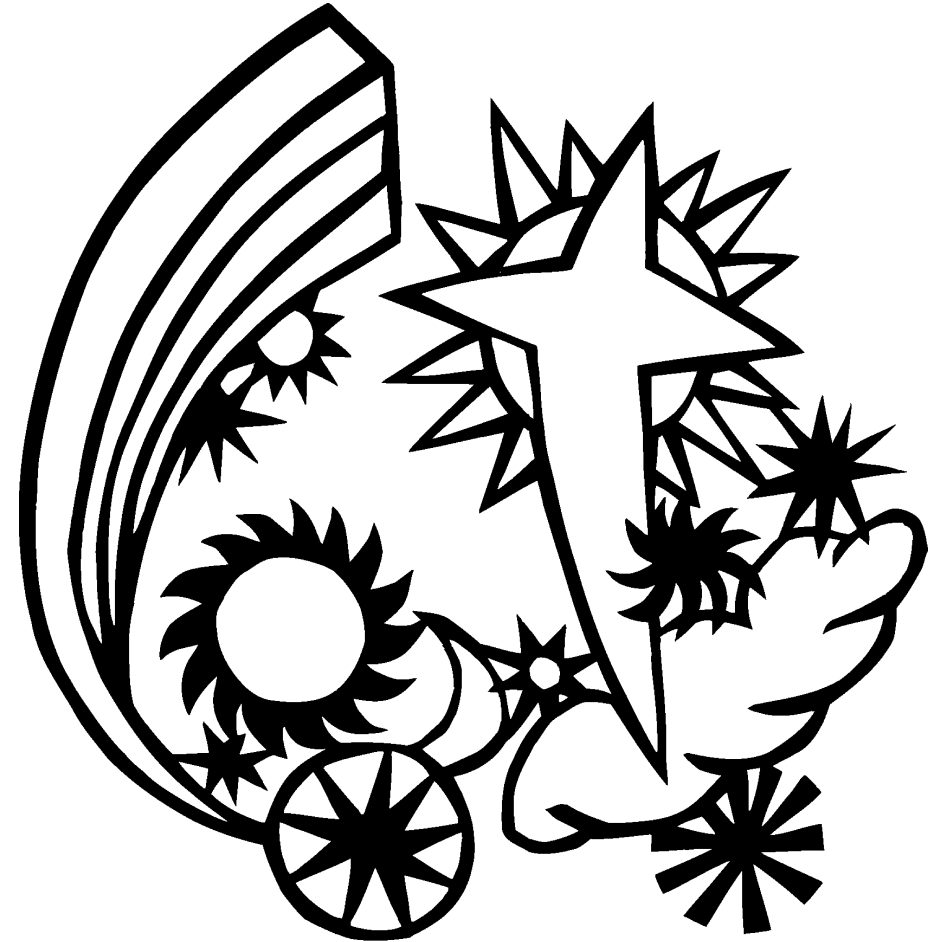


Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

(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

Now Thank We All Our God

Handbell Choir

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(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.**

STAFF

Rev. Mathew Berger, Pastor	Rev. Amy Berger, Pastor
Martha Requard, Director of Music	Carol Erpenstein, Office Administrator

Scott Becker, Sexton


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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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Advent and Christmas 2025

Advent Services

November 30th 1st Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

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

December 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Advent Celebration in the Fellowship Hall

for all ages – 9:00 am – 9:45 am (songs, trivia, prayers & food)

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am

December 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am with a Cantata from St. John's Choir

December 21st **The Longest Night Service**

Worship at 6:30 pm - A service of remembering our losses, acknowledging the pain and celebrating the hope and light of Jesus

Celebration of the Birth of Christ – December 24th

10:00 am Christmas Eve Worship*

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

8:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship*

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

December 28th 1st Sunday after Christmas

Worship at 10:00 am Service of Lessons & Carols

*Services include Holy Communion

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

Have a Blessed Christmas!

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

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

(Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of hymns*, 1787, alt.; Music: Early American)

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days



or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Isaiah 12:2-6

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³ **With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵ **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This text is sometimes misunderstood as individual "protestant work-ethic"; it might be better understood as interdependent community. Even though they expect Christ to return soon, Paul firmly tells the Thessalonians that each of them should work for the good of the whole community.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that



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, 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: Shirley Kreh

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

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: cereal boxes, clean empty glass jars (spaghetti sauce size), and large coffee cans with lids.

they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a melody with lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word." The second staff has a melody with lyrics "Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred." The third staff has a melody with lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring." The music is simple and suitable for a church service.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take

place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

(The assembly is seated.)

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597

(Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.; Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876)

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.)

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 today. There is a box for your donations on the 3rd floor counter, outside of the Sanctuary.



Save the Date for the Fall Congregational Meeting next Sunday, November 23rd after the 10 am worship service. Agenda items are elections, budget, Cemetery Bylaws and discussion on current events. We need your vote!

Join us for a Ravens Watch Party on Sunday, November 23rd at 1 pm in the Smith Building. A sign up sheet is located on the third floor bulletin board.



We are taking Poinsettia orders now through Sunday, November 23rd. Order your plants in memory or in honor of your loved ones. The plants will be displayed on the altar for Christmas and will be available for pick up after the last Christmas Eve service or the week of December 29th. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

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 collecting donations 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.**

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



Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and/or guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

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



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

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week—Sunday, November 23rd— Christ the King Sunday

† 9 am—Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship

† 9 am—Handbell Choir

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

† 11:30 am—Congregational Meeting


† 1:00 pm—Ravens Watch Party


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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Ryan's 24th birthday by Robin Dibley.

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


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

 **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: 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! 

 **St. John's Preschool is holding a Texas Roadhouse Gift Card fundraiser.** The sale runs from 11/3-11/24 and 10% of all sales will go back to the Preschool. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

There Is Joy in My Heart!

Adult Choir

Words: Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music: Don Besig; © 2006 GlorySound)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

For the Wholeness of the Earth

ACS 1067



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

Text: Bret Hesla, b. 1957

Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla

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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;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 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:

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)
	11:30 am	Exec. Meeting (Music Room)
Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building) <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Tues.		
Wed.	9:30 am	Busy Bees (Smith Building)
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsals (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.	11:00 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	9:00 am	Men in Mission Breakfast (Double T Diner, Perry Hall)

Counting our Blessings			
Sun. 11/9	Attendance: 143	2025	
	Offering: \$4,030	September Offering Income	\$ 21,087
	Homebound: 16	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

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)

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

Monday, November 17, 2025

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Linda Wiley
Crucifer	Devon W.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E., Paige M.
Lector	Charles Ermer
Communion Assistant	Charles Ermer
Dismissal Assistant	Madilyn A.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

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.

**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

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

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

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

(Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat; Music: Irish traditional; Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.)

When Peace like a River

ELW 785

(Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888; Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876)

(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

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

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

ELW 632

(Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Music: William Croft, 1678-1727)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Foundation

Bonnie Barrett

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