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*Luke 23: 42-43*

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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**

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*Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.*

**PRELUDE:** *Variations on Crown Him with Many Crowns* – Charles Callahan

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GATHERING**

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

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God the Father of glory;  
in the name of God the + Son, our Redeemer;  
in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing.  
Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Gracious God,

**we acknowledge that we are sinners  
and we confess our sins—  
those known to us that burden our hearts,  
and those unknown to us but seen by you.  
We know that before you nothing remains hidden,  
and in you everything is revealed.  
Free us from the slavery of sin;  
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;  
and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion,  
God saves us and + forgives us all our sins.  
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us  
and by the light of the Holy Spirit  
guides our feet into the way of peace.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG #855: *Crown Him with Many Crowns***

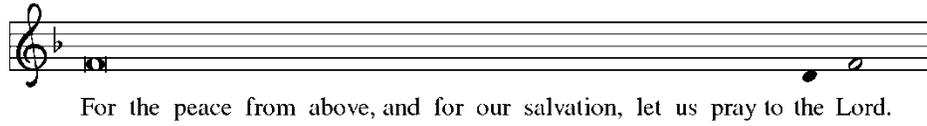
### **\*GREETING**

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.**

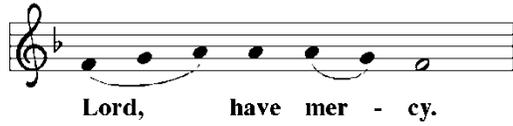
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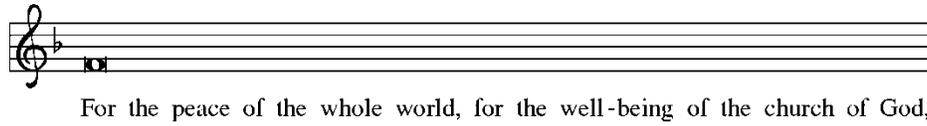
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



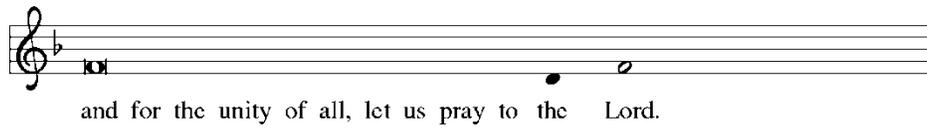
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



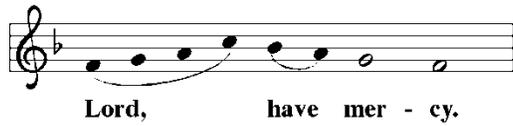
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



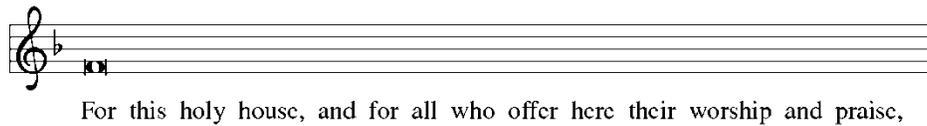
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



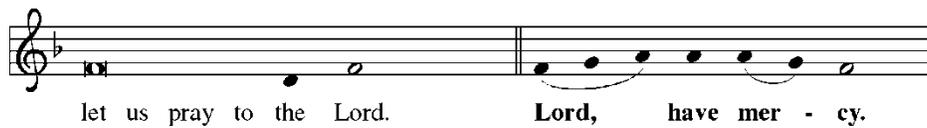
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



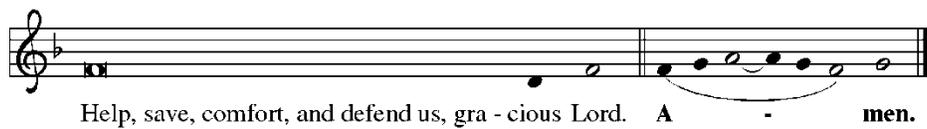
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**



**\*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**

Let us pray.

**O God, our true life,  
to serve you is freedom,  
and to know you is unending joy.  
We worship you, we glorify you,  
we give thanks to you for your great glory.  
Abide with us, reign in us,  
and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

1. God is our hope and strength, Whose help is ev - er near;  
 2. A riv - er flows whose streams Make glad God's tem - ple grounds;  
 3. Come, see what God has done, Who makes our con - flicts cease;

Though earth should shake and moun - tains break, We will not ev - er fear;  
 God dwells there and its cit - a - dels Will nev - er be cast down;  
 De - stroys the bow, the spear, and shield, And gives the na - tions peace;

Though wa - ters rage and foam, Seas rise and moun - tains cow'r,  
 Though realms and na - tions quake, Though earth melts at God's pow'r,  
 Know, then, that I am God, Ex - a - lted in this hour;

The Lord of hosts is with us still And Ja - cob's God our tow'r.  
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**SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20**

*An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.*

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43**

*Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON  
SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY#431: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us**

**\*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.**

#### **\*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life,  
we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors.

O God, our help in ages past  
and our hope for years to come:

**We give you thanks for all your faithful people  
who have followed the light of your word  
throughout the centuries into our time and place.**

God of life, we remember and give thanks for: Emily Harbison, Melvin Harbison, Mary Jane Harbison, Robert Stefko, Sarah Pinkerton, Richard Augustine, Daniel Hodge, Julia Wolfrum, Anna Hackworth, Julia Dene Arnold, Francis & Margaret Ward, Chris & Margaret Gurtner, Jacob Lydon, Doris & Harold Reidenbaugh, Nick & Kathleen Nania, Roy C. Grise Sr., Rosemma Grise.

As we remember these your children,  
strengthen us to follow Christ through this world  
until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life,  
where suffering and death will be no more.

**Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.**

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

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of your reign, that all divisions cease, let us pray.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

For your creation in all its beauty, for water and land, plants and animals, and for those who advocate for the just use of the earth, that all creatures enjoy life abundant, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For government leaders, for those who provide justice and safety, and for those in war-torn places, that all be guided by the peace of the Lord, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the alienated, for the sick and suffering, for those living with HIV/AIDS, and for those in need of reconciliation, especially Erin, Jim & Davena, Raymond, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Jane, David & Ellen, those on our prayer list and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts, and for caregivers, that God provide them with skilled medical practitioners and counselors, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those traveling this week, for those gathered with family and friends, for protection from inclement weather, and for the body of Christ gathered here, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the outreach ministries of this congregation, especially the upcoming Night in Bethlehem event, and for all those involved in the planning, preparation, and presentation of this program, that it may it be a witness to the light of Christ among us in the community, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for all the saints who lived their lives giving thanks to God and are now at rest, that their witness strengthen our confidence in the resurrection to eternal life, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING HYMN #434: *Jesus Shall Reign***

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

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*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.**

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,  
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and carth 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.

Holy God,  
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
 and to become food for the world.

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 given for us  
 and his rising from the grave,  
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
 By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
 strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
 and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

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

**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Share in the inheritance of all the saints.  
Come to the table prepared for you.

### 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Jesus, Remember Me***

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, shepherding God,  
that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day,  
feeding us richly with the food of Paradise.  
Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives,  
and gather us with the saints in the day of our death;  
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,  
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength  
to a sick and hurting world.  
Anoint with a servant heart  
those who take your word and sacrament  
to our sisters and brothers  
who are sick or homebound.  
Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope  
to those who feast on your body and blood  
and receive your words of new life.  
May we all recognize that we have a place and a home  
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

God who loves us,  
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,  
comfort your hearts  
and strengthen them in every good work and word;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #727: Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us – Gordon Young**

**8:00 am**

<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Kelly Greb</b>
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	<b>Missy Kramer</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	
<b>Usher:</b>	
<b>Attendance Last Week:</b>	51
<b>Weekly Budgeted Expense:</b>	\$ 3,374.14
<b>YTD Budgeted Expenses:</b>	\$155,210.27
<b>YTD Actual Expense:</b>	\$149,067.79

**10:30 am**

<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<b>Martha Ward</b>
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	<b>Jim Ward</b>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	
<b>Lector:</b>	
<b>Usher:</b>	
<b>Attendance Last Year:</b>	68
<b>Last Week's General Giving:</b>	\$ 722.65
<b>Last Week's Designated Giving:</b>	\$ 96.85
<b>YTD Receipts:</b>	\$ 131,916.38

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