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 St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville  stjohnsparkville

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God’s beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

(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 *Banner of the Cross* *Yoon-Mee Chong, violinist*
(Music: James McGranahan; Arr.: Tracey Ann Collins; © 1998 Principle Music Publications)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God knows our hearts,
 the guilt we carry, the heartache that keeps us awake, the burdens we bear.
 God knows that
 “happy are they who are forgiven,”
 and so we confess in confidence of God’s forgiveness.

(A brief silence)

Good and gracious God,
**We have sinned
 and fallen short of the good you desire for us
 and for all creation.
 We have seen the earth as resources to extract
 and forgotten to marvel at its beauty.
 We have doubted your ability to provide
 and hoarded more than we need.
 We have ignored the needs of the vulnerable,
 and when you called us to follow you to greater wonders,
 we remained where we were and clung to control.
 Forgive our sin and our selfishness.
 Draw us out of ourselves,
 more deeply into your love,
 and more fully into a world in need.**

God knows our sin before we do
 and meets every confession with abundant grace.
 In Christ we are alive and completely forgiven ✝

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	Altar Guild Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	6:00 pm	Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
		<i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Thurs.		
Fri.	11:00 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings			
Wed. 3/4	Attendance: 60 Offering: \$292	2025	
		December Offering Income	\$ 42,204
		December Other Income	\$ 3,025
Sun. 3/8	Attendance: 118 Offering: \$9,430 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: Gerry Steg, Jim Morrow, Bill Arnold, Sue Wenneson, 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: Bill Beck, Henry Davis, Anita, Peggy Denk, Marianne Widderich, Patricia Dunn, Jerre Keller, Ian Miles, Robin Bailey, Jennifer Ward, Elaine Perzan, 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, and Joong In Rhee

For the military and their families: Ryan 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: Marion McDonough, Charles Bender and Janet Roth

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.

God's goodness has the final word.
May this gift renew our faith
and lighten our load
so that we are prepared to care for the world God so loves.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* ELW 722 (vv. 1-2)

(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.)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Discerner of hearts,
you look beneath our outward appearance
and see your image in each of us.
Banish in us the blindness
that prevents us from recognizing truth,
so we may see the world through your eyes
and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

St. John's Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday Worship during Lent

**March 18th and 25th **

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

**March 15th and 22nd **

10 am Live & Online Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship, March 29th

10 am Live & Online Worship

Service of Holy Communion with Passion Reading according to Matthew

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd

6 pm Community Meal

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3rd

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 5th

10 am Service of Holy Communion
Live & Online Worship



The Franciscan Center of Baltimore has invited us to participate in their "Children's Sunday Best Clothing Drive." Each year, they strive to provide individuals and families in need with dignified, high-quality attire so they can celebrate Easter with confidence, warmth, and joy. They are in need of **NEW** children's clothing: Easter dresses, polo shirts, slacks, ties, and nice hats. Sizes needed are 2T-6T, 4-6x, and 7-16. Please **NO** shoes! Donations can be brought to church and dropped off in the bin in the 3rd floor hallway or to the church office by Wednesday, March 18th. Thank you for your generous support!



³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



Come out and support St. John's Preschool at their Lib's Grill (Honeygo Shopping Center) fundraiser on Tuesday, March 24th from 4-10 pm.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 10 am-11:30 am. Egg hunt starts at 10:45 am. This event is for ages 2-5th grade with crafts, games and storytime. Bring your own basket or bag. Event is rain or shine. We are in need of volunteers for this event. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. We are also in need of donations. If you would like to help, there is a board outside of the Sanctuary with post it notes with what is needed. Thanks for your support!



SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Join us for our next Community Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd (change in day) beginning at 6:00 pm. Stay for our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! Look for the sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board.



Save the Date for our Annual Bingo on Saturday, May 2nd. Doors open at 5 pm and Bingo starts at 7 pm. More information coming soon!



Save the Date for S'mores and More Family Campfire on Friday, May 8th at 6 pm. Join us for a fun night of yard games, s'mores, songs, prayer and fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors. Rain date is Saturday, May 9th.

St. John's Family, Friends, and Neighbors Property Committee Serve Day! This event will take place on Saturday, May 16th from 9 am-12 pm with lunch to follow, so mark your calendars. It will include several projects inside and outside of our church property. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board or contact the church office, if you would like to help.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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



Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to

Next Week—Sunday, March 22nd— Fifth Sunday in Lent

† 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 if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Dates available are May 3rd and 24th, June 28th, July 19th, August 9th, September 6th, 20th and 27th, October 4th, 11th and 18th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, December 6th and 27th.

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. 



Sunday School takes place on Sunday mornings from 9 am-9:45 am. Children ages 3 through 5th grade meet on the third floor. Middle and High School students meet in the Youth Room on the second floor.

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!

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, pudding cups and pop tarts.** Don’t feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

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)

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461 Tuesday, March 17, 2026

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age sixteen and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus Thursday, March 19, 2026

Though the Bible tells us little about the husband of Jesus' mother Mary, we know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. He is also shown as being devoted both to God and to Mary and Jesus. It is assumed that he died before Jesus became an adult.

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556 Saturday, March 21, 2026

Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which remains (in revised form) the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Vickie Jasinski
Crucifer	Paige M.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B.
Lector	Charles Ermer
Communion Assistant	Charles Ermer
Dismissal Assistant	Maddie W.

sinner, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

(Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5; Music: W. Walker, Southeran Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt.)

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 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 Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Shepherd Is the Lord

Adult Choir

(Words: based on Psalm 23; Music: Pepper Choplin; Words and music © 1995 GlorySound)

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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

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614

(Text and music: African American spiritual)

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✚ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

(Text: Irish, 8th cent.; verse Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; Music: Irish traditional)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Deo Gracias"

Edward Broughton

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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.

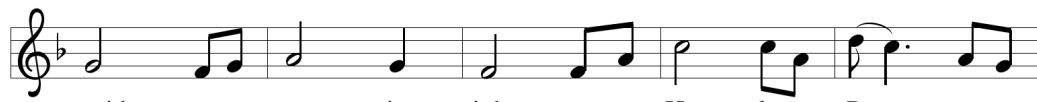
COMMUNION HYMNS

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

ACS 1014



1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our



with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you



breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

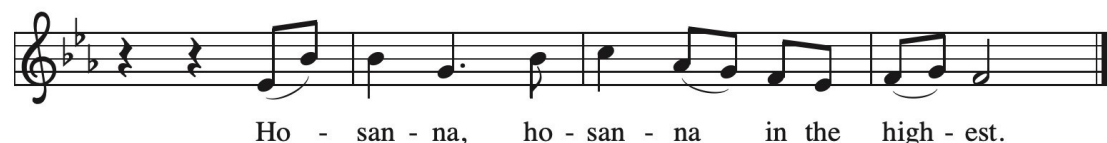
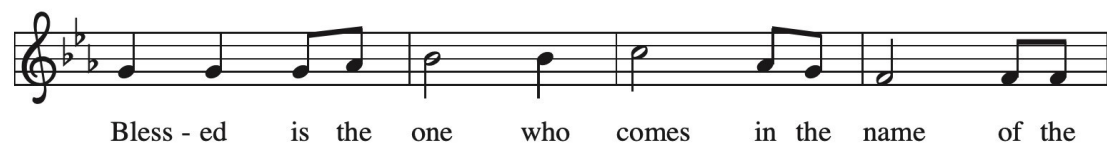
DIALOGUE

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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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

Blessed are you, God of the universe.
You made everything that is, and you sustain every living thing.

You taught us to tend and care for your earth.
When we turned away from our task of sharing,
you made for yourself a people, rescued them from slavery,
nourished them with manna in the wilderness,
and taught them to rely daily on your mercy.

You entered human life in Jesus,
who ate with sinners,

who fed the thousands with a few loaves,
and who called us back to the way of sharing our bread and your mercy.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this meal we remember Jesus giving himself to us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we share this bread and cup, O God, fill us up.
Pour your Spirit on us so that we may be the body of Christ,
food for your hungry world and signs of your love.
With the earth and all its creatures,
with all who have gone before us,
we give you praise, feeding God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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.*