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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

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

+ Entrance Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

#559

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
 5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
 His blood can make the foul - est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

+ Apostolic 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.

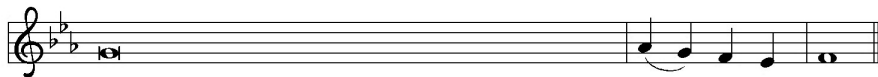
+ **Kyrie**(Luke 17:13)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



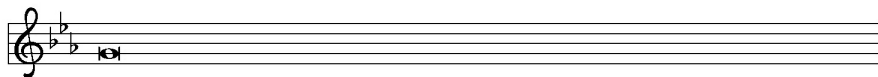
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



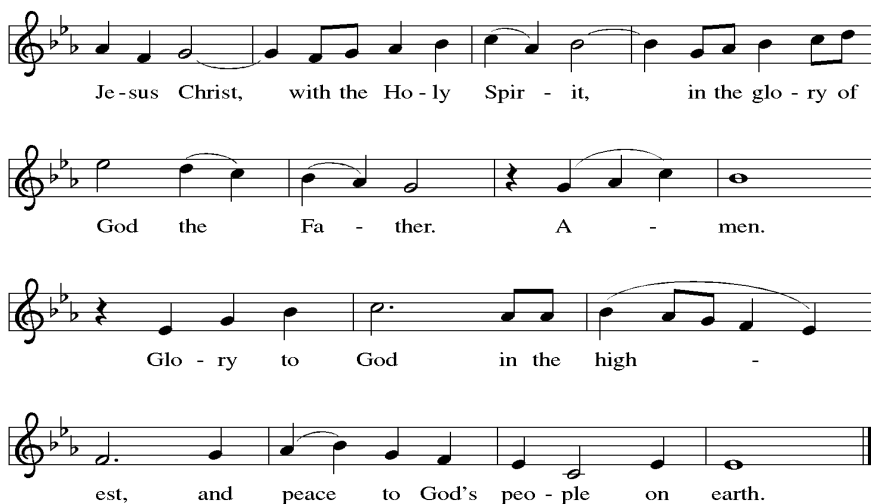
A - men, a - men.

+Hymn of Praise*Glory to God*

Luke 2:14, John 1:29 & Rev. 15:4

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. . . **Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Children's Sermon

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

- ¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
- ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm: 96:1-9 [10-13]

P ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 C² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
 proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
 P³ Declare God's glory among the nation and God's wonders among all
 peoples.
 C⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
 more to be feared than all gods.**
 P⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
 but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
 C⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
 power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
 P⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples ascribe to the Lord honor
 and power.
 C⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
 bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
 P⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
 tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
 C¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
 The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge
 the peoples with equity."**
 P¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is
 therein.
 C¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O
 Lord, for you come to judge the earth.**
 P¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
 and the peoples with your truth.

+ Alleluia Verse

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

+ The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon Giving to God What is God's Pastor Jordan

Silence For Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life that I May Be

#406

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines split across staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each system.

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.

+ THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P Let us pray.

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

A brief silence.

P Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry (*local seminarians or newly called ministers may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church (*congregational ministries may be named*). Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially*). 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 Peace

[shared among the congregation]

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you.

The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

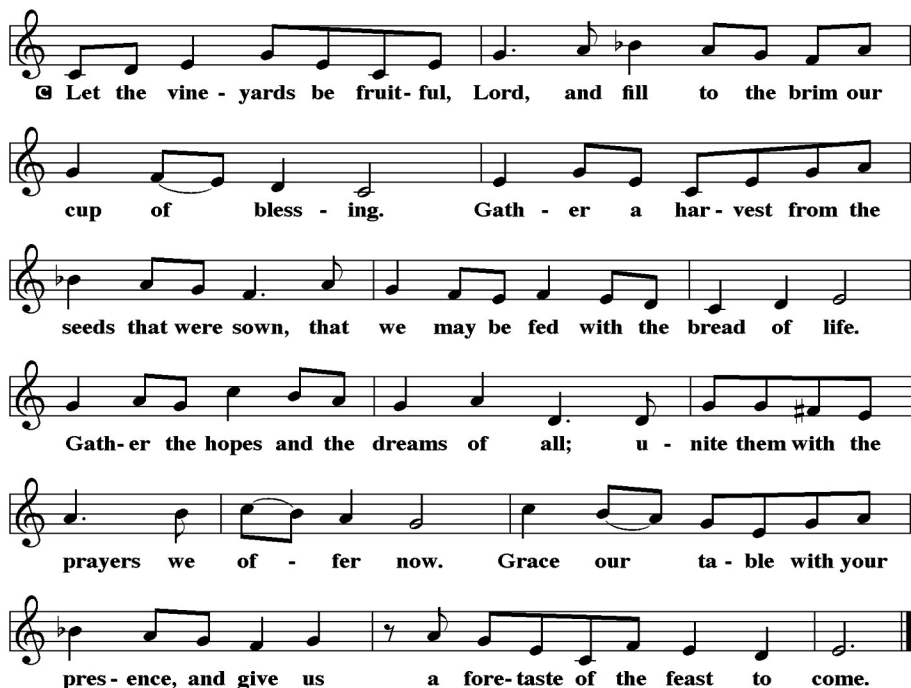
Peace be with you

R Peace be with you.

Parish Announcements

Offering

+ **Offertory** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* 1 Corinthians 10:16 & John :35



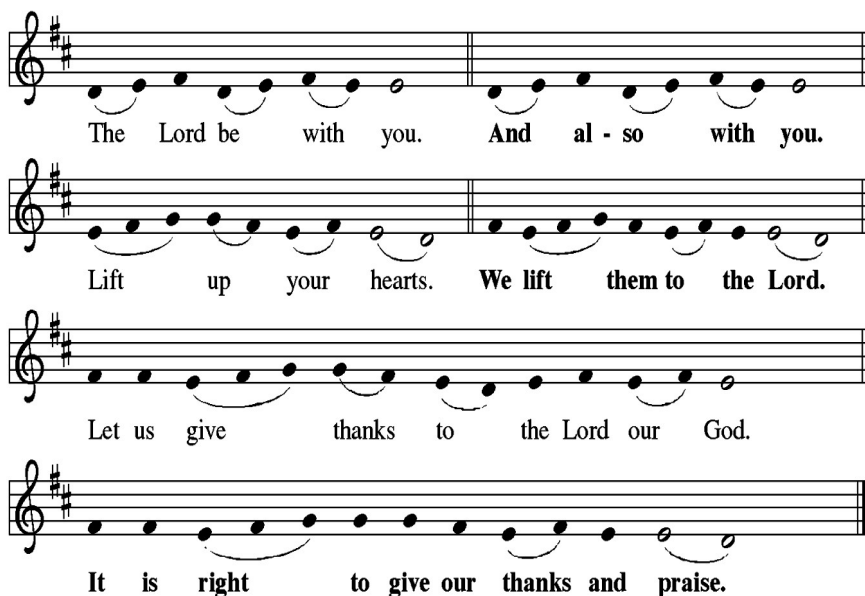
The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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

+ The Prayer

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us,
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

+ The Great Thanksgiving



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

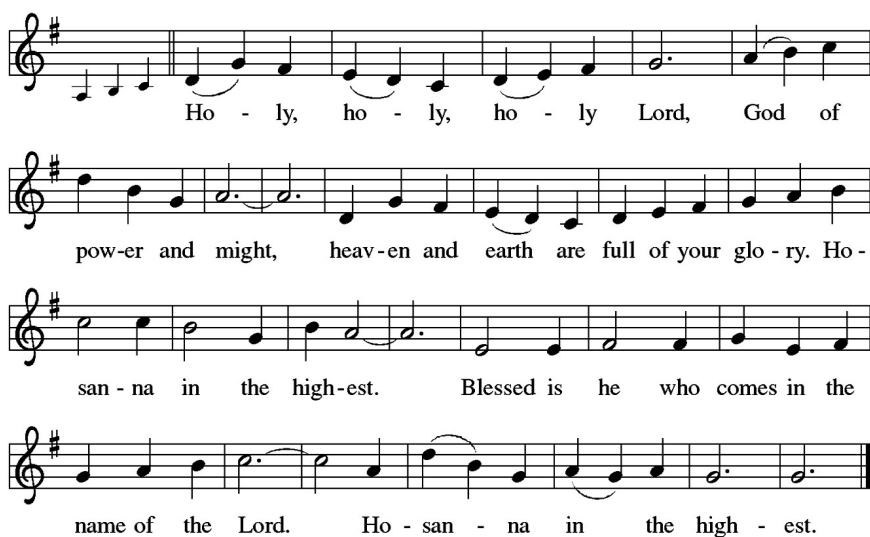
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:17-20
Mark 14:22-24, 1Corinthians 11:23-26

P 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.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

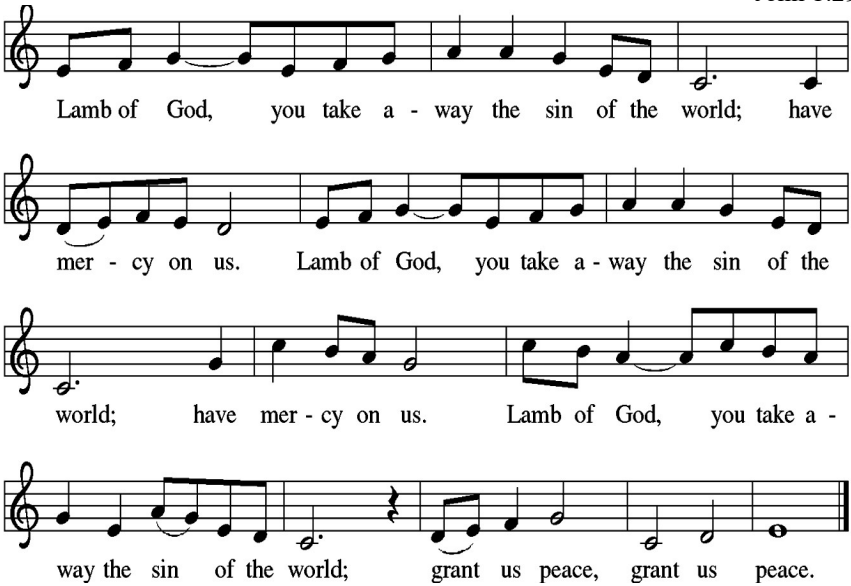
P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

+The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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 Holy Communion

As the minister gives the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: **Amen**

Music during the Communion.

Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

+ Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Post Communion Prayer

Romans 5:5

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

+ The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

+ Closing Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

#332



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

Music: BATTLE HYMN, American, 19th cent.

+ 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

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Leigh Ann Henry
Vivian Riffel
Renee Basham
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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.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. St John observes open communion. Christians of all Churches and all denominations are invited and encouraged to join us at our Lord's table. Grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine for those who wish it. Young children who have not yet gone through Preparation for Communion may be brought forward for a blessing.

These are the words of Martin Luther from The Small Catechism:

*The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** The words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation. It is not eating and drinking that does this, but the words, **given and shed for you for the remission of sins.** These words, along with eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament. And whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, forgiveness of sins.*

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, Rod Schneider, Brenda Moore, Ken Staker, Greg Piguert, 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, 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

WE WELCOME PASTOR TIM'S parents, John and Kathy Jordan to St. John this morning. We are happy to have them with us today. A lunch of soup and salad will follow worship to welcome them to St. John.

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family and friends of Nicholas Young, who died on Tuesday 13th. He was the son of Matt and Denise Young and the grandson of Kendra and Ed Hughes. May God comfort them in their loss, and ease their hearts with hope in Christ's promises of resurrection and reunion

BLANKET PROJECT meets 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 for Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 St. John will be joining St. Paul and Bethel for Reformation Service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 101 S 6th Street Ironton at 10:30 a.m. There will be a German luncheon after worship. You are invited to bring a dish to share. There will be no worship service at St. John that Sunday.

CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Guy Sommer

BAPTISMS: Kelly Skipworth, Sadie Tieman, Beau Castaneda, Cole Castaneda, Zane Gullet, Emmitt Mercer

ANNIVERSARIES: Connie & David Conley

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

Attendance	
2026 Average	65
2025 Average	62

Happening This Week at St. John

Today—Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship—*Holy Communion*
11:00 a.m. Light Lunch

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—Reformation Sunday

No Service at St. John. Worship Service will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 101 S 6th Street, Ironton, Ohio. A German luncheon will follow worship. Please bring a dish to share.

Upcoming Special Events

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.