

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME on this second Sunday of Lent. Though we enter a wilderness, each day unknown, be reminded Christ's way forward is made by each step we take, each choice we make.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

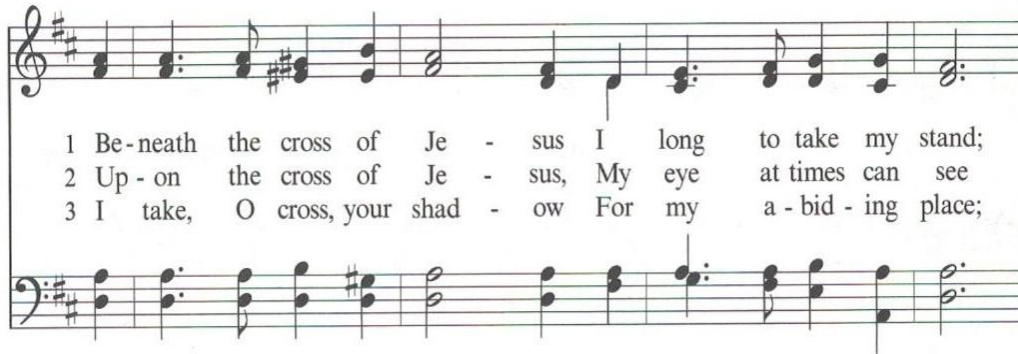
St. John's is open whenever Kelly is here generally M, T, Th, F mornings. Consider taking time for Lenten prayer and self examination in the sanctuary during the week. During the season of Lent you are invited to West Kish to view the exhibit "Stations of the Cross" pick up prayer guides and/or pray silently in the sanctuary whenever the church is open generally T and Th 10:00 - 12:30.

*HYMN ~ *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

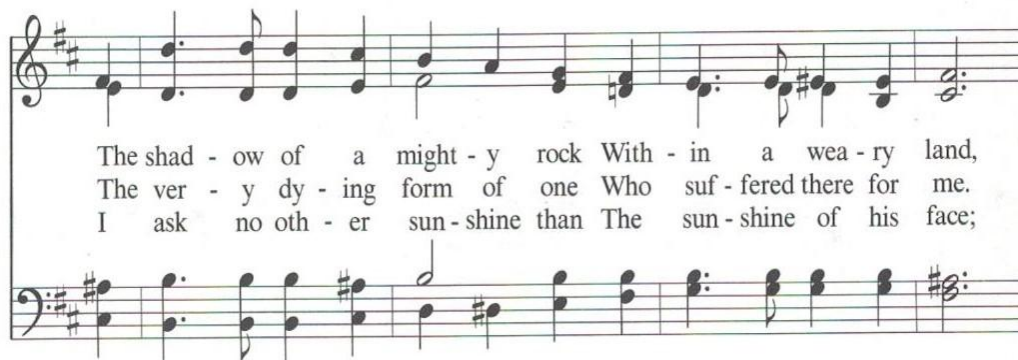
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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

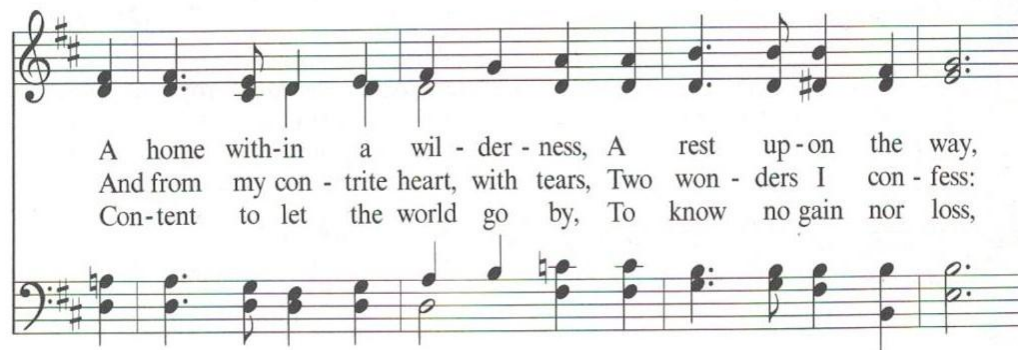
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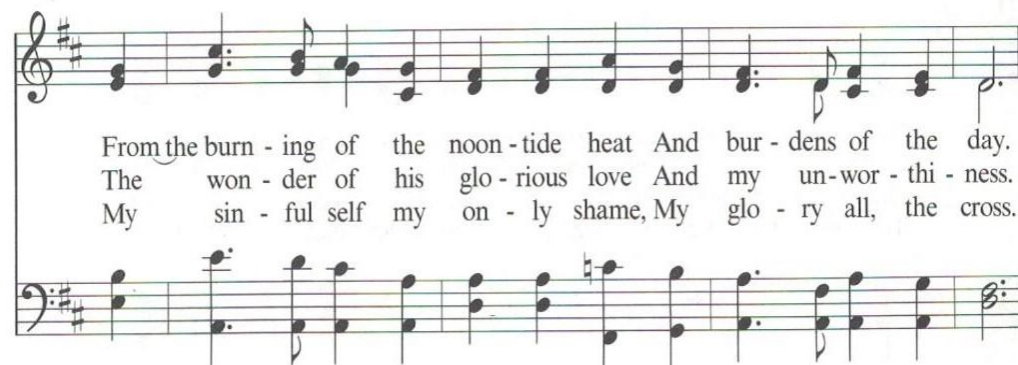
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



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.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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

C **Amen**

P 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.

C **Amen**

P 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.

P Most merciful God,

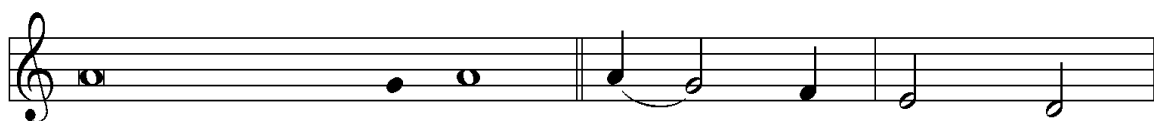
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

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

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



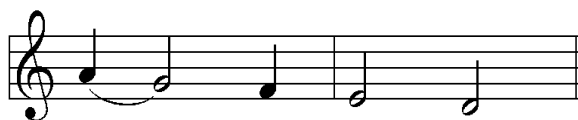
C Lord, have mer - cy.



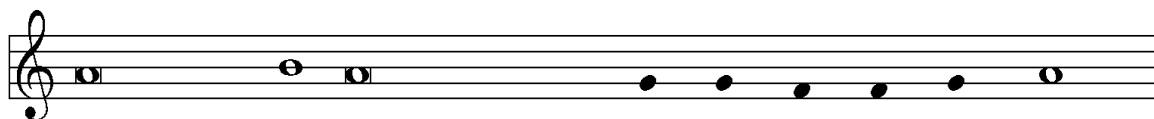
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



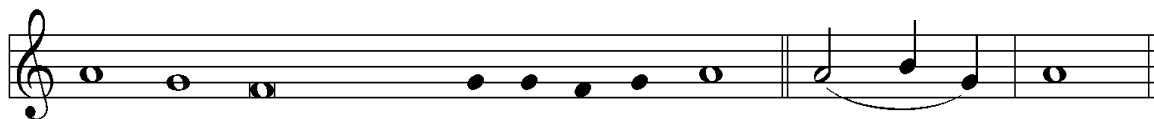
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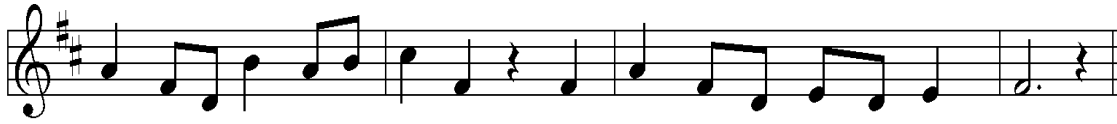
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN of PRAISE**

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



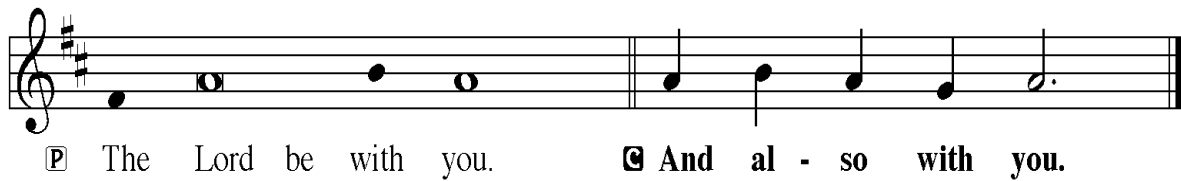
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P Let us pray...

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LESSONS

*First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 27 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Philippians 3:17—4:1

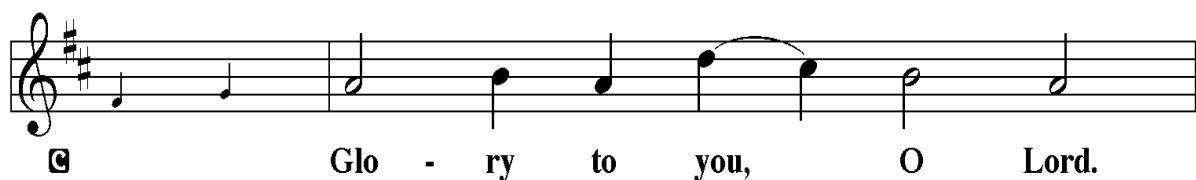
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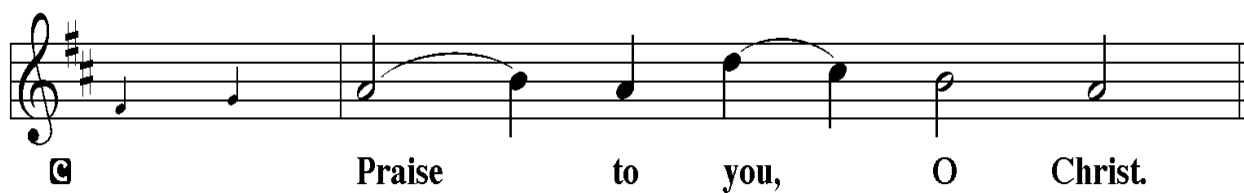
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 13th chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



MESSAGE

*HYMN ~ *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

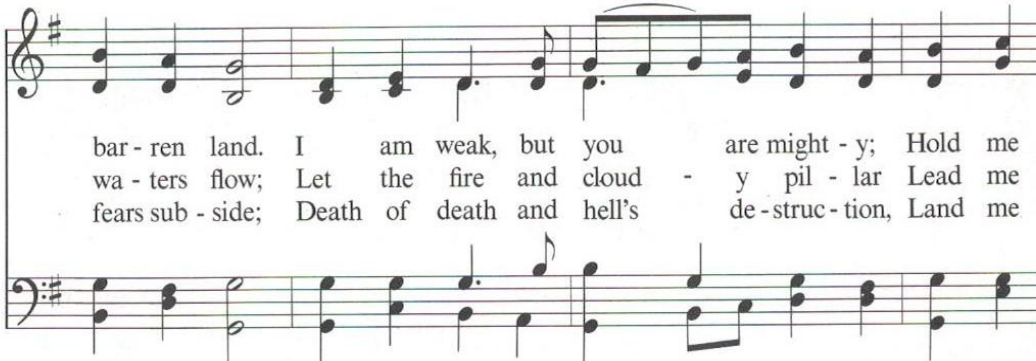
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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

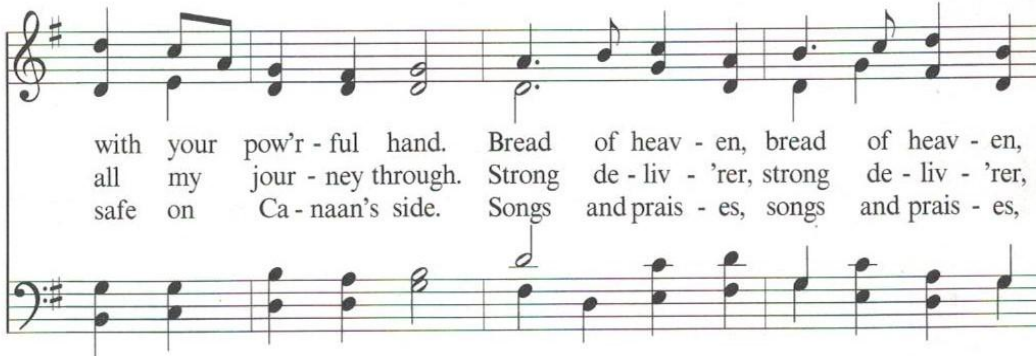
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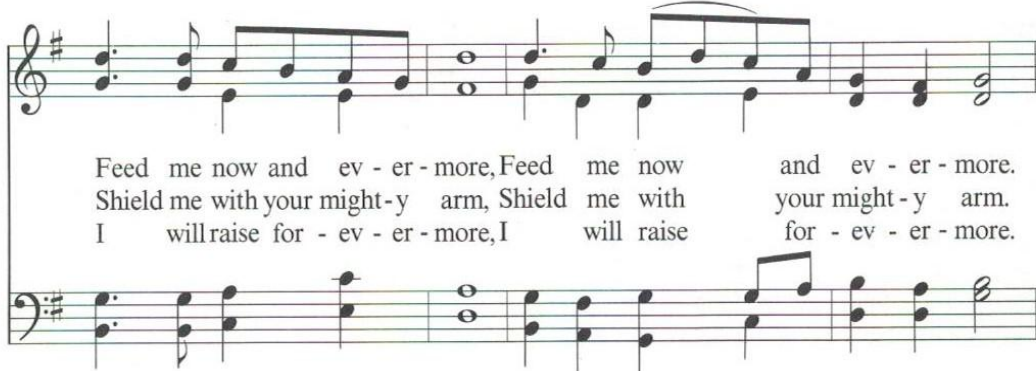
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re-deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the cys - tal foun - tain Where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; Hold me
 wa - ters flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



Feed me now and ev - er - more, Feed me now and ev - er - more.
 Shield me with your might - y arm, Shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

OFFERING ~ You may place your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**


Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

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

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

(Please remember to fill out a prayer request form in the Narthex and give it to the pastor or speak to the pastor if you have special prayer concerns)

P Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P 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

***THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

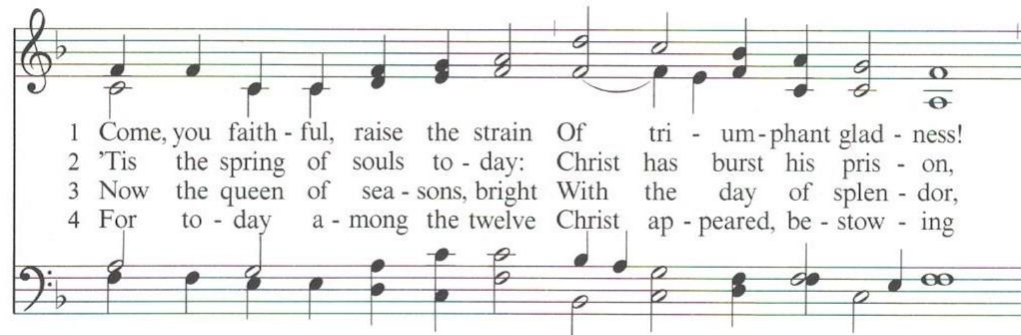
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

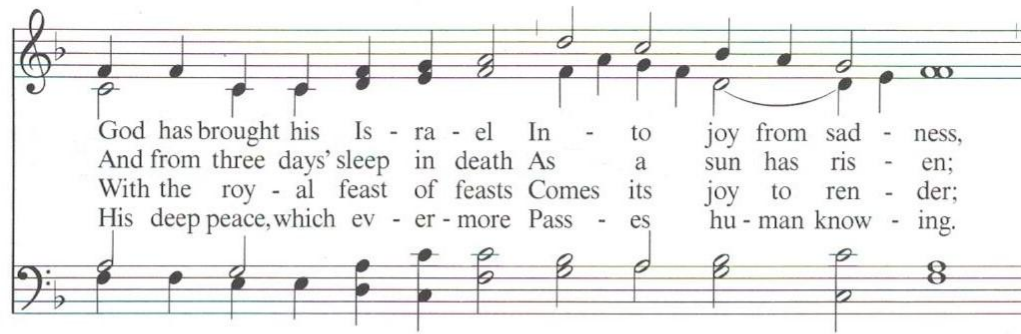
***HYMN ~ Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

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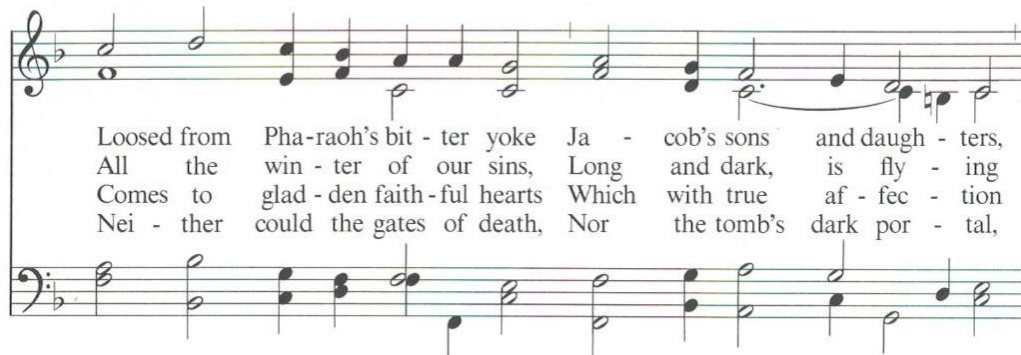
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Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain


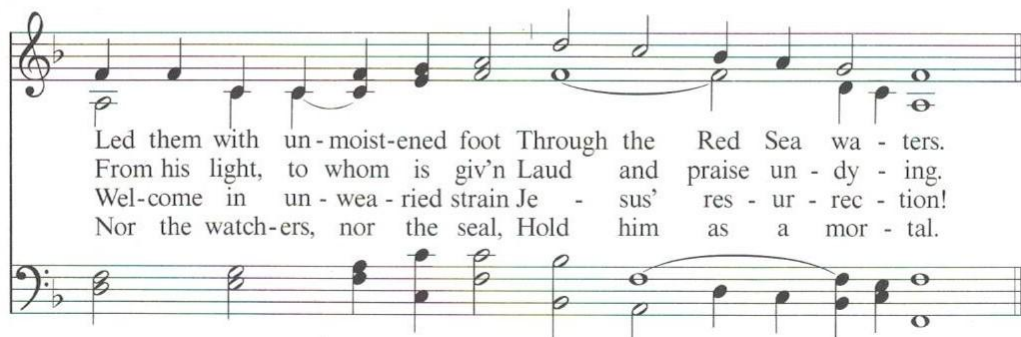
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
 Nei - ther could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From his light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, Hold him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.

Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought his Israel
 Into joy from sadness!

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

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St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Today

Greeters: Mike and Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger

Next Sunday, March 20

Greeter: Volunteer Needed; Lay Reader: Gwen Hornberger

Please remember in prayer ~ Carolyn Malone, Andrea French, John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker, Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, Stacey Spicher, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (formerly Ohesson, now Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (formerly Elmcroft, now Celebration Villa), Pastor Kramm, Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH). Those going through diagnoses and treatments; those living with limitations and changes in their brain or body, and those experiencing the grief of lost loved ones.

FROM the PASTOR

Thank you for donations for Camp Mt. Luther and Raise the Region to support a wonderful program of youth ministry. A total of \$520.00 was given.

Donations to Ukraine may be made to ELCA disaster assistance on your envelopes.

SYNOD NEWS

The synod has announced a workshop from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Anyone may attend.

Facilitating Healthy Pastor–Congregation Relations

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time

"The responsibility for maintaining healthy relationships between pastor and congregation is a two-way street. Is it time for a wellness check? If so, we invite you to attend this practical and popular workshop, to be led by Rev. Richard Blackburn, LMPC Director Emeritus and Senior Consultant. Among the topics to be presented are *Strengthening Support Systems for Pastors* and *Promoting Healthy Church Systems*. This event will be held remotely via Zoom."

For details please go to

<https://lmpeacecenter.org/> or consult this [*FHPCR Brochure*](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Ministry is collecting the following personal care items for Liberia this month. Your donations can be placed in one of the boxes located in the coatroom area and narthex.

Deodorant, Shampoo, Bar soap, Toilet paper
Toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults and children

There are two committees no one has signed-up for; Long Range Planning and Website. Please prayerfully consider helping to serve our church by volunteering a little of your time sharing your thoughts and ideas with other members.

There are still plenty of metal chairs available for anyone interested. Please feel free to take as many as you would like.

There is also half of a long pew (broke off the middle support of one of the pews taken out of the sanctuary) on the stage. It is available to anyone who would like to take it. Please note ~ it is heavy, and help will be needed to load it.

"As the church Camperson, I would love to talk to anyone about attending camp this summer. An exciting new program is our pick-a-day for family camp where campers can come for a full day of adventure during family camp and enjoy creation while fellowshiping with other families of all ages. Register for summer camp before April 15th for a discount!

Supporting an ELCA outdoor ministry like Camp Mount Luther, gives us an easy way to expand our opportunities for Christian education and growth on a year-round basis for kids and kids at heart. For more information contact me, Anne Harshbarger at 717-935-2453, the camp office at 570-922-1587, or visit www.campmountluther.org."

January 1 thru March 10, 2022

Last Sunday Attendance ~ 36 Offering ~ \$ 2,170.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 43,039.41 Expense \$ 37,620.59

Net Income \$ 5,418.82

Daycare ~ Income \$ 83,493.02 Expense \$ 60,949.22

Net Income \$ 22,543.80