

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026



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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

(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

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

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

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

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

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:

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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.



St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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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 Safety & Security Meeting (Fellowship Hall) |
| Mon. | Presidents' Day (office closed) |
| Tues. | 6:00 pm Pancake Supper (Fellowship Hall) Newsletter Articles Due |
| Wed. | 9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building) 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) |
| Thurs. | |
| Fri. | 11:00 am Bible Study (Smith Building) |
| Sat. | 10:00 am Property Meeting (Smith Building) |

Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Text and music: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Text and music © 1987 Make Way Music, admin. Music Services in the Western Hemisphere)

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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a

| Counting our Blessings | | | |
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| Sun. 2/8 | Attendance: 106 Offering: \$11,389 Homebound: 15 | 2025 | |
| | | December Offering Income | \$ 42,204 |
| | | December Other Income | \$ 3,025 |
| | | 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 |

devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

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

For family & friends: 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: Louis Christensen, Jr., Kenneth Davis, Sr., Marion McDonough, Joan Kraft, Janet Roth, and Charles Bender

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

PSALM

Psalm 2

- ¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**
- ³ "Let us break their yoke," they say;
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- ⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**
- ⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.
- ⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**
- ⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
- ⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
- ⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- ¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
- ¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
- ¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of

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.



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

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



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

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



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

The world-renowned Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Dr. Michael Culloton, will perform at The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Saturday, March 7th at 7:30 pm. From the music of J.S. Bach to familiar hymn arrangements, The Concordia Choir will amaze you with their technical mastery and incredible sound. Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for tickets.



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

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 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.

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



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



one's own interpretation,²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

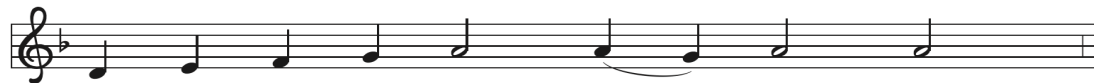
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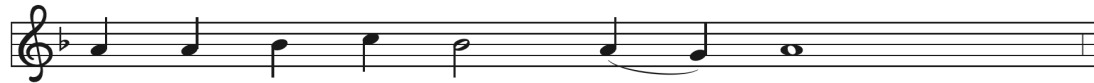
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



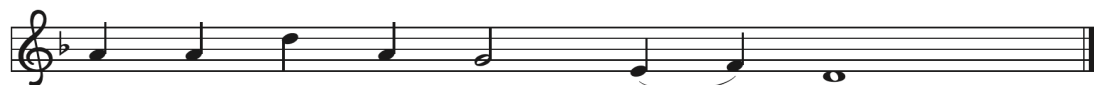
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.
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Next Week—Sunday, February 22nd— First 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— Community Meal/Hospitality Committee Meeting
Visit stjohnsparkville.org




The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of our Lord's unending love by Darlene Kestler.

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 12th and 19th, August 9th and 23rd, September 6th, 20th and 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, December 6th, 13th, 24th 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 and Tuna and/or Chicken Salad kits.** Don't feel like shopping? Monetary donations are always welcome.

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

St. John's Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

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

Wednesday Worship during Lent

**February 25th, March 4th, 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

**February 22nd, March 1st, 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



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition Merciful God.
Receive our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Shine On Us* *Adult Choir*
(Melody: McKay; Words and arrangement: Victoria Schwarz; © 2017 Hal Leonard LLC)

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 ***We Are an Offering*** **ELW 692**

***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.***

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

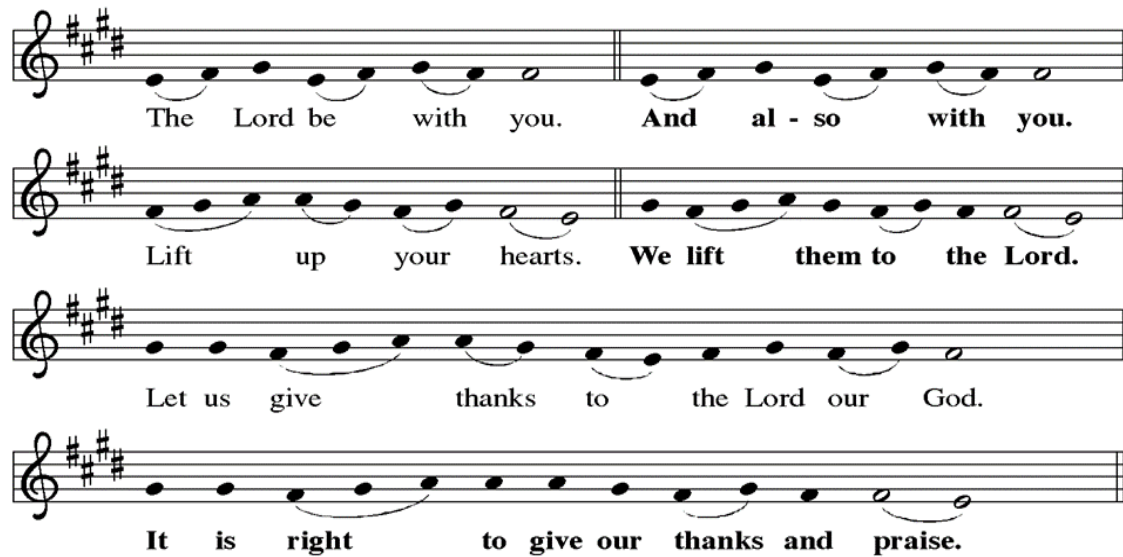
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OFFERING PRAYER

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, sharing our life,

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)

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

| Those Serving Today | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Assisting Minister | Amanda Hartman |
| Crucifer | Alec B. |
| Acolyte (s) | Paige M., Roman G. |
| Lector | Amanda Wood |
| Communion Assistant | Amanda Wood |
| Dismissal Assistant | Jack W. |

(The assembly remains seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318

(Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt; Music: John Goss, 1800-1880)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Minor

Lani Smith

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lived among us to reveal your glory and illumine the world with your ways of self-giving love.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.
We praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;

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across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.
We bless you, O God.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

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

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

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

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

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

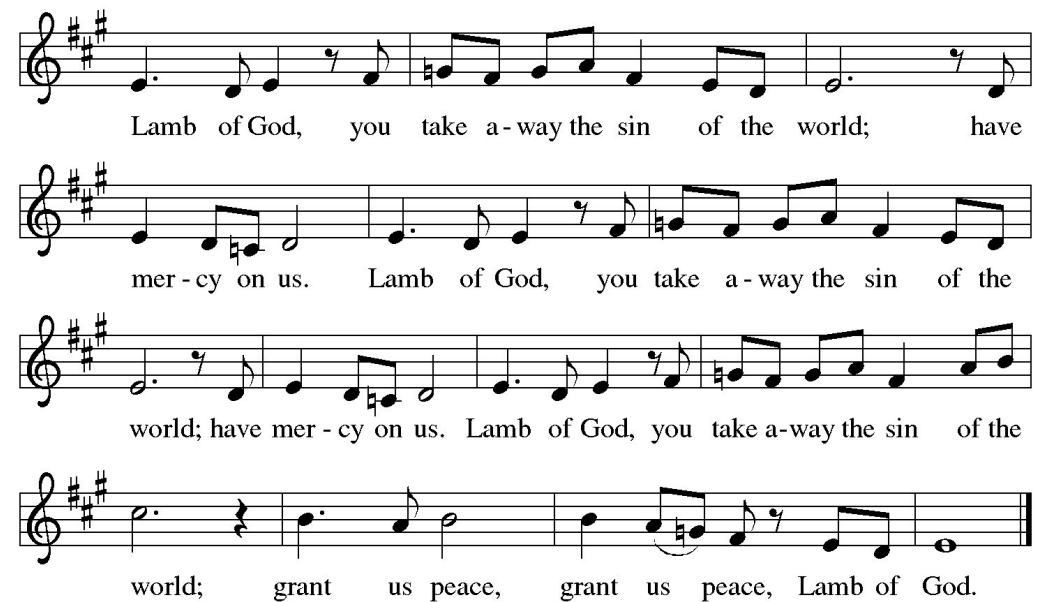
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Beautiful Savior **ELW 838**
(Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1832-1904; Music: Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.)

I Love to Tell the Story **ELW 661**
(Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911; Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936)