and Phyllis Gray

**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:** Bob Murphy, Catherine Whitehead, Marion McDonough, Joan Kraft, Janet Roth, Charles Bender, and Richard Brooks

**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, Doris Rye, Mildred Schaffer, 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.

and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

*ELW 665*

*(Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.; Music: Dale Wood, 1934-2003; Text and music © 1974 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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## WORD

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments;  
they want God on their side.

<sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast, but you do not see?"

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight  
 and to strike with a wicked fist.  
 Such fasting as you do today  
 will not make your voice heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose,  
 a day to humble oneself?  
 Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush  
 and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
 Will you call this a fast,  
 a day acceptable to the LORD?  
<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
 to loose the bonds of injustice,  
 to undo the straps of the yoke,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 and to break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry  
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
 when you see the naked, to cover them  
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
 your vindicator shall go before you;  
 the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
<sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."  
<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
 the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
 and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
 then your light shall rise in the darkness  
 and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
 and satisfy your needs in parched places  
 and make your bones strong,  
 and you shall be like a watered garden,  
 like a spring of water  
 whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
 the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



**50/50 Raffle to support St. John's Preschool.** Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Tickets are available in the church office. Ticket stubs must be returned by February 25<sup>th</sup> and the drawing will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Cash or check will be accepted. Winner will be contacted by phone. Thanks for your support.

**Easter Plants are available for purchase.** The cost is \$12 for daffodils, tulips and hyacinths and \$16 for lilies. Flyers may be found on the bulletin board and in the weekly email. **Orders are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Join us for our next Community Meal (Soup and Salad ) on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm.** Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.

**Our next Wednesday Night Worship (Holden Prayer Service) will take place on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the Community Meal at 7:00 pm.** We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!



**Save the Date for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.** More information is coming soon.

**Save the Date for our 2026 Vacation Bible School.** VBS will take place July 13<sup>th</sup> — 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am– 12:30 pm. More information will be provided in early Spring.



**The 2026 Offering Envelopes are here.** They are on the third floor, on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Feel free to deliver envelopes to those who are not able to pick them up.

**Annual Report...** We are planning to have the Annual Report out by the middle of February. We will email it to those in our email group and put hard copies on the counter outside of the Sanctuary.



Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Maddie W., Jack W.
Lector	Tom Walter
Communion Assistant	Tom Walter
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

### Next Week—Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>— Transfiguration of Our Lord

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 9 am— Handbell Choir


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

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the Glory of God.


We are taking altar flower dedications for 2026. 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 February 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.


Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten. 

 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. See you there! 

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

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 and Tuna and/or Chicken Salad kits. Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome. 

 Join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There are forms in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary. Fill out a form and drop it in the box.

Readers Needed for the Holden Evening Prayer service. If you would like to be a reader, contact Martha Requard at [mrequard1@gmail.com](mailto:mrequard1@gmail.com) 

## PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!
- <sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- <sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.
- <sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- <sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- <sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

<sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within?

So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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

**Matthew 5:13-20**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## St. John's Lent & Holy Week Schedule

### **Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Service of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes  
Services at 12 noon and 7 pm

### **Wednesday Worship during Lent**

**\*\*February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> \*\***

6 pm - Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)  
7 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service

*(Please note: Adult Choir practice will begin after the prayer service.)*

### **Sunday Worship during Lent**

**\*\*February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> \*\***

10 am Live & Online Worship

### **Palm/Passion Sunday Worship, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

10 am Live & Online Worship  
Service of Holy Communion with Passion Reading according to Luke

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

### **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

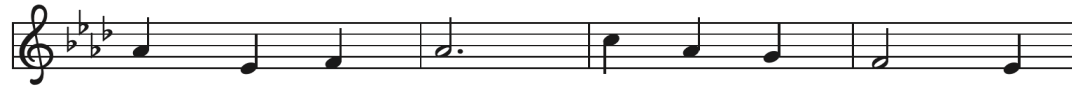
12 noon Procession & Ecumenical Stations of the Cross  
*(Please note: The Ecumenical Procession begins at St. Ursula Catholic Church.)*  
7 pm Good Friday Service with Choir Cantata

### **Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

10 am Service of Holy Communion  
Live & Online Worship



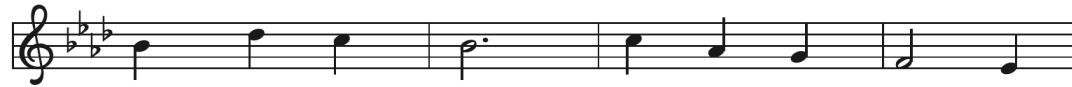
## God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987  
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*(The assembly is seated.)*

## SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*This Little Light of Mine*

*ELW 677*

*(Text and music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-2009; Arr. © Horace Clarence Boyer)*

## 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

*Shine the Light of Christ*

*Adult Choir*

*(Words and music: Larry Shackley; © 2019 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

*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.)*



**OFFERING HYMN**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

*ELW 302 (v. 4)*

*Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.*

*(Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.; Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**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)*

**Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs  
Saturday, February 14, 2026**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

Bulletin cover: Let Your Light Shine Hochhalter, Cara B

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**COMMUNION HYMNS***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**ELW 712**(Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984; Music: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985; Text © Oxford University Press; Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress)**Word of God, Come Down on Earth**ELW 510**(Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919; Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673; Text © James Quinn, SJ, admin, Selah Publishing Co., Inc.)**(The assembly remains seated.)***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,  
 we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
 In the sacrament of his body and blood  
 you have drawn us to your heart.  
 Send us from this table with delight,  
 that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
 and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****SENDING****BLESSING**

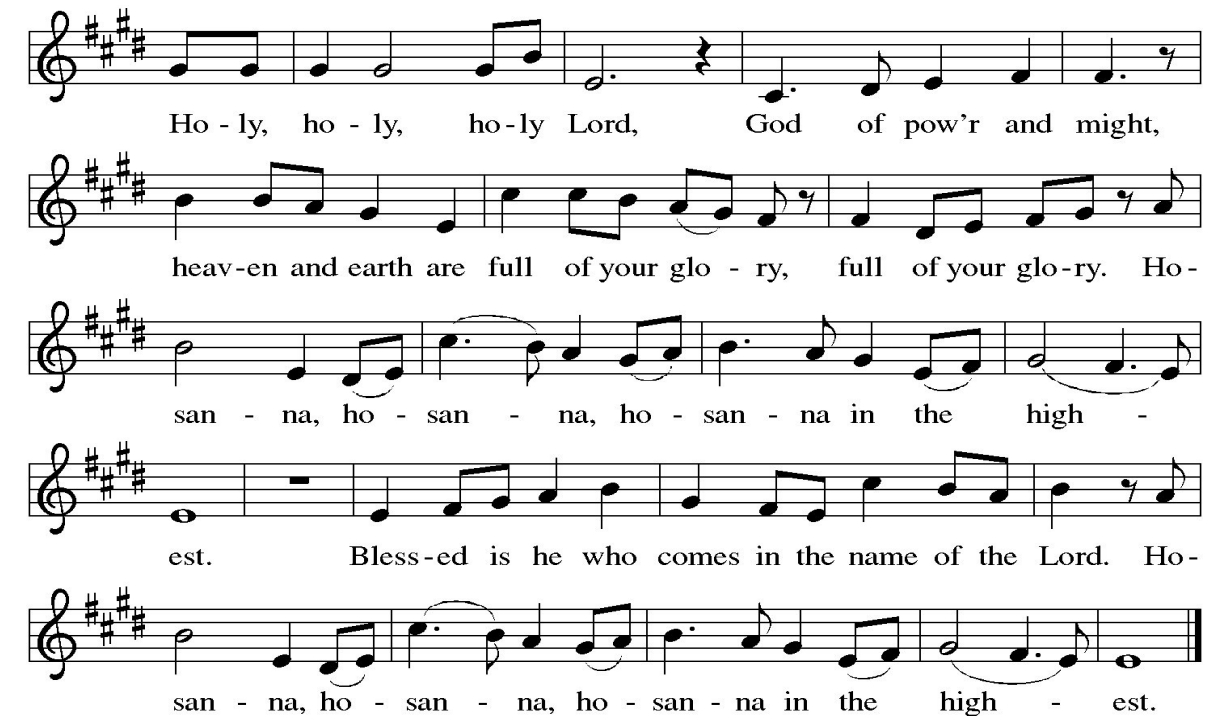
May the triune God,  
 who has put a new song in your mouth  
 and tuned your heart for praise  
 ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***God's Work, Our Hands (page 14)**ACS 1000***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE***Come, Christians, Join to Sing**Mary McDonald**(© 2015 Lorenz Publishing Co.)***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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
 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**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,  
 you alone are holy,  
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars;  
 beneath the sea;

within each cell;  
with every breath.  
We praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.  
We bless you, O God.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.  
We thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

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.

**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

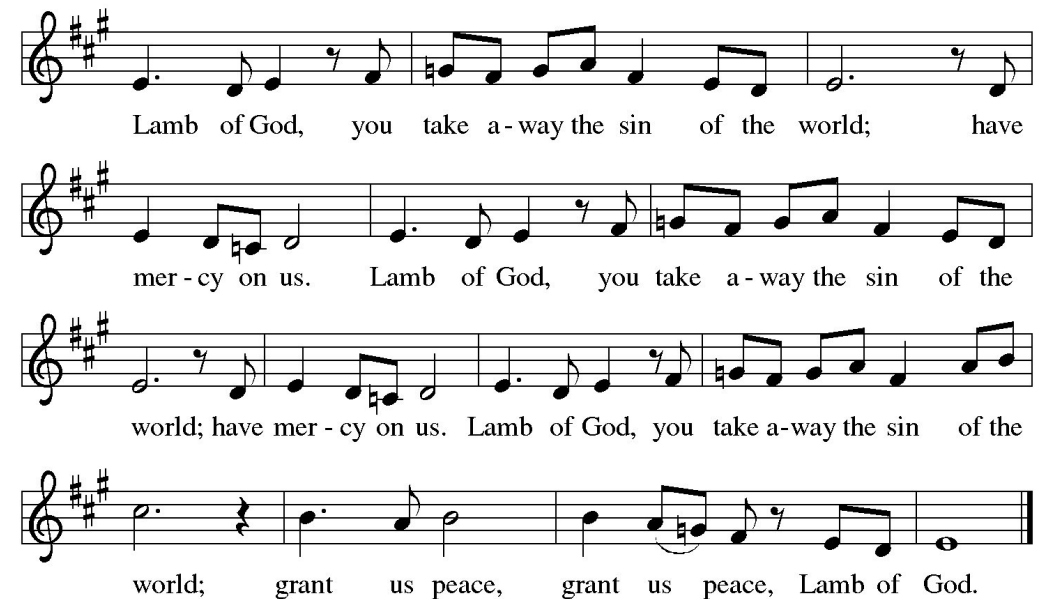
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## 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, Lamb of God.