

St. John's Lutheran Church

Serving God and the ELCA in the Metropolitan New York Synod



Worship Guide for The Sundays of Pentecost

Welcome to worship at St. John's Lutheran Church!

Through Word and Sacrament, we are God's people rooted in the abiding presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and empowered to serve by God's Holy Spirit!

Responding to the Good News of Christ, we live out our calling as people of faith.

Here at St. John's, our Mission Statement expresses our grace-empowered desire to be disciples in our everyday lives:

“Encountering, Connecting, Responding to Jesus Christ.”

We give thanks to God for this day and the opportunity to gather together as God's family to be fed with the Word and the Meal that sustains us for daily life!

For the Hearing-Impaired:

We have a T-Coil Hearing Assistance System in place in the worship space.

The T-Switch must be activated on your hearing aid.

Feel free to ask an usher if you need assistance.

Health Emergency Notes:

If anyone needs **glucose**, or juice for a **hypoglycemic medical emergency**, juice boxes are available in the small fridge in the Meet and Greet Room (Room 118), just around the corner from the sanctuary. Glucose tablets and gel are in the **First Aid Kits** in the *Entrance area coat room*, and in the *kitchen in the Fellowship Hall*. Please let a staff member know if you use any, so that they can be replaced right away!

In the unfortunate case of heart failure, our **DEFIBRILLATOR** is located across the hall from *Room 111 (Youth Ministry Office)*.



Please Note: this worship service is being live-streamed.

Please be aware that, by attending, you may appear on camera.

Footage will be posted on our church website and social media, such as YouTube.

Additional hand-held video footage may be taken for use on our church website.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Our prelude music is designed to help you and your neighbors to relax, settle in, and immerse yourselves in some quiet time with God before we begin our worship service. This is also a good time to double check your portable devices to make sure they are on "mute." We hope that this prelude music will enhance your worship experience and bring peace to you.

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, and abounding in steadfast love.

All Amen.

Pastor Trusting in Christ's promise of forgiveness, let us now turn our hearts toward God in humble confession.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel or sit.

Pastor Gracious God,

All You are our breath and our very life. We are the work of your hands, the children of your creation. We confess that we have often turned from you and sought our own path through life. Forgive us our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, that you may be our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were still far away, and has given us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved, and in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God now forgives you all your sins!

All Amen.

Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new, a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world, or a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

Gathering Hymn *(see insert)*

During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of God, using a trinitarian greeting.

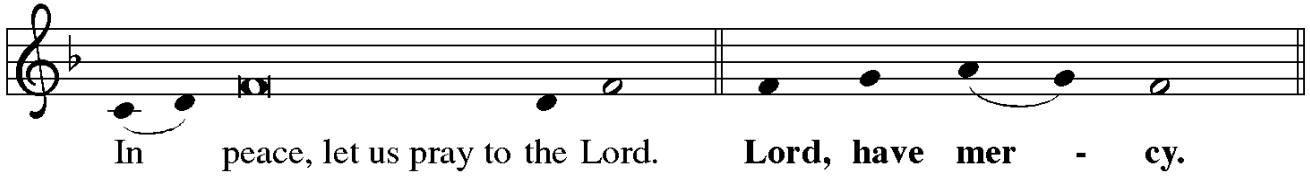
Apostolic Greeting

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

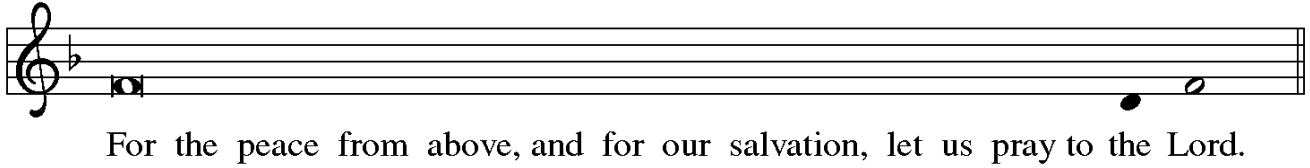
All And also with you.



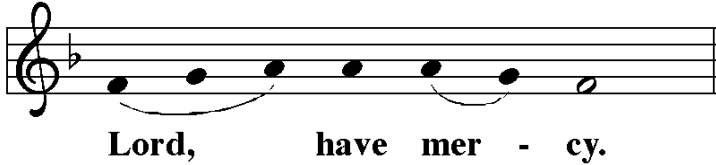
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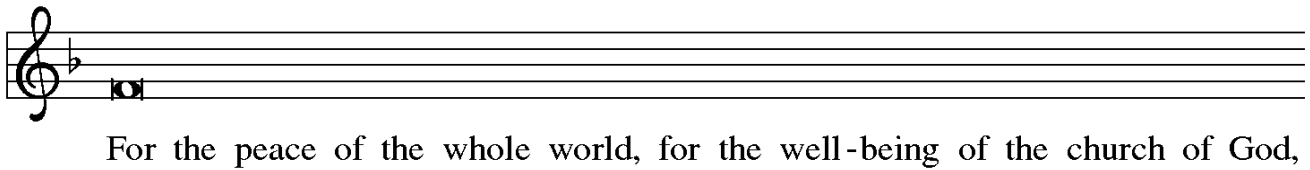
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



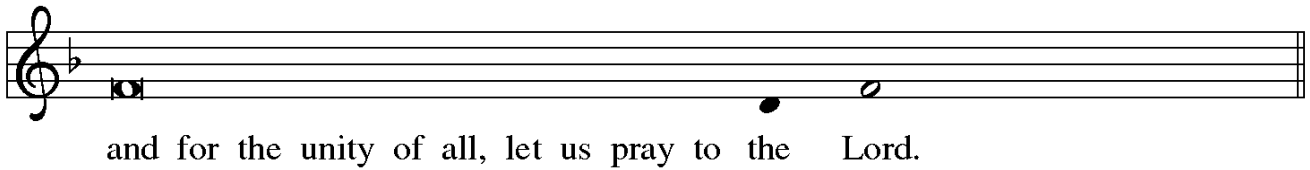
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



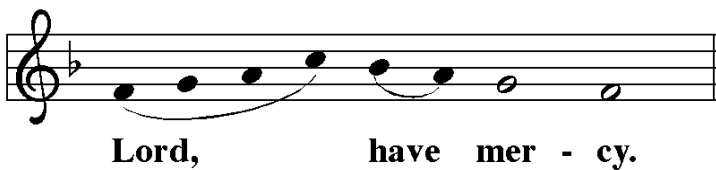
Lord, have mer - cy.



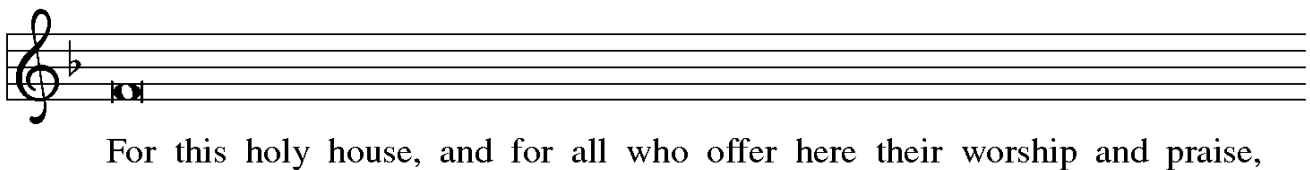
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



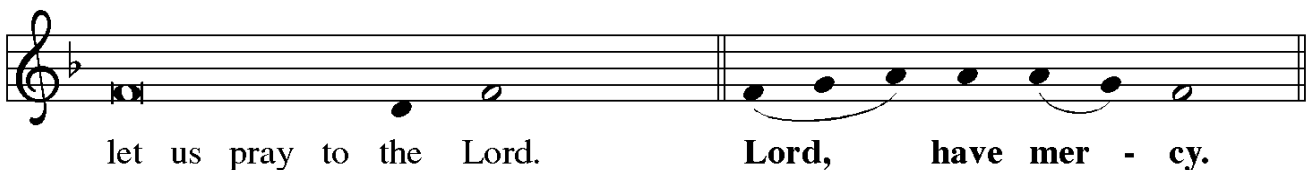
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise

High Voices Sing Verses 1 and 3

Low Voices Sing Verses 2 and 4

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **1** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **2** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **3** Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **4** For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister gathers the congregation into prayer.

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

Pastor Let us pray...

(see insert)

All Amen.

The congregation is seated

WORD

First Reading *(see insert)*

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!



Second Reading *(see insert)*

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

Please stand if 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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text.

Pastor The holy gospel according to _____ in the _____ Chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the text.

Gospel

(See insert)

Pastor The gospel of the Lord.



The congregation is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



Please stand if you are able.

Hymn of the Day *(See insert)*

God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.



gospel

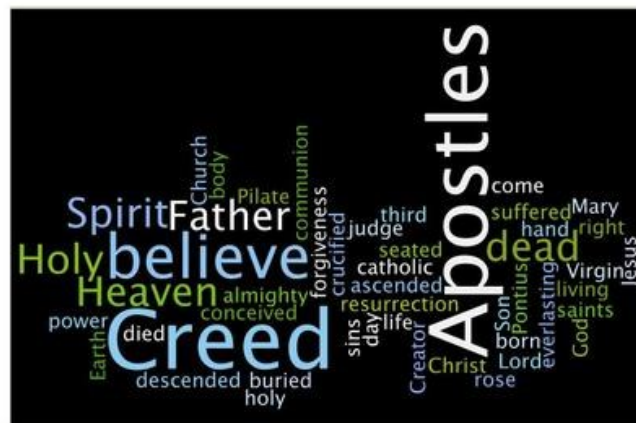
Pastor We express our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All 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 Christian** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



**or, "descended into hell."*

***or, catholic (universal)*



Prayers of Intercession

A Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence. The assisting minister continues with the petitions, and the congregation responds to each with:

A Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

The pastor concludes the prayers with:

Pastor Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:

Response Peace be with you.

The congregation is seated.

Announcements



Offering

An offering is gathered and the table is set. During this section of worship, we offer our gifts of time, self, and possessions to the glory of God, and we celebrate the sacrament of the eucharist, where Christ comes to meet us at the table.

Offertory Anthem (See insert)

As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.



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

A Let us pray.

All O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

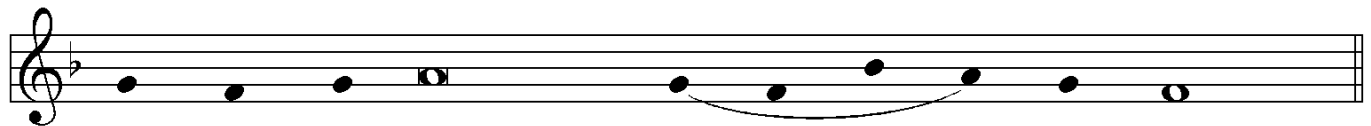
The Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:



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.

Pastor Blessed are you, almighty and ever-living God. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. We give you thanks that you have gathered us into one through your Son, Jesus Christ, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. 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.

All Amen! We give you thanks and praise, O Lord!

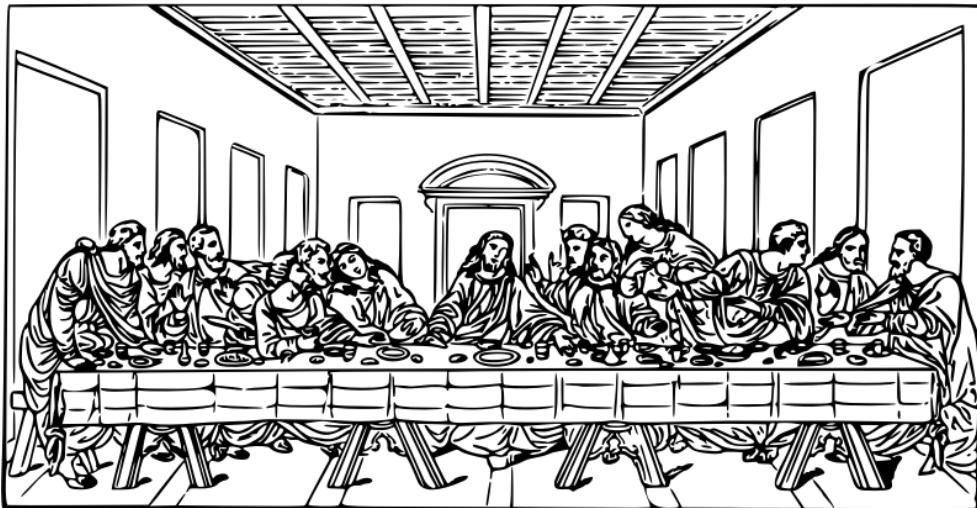
Pastor On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity that we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, † with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All Amen.



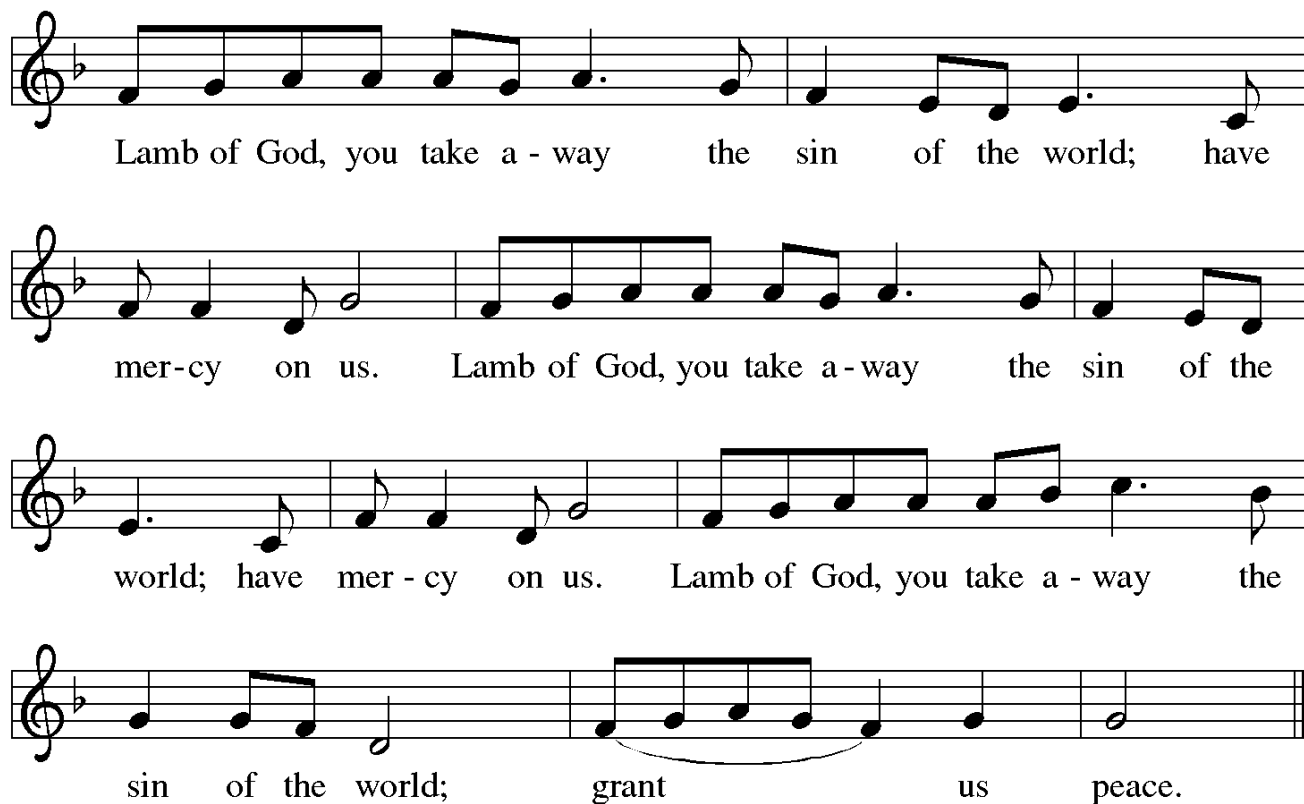
Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us boldly pray:

All 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

Pastor Come to the table where all are welcomed home.



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.

Communion Hymns *(See insert)*

After the Eucharist has been shared by all, the congregation stands.

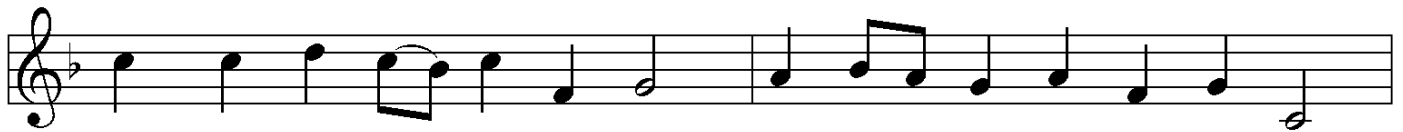
Table Blessing

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

All Amen.



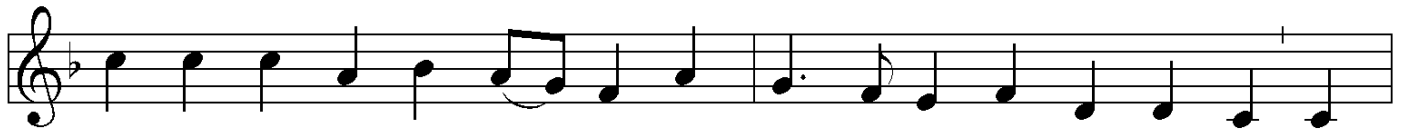
Post-Communion Canticle



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



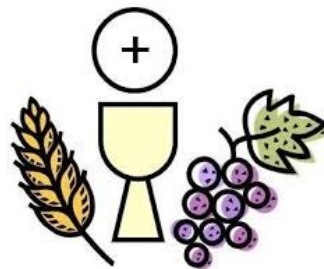
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



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.



Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

God of all creation, all that you have made is good, and your love endures forever. Send your spirit with us now, that we may be united and transformed through the healing power of this gift of life, to serve you more fully by loving our neighbors more deeply.
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

SENDING

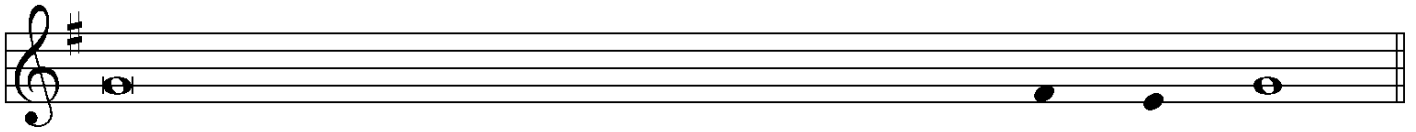
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The gifts of grace that we share at God's table are now ours to bring to all those in need.

We are sent out to live as Christ's body in our community and throughout the world.

Go in peace!

Benediction



☐ 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.



☐ A - men

Sending Hymn *(See Insert)*

Dismissal

Pastor You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world!
Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *(See Insert)*

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Thank you for your gifts! Every dollar you give enhances God's work through the ministries of St. John's. And there are so many ways to give! We recommend electronic methods because they are secure, fast, reliable, and consistent.

It helps us keep up with our budgeting process too.

Currently, one-third of our contributions are from e-giving... We thank you!

E-Giving.....Scan the QR code below and simply follow the prompts!

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A quick-info flyer is available in the kiosks around the church.

Or, contact Jeanne Jones jjones@stjohnselc.org or (845) 452-1550.

*Thank you all for your dedication to the important work
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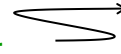
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

(Contemporary) (Traditional)

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