

The Holy Trinity

June 15, 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

“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.

(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
(Arr. Tracey Ann Collins; © 1998 Principle Music Publications)

Yoon-Mee Chong, violinist

(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Merciful God,
**you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of ✝ Christ,

STAFF

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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
	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)
Thurs.		
Fri.	7:05 pm	Ironbirds Game <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>
Sat.	9:00 am	Property Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Scrapbooking (Smith Building)

Counting our Blessings			
Sun. 6/8	Attendance: 125 Offering: \$5,287 Homebound: 14	2025	
		April Offering Income	\$ 31,766
		April Other Income	\$ 3,678
		April Total Income	\$ 35,444
		April Expenses	\$ 49,145
		YTD Offering Income	\$132,727
		YTD Other Income	\$ 20,814
		YTD Total Income	\$153,541
		YTD Expenses	\$151,774

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* **ELW 413**
(Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.; Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876)

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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

- ¹ Does not wisdom call
and understanding raise her voice?
 - ² On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
 - ³ beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
 - ⁴ "To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all who live.
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- ²² "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
 - ²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker,
and I was daily his delight,
playing before him always,
³¹ playing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹ O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Karli Cappucci—graduated from The Catholic High School / attending York College / majoring in Early Elementary Education

Brooke deWitt—graduated from Mercy High School / attending Elon University in NC / majoring in Political Science / accelerated 3+2.5 Law Dual-Degree program

Hayden Evans—graduated from Roanoke College Salem, VA / major in Engineering, minor in Physics

El Fuhrman— graduated from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania / Bachelor of Science in Biology with a Concentration in Conservation and Wildlife

Joshua Hills—graduated from Susquehanna University / Bachelors of Arts in Communications

James Johnson—graduated from Concordia Preparatory School / attending Harford Community College / majoring in Criminal Justice

Luke Murnane— graduated from University of Maryland College Park / degree in Plant Science, Turf and Golf Course Management / four year degree completed in three years

Emily Rash—graduated from Perry Hall High School / attending The Aveda Institute of Maryland to study Cosmetology

Best wishes for a successful future!



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: George Lotterer, Jenny Cavallero, Barb Distefano, Carol Kempke, Marilyn Baldwin, Bob White, Wendy Kraft, Michael Elligson, Fred Smith, Anna Meyer, 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 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.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

As a Mother Comforts Her Child

ACS 1015



As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

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**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,**

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, June 22nd —Second Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Faith + Fellowship

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

† 11:30 am—Bazaar Meeting


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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Judy Jasinski’s birthday with love from Tony and Vickie.


Additional flowers are given in memory of Carlton R. Insley, Sr. and A. Daniels Ehm by Betty Ehm.


We are taking altar flower dedications for 2025. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Dates available are June 22nd and 29th, August 31st, September 7th and 28th, October 19th, and December 28th.

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

 **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.**

St. John’s night at the Ironbirds game on Friday, June 20th at 7:05 pm. If you purchased tickets, we will see you there. 

 **We only have a few spots left for our Vacation Bible School Program.** VBS will take place July 14th—18th from 9:00 am– 12:30 pm. Forms are located on the 3rd 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. There is also a donation board outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support of our program.

Registration is open for our 2025 Music Camps. Primary Music Campette is July 28th-30th from 9:00 am —12:00 pm for students who have completed K through grade 2. Summer Musical Camp is August 11th–15th 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. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about our wonderful camps! 

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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Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

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**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition

God of grace.

Hear our prayer.

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

Sov'reign Lord, Creator, Righteous One

Adult Choir

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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

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

ELW 721



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God,
 in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
 and the harvest is plentiful.
 Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
 and our labor,
 that we may work for the good of all;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

You Are Holy
Du är helig



*1**
 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.



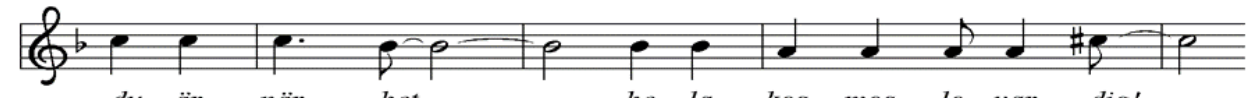
Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



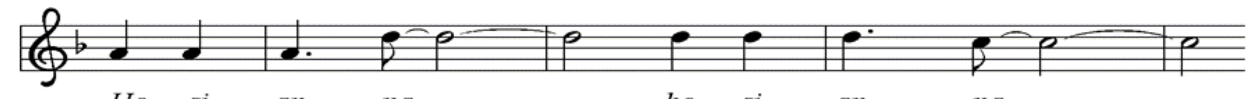
väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



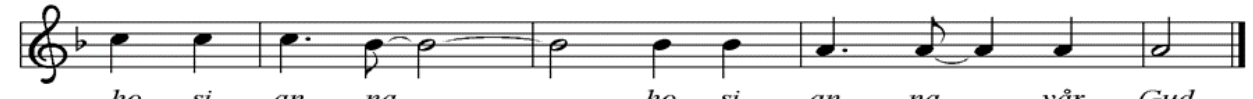
2
 Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

(Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900; Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

Douglas E. Wagner

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**In honor of Father's Day a donation has been made
to the Victor's Vittles Food Pantry.**

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Bermer
Crucifer	Olivia S.
Acolyte (s)	Jay C., Alec B.
Lector	Megan Czarski
Communion Assistant	Megan Czarski
Dismissal Assistant	Jack W.

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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.
Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.
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 saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

You Are Holy (See page 13)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love. Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
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

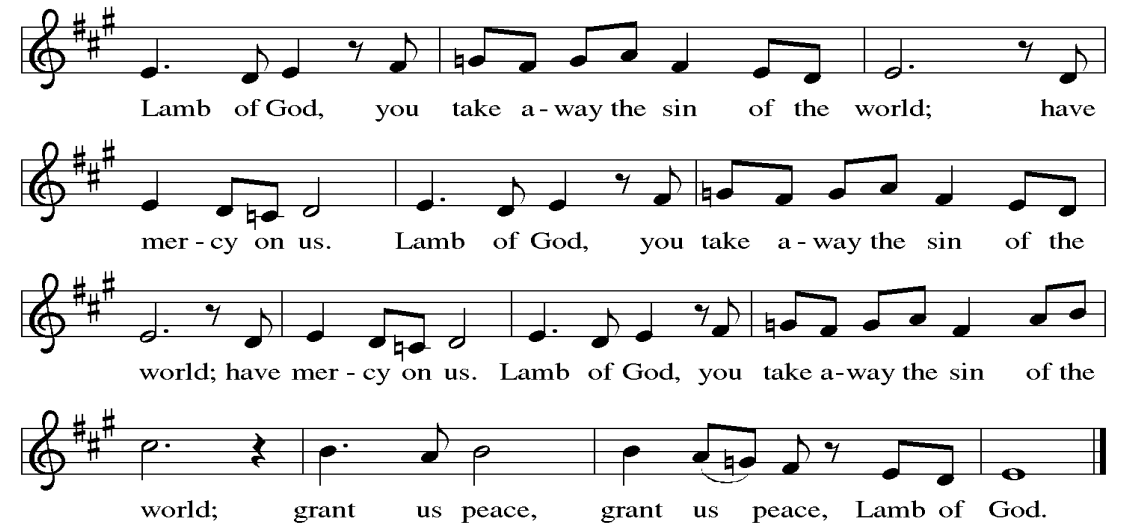
The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

ELW 461

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version; Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.; Arr. © 2003 Augsburg Fortress)*

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.