



*“<sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.”*

*John 21: 13-14*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Third Sunday of Easter—April 10, 2016**

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an \*, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter—April 10, 2016**

*The disciples make a big splash and breakfast with the risen Jesus in the gospel. Wading in the water (remembering our baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating the holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us, with Peter, again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

**Today we commemorate** Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, who died in 1557. Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

**PRELUDE:** *This Joyful Eastertide* – Robert A. Hobby

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG: *Blessing and Honor***

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,  
 2. Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;  
 3. Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,  
 4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb!

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,  
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.  
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;  
 Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,  
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r  
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise--  
 sing we the song of the Lamb who was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
 ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.  
 this is the theme of the hymn that we raise.  
 dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign.

**\*GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

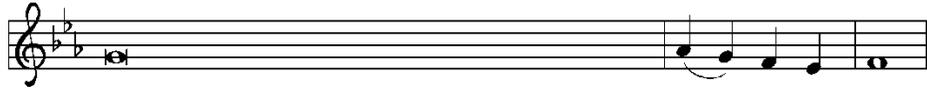
**\*KYRIE**



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.



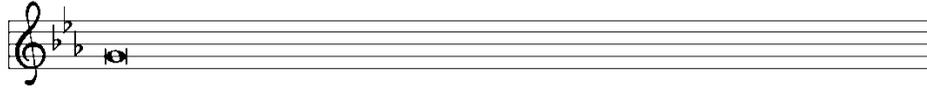
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

## \*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, 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.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Eternal and all-merciful God,**

**with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.**

**By the resurrection of your Son,**

**show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1–6 [7-20]**

*Each of us has a story of meeting God’s grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup>He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 30**

*The cantor sings the refrain and all repeat it. The congregation sings the verses in **bold**.*



You have turned my wail-ing in-to danc-ing; you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.** **R**

<sup>5</sup>God’s wrath is short; God’s favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
“I shall never | be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains.”  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper.”** **R**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.** **R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11–14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord’s Day. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The cantor sings the refrain, and all repeat it.*



Verse (cantor): Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 21:1–19**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After[he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came

and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY#389: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

#### **\*NICENE CREED**

**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.**

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Holy God, you supply everything we need, and more. Equip us to do the work you intend with the confidence that you will multiply the outcome. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Open our eyes to the promise of new life all around us. Make sprouting plants, awakening animals, and swimming fish all bear witness to your glorious abundance. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the lives of those who are persecuted for their devotion to you. Use the faithfulness and insight you have given them to transform their persecutors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restore the well-being of people who cry out to you in suffering and in want especially for Winnie, Frieda, Raymond, Wanda Jean, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Fred & Jane, David & Ellen, and all those we remember aloud or in our hearts.). Pour out your mercy upon them, and turn their wailing into dancing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire the work of translators, authors, and composers who bring your word to others as you inspired Mikael Agricola, whom we commemorate today. Reveal your life through their work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remembering the saints who praised you in life and in death, bring us also to the day when you will gather all people to sing hymns of praise in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING HYMN #729: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age***

*All stand for the final stanza as the gifts are brought forward.*

### **\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

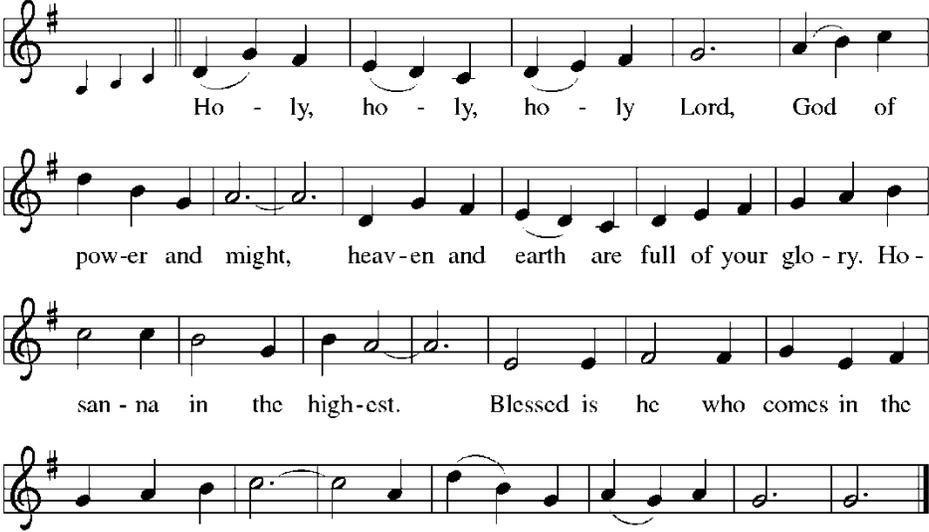
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

The table of life is spread before you.  
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

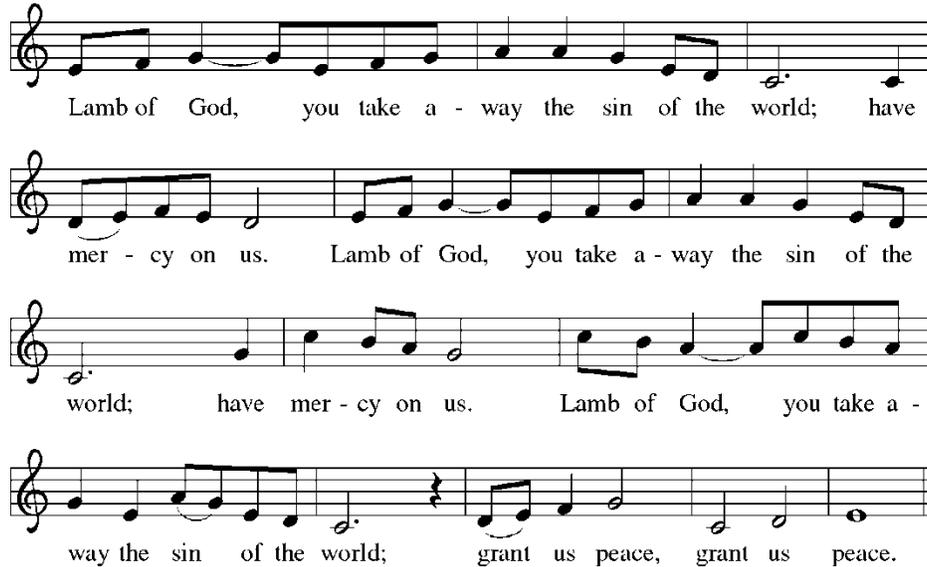
## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The area of cups bordered by green tape has grape juice.*

### COMMUNION SONG: *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, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION HYMN #474: *Bread of Life from Heaven*

#### \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**Amen.**

#### \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
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.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness,  
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection,

that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,  
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the waters of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,  
make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,  
bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #391: *This Joyful Eastertide***

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* – J. Wayne Kerr**

**8:00 am**

**Assisting Minister:** Clarence Strabel

**Communion Assistant:** Marlene Strabel

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:** Chuck Olescyski

**Attendance Last Week:** 73

**Weekly Budgeted Expense:** \$ 3,374.14

**YTD Budgeted Expenses:** \$43,863.77

**YTD Actual Expense:** \$33,715.24

**10:30 am**

**Assisting Minister:**

**Communion Assistant:**

**Acolyte:**

**Lector:**

**Usher:**

**Attendance Last Year:**

**Last Week’s Giving:**

**YTD Receipts:**

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**Jim Ward**

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