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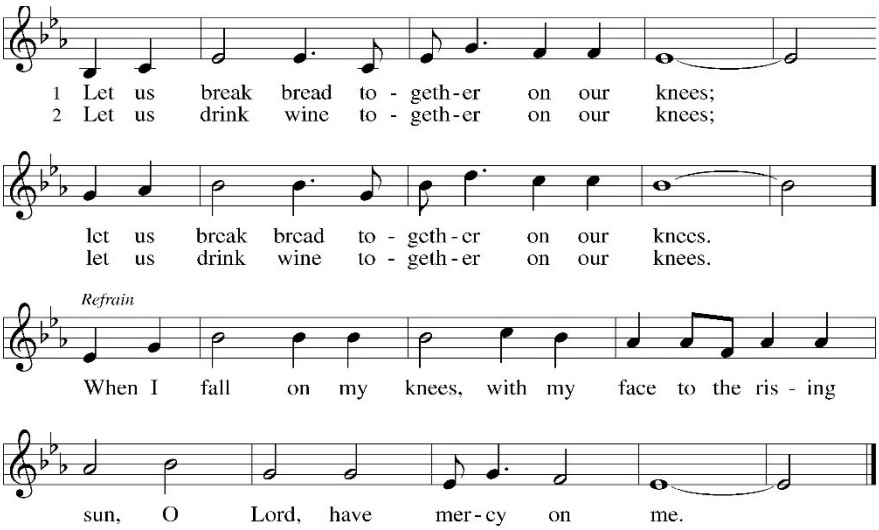
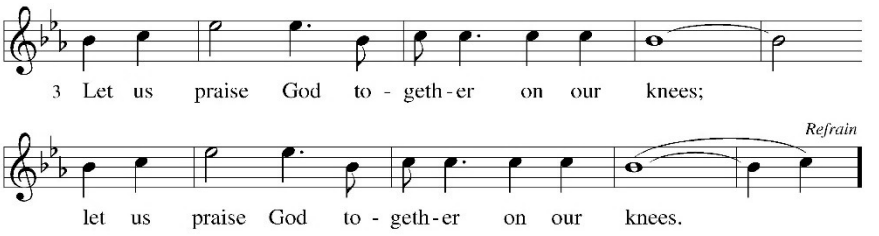
Service of the Word

Leader: People of St. John, what is our purpose?
All: To live for the Lord who made us, to love as Jesus taught us, and to serve where the Spirit leads us.

PRELUDE

+ GATHERING SONG *Let Us Break Bread Together* **#212**





Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

+ GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

P You are the treasured people of the Lord,

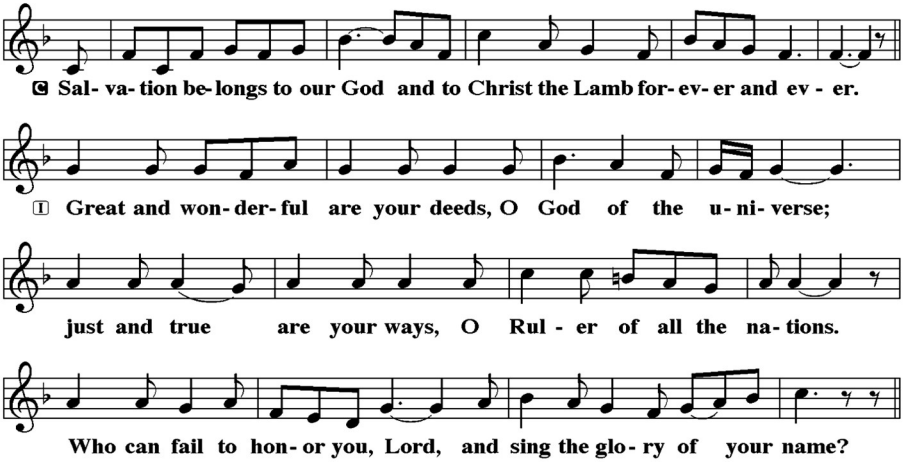
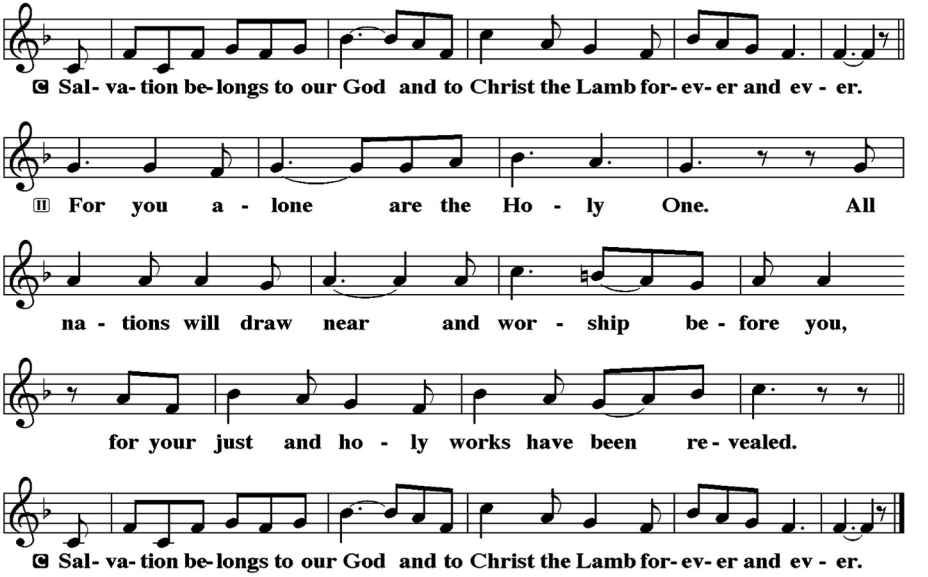
C a people holy to the Lord our God.

P Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children,

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

+ SCRIPTURE SONG



+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Let us pray. **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

[1] O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
[2] For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

[3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
[4] For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
[5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
[6] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
[7] And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
[8] he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
[9] It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation"

PSALM: 23

P [1]The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
C **[2]He maketh me to lie down in green pastures**
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
P [3]He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
C **[4]Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
P [5]Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.
C **[6]Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

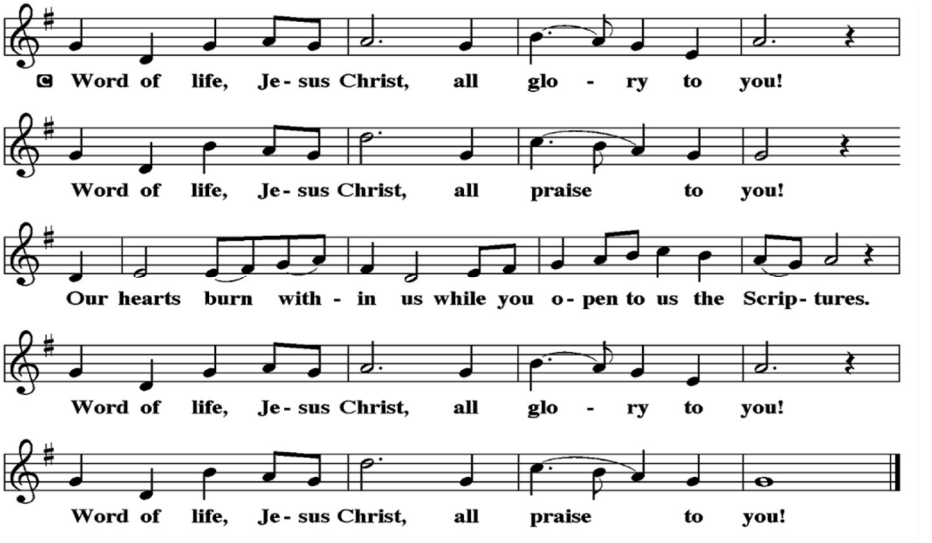
[1] My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm
in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for
they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with
Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned
and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace
will be with you.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



+ THE GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

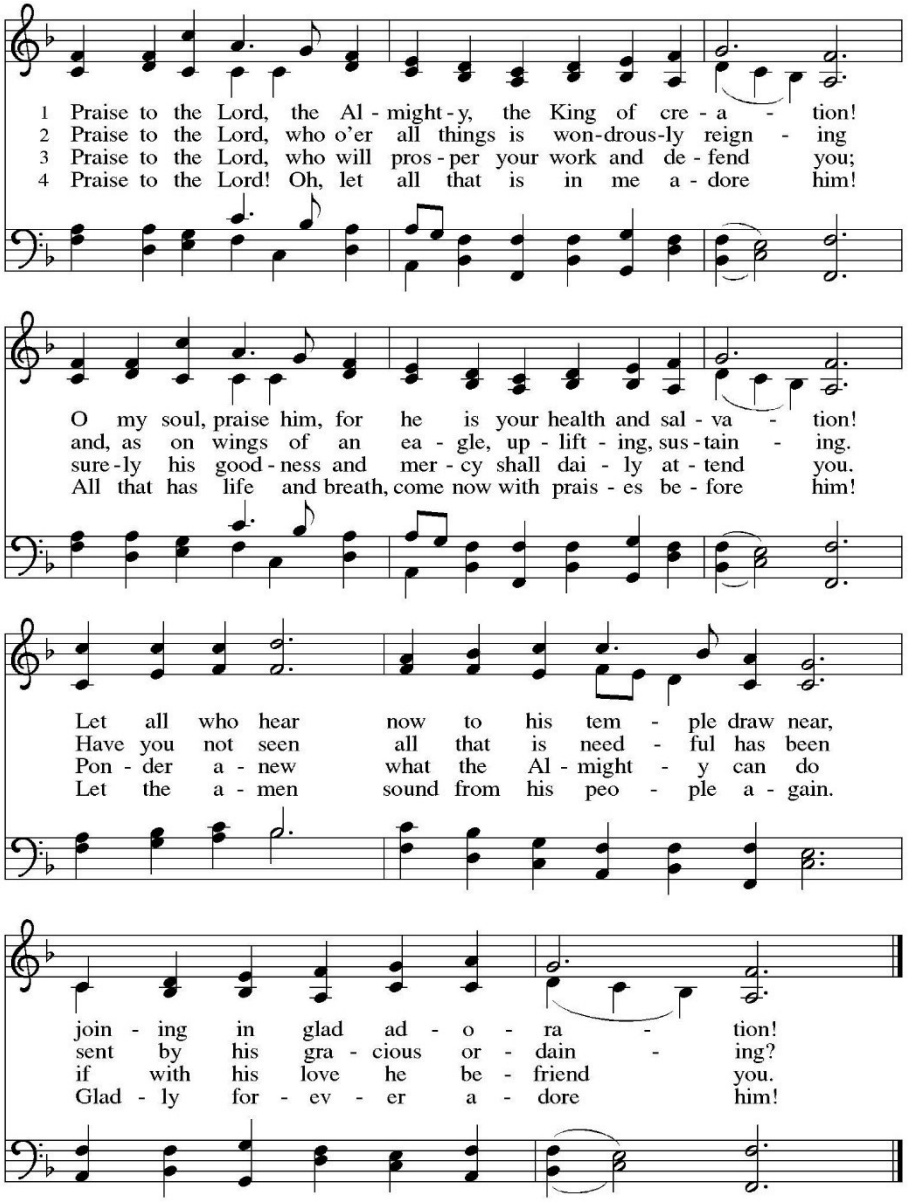
[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his
son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the
wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves,
saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my
dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made
light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his
business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed
them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those
murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The
wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into
the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding
banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom
they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with
guests.

[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man
there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him,
'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was
speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and
foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping
and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **Meeting in the Mess** Pastor Jordan

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **#543**

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

+ RESPONSE TO THE WORD: CREED AND CONFESSION

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 1:13-14)**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 20)

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jude 21)

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians 5:17)

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

C Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C Amen

+ PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (2 Corinthians 13:11)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

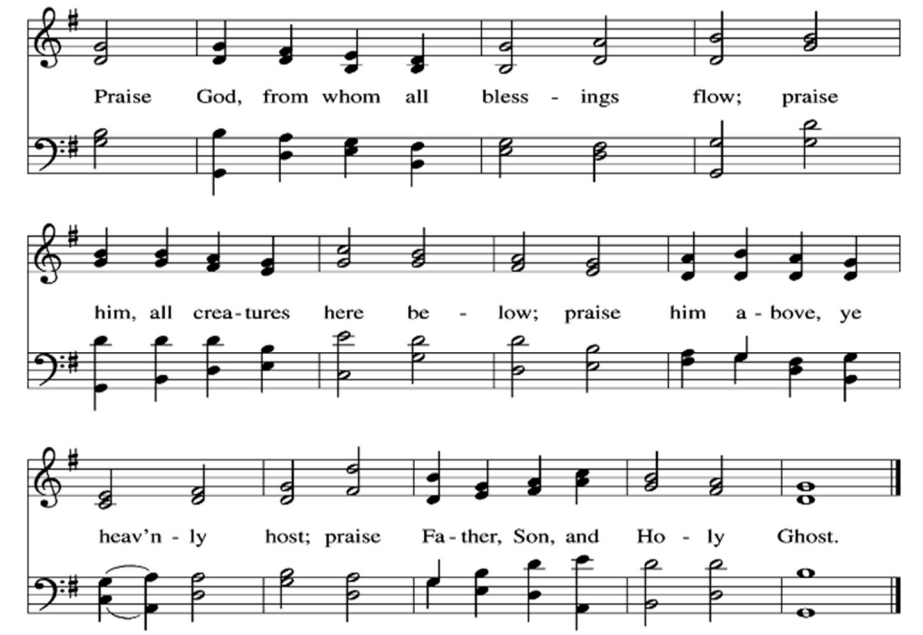
C And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY

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Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–1561

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

P Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters (*regions in crisis may be named*) and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

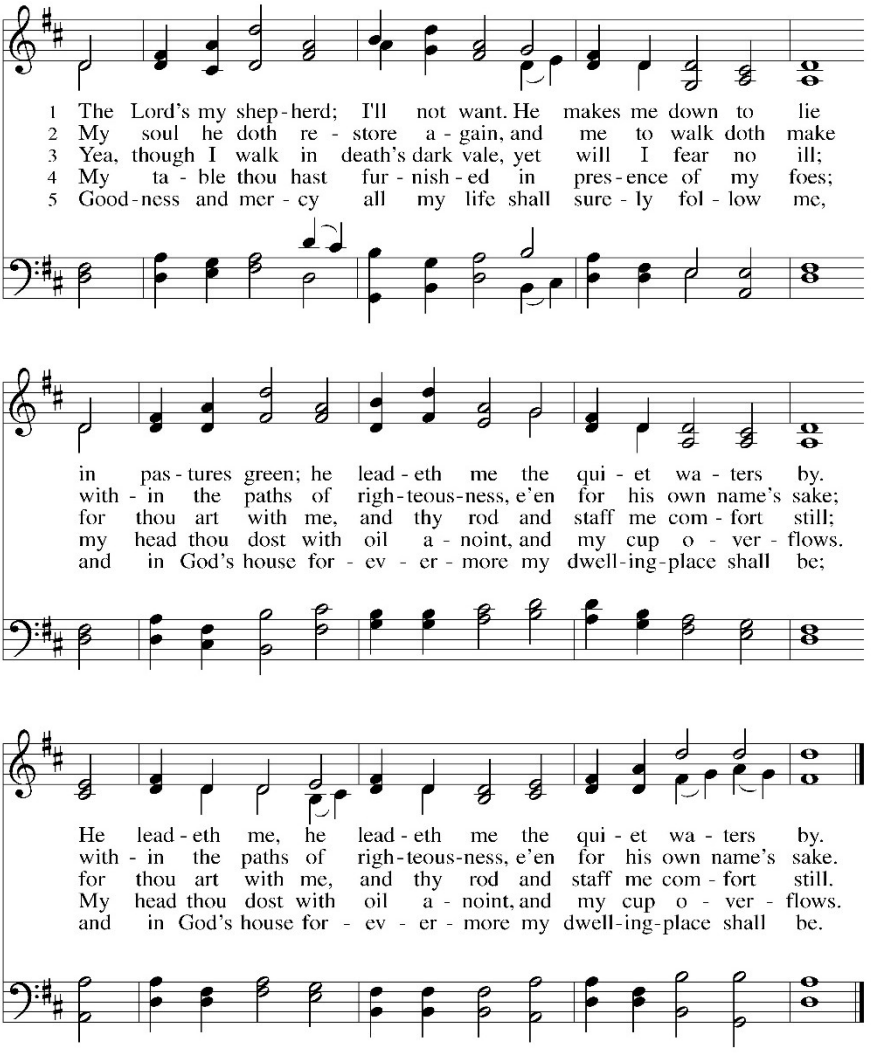
+ THANKSGIVING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

+ BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

+ SENDING SONG *The Lord's My Shepherd* **#451**



Text: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, J. L. Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984

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+ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace.
Children Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

+Stand as you are able

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SERVING TODAY

Organist	Leigh Ann Henry
Lay Reader	Vivian Riffel
Prayer Leader	Virginia Nickel
Greeter	
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Amy Fraulini, Jon Bailey
Council President	Rick Williams

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are pleased you are here. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign our guest book in the entrance area. We hope you will join us again very soon.

LET US PRAY FOR*:* Dale Ramey, Emily Smith, Peggy Butler, Roberta Sommer, Patricia Cavendish, Jim Skipworth, Galen Gleim, Grace Mootz, Marcella Mootz, Kay Staker, Linda Martin, Melanie Hawk, Nicholas Young, Rod Schneider, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Piguet, Mary McQuay, Chris Parish, Luke White, Jack Clevenger, Bob Rase, Glenn Rase, Jim Webb, Dennis Klaiber, Cheryl Crank, Shanna Garrett, Belford Sexson, Linda Sexson, Derrick Gleim, Dorrita Gleim, Mackenzie Gleim, Owen Wilburn, Wendi Waugh, Carol Easter, David Otworth, Ed Hughes, Brandon Cline, Colton Snyder, Deacan Kidd, Paul Christian, Amanda Eaton, Terry Mullens, John Crank, Laura Martin, George Moore, Congregation of the Mountain Church in Asmushausen, Germany, the members of our armed forces, and those we hold privately in our hearts

BLANKET PROJECT GROUP will meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

CHOIR will practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

JOIN PASTOR TIM for Coffee Hour on October 17 at 10:30 a.m. at Adam's Flying Pig.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING today immediately after worship.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

***BIRTHDAYS*:** Maria Fraulini, Owen Ramey, Tessa Crisp, Elaina Salyers, Eli Salyers, Laura Gleim, Heather Mullins, Ryleigh Blagg

***BAPTISMS*:** Lois Hosey, Laura Gleim, Addison Mullins, Kelly Skipworth, Sadie Tieman, Beau Castaneda, Cole Castaneda, Zane Gullet, Emmitt Mercer

ANNIVERSARIES: Ralph & Patty Scott

IF WE MISSED ANYONE please let Vicki Bradley know so we can add you to the list.

Attendance

2026 Average	65
2025 Average	62

Serving Next Sunday, October 18

Organist	Leigh Ann Henry
Lay Reader	Renee Basham
Prayer Leader	Renee Basham
Greeter	
Acolytes	
Altar Committee	Amy Fraulini, Jon Bailey
Council President	Rick Williams

Happening This Week at St. John

Today—Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—Thanksgiving for First Responders
- 11:00 a.m. Special Congregation Meeting

Tuesday
- 10:00 a.m. Blanket Project

Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday
- 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

Saturday
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour with Pastor Tim at Adam's Flying Pig

Next Sunday— Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship—Holy Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Church Council Meeting

Upcoming Special Events

Saturday, October 17
Fall Festival at 3:00 p.m. at St. John

Sunday, November 8
Honoring Our Veterans

Friday, November 13
Game Night at 6:30 p.m. at St. John

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m.