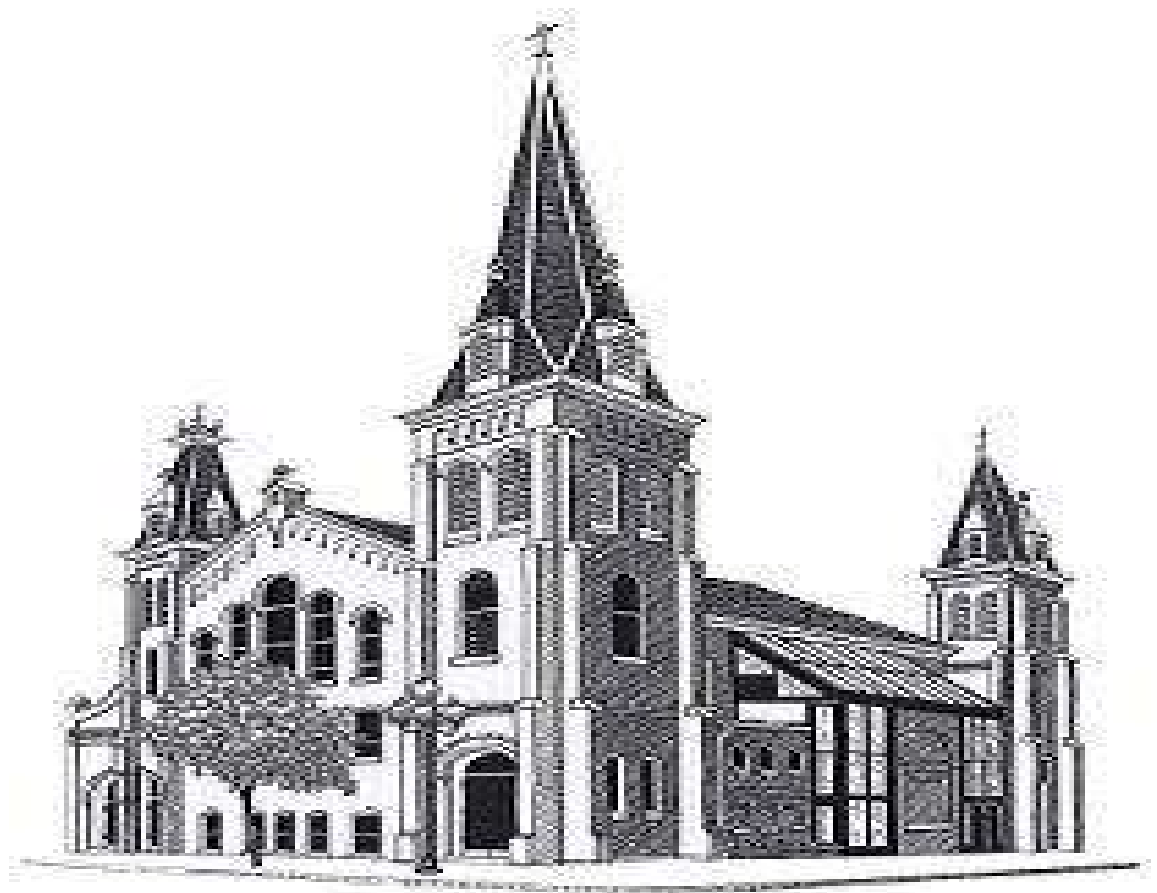


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Established 1775



Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 1

Please return this bulletin to the table in the narthex so that it can be reused and we can save paper!

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

To the members and visitors of our congregation

We feel the presence of children in worship is a gift from our Lord and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Restrooms are located downstairs in the chapel.

Any noise that our children may make during the liturgy is pleasing to God's ears and welcomed.

Please greet our children and young families with smiles and encouragement. Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome and at home in our congregation.

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children: don't feel you must suppress it in God's house. All are welcome.

Sit wherever you feel most comfortable whether towards the front or in the back, but please remember we are still trying to socially distance. Quietly explain the parts of the liturgy, actions of the pastors, acolyte, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and make the sign of the cross. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

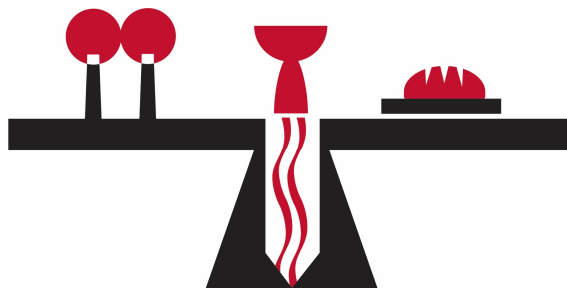
If you have to step out of the sanctuary during the liturgy, feel free to do so but please come back. We do have a nursery downstairs in the chapel area. If you need something for them to keep busy or color, there are worship bags in the narthex (entryway) underneath the table that holds the bulletins.

To our children

Thank you for being with us today! Your presence makes us happy. There are worship bags in the entry way for you to use during worship. And do come up front for the children's message!

To everyone worshipping with us today

Please sign the pew register located at the end of each pew in the plastic folder. These registers help us keep better informed with all who worship with us. If you are here for the first time, please let us know! If you need help hearing the liturgy, there are hearing devices located by the balcony stairs. If you need a large print bulletin, please see an usher at either narthex (entryway) for a larger bulletin.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Setting 1

* —Please Stand as Able

PRELUDE

BLESSING THE CARILLON

Jerry Crites

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

In the confession and forgiveness, often called corporate confession because we confess our sins together as a congregation, we want to remember those sins that we have committed during the week known to us and those unknown. During the silence, reflect on your week and name those sins that have burdened your soul so that you might know forgiveness. After our confession, the pastor will proclaim the forgiveness of our sin called the absolution. We know that this forgiveness comes from God because of Matt 18.18 (Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven).

*GATHERING HYMN *See Bulletin Hymns are in the back of the Red Hymnal*

*APOSTOLIC GREETING (R/And also with you.)

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*KYRIE

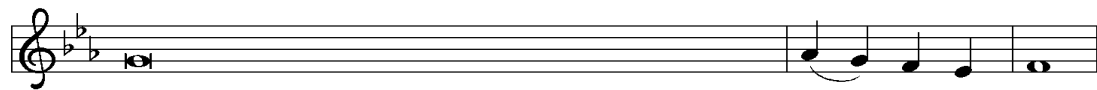
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



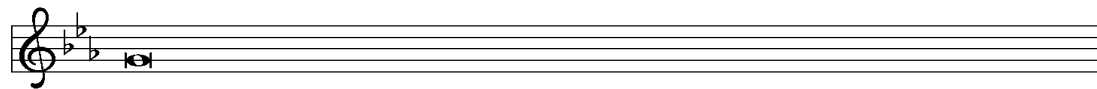
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



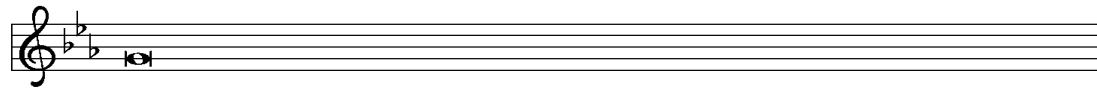
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

The Kyrie is the only Greek left in the Western Liturgy. At the the time of the Reformation, the entire liturgy was said in Latin except for the Kyrie. The Kyrie, which means Lord, is when we ask God to have mercy (eleison) on certain areas of our life and world.

While we wish for God to have mercy on all of life, we single out only a few for corporate worship that we can all pray for as a congregation. In your daily prayer life, ask God to have mercy on those areas that deeply trouble you which are not included in the Kyrie.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE - GLORIA** (Or turn to page 6 for “This is the Feast”) Page 99
(omitted during Advent and Lent)

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

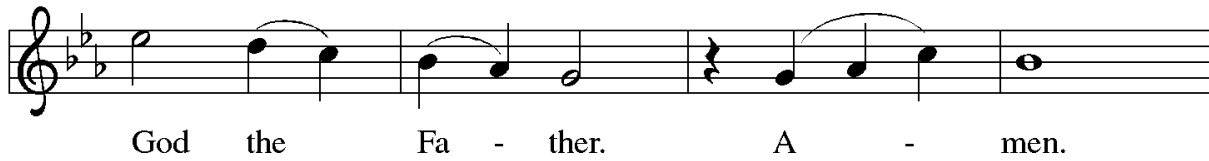
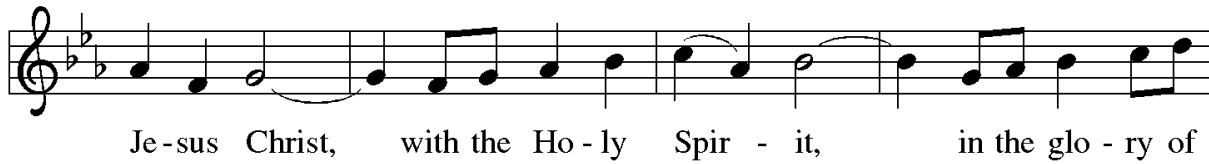
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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.

In the Lutheran Liturgy, we have two options for the Canticle of Praise: Gloria in excelsis Deo (often shortened to just Gloria) and the Canticle “This is the Feast.” The Gloria is known as the Greater Doxology in the church (the Gloria Patri - Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit is known as the Minor Doxology). It recalls the angels announcing to the shepherds in the fields that Jesus (God Incarnate) was born in Bethlehem. The flow of the liturgy begs us to ask for God to have mercy on us and then we remember the story of the ultimate showing of God's mercy - the giving of his only Son. Oftentimes, congregations will use the Gloria on non-communion Sundays but most rubrics encourage it to be used every Sunday but especially during the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany.




or

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE - THIS IS THE FEAST**


(omitted during Advent and Lent)

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Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

A relatively new addition to the Lutheran liturgy, this hymn of praise comes mostly from the book of Revelation. The Bible describes the second coming of Christ as a feast or great banquet. In fact, most of our liturgical texts are taken directly from the Bible. We not only proclaim the gospel through reading and preaching but also in singing. This particular canticle works best every Sunday but is especially good to sing during the season of Easter where we pray for God's return to our world. We might also be reminded that it is in a meal that we see Christ come into our midst in and under the bread and wine at the Eucharist.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (R/Amen.)**

Insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

FIRST READING (R/Thanks be to God.)

Insert

PSALM

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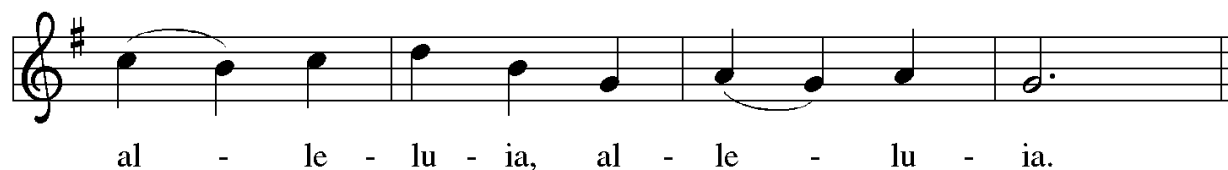
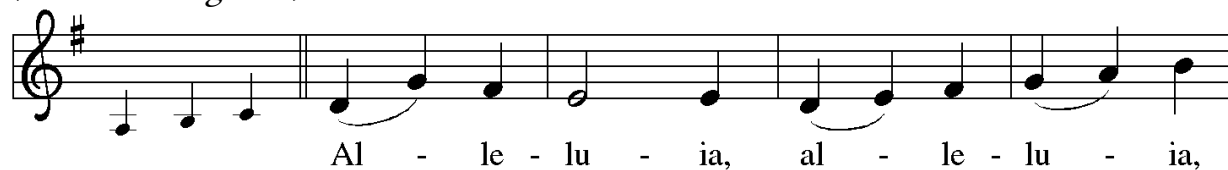
SECOND READING (R/Thanks be to God.)

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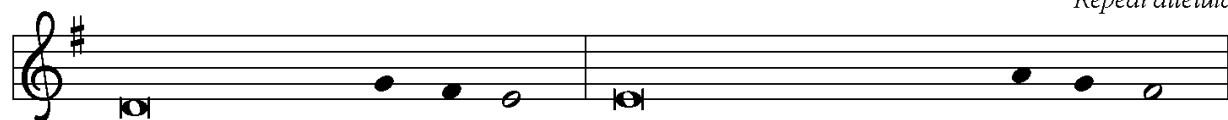
***GOSPEL VERSE**

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(omitted during Lent)



Repeat alleluia



***GOSPEL (R/Glory to you, O Lord.—R/ Praise to you, O Christ.)**

Insert

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *See Bulletin Hymns are in the back of the Red Hymnal*

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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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.

OR

The authorship of the Apostles' Creed is unknown. It has been linked to the baptismal rite of the early church and was most likely based on the teachings of the apostles. It is used on most Sundays as a reminder of the faith in which we have been baptized.

NICENE CREED

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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 Nicene Creed was composed by the Ecumenical Council of 325. The group met in Nicea to talk about the disagreements between the Eastern and Western churches. From that Council, the first two paragraphs of the creed were created. The third paragraph was added in 381 and essentially led to the Great Schism of Orthodoxy. Today, the Nicene Creed is used for special occasions in the Lutheran Church such as feast days and celebrations.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Insert

*SHARING OF THE PEACE (R/And also with you.)

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Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor either through the extension of the hand and shake hands, reaching out arms for the warm embrace of a hug, or through the biblical example of sharing a holy kiss

(2 Corinthians 13:12 - Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you). After you have exchanged the peace with those around you, please return to your pews and be seated as we give back to God a part of our labors and tithes.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

*OFFERTORY CANTICLE

ELW 186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OR



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.

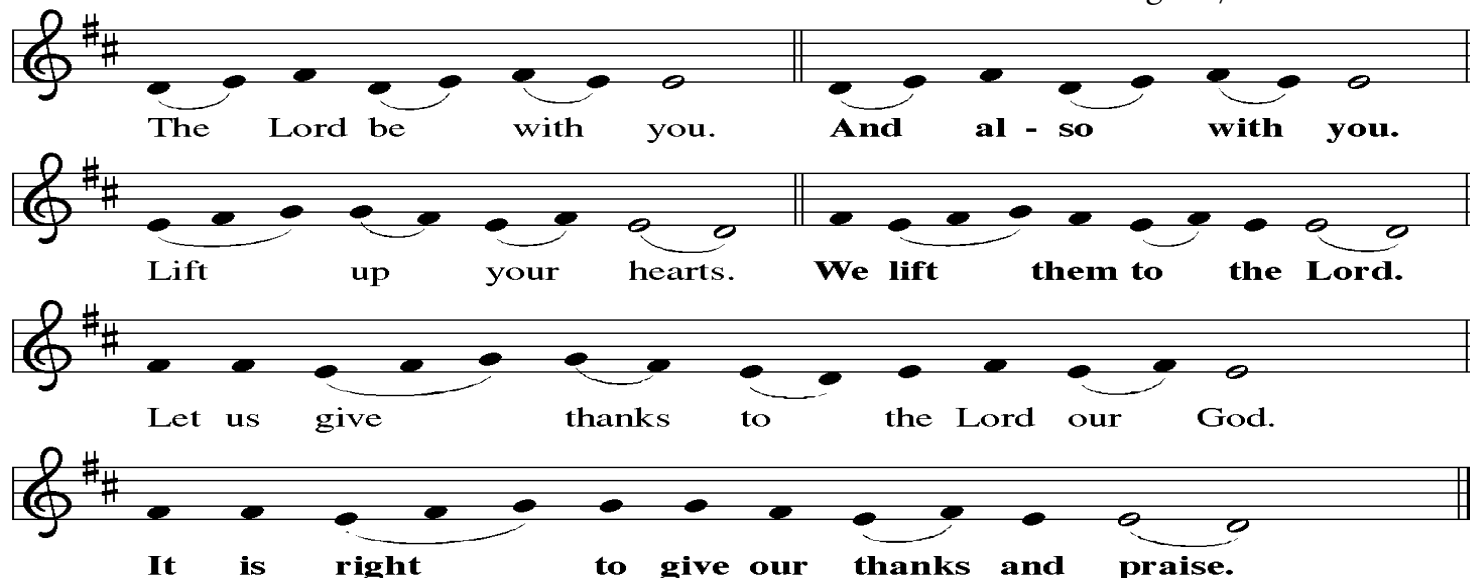
*OFFERTORY PRAYER (R/Amen.)

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(When there is no communion, the liturgy continues with the Lord's Prayer and then the announcements on page 13).

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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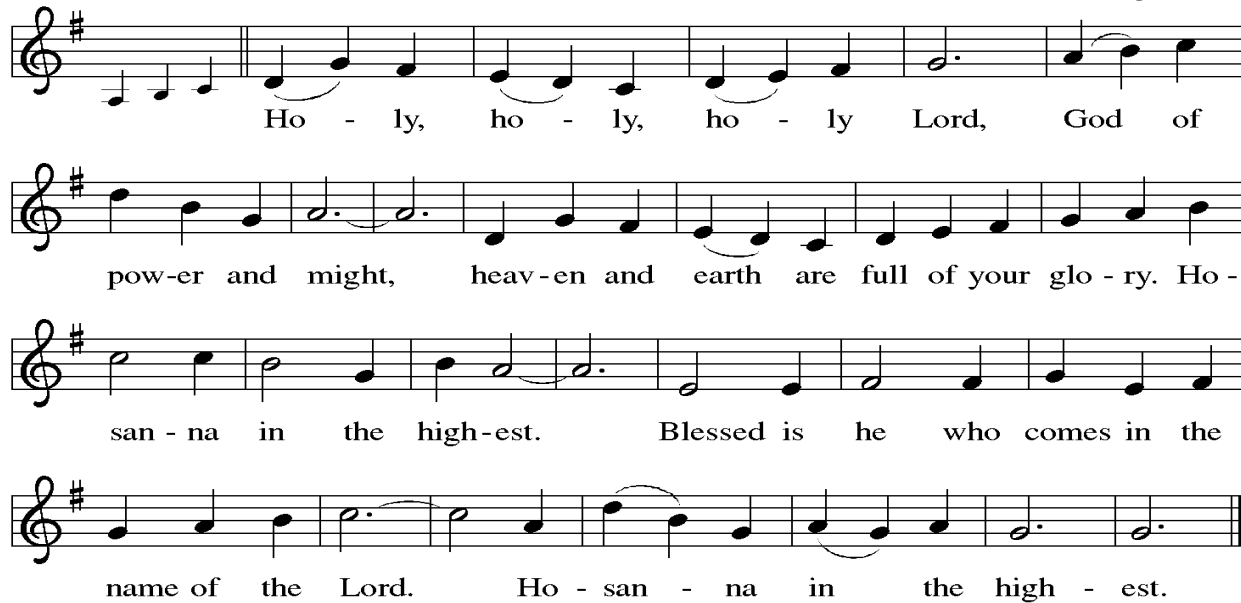
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...join in their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

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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.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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You are indeed holy, almighty...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



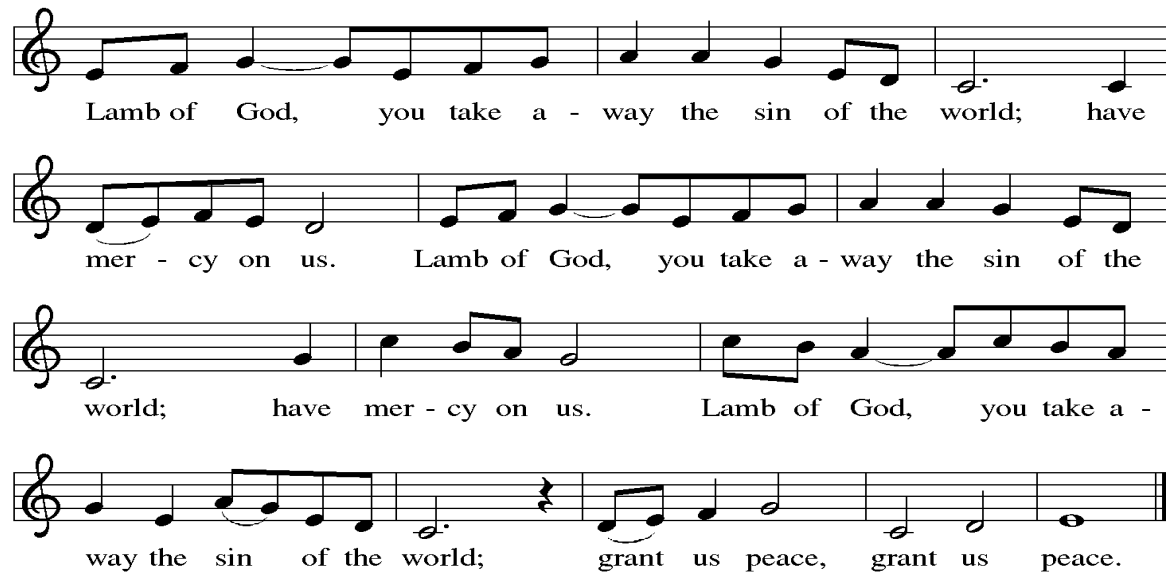
A - men, a - men, a - men.

*LORD'S PRAYER Page 112

*FRACTION SENTENCE

AGNUS DEI

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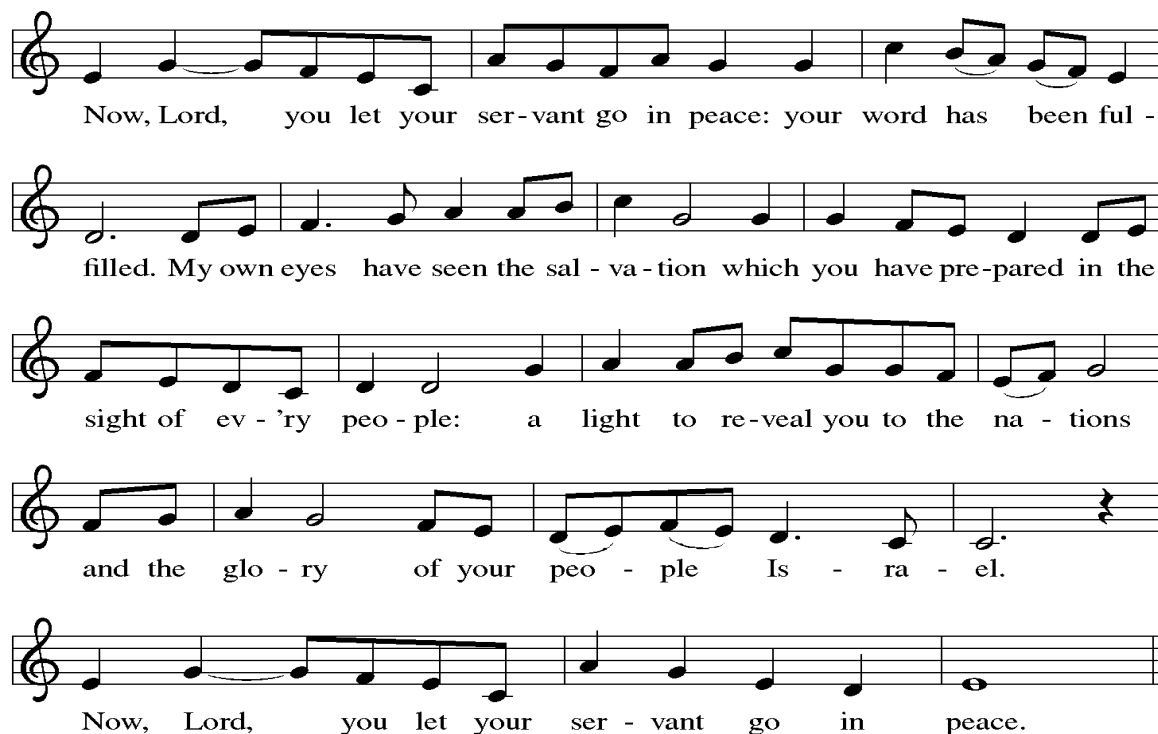
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God" and is a title for Jesus that appears in the Gospel of John (1:29). It is here that we are reminded that because of this meal, we have life to face another day and walk in the freedom of our God because of the lamb who took on our sin.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

NUNC DIMITTIS

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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.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

Also known as the Song of Simeon (Luke 2: 29-32). In this canticle, we are reminded of the real blessing to hear in a very objective and real way what the Lord has bestowed upon the communicant. Mainly the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We sing this canticle as a reminder of the great benefits given to us in this most holy and precious meal.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (R/Amen.) ANOUNCEMENTS *BENEDICTION

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As Aaron was once commanded by God to bless the people (Numbers 6:22-27), we do so as well. We place God's name on the congregation and God promises that we will be blessed. This does not mean we are immune from the effects of the world, sin and the devil, but we leave this place claimed by God and walk with God.

*SENDING HYMN

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*DISMISSAL (R/Thanks be to God.)

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The dismissal first appeared in the Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978. The Latin word for the dismissal is Missa or in English, the Mass. Essentially then, the entire point of the Mass, or the liturgy as it is referred to in the Lutheran Church, is to prepare Christians to be sent out. We are therefore reminded that our worship does not end on Sunday morning but continues throughout the week as we serve God through our vocations and the care of God's people.

POSTLUDE

Jerry Crites

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Who Are We?

Vision Statement Gather, Grow, and Go with God

At St. John's, we **Gather** together in worship and fellowship, we **Grow** with prayer and education and then we **Go with God** into the world to serve and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ gathering once again to worship and fellowship.

We welcome you to our congregation in the name of our crucified and risen Savior Jesus, the Christ. Our congregation has been bringing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community of Martinsburg since 1775. We follow in the traditions and theology of the Lutheran Church. Worship is the primary task of our community and everything that we do flows from our worship of God. **Thank you for being here!**

Therefore our Mission Is
Be Proclaimers of Hope!

To

We live out this mission by:

- Worshipping faithfully,
- Diligently studying his Holy Word
- Regularly participating in the Sacraments and,
- Constantly striving to reach out, serve and witness with care and acceptance to our community and world.



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