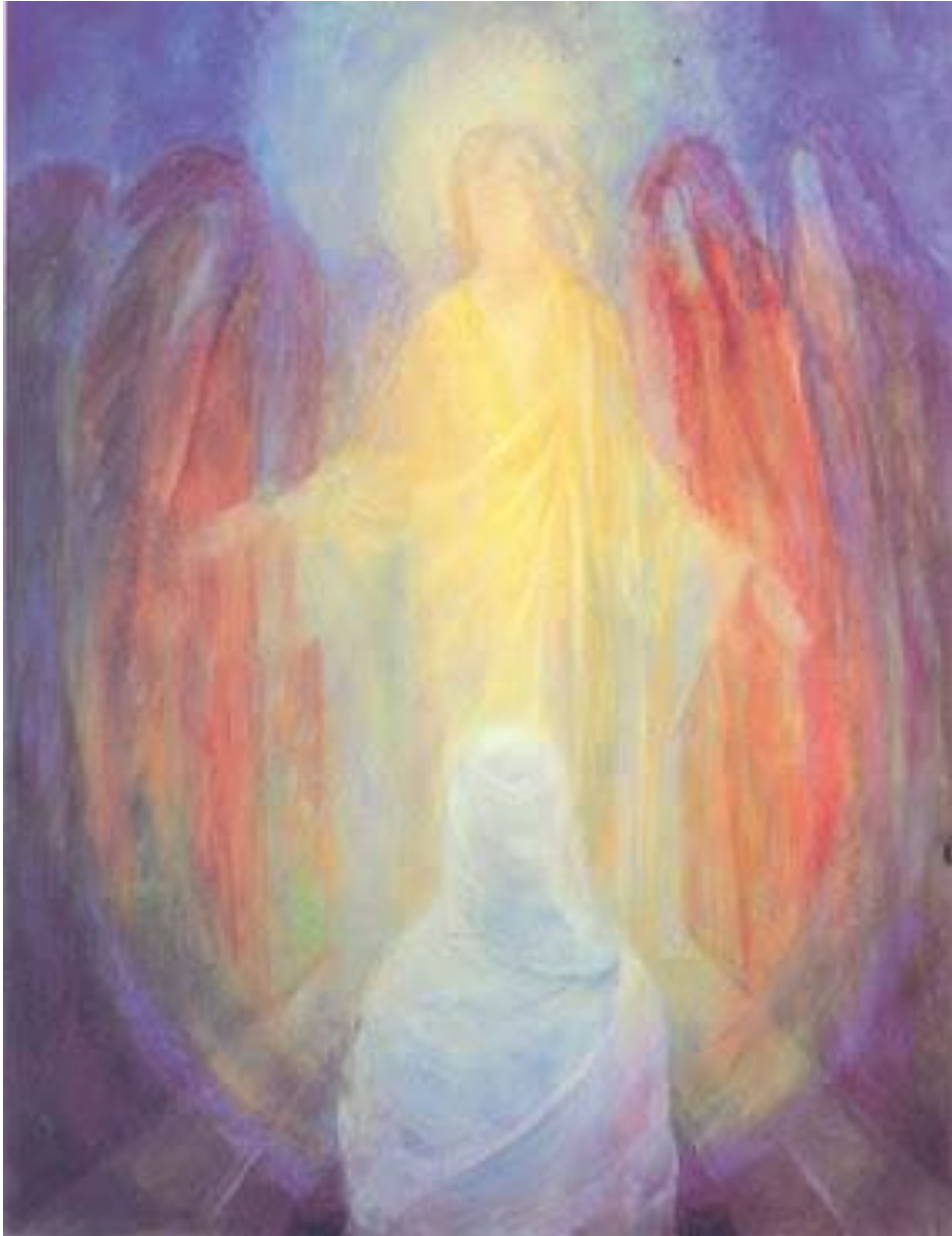


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**



**PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HYMN ~ *What Wondrous Love Is This*

LBW # 385

What Wondrous Love Is This 385

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
 neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
 sing his love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: American folk hymn, alt.
 Tune: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

WONDEROUS LOVE
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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,

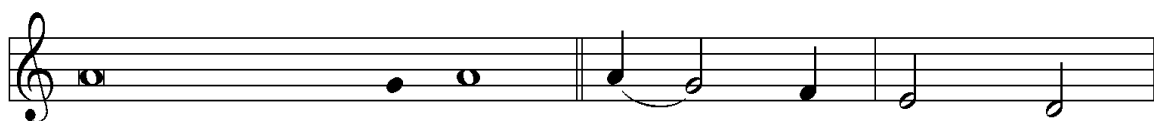
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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



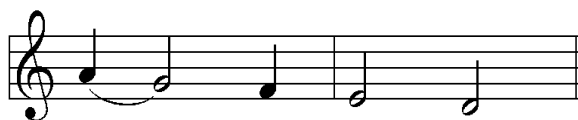
C Lord, have mer - cy.



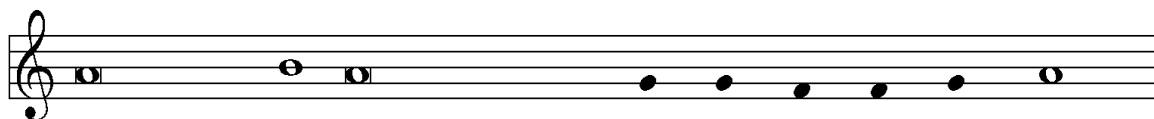
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



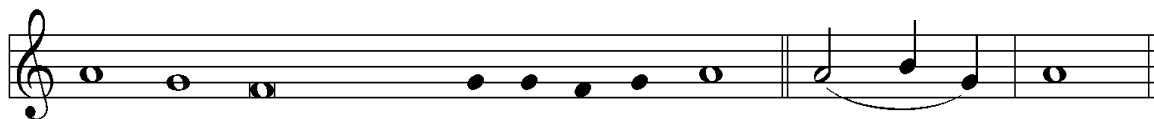
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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...

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14
after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 130 ~ *with response*

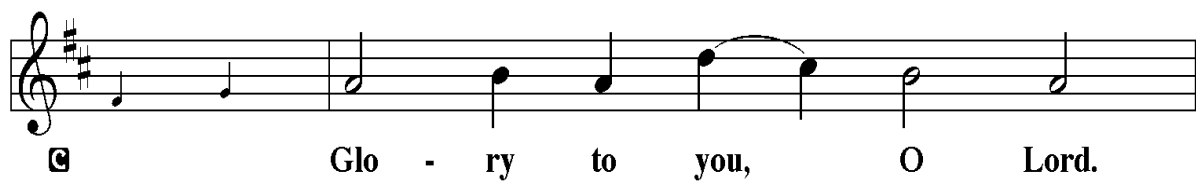
*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 8:6-11
after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

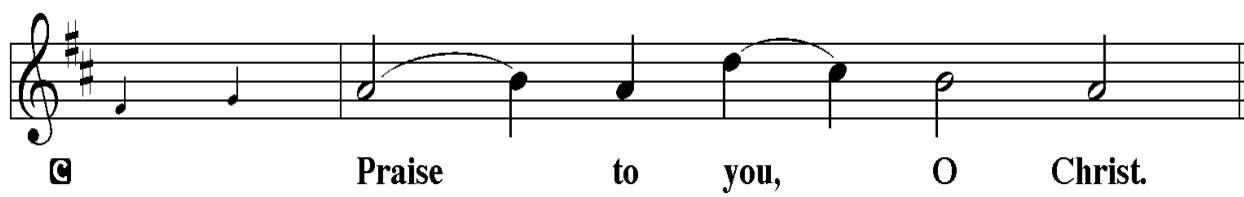
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter.



The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



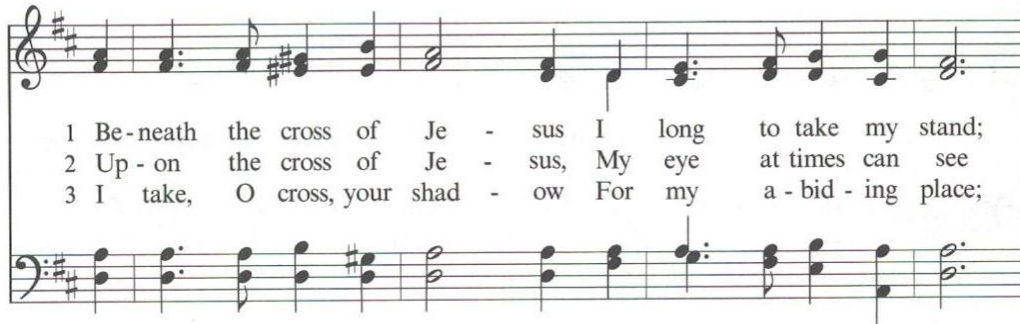
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*HYMN ~ *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

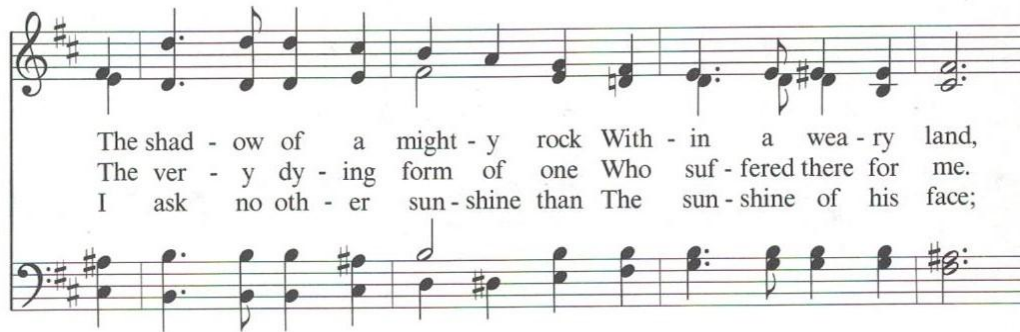
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Beneath the Cross of Jesus

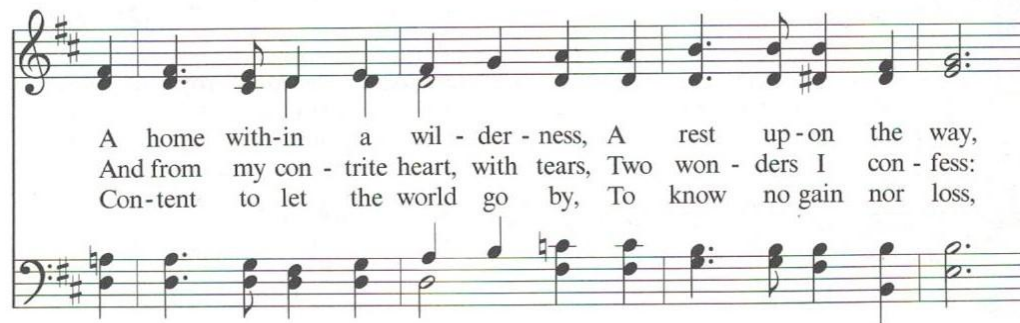
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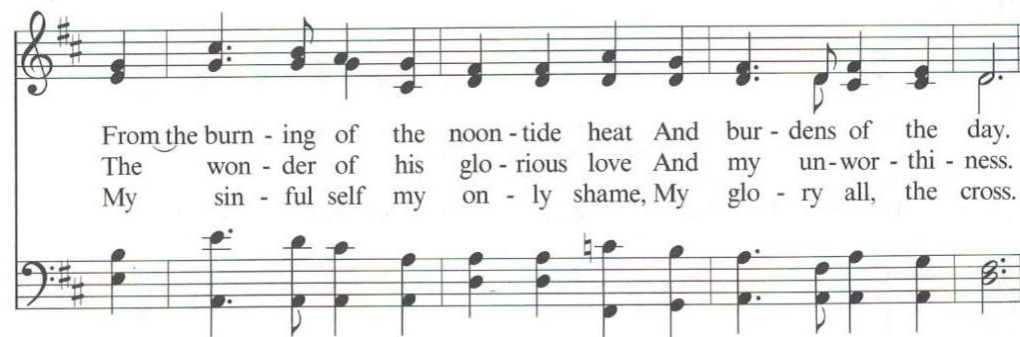
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



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.

***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 Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all of creation.

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**


C 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

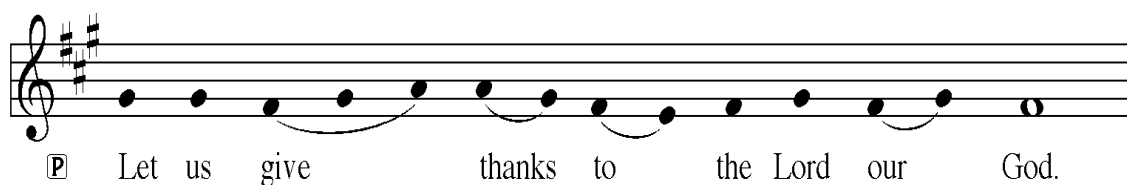
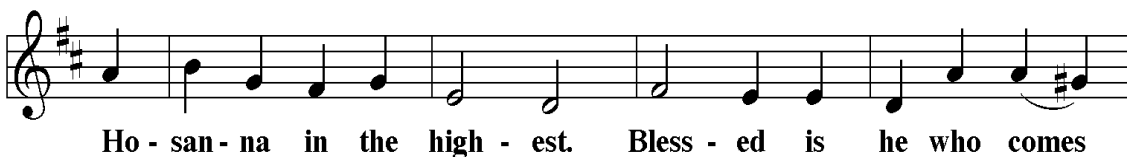
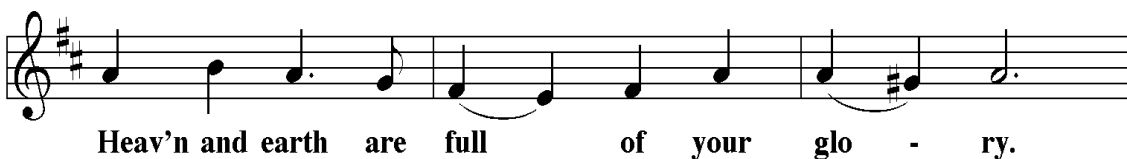
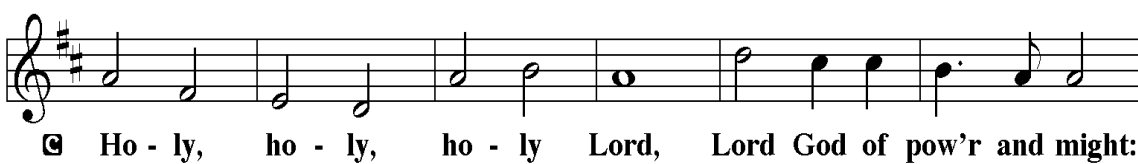
pres-ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's house,

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**

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

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.

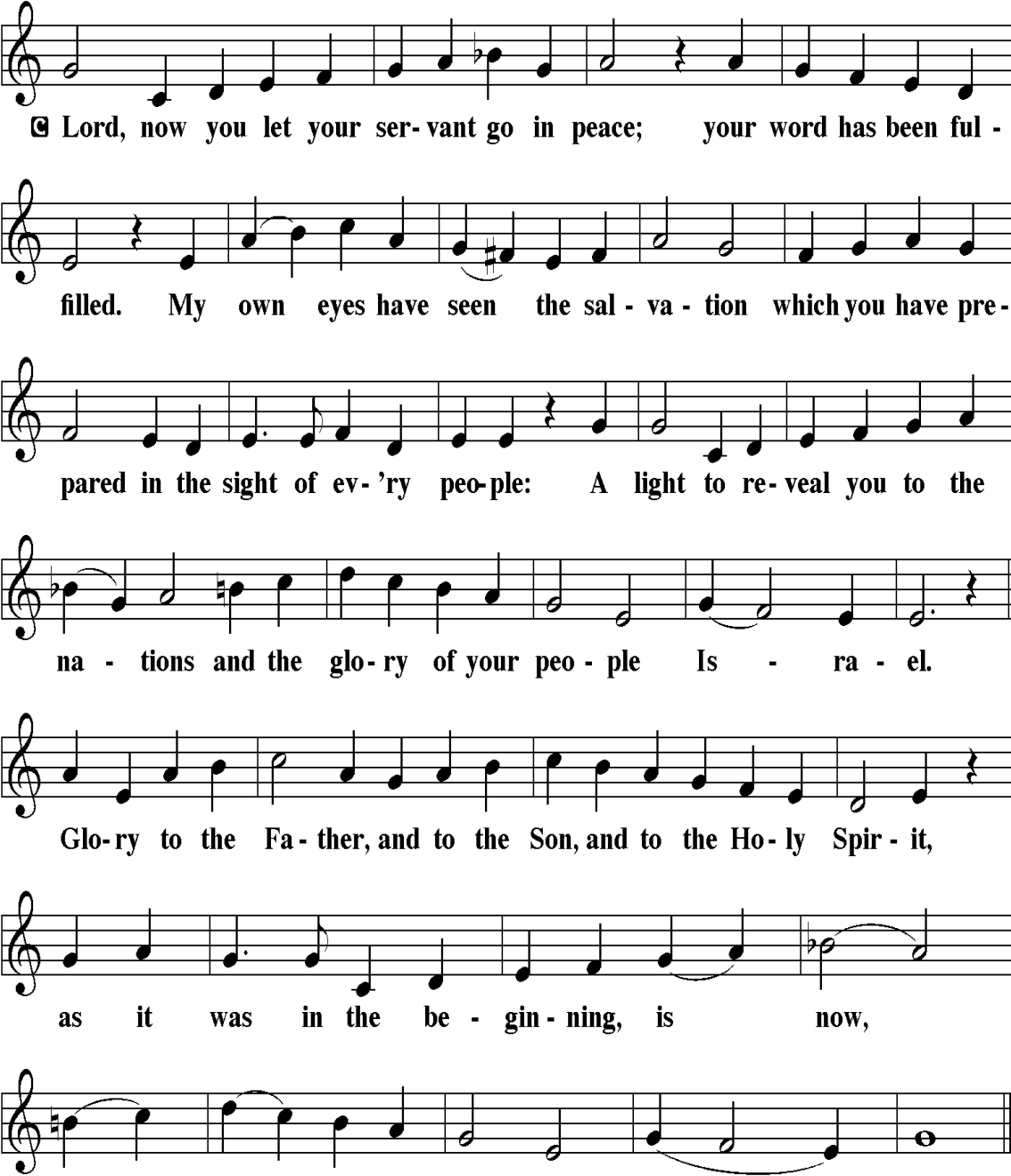
P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

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, the Very Thought of You**

LBW # 316

Jesus, the Very Thought of You 316

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."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.
 Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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***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

Today

Altar Care: Brenda Boring; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy;
Sound: Jay Byler

Next Sunday, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday

Altar Care: Joy Byler; **Greeters:** Erica Hargenrader and Nancy Penepacker
Lay Reader: Erica Hargenrader; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

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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.*

Please remember in prayer ~ Miriam Williamson, Anne Peachey, Desa Keiser, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa) and Don Wolfe (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Early Deadline: Register for summer camp at Mount Luther by midnight on April 15, 2023, to get a discount on your summer camp registration! Or, if you bring a friend who has never been there, you can get 25% off your registration fee. Program information and registration at www.campmountluther.org.

Holy Week Services ~ April 6, Maundy Thursday 7pm at St. John's, and April 7, Good Friday 7pm at West Kish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lenten offering envelope found in your boxes for last week is being directed to ELCA Disaster Relief and World Hunger.

“Spring Fundraiser Dinner to benefit the Central PA Clinic for Special Children and Adults. April 1st at Locust Grove Mennonite Church. Doors open at 5:30pm. At 6pm an Amish wedding-style meal will be served. Call 935-2065 to make reservations.”

A fundraiser concert for the clinic featuring Joe Bonson and Coffee Run is also being held at Kish Valley Grace Brethren Church, Reedsville on Sunday, March 6 from 5-7pm.

January 1 thru March 22, 2023

Last week's attendance ~ 23 Offering ~ \$1,610.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 38,958.57 Expense \$ 41,422.75

Net Income \$ -2,464.18

Daycare ~ Income \$ 83,709.72 Expense \$ 84,229.46

Net Income \$ 680.26