



*Fueled by Christ's redeeming love,  
St. John's is called into a joyful life of  
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled  
worship, transformational relationships,  
and Gospel-driven service in the world.  
St. John's is an RIC congregation.*

*A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving*

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*Ash Wednesday*

February 14, 2024

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*On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.*

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

ELW 769

### GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

The word is near you,

**on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard,

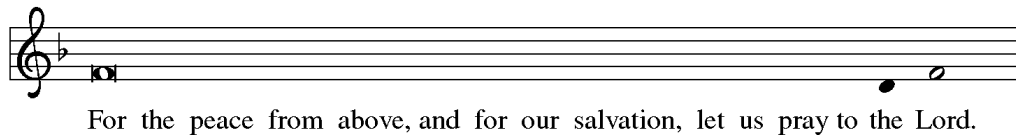
**and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

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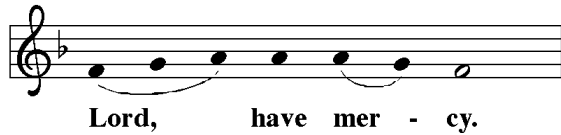
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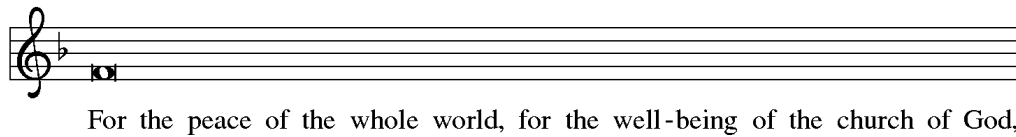
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



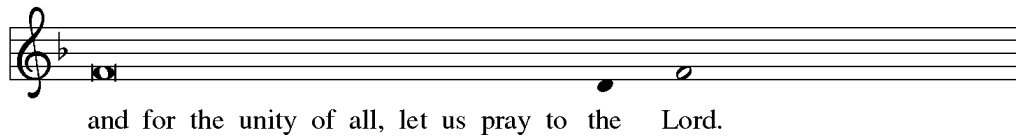
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



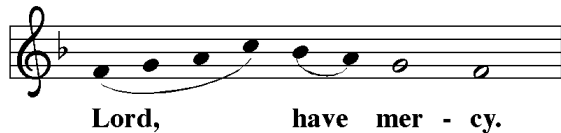
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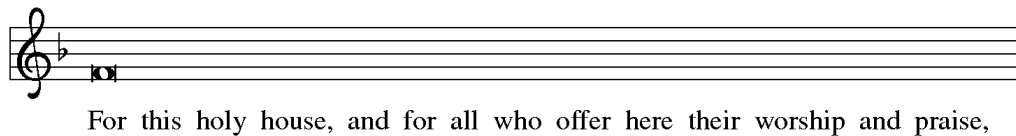
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



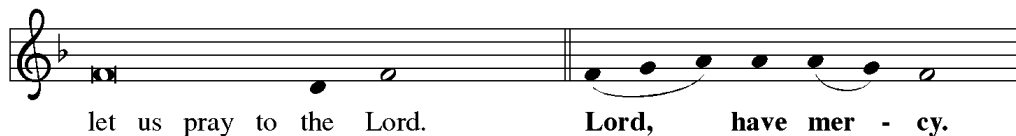
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



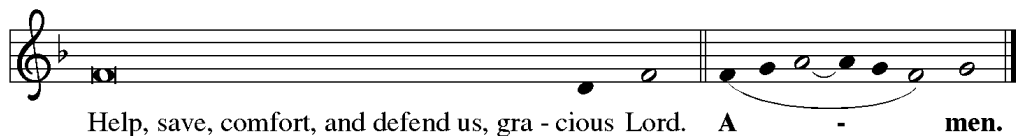
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

## SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Holy God, on this Ash Wednesday we reflect upon our sin, our failings, and the harms we have caused. Remind us that, although we are dust, we are also your children, and your love never fails. Amen.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 32:1-5**

Let us read together the verses from Psalm 32.

**<sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.**

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**<sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.**

**<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**LENTEN ACCLAMATION** (*ELW Setting 3*)

*Please rise as you are able during the singing of the Acclamation for the reading of the Gospel.*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Moment of silence*

## MEDITATION

Pastor Mark Tiede

*Moment of silence*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Abide with Me*

ELW 629

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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**

*Moment of silence*

## **Confession of Sin**

Most holy and merciful God, **we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, 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, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

**Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

*Moment of silence*

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**Psalm 51**

*During the reading of the Psalm, the forehead of each person may be signed with a cross, while these words are said:*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*Persons joining online may sign one another on the forehead; persons living alone may mark their own forehead.*

## Psalm 51:1-17

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.
- <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- <sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.
- <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- <sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- <sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- <sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING ASHES**

Let us pray.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,  
**that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,  
**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
**through our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
strengthen us in all goodness,  
**and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.**  
**Amen.**

## **PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us turn to Almighty God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You call us to return to you, steadfast God. Renew a right spirit and cleanse the hearts of your people. Strengthen those who proclaim your gospel in word and deed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You sustain your whole creation, generous God. Continue to empower us as your stewards of your creation. Forgive us and tenderly correct us when we tend the earth and creatures poorly and help us to supply all that is needed for life to flourish. Teach us to live lightly upon the earth and to honor it as our home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care for all people, loving God. Heal any who are scarred by violence, addiction, or trauma of any kind. Comfort those who grieve and bring relief to any in pain. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our Lenten journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts.  
In Jesus' name we pray,

**Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

## OFFERING

### Musical Offering

*A word about 'The Offering'* The offering is an important part of Christian worship. In all other parts of the liturgy we receive from God forgiveness, love, peace and hope. In the offering we actively participate in God's grace by giving an offering. The Offering Cards available in the pew racks are intended to represent both your non-financial generosity and the financial contributions you may have made electronically during the week. Your offerings, offering cards, and pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates set near the sanctuary entrances.

## OFFERTORY

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with your holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

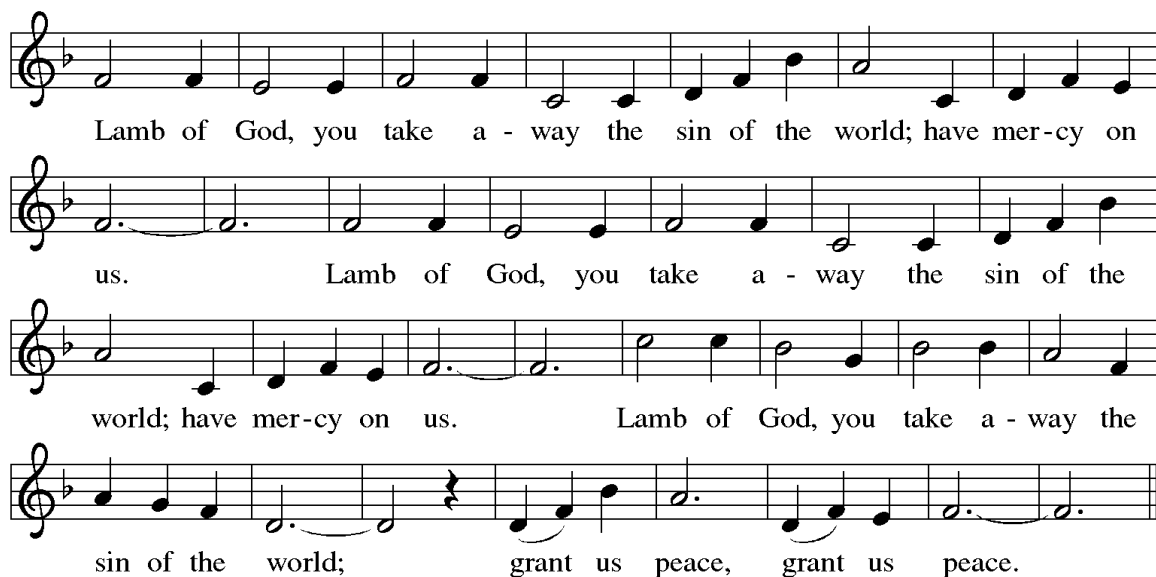
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength for the journey and our path in the wilderness.

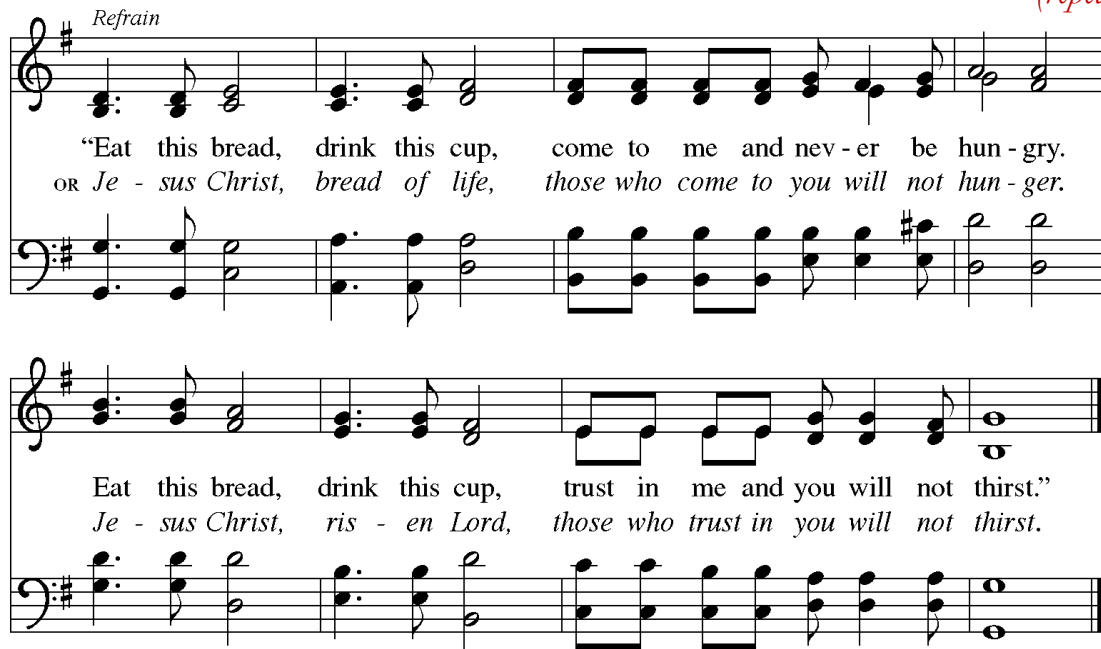
### COMMUNION SONG (*ELW 195*)



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.

*(repeat as needed)*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish you, strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN***The Glory of These Forty Days*

ELW 320

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Worshippers are welcome to depart quietly or remain for a time of contemplation in the pew or at the altar rail.*

## If You But Trust in God to Guide You

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

# Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

# The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
 Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

## WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
  - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

**The Offering** is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app, or
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church  
4842 Nicollet Ave,  
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### Videos on our YouTube channel include:

- Sunday morning worship services
- 'God's Work · Our Hands' recap



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### Reading for February 18 - Lent 1

Mark 10:17-31 (Psalm 19:7-10)

## Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister:  
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Minister of Music:  
*Peder Flaten*

Assisting Ministers:  
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*Deborah Dunham*

Communion Preparer:  
*Deborah Dunham*

Usher:  
*Larry Fraser*

A/V Lead  
*Matthew Tiede*

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*Sam Nervig*

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## **Our Life Together**

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18—1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Worship with Holy Communion - 10 a.m. *in person & online***

**Nursery for age 3 and younger - 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship *following worship* (FH)**

### **LENTEN WEDNESDAYS**

**Feb. 21 and Feb. 28; March 6, 13 and 20**

**at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S.**

**Pizza Supper - serving begins at 4:30 p.m.**

*All are welcome, free will offering*

**Worship - 7 p.m.**

*St. John's and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregations worship together with Holden Evening Prayer and meditations based on Luke 19:38-40, "The stones would shout out."*

**St. John's Choir Rehearsal *in LCGS Parlor following worship***

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY—March 28**

**Worship at St. John's, 7 p.m.**

### **GOOD FRIDAY—March 29**

**Worship at St. John's, 7 p.m.**

### **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**A Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation of the**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).**

**Our Mission:**

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

**Our Core Values:**

*Welcoming*

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.  
You belong. Come as you are.

*Worshiping*

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

*Healing*

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

*Serving*

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

**Our Vision for the Future:**

A vibrant community living faith boldly