

Third Sunday in Lent

March 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

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

(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 *His Love All Over the World* *Yoon-Mee Chong, violinist*
(Music: Han-Sung Chae; Arr. Yong-Jin Noh)

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 before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

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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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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) 6:00 pm Soup & Salad (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer Service (Sanctuary) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Thurs.	
Fri.	11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building)
Sat.	

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
 For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
 and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
 Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
 God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
 Through faith, the free gift of God,
 you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
 The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
 dwells in you,
 pours God's love into your hearts,
 and gives you life and peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* **ELW 533**
(Text: Benjamin Schmolch, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: Joachim Meander, 1650-1680)

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

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Counting our Blessings			
Wed. 2/25	Attendance: 51 Offering: \$120	2025	
		December Offering Income	\$ 42,204
		December Other Income	\$ 3,025
Sun. 3/1	Attendance: 136 Offering: \$4,992 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 OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**



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.

St. John's Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday Worship during Lent

**March 11th, 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 8th, 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



- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would ¹hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹ 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.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes

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!



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.



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.



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.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week—Sunday, March 15th— Fourth Sunday in Lent

† 9 am—**Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship**

† 9 am—**Handbell Choir**

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


† 11:30 am—**Altar Guild Meeting**


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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of Pat Denk's birthday with love from Julianna, James, Annabelle, Aidan, and Caleb.

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 March 15th and 22nd, 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.

the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335

(Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915; Music: William H Doane, 1832-1915)

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

Give Me Jesus

Adult Choir

(Traditional Spiritual: Arr. Tom Fetke; Arr. © 2003 Lorenz Publishing Co.)

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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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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,

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)

**Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society
 Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

**Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604
 Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Maddie W.
Lector	Donna McDonough
Communion Assistant	Donna McDonough
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

COMMUNION HYMNS***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*****ELW 623***(Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778; Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872)****I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*****ELW 611***(Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889; Music: English folk tune)**(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***Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*****ELW 618***(Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1772-1796; Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932)***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE***Postlude in B-flat******Caleb Simper/arr. Michael Ryan****(© 2014 Lorenz Publishing Co.)*

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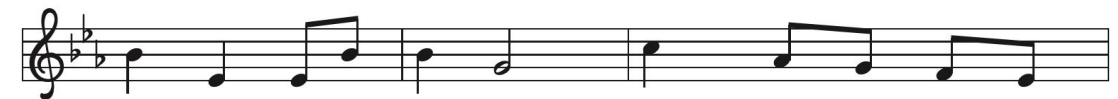
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
 We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.*

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.