

Welcome to
St. John's Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent
Holy Communion
April 6, 2025
God's Work/Our Hands
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

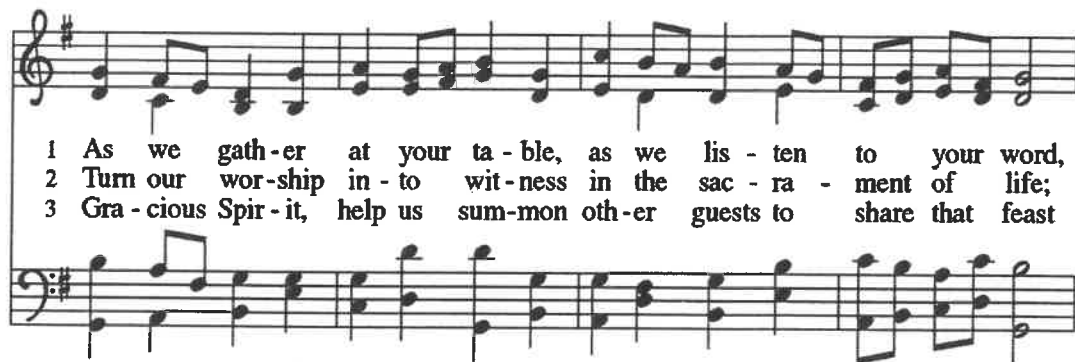
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
To you, O God,

C **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.**
Amen.

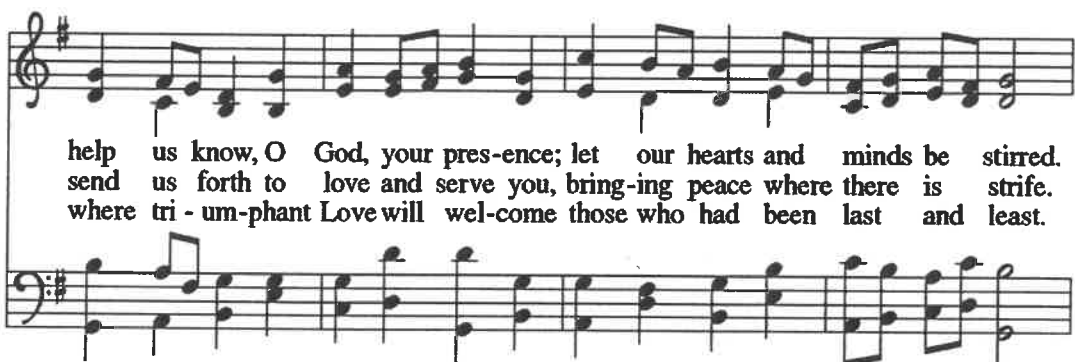
P By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☐ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C Amen.

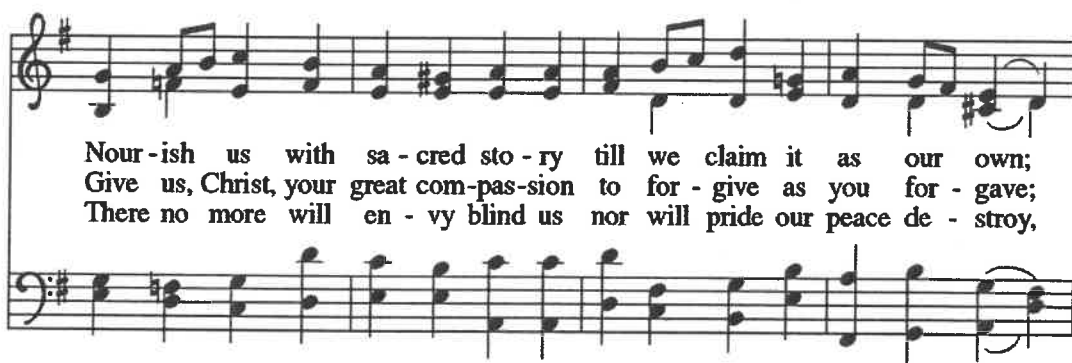
As We Gather at Your Table



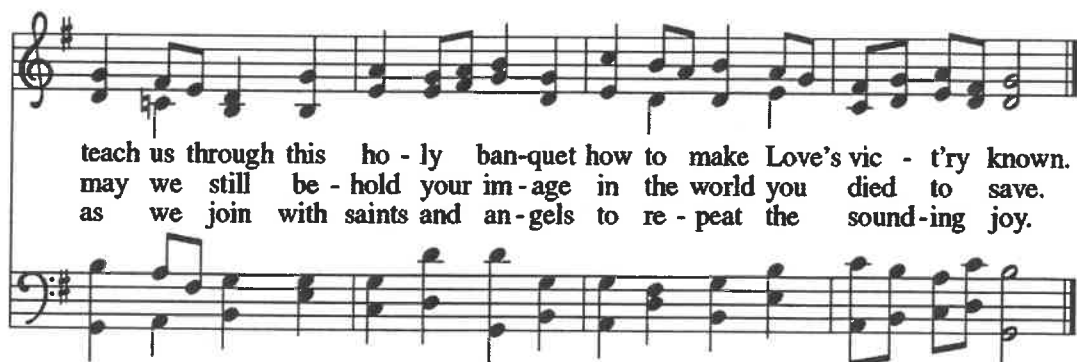
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phante Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

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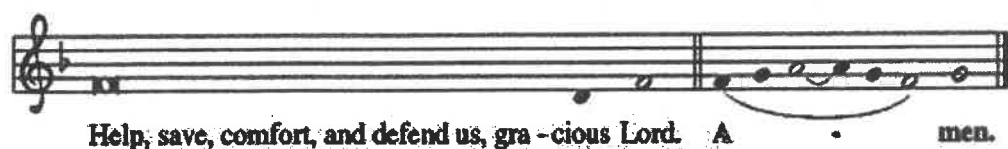
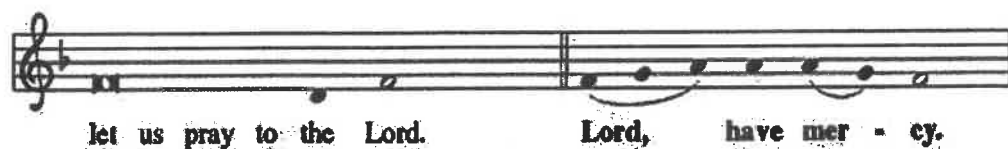
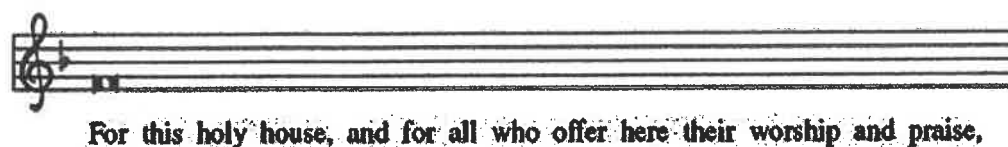
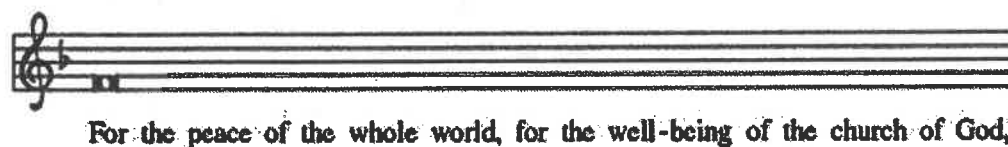
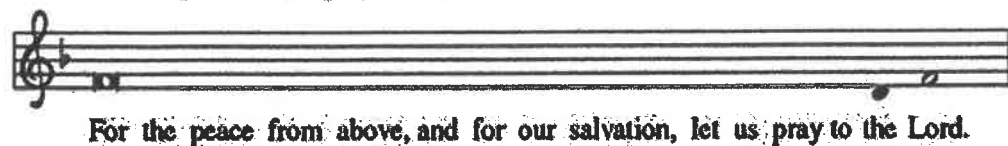
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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHOIR-AMAZING GRACE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

(cont'd)

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Stand for Acclamation



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for Jesus. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit for Sermon

Take My Life, That I May Be

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the next four verses. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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NICENE CREED

**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,
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.**

THE PRAYERS

**☐ God, in your mercy,
☐ receive our prayer.**

PEACE

☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☐ And also with you.

Stand

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

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

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

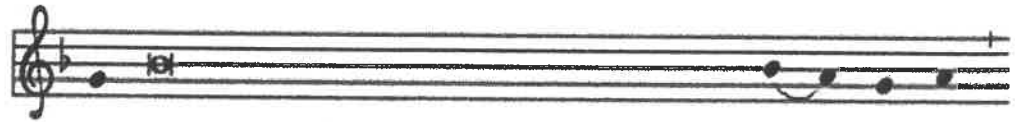
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

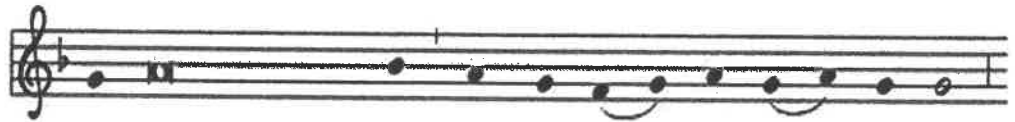
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It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



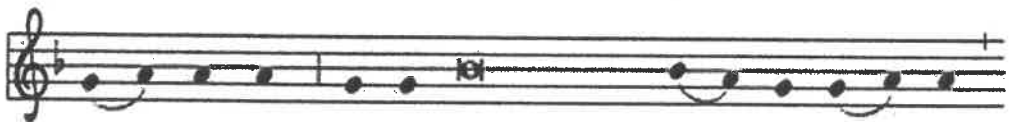
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.



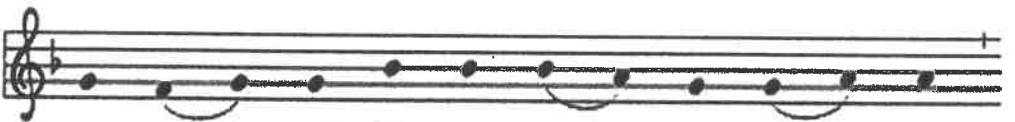
You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the



pas - chal feast, that re - newed in the gift of bap - tism,



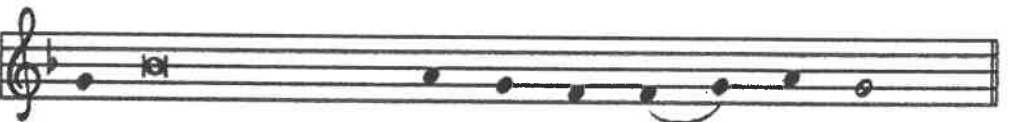
we may come to the full - ness of your grace.



And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,



with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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



heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

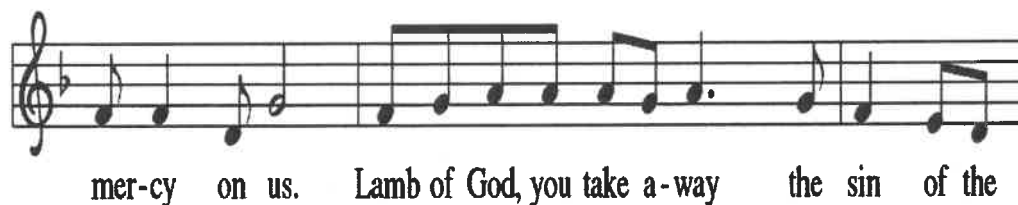
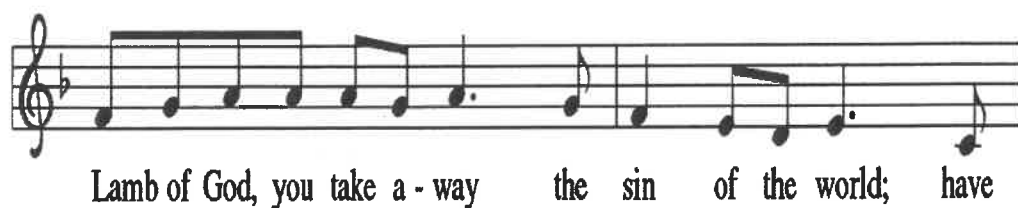
THE FRACTION

P Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the Cross.

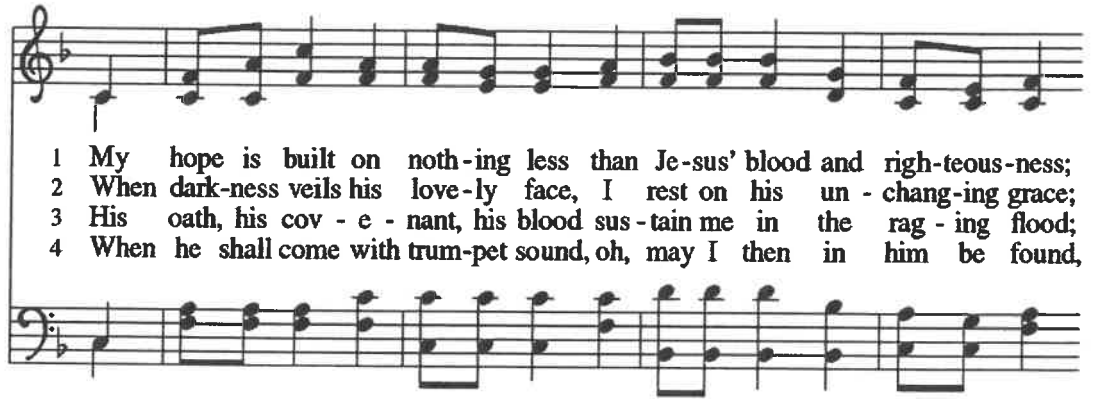
C Therefore, let us keep the Feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

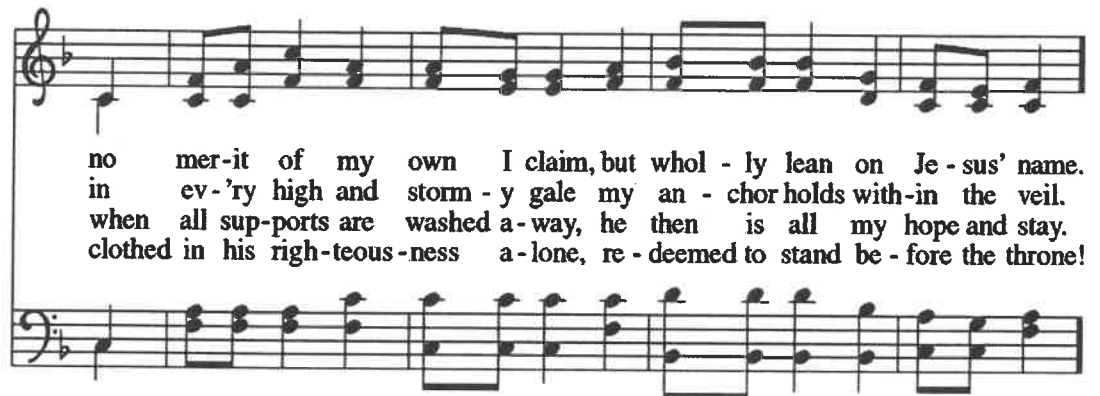
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

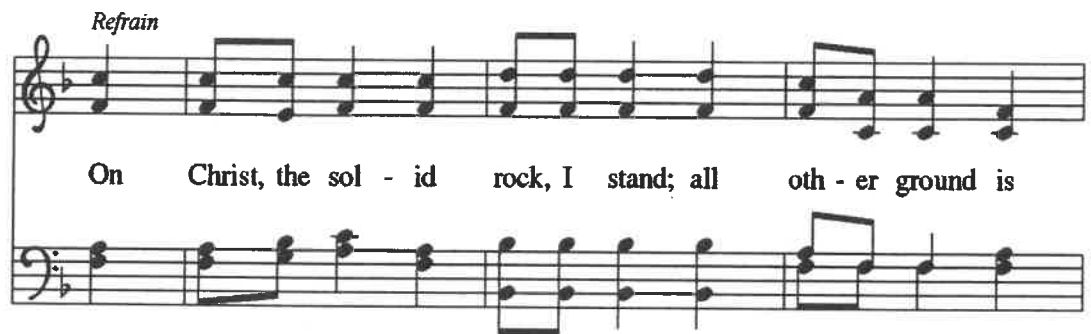


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

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P Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen

Now, Lord

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:
a light to re - veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



- 1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
- 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
☑ **Thanks be to God!**

DEAR FRIENDS & MEMBERS, In an effort to have our prayer list as current and as accurate as possible, please indicate whether or not you would like to have a name continue to be included. Thank you!

* Michelle Bahlavooni * Roland Baker Sr * Mike Deptula * David Ferro * Carl Frank * Adam Gajkowski * Bonnie Haney * Jim Hess * Scott Hollenbach * Joanne Johnson * Marlene Karchner * Dave Madara * Joyce McCorty * Cindy Miller * Vinnie Moroney * Henry Reinsburrow * Sheri Renner * Ken Roush * Bonnie Swafford * Tom Termini * Mark Troup * Marlene Trotman * Melissa Waltman * Kathy Whitesel * Ron Wolfe * Shirley Young *

THIS SUNDAY: APRIL 6, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : David & Karen Bird
Greeters & Ushers: Bill Hower Sr & Bill Hower Jr
Lector: Liz Shotwell
Communion Assistant: Diane Young
Altar Guild: Carolyn Bahlavooni & Vinniedee Hippensteel
Offering Counters: Tina Baucher & Valerie Lynn
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

NEXT SUNDAY: APRIL 13, 2025

Outdoor Greeters : Liz Shotwell & Cole or Clay Shotwell
Greeters & Ushers: David & Karen Bird
Lector: Lydia Ferro
Communion Assistant: Lydia Ferro
Altar Guild: Darlene Turner & Sharon Bachman
Offering Counters: Gail Utt & Angela Traugh
Choir Director & Organist: Tenette Bogert

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns to the Glory of God
by Janet Gibney
In memory of Irene Morris

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, at 1:00 PM, and Deitrich Bonhoeffer at 2:00 PM.

BELLS / CHOIR

Bell choir Thursday 6:00 PM, Vocal choir at 7:00 PM

LENTEN SOUP/SANDWICH

St. John's will be hosting this evening, April 6th. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the sanctuary.

EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards for our shut ins will be available to sign until Palm Sunday, April 13th.

GATHERING TIME

Our next gathering time will be following worship on April 13th.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next Senior Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 16th. Please notify Jan Peifer by Tuesday, April 15th if you plan to attend. Her number is 570-204-7531.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief Support will meet on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 PM. Anyone who has experienced grief due to the recent or past death of a loved one is welcome to attend. This is an informal group whose purpose is to talk about any issue members may be experiencing related to loss. Refreshments will be served.

FILL THE SHELVES

Today is Fill the Shelves Sunday. You may still drop items off on Monday morning.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday service will be held at **FUEL at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 17th.**

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday service will be held at **FUEL at 12:00 PM**, and at **St. John's at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 18th**

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will take place on **Tuesday, April 22nd from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

RAISE RIGHT!

St. John's is joining thousands of other churches and organizations who fundraise easily for themselves by simply asking people to do what they already do every day. Shop!! Simply buy a gift card (examples, Giant Foods, Amazon, Home Depot, Visa, etc.) You pay only the face value of these cards, but St. John's will be rewarded. If you would like to order, see Tenette our Project Coordinator, or Alison and Carolyn who will assist her. Order forms can be found on the rear table of the sanctuary. We will be ordering once a month for now, but may change to twice a month closer to Christmas. **We accept cash or checks made payable to St. John's. Please place in an envelope with your order form. Our next order will be submitted on April 21st. Please have it ready by Sunday, April 20th.**

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Eucharist: 9:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Monday, Apr 7, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday, Apr 8, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Wednesday, Apr 9, 2025

Office Hours

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thursday, Apr 10, 2025

Office Hours-Pastor in

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bible Study/ Bonhoeffer

1:00 PM / 2:00 PM

Bells / Choir

6:00 PM / 7:00 PM

Friday Apr 11, 2025

Office closed

Saturday, Apr 12, 2025

Office closed

Sunday, Apr 13, 2025

The Passion/Palm Sunday

Gathering Time

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Last Sunday Attendance : 45

Offering Amount Needed Weekly:

Current: \$1,557.00

Benevolence: \$122.00

New Building: \$333.00

Offering Amounts Received:

Current: \$ 985.00

Benevolence: \$75.00

New Building: \$157.00

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