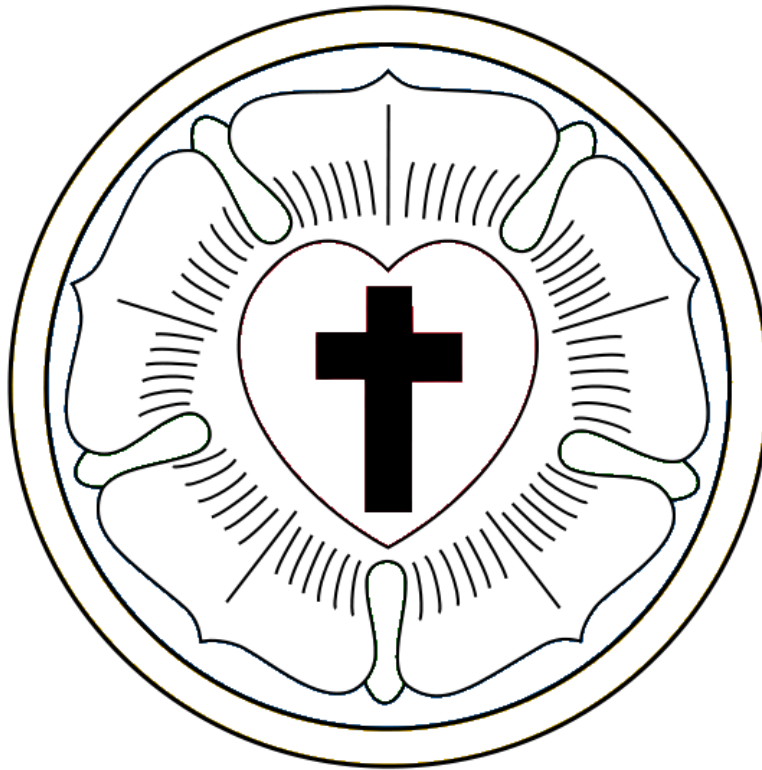


# Celebrating 125 Years 1897-2022



*“Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

*1 Peter 2:4-5*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Reformation Sunday / 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – October 30, 2022**

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*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning!  
Know that you are welcome here just as you are*

*If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.*

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an \* and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**.*

*All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.*

*During the time of Peace, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace.*

*We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

*At the time of Offering, you are invited to share a gift as you are comfortable. You may also place any prayer requests for the pastor in the offering plates.*

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Today marks a special day in the life of St. John Lutheran Church in Mars, PA. Today we celebrate 125 years of ministry as a congregation. St. John has seen many changes over the years, both within its worship life and in the town around the church.

As we look back on the last 125 years with joy and celebration, we worship together using words and songs from the hymnals used at St. John over the decades. Each hymnal is represented in today's worship service. Some songs and prayers have been with St. John since the congregation's beginning. Some songs and prayers are new with the latest hymnal.

When the congregation first formed, each family purchased its own hymnal. As the church continued to grow, the congregation purchased a set of copies of *The American Lutheran Hymnal* (published in 1930). As worship continued to change and evolve, the congregation switched to the *Service Book and Hymnal* (the "old red book"). Shortly before the ELCA was founded, St. John adopted the new Lutheran hymnal, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (the "green book.") and later added the supplement *With One Voice* (the "blue book"). Finally, our latest hymnal came to us in the form of another red book (or "the cranberry book" for those looking to distinguish it from the prior red book), also known as the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

As we worship today, we remember all the voices who have joined in worship through prayers, scripture, and song in this congregation over the last 125 years, and we join our voices with theirs as we worship using the hymnals of the past and the hymnal we use today, imagining the ways this congregation will continue to worship and serve in Mars, PA.

*As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of the people.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Know that your sins have been forgiven ✠ and you have been made whole. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *O God Our Help in Ages* (ELW 632)**



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.


- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

**\*RECOGNITION OF THE DAY**

Today we come together to celebrate the rich history and the hopeful future of St. John and the wider church. Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we remember the ways the church has undergone reformations in the past and we celebrate the current and coming reformations in the church. Today we also celebrate the 125 years St. John has been the hands of God's work in Mars and we look forward to the ways the St. John will continue to speak God's grace and love in an ever-changing world. We ask for God's mercy on the work and ministry of this congregation and on our world.

## \*KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

# \*THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 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.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30**

A reading from the book of 1 Kings.

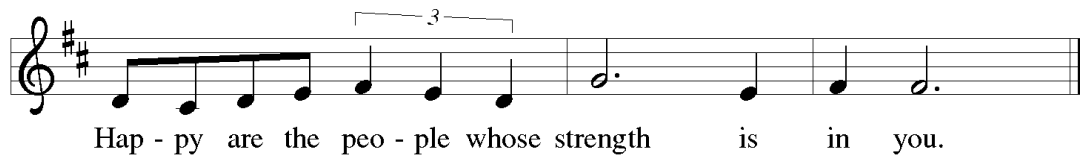
<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84



- <sup>1</sup>How dear to me <sup>|</sup> is your dwelling,  
O <sup>|</sup> LORD of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts <sup>|</sup> of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the <sup>|</sup> living God.**
- <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may <sup>|</sup> lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king <sup>|</sup> and my God.
- <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell <sup>|</sup> in your house!  
They will always be <sup>|</sup> praising you. R**
- <sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength <sup>|</sup> is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the <sup>|</sup> pilgrims' way.
- <sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a <sup>|</sup> place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with <sup>|</sup> pools of water.**
- <sup>7</sup>They will climb from <sup>|</sup> height to height,  
and the God of gods will be <sup>|</sup> seen in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup>**LORD God of hosts, <sup>|</sup> hear my prayer;  
give ear, O <sup>|</sup> God of Jacob. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Behold our defend- <sup>|</sup> er, O God;  
and look upon the face of <sup>|</sup> your anointed.
- <sup>10</sup>**For one day in your courts is better than a <sup>|</sup> thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the  
tents <sup>|</sup> of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup>For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing <sup>|</sup> grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk <sup>|</sup> with integrity.
- <sup>12</sup>**O <sup>|</sup> LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their <sup>|</sup> trust in you! R**



## **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9**

A reading from the book of 1 Peter.

<sup>1</sup>Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

<sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR: *I've Got Peace Like a River***

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (ELW 502)**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, guidance, and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**We do, and We ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth,  
cleansing us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of  
counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your  
presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our safe place, we pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our liberator, we pray for your earth. Bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and reorient our relationship with the environment, that we faithfully care for all of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our refuge and strength, we pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Make wars to cease and peace to enter every land. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God, our very present help in trouble, we pray for those in need. Show mercy to refugees and all fleeing from danger. Shelter any without homes. Calm all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit especially Jeff, Bob, Katie, Marcia, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Chuck, Henry, Harry, Roy, Pastor Storm, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, and those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our redeemer, we pray for our congregation. Bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of restoration, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. You call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our strength, we give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

**CHOIR ANTHEM: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* by Mindy Meyers**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY HYMN *Shepherd of Tender Youth***

*\*Rise on 4<sup>th</sup> verse*

1. Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in love and truth  
 2. Thou art our ho - ly Lord, The all - sub - du - ing Word,  
 Through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri - um - phant King, We come thy Name to  
 Heal - er of strife; Thou didst thy - self a - base, That from sin's deep dis -  
 sing; Hith - er thy chil - dren bring Trib - utes of praise.  
 grace Thou might - est save our race, And give us life. A - men.

3 Ever be near our side,  
 Our Shepherd and our guide,  
 Our staff and song;  
 Jesus, thou Christ of God,  
 By thine enduring word  
 Lead us where thou hast trod,  
 Make our faith strong.

4 So now, and till we die,  
 Sound we thy praises high,  
 And joyful sing;  
 Let all the holy throng  
 Who to thy Church belong,  
 Unite and swell the song  
 To Christ, our King. Amen.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
**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 and salutary  
that we should at all times and in all places  
offer thanks and praise to you,  
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.  
**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us  
on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**



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

**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 gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

*Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.*

### **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, Lamb of God.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

# COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread One Body* (WOV 710)

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat - tered	and grown,



wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in the Lord		of	all.
gath - ered to one		for	all.

*Refrain*

## COMMUNION HYMN *Bind Us Together* (WOV 748)

*Refrain*  
F

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that  
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,  
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.  
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

*Refrain*  
F B<sup>b</sup>/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing:  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## \*BLESSING

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.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG *Built on a Rock* (ELW 652)



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

## **\*DISMISSAL**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**The flowers on the altar today are from Sherry and Bob Davidson in celebration of St. John’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in celebration of our grandchildren Braelynn & Brody’s October birthdays.**

### **Assisting in worship today:**

**Assisting Minister: Dave Knauff**

**Acolyte: Emma Niklewicz**

**Ushers: Niklewicz Family**

**Offering: Abigail Cardinal & Ella Niklewicz**

**11/6 – Ava Niklewicz & Emma Niklewicz**

**Attendance last week: 27 + 4 zoom**

### *Notes for the day’s texts:*

Concluding the Johannine discourse about Jesus as the good shepherd is another indication of the intense controversy in the late first century, when the gospel was written, between the growing Christian community and Jewish religious authorities. Jesus is speaking from the temple precincts and claims for his own followers the historically Jewish religious language that likens the people to God’s sheepfold. Especially in claiming unity between Jesus and God the Father the passage contrasts Christian belief with Jewish doctrine. The festival of Dedication is what we know as Hanukkah, which celebrated the rededication of the temple and fell three months later than the gospel’s last calendric reference, to the feast of Tabernacles (7:37).

### **Today’s Music**

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*One Bread One Body.* Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939, Music: John Foley. OCP (Oregon Catholic Press).

*Bind Us Together.* Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946, Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946. Integrity’s Hosanna! Music. Reprinted with permission.

*Built on a Rock.* Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt.

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