

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022**



PRELUDE

WELCOME on the 3rd Sunday of Lent as we continue the theme of making the road for Christ in every step we take, every word we say, every choice we make. We walk through the Lenten wilderness facing our faults, fears and weaknesses acknowledging what God sees and praying for guidance as we make a new way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN ~ O Master, Let Me Walk with You

LBW # 492

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you In low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me A clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; With you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918
 Tune: H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

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***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,

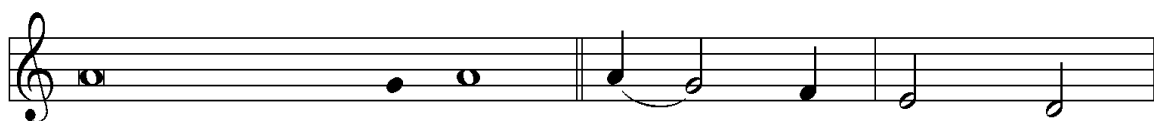
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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



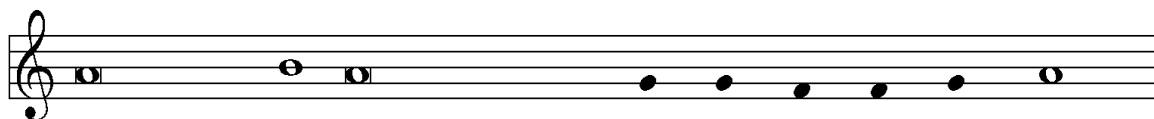
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



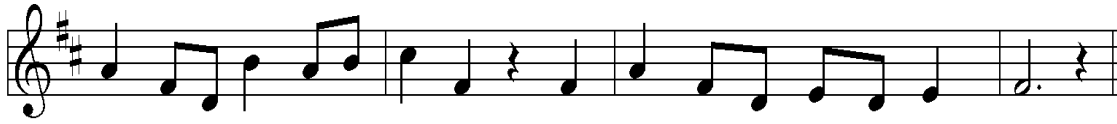
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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.



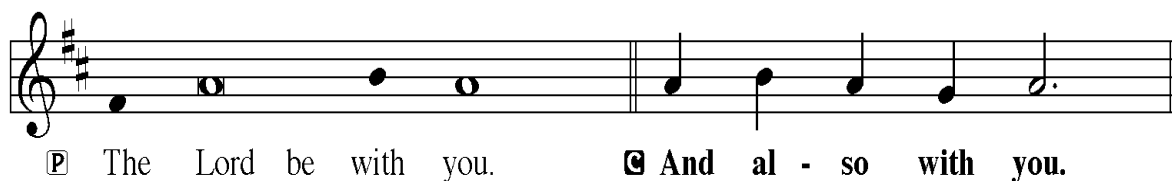
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



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...

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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 Isaiah 55:1-9

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 63:1-8 ~ *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 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

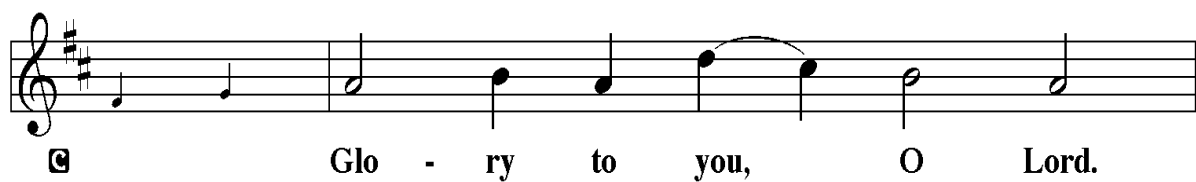
after the reading

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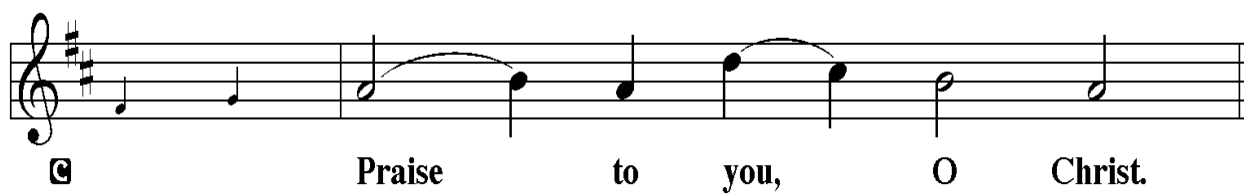
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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 ~ *Glories of Your Name are Spoken*


LBW # 358

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Glories of Your Name Are Spoken




1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y,

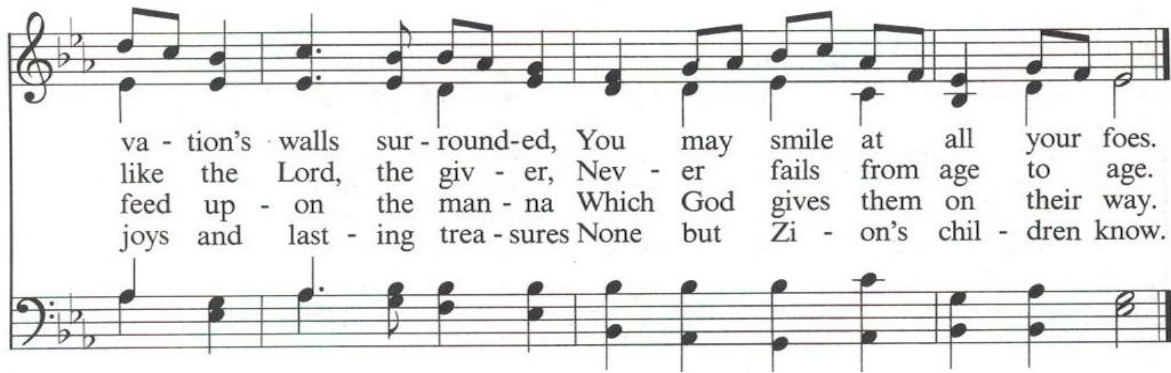


Formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of
 And all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while
 Show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the



A - ges found - ed, What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day, Safe they
 world - lings' plea - sures All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id

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***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**

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

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

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The peace is shared

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**

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to me?



I will of-fer the sac-ri- fice of thanks- giv - ing and will call on the



name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the



pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

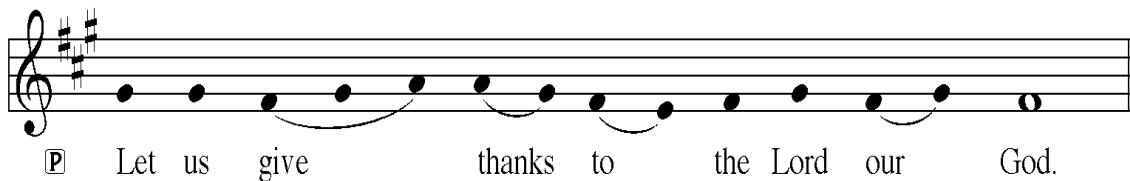


in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

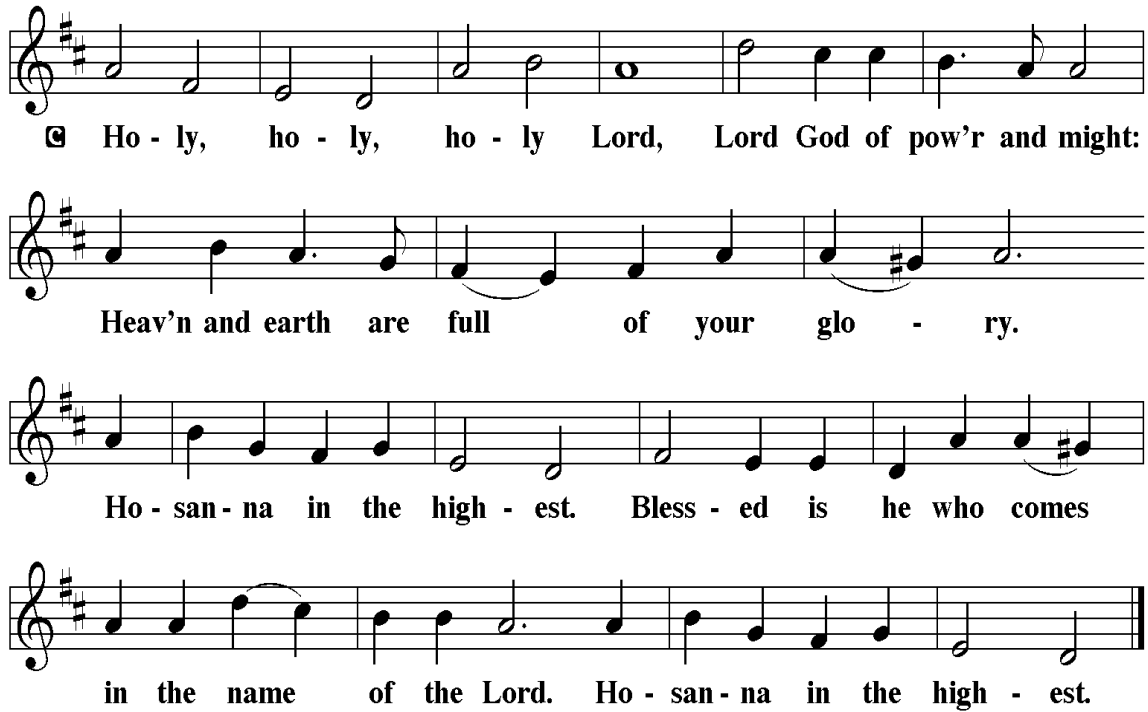
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING** PREFACE**

It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks to you O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of Grace that belongs to the children of God. And so with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

P 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.

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**

COMMUNION

Maintaining social distancing we will each come forward to take the bread and wine from the plates. Remaining standing you may pause for blessing and prayer before returning to your seats. A receptacle for the cups is at the end of the front pew.

COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

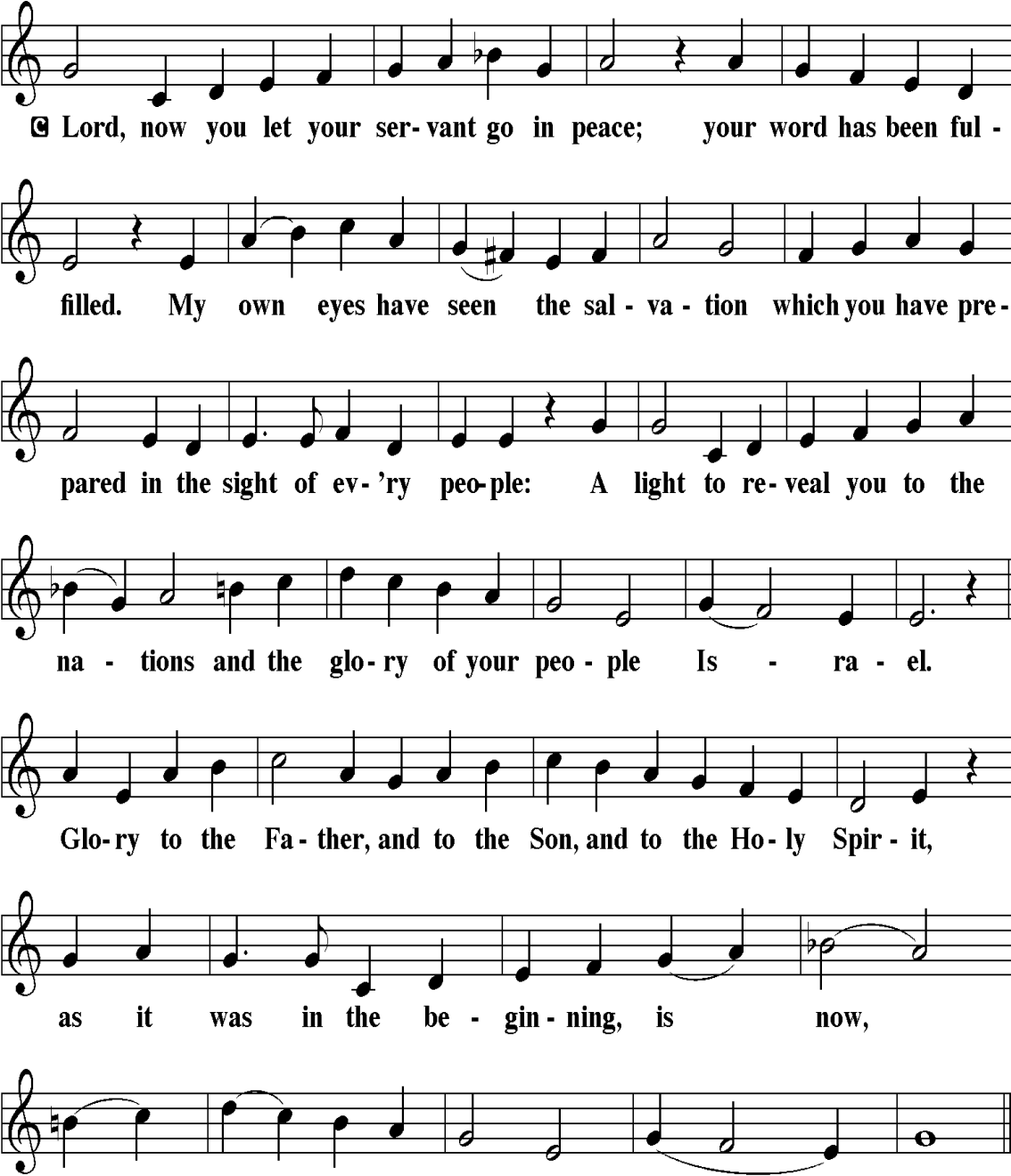
P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

(After all are seated)

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**


Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,
 and will be for - ev - er. A - men

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh 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.

C Amen

***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***HYMN ~ Jesus, Still Lead On**

LBW # 341

Jesus, Still Lead On

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1 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; And, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, Till our rest be won; Heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, Let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing Make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, Still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

Guide us by your hand To our Fa - ther's land.
 Safe - ly past the foe To our home we go.
 Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
 Till we safe - ly stand In our Fa - ther's land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.
 Tune: Adam Drese, 1620-1701

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***DISMISSAL**

P May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord's countenance shine upon you and give you peace.
Go in Peace to Serve the Lord.
C **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 Boring and Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Gwen Hornberger

Next Sunday, March 27

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Please remember in prayer ~ Bob Treaster, Carolyn Malone, Andrea Kauffman, John and Sue Bodner, Calvin Baker, Don F. Smith, Camden Peachey, Susan Keller, Steve Rodgers, 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.

Please pray for the family and friends of Stacy Spicher and of Ev Young who have been remembered in services this week.

Pray for those fleeing their homes due to war, that they may find sustenance, fellowship and sanctuary.

FROM the PASTOR

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. We invite you to attend this remote *Zoom* 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*. For details please go to <https://lmpeacecenter.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are copies of the Portals of Prayer April through June edition in the narthex. Please let the office/council know if you prefer it over any of the devotionals we currently subscribe to.

Social Ministry is collecting the following personal care items for Liberia this month ~ *deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper toothpaste and toothbrushes for adults/children*. Your donations can be placed in one of the boxes located in the coatroom area and narthex.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Camp Mount Luther offering, we were able to give \$520.00 during their Raise the Region Fundraiser! During the fundraiser, CML exceeded their goal and raised \$33,850. Because of your generosity lots of families, children, and youth will have a summer camp experience. Thank you for helping make outdoor ministry happen.

As the church Camperson, I would love to talk to anyone about attending camp this summer. Register before April 15th for a discount! For more information contact me, Anne Harshbarger at 717-935-2453, the camp office at 570-922-1587, or www.campmountluther.org."

You will find Lenten offering in your envelope box for today. Council voted to direct all donations to the Discretionary Fund.

There was a form included in the March newsletter for anyone interested in placing Easter flowers. Extras can also be found in the narthex. There is no set price; a variety will be purchased to decorate the church. Please return the form with your donation by Sunday, April 10.

The local Russian Baptist Church (now renamed Salvation Church) is collecting items to send a shipping container over to provide relief for the Ukrainian refugees. Items need to be dropped off at the church garage **before March 22:**

Salvation Church
Ukraine Relief
3645 W. College Ave.
State College, PA 16801

Here is what is needed:

Clothing (in good shape): Shirts, Pants, socks, new undergarments, shoes, coats, hats, gloves (ALL SIZES, ALL AGES)

Hygiene: Toothbrush/paste, soap, deodorant, towels, lotion, baby and adult diapers, towels, feminine products, hairbrush, hair ties/clips, chapstick, tissues

Food: Pasta, rice, tea, coffee, snacks, candy, ketchup, tuna, oatmeal, peanut butter, nuts, canned corn, dried fruits, non perishable foods.

Medical: First aid kits, bandaids, antibiotic ointment, alcohol pads, gauze, medical adhesive tape, cough drops, pain medication, flashlight, tweezers, hand sanitizer.

The cost to ship the container will be \$7000, so if you would like to donate money to help with the shipping that would be welcomed as well. Please make sure the clothing is in decently good shape.

Thank you and please be praying for the people facing this onslaught.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Bryan

January 1 thru March 17, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 18 Offering ~ \$815.00

St. John's ~ Income \$57,370.63 Expense \$45,208.15
Net Income \$12,162.48

Daycare ~ Income \$88,917.31 Expense \$80,241.41
Net Income \$8,675.90