



# St John's Lutheran Church

*We are grace filled children of God.*

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**Gathering** ELW 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

**Sending** ELW 579 Lord, You gave the Great Commission

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

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

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands.*

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

**Amen.**

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.

**Amen.**

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

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.**

*The assembly stands.*

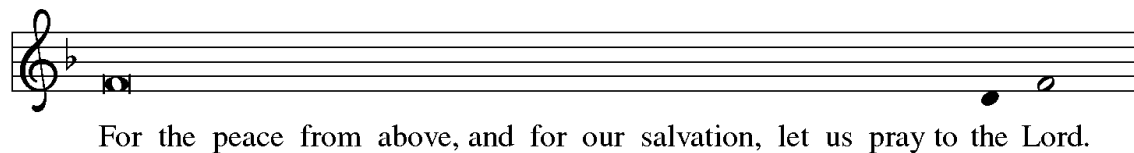
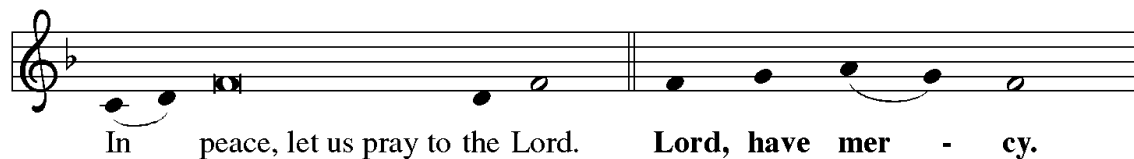
## **GATHERING HYMN      ELW 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!**

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

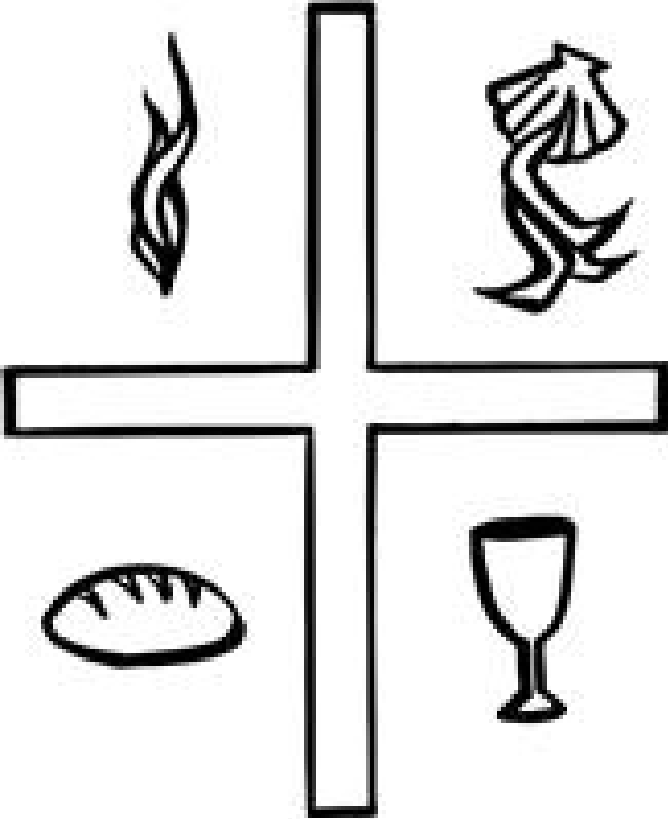
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE**



**CANTICLE: S140 THIS IS THE FEAST**



*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

O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 1:6-14 NIV

### A Reading from Acts:

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk<sup>[a]</sup> from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalms: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 NIV

## Read Responsively

<sup>1</sup> May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;  
may his foes flee before him.

<sup>2</sup> **May you blow them away like smoke—  
as wax melts before the fire,  
may the wicked perish before God.**

<sup>3</sup> But may the righteous be glad  
and rejoice before God;  
may they be happy and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,  
extol him who rides on the clouds;**

**rejoice before him—his name is the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,  
is God in his holy dwelling.

<sup>6</sup> **God sets the lonely in families,  
he leads out the prisoners with singing;  
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

<sup>7</sup> When you, God, went out before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> **the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,  
before God, the One of Sinai,  
before God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You gave abundant showers, O God;  
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people settled in it,  
and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord,

<sup>33</sup> **to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens,  
who thunders with mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Proclaim the power of God,  
whose majesty is over Israel,  
whose power is in the heavens.

<sup>35</sup> **You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;  
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.  
Praise be to God!**

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 NIV**

### **A Reading from 1 Peter:**

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.<sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All Stand*

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.

**Gospel: John 17:1-11 NIV**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. John:**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup>“I have revealed you<sup>[a]</sup> to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of<sup>[b]</sup> your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Merciful God,  
Receive our prayer.

## **PEACE**

The peace of our Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.

**OUR OFFERING            ELW 182 LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL**

# Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

## *Offering Song*



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



bles - sing. 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.

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## OFFERING PRAYER.

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Amen.**

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

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

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

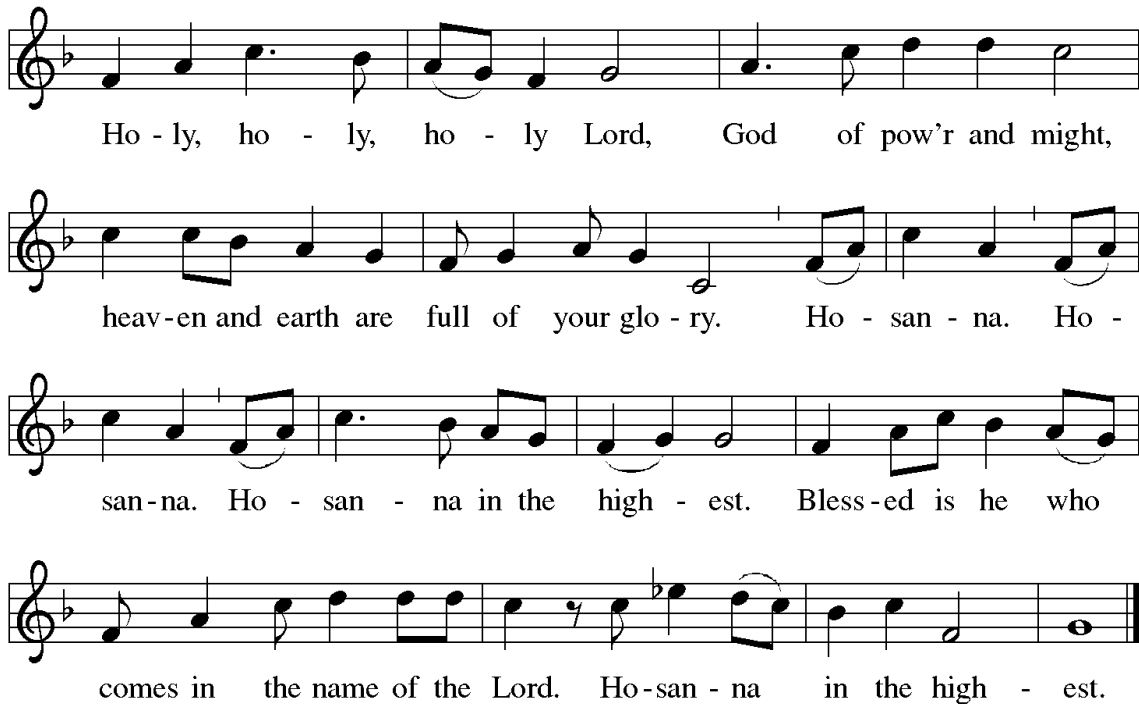
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## S144b      HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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**

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom

**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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table of new life.  
 Receive the risen Lord.

**COMMUNION SONG                      S146    Lamb of God**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The third staff continues with lyrics: "world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a curved line. The music ends with a double bar line.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen**

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



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

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Holy Lord,**

**through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,**

**to love our enemies,**

**and to bring your healing to the nations.**

**In the name of Jesus,**

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

### **SENDING PRAYER**

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us.  
So be swift to love, haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 579 Lord, You gave the Great Commission**



### **DISMISSAL**

We are grace filled children of God,  
Growing in faith,  
Sharing the Gospel,  
and making disciples.

