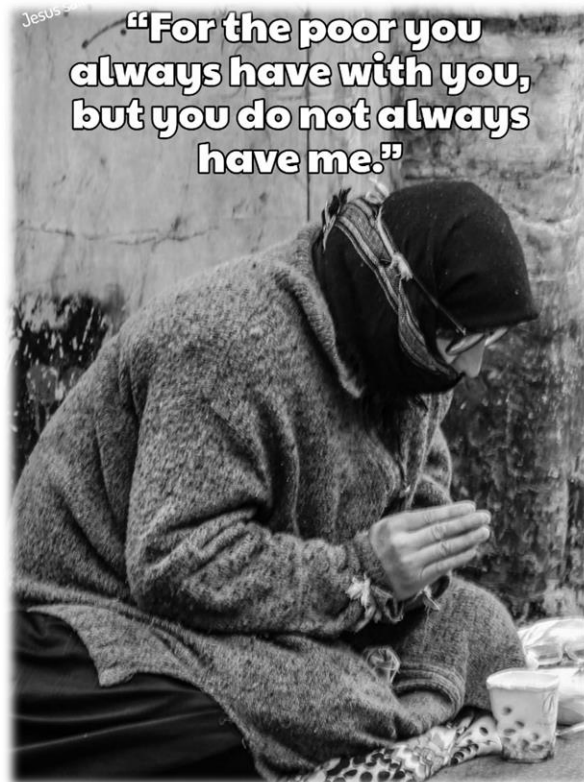




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April 3, 2022; Fifth Sunday of Lent



John 12:1-8

Welcome

Gathering Hymn:

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - dianc e stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Apostolic Greeting:

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

Response: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Music

“Caprice Espagnol”
Sophia Jensen, flute

Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Read by Amy Kubik

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children’s Sermon

Lenten Acclamation:



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 12:1-8**



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the
 Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
 buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,
 Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers	Bill Hollar	Joan Semelhack
Diane Barr	Dale Lamprecht	Marilu Wohlers
Marian Dight	Sandra Link	Bill Wohlers, Jr.
James Grob		

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Billharz, Alex Buenger, Kaylie Fox, Hannah Fox, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

The Offering

The Offering Hymn

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

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1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

*Response

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of life, In this holy meal;
 Let us know your love a-new; We hunger for you.
 Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with-in.
 Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

The Communion

The Words of Institution

The 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.

The Distribution

“One Bread, One Body”

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Refrain



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



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



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



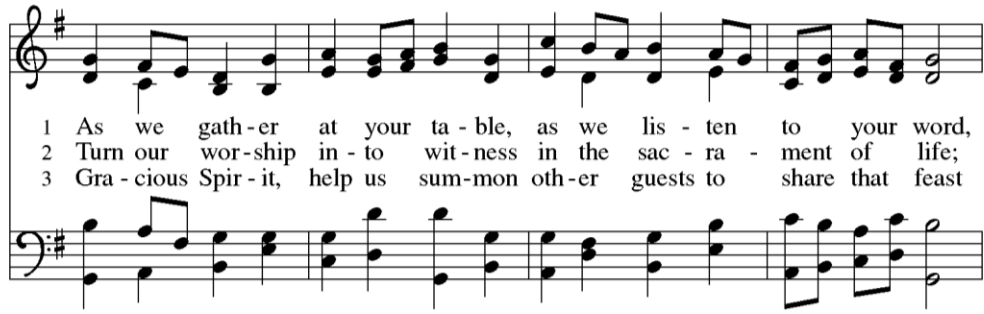
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



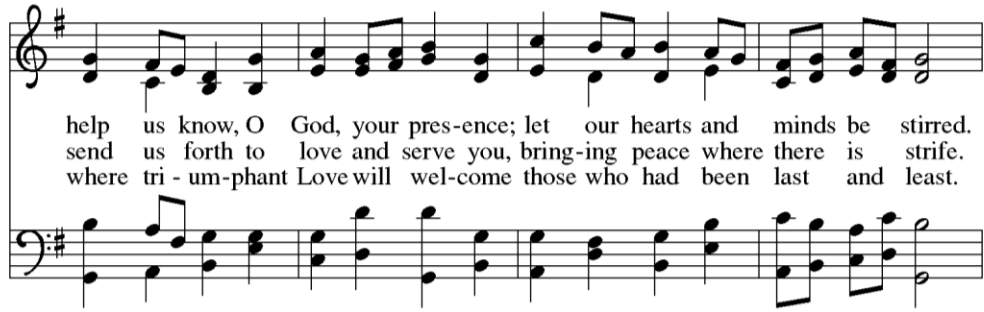
Refrain

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

“As We Gather at Your Table”



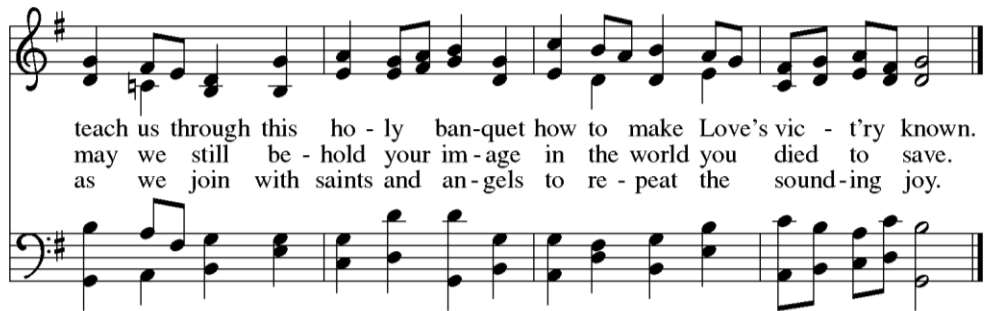
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

“Here I Am, Lord”

#574



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

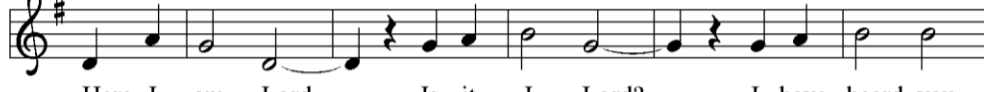


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!
Thanks be to God!



ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL
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April 3 - April 10

Sunday	5th Sunday in Lent
	9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm
	10:05 a.m. Education Hour
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	11:00 a.m. Parish Ed
Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Finance
	6:00 p.m. Building & Grounds
Wednesday	5:00 p.m. Supper
	5:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
	6:00 p.m. Trinity Choir
Sunday	Palm/Passion Sunday
	8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Youth Palm Sunday breakfast
	9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:05 a.m. Education Hour
	10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
	11:00 a.m. Deacons
	11:00 a.m. Youth board

Adult Bible Study
Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel
 Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them.

Wednesday Night Supper
April 6:
 Pork loin, au gratin potatoes, glazed carrots, lettuce salad, ice cream

Modern Parables: A Lenten Film Festival
April 6: "The Prodigal Son",
Luke 15:11-32

Holy Week & Easter 2022
 Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship
 Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday
5:30 p.m. Worship/Comm
 Friday, April 15 – Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
 Sunday, April 17th – Easter Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Worship/Comm

Family Board's Easter Egg hunt will be April 16th at 9:00 a.m.! For kids through 5th grade & families there will be eggs to dye, crafts and an Egg Hunt! (Donations of wrapped candy to fill the eggs would be greatly appreciated!)

YOUTH PALM/PASSION SUNDAY BREAKFAST
April 10th - from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Menu: eggs, ham, hash browns, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk, and coffee (Free will donation)



"In your Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it."

The 150th Anniversary Committee is hoping that the congregation will join us for an old-fashioned Easter on Easter Sunday. We will hand out hats and bow ties on Palm Sunday to decorate for Easter! (While supply lasts.) We are hoping our more adult members will find a hat and anything else you feel is fun for an Easter outfit. Not everyone will partake in this retro Easter, but it will be fun to see what we come up with. You can also pick an era or have an outfit that reflects memory from the past!.

Save the Date!!!

As part of our 150th anniversary celebration, on May 15 we will be celebrating former pastors, visitation pastors, interns, and Son's of the Ministry from our congregation. There will be at least two former pastors there with a possibility of more. There will be a coffee reception for them after the service. We hope many people will attend.

We will also be remembering the 1968 Tornado since that was May 15, 54 years ago. We plan on a presentation of pictures and video from the time and a reading of Pastor Trost's remembrances of that date and the weeks after. A very interesting manuscript.

St. John T-Shirts

The Youth Board is selling St. John T-shirts! \$12 for Youth sizes and \$15 for adult sizes. They are bright blue, short-sleeve t-shirts with the St. John logo in white on the front. Pick up an order form on the bulletin board outside Laurie's office, fill it out, and turn it in to Laurie or Kathy by May 11, 2022.

Payment is due when placing the order. Profits from this sale will go to the Youth Board. We will let you know when t-shirts arrive and can be picked up at St. John.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate towards the Easter lilies for Easter Sunday let the office know at 641-228-3397 by April 8th.



Offering from the week of March 27, 2022

General Receipts	\$ 4,589.70
Designated offering	415.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 3/27: 173 Wed. 3/30: 93

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart next to the Altar flower/radio broadcast sheet just inside the door of the Narthex**, or call Kathy in the office. What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Call the office at 641-228-3397 to sign up to sponsor Altar flowers &/or radio broadcasts in 2022. We have many radio dates open. Several of our members can only listen to the radio and do appreciate being "a part" of the service as a listening member.