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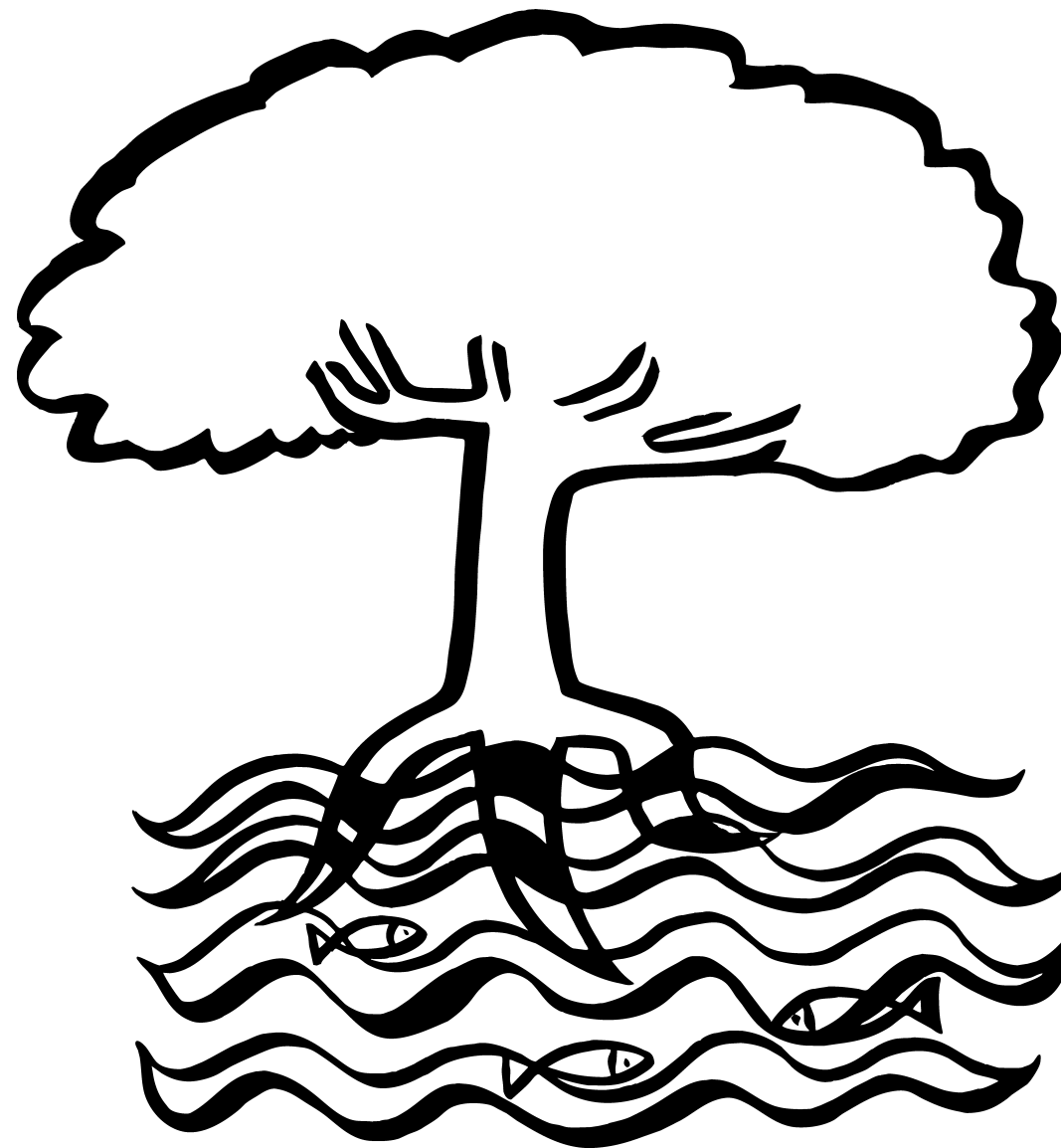
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 2013 † 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets**
in the red books at the end of the pews.
Please pass them down to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.

In the pew hymnal,
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.

An asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able.

The **nursery** is located on the lower level.

Children's Bibles and activity bags
are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

OUR MUSIC TODAY

This Sunday is the first one in October and our memory hymn of the month is . . . “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” Certainly this is the most universal of all of Martin Luther’s hymns and it even has a tune composed by Luther as well. This strong affirmation of God’s continuing love and care, God’s constancy towards all of creation is one everyone should know. The last stanza is especially powerful and encourages deep reflection upon the gifts God gives to us and their implications for our lives of faith.

Today’s postlude is played by Nicholas Gonnerman who studies with Theo Wee. We welcome back for their first Sunday this fall both the Alleluia and Hosanna choirs. It’s always a delight to welcome youthful musicians to worship leadership roles. They are the future of the church.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 7	12:00 p.m.	WELCA Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tunes and Thrills Violin Lessons, Room 4
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts, Room 9
	7:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 8	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Off Site
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board
	12:00 p.m.	Bible Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music and Dance Class, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Open Door Nursery School, Fellowship Hall / Nursery
	7:00 p.m.	Boards, St. John’s Hall
	9:00 p.m.	Men’s Night Out, Contented Cow
Wed. Oct. 9	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Snack (Grades K-5), Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Room 9 / Youth Room
	4:10 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-1), Room 205
		Hosanna Choir (Grades 2-3), Room 209
	4:15 p.m.	Faith Alive - In the Bible and In Us, Fireside Room
	4:45 p.m.	Kids’ Club (Grades K-3), Lower Level
		Jubilate Choir (Grades 4-5), Room 209
		Homework Café (Grades 4-5), Resource Room
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John’s Hall
		Jubilate Schola (Grades 6-8), Room 209
	6:15 p.m.	7th Grade Confirmation, Fellowship Hall / Youth Room
		8th Grade Confirmation, Fellowship Hall / Room 9
		9th Grade Confirmation, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John’s Chorale, Room 209
	7:15 p.m.	Laudate Choir, Room 205
Thurs., Oct. 10	7:30 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	6:30 p.m.	Positive Path Coaching, Fireside Room
Friday, Oct. 11	4:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal (Kaplan/Gruber), Sanctuary
	7:20 p.m.	Thoughtful Films Club, St. John’s Theater
Sat., Oct. 12	8:00 a.m.	Confirmation Breakfast & Rehearsal, Fireside Room/Sanctuary
	8:00 a.m.	Work Day for Exterior Grounds
	8:30 a.m.	Women’s Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	10:00 a.m.	Assisting Ministers, Church Office
	3:00 p.m.	Wedding (Kaplan/Gruber)

Small Groups

Today
Spiritual Practices. Third of a four-session series to explore practices that can enhance one’s awareness of God’s presence in our lives: meditation and contemplation, daily practices and prayer. 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 203 (upper level). Led by Dick Beckmen.
Faith Alive. An inquiry into how faith develops, grows, persists and is expressed. 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 212 (upper level). Led by David & Genevieve Quarberg.

Monday
Prayer & Praise, 10:00 a.m., home of Mary White, 1212 Parkview West, 645-4783
Peace & Justice: Come to the Peace and Justice Group meeting Monday, Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room to join a conversation with Jim Haas, long-time Rice County Director of Community Corrections. He brings his years of experience to our consideration of ways we can respond to the needs we have learned about in our study of Criminal Justice. All are welcome!

Tuesday
Noon Bible Study, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room. A preview of the texts for Oct 13.
Contacts: Pastors Mark or Orlin, 645-4429

Wednesday
Faith Alive, 4:15-5:30 p.m., Fireside Room.
Contacts: David & Genevieve Quarberg, 645-0089, davidquarberg@hotmail.com
Grief Support, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Northfield Hospital, Meeting Room A.
Contact: Barb Knaak, 664-0444, bknaak4@charter.net

Thursday
Men’s Breakfast Bible Study, 7:30 a.m., Fireside Room. Topic: Gospel According to John.
Contact: Gary Knutson, 663-1522, ggknut@musn.com

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Bible Study Leaders meet Monday, October 7, at noon in the Fireside Room.

The Women's Executive Board meets Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. at St. John's.
***Board members: Please take note of the change in date.*

Circle Meetings listed below:
Abigail/Rebecca Circle: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m., at NRC, Parkview East.
Elizabeth Circle: Thursday, Oct. 10, 1:30 p.m., at Delores Mickelsen's, 1000 Cannon Valley Dr. #105
Lydia Circle: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m., at Mary White's, #1212 Parkview West.
Martha/Claudia Circle: Thursday, Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m., at Parkview West Dining Room, NRC
Mary Circle: Friday, Oct. 11, 1:00 p.m., at Cora Scholz', 704 St. Olaf Avenue
Sarah Circle: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m., at Dorothy Ostlie's, 888 Cannon Valley Drive #315
Women's Breakfast Group: Saturday, Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude — Prelude in D, BuxWV 139 Dieterich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness:
I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 526 “God Is Here!”
stanza 1 and 4- all; stanza 2 - women & trebles; stanza 3 - men

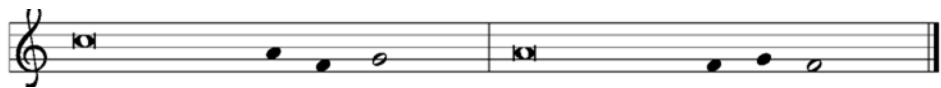
***Prayer of the Day**
P Let us pray.
Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

(11:00) **Anthem** — “Alleluia, Alleluia” (sung by Alleluia & Hosanna Choirs) Sandra T. Ford

HEARING GOD’S WORD

First Reading — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Pew Bible, page 762
After the reading:
L The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 37:1-9



Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.
Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
Take delight | in the LORD,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.
Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in the LORD,
and see what | God will do.
Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.
For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

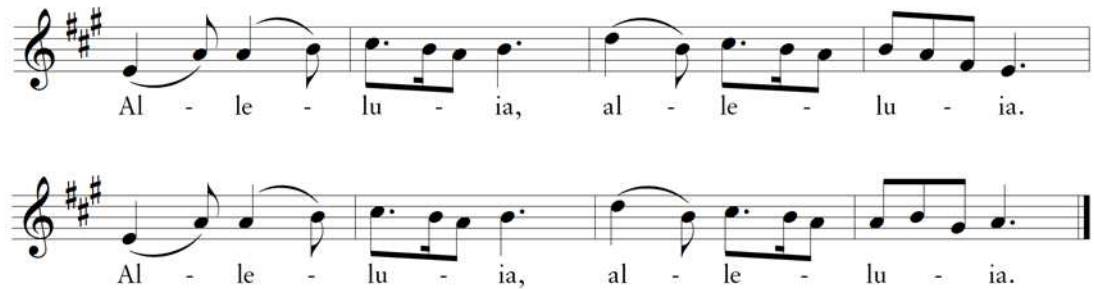
Second Reading — 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Pew Bible, page 966

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
☒ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



Sunday School Opening/Music: ALL GRADES meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Parent Gathering: Join us on **TODAY** when Dan Franklin will be facilitating a conversation for parents/youth who are beginning to think about the college selection process. Dan is the Director of Admissions at St. Olaf and will address how to choose a college and give insight into the admission process. The Gathering is open to all, but will focus on youth in 9th-11th grades and their parents. **We'll meet in the Fireside Room at 9:50 a.m.**

Confirmation! (And Rehearsal Breakfast)

We are so excited for this year's 10th grade class to confirm their faith at the **11:00 a.m.** service on **Sunday, October 13.** Give them your prayers and blessings as they reach an important milestone in their faith journey. Our 10th grade class this year includes: Jonah Berthelsen, Ryan Buck, Bailey Dell, Evan Heather, Brandon Kimber, Wylie Kneser, Cecilia Kryzda, Maddi Miller, Amanda Nelson, Olivia Riggins, Lydia Storlie, and Emily Westerback.

*****10th Graders:** Please be at the church by **8:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, October 12**, for pictures and rehearsal. And please be in the **Fireside Room** by **10:30 a.m.** on **Sunday, October 13.**



Jane Horton has brought to us the Art Show hanging in the display case in the Commons. The show is here for a limited time and then will move on to another venue. Jane writes:

"Painting Club is composed of artists who are served by Harry Meyering Center, Inc., Mankato. Harry Meyering Center opened in 1973 as a home for individuals with developmental disabilities. Artists meet once or twice a month. The work of the artists is of their own imagination and exploration. They trust their creative instincts to produce fresh and colorful artwork.

As our **Wednesday Night Meals** continue we are asking you to look at your October calendar and hopefully find a date you can be a part of this team.

I can help with Wednesday Night Meals:

___ I can bring a dessert	On: ___ October 9	___ October 23
___ I can help clean up	___ October 16	___ October 30
___ I can run dishwasher		

Name: _____

Between Services

Today (October 6):

Coffee and Fellowship in St. John's Hall
Prayers for Healing and Intercession (9:30 a.m., Chapel)
Sunday School (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)
Faith Alive - In the Bible and In Us (9:45 a.m., Room 212)
Spiritual Practices (9:45 a.m., Room 203)
Forum: Bible Part I - Bible Translations (9:50 a.m., Theater)
Parent Gathering (10:00, Fireside Room)

Next Week (October 13):

Coffee and Fellowship in St. John's Hall
Prayers for Healing and Intercession (9:30 a.m., Chapel)
Sunday School (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)
Faith Alive - In the Bible and In Us (9:45 a.m., Room 212)
Spiritual Practices (9:45 a.m., Room 203)
Forum: Bible Part 2 - "What to Expect When Reading the Bible" (9:50 a.m., Theater)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Ken Schrader by Jean Schrader. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. central time on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the Church Office by phone to sign up for a date. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: Oct.20 & 27 and Nov. 10 & 24.

Reminder! - A work day for the exterior grounds clean up, weed pulling, sidewalk, curb line sweeping and anything else that needs to be done outside has been set for this coming Saturday, October 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

Bread for the World Sunday: This month St. John's joins with congregations throughout the U. S. to advocate for those who are hungry and need a place at the table of our national abundance. Here is what each of us can do: 1.) Write a brief letter to our representative and senators urging them to protect programs vital to hungry and poor people. 2.) Bring your letters to the Church office or the Welcome Desk in the Commons where you can also sign a petition to President Obama urging him to work with Congress to end hunger in the U.S. and abroad. In our worship on ***Bread for the World Sunday, October 20***, we will offer the collected letters and petitions and mail them to Washington.

Addresses: Representative John Kline - U.S House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515;
Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken - U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510

***Gospel** — Luke 17:5-10

Pew Bible, page 852

Before the reading:

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon — "Amazing Faith"

Pastor Orlin Mandsager

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 504

"A Mighty Fortress"

(8:30) ***Apostles' Creed** — *page 105, front of the hymnal*

***Prayers of Intercession**

after each petition:

☞ Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

(11:00) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *pages 227-231, front of the hymnal*

*The Triune God claims **Odella Ann Simon** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Odella's parents are Sarah and Jared Simon, and her sponsors are Samuel and Deidre Donner.*

☞ People of God, do you promise to support Odella Ann and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☞ **We do.**

*Profession of Faith — page 229

Baptismal Hymn — No. 442 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”
During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

Thanksgiving at the Font — page 230

- ☞ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ And also with you.
- ☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☑ It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Baptism

*Welcome

- ☞ Let us welcome Odella Ann, our new sister in Christ.
- ☑ We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:
(8:30) “Dedication Anthem” Anonymous
(11:00) “For the Beauty of the Earth” (sung by Jubilate & Jubilate Schola Choirs) John Rutter

*Offering Hymn — No. 685 “Take My Life, That I May Be”

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The Church Office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

- Those in the hospital or recovering
Hazel Braaten, Mark Feroe, Burt Paulsen
- Those mourning the loss of a loved one
Family of Leone Peterson (grandmother of Nick and Sam Motzko)
- Those celebrating the baptism of
Odella Ann Simon, daughter of Sarah and Jared Simon
- Those with ongoing health concerns
Bob Bastian, Bryce Korba, Becky Ness, Arnie Ostebee, Arlene Rudser Dalton Skrove, Ed Sovik, Muriel Sovik, June Swanson, Miriam Wellumson, Phil Anderson, Earl Hoffbeck, Cora Hoffman, Leland Hoffman, Maureen Johnson, Paul Wolff

- All who are homebound, including
Eugene and Joyce Schrader, Edgar Severson
- Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John’s
The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia; Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Randy and Carol Stubbs & Family, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania
- Members of St. John’s studying at seminary, including
Kristofer Coffman, Gretchen Colby, Alison Hartke, Paul Nichol, Daniel Rinehart

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

- Stephen Ministry Requests
Call Joan Halvorson at 645-8445 or one of the pastors, 645-4429.
- Prayer Chain Requests
Contact Mary Cisar at 663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Prayers for healing, care, and guidance are offered between services in the Prayer Chapel on the second floor (Room 202) . The elevator is available for your use.

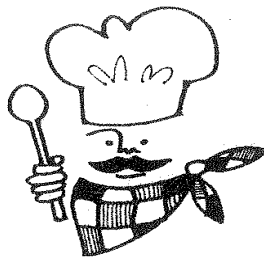
SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Orlin Mandsager
Presiding	Pastor Mark Johnson
Organist	Cathy Rodland
Choirs	(8:30) St. John’s Chorale, conducted today by Jo Ann Polley (11:00) Alleluia, Hosanna, Jubilate, and Jubilate Schola Choirs
Postlude	Nicholas Gonnerman
Pianist	Marilyn Jacobson
Assisting Minister	Mary Cisar
Acolytes	(8:30) Alex Dell, Anne France (11:00) Kenyon Nystrom, Jacob Gonnerman
Communion Preparers	Gene and Lois Bakko
Communion Servers	(8:30) Chuck Hellie (11:00) Chuck Jacobson
Greeters	Dean and Dorothy Ostlie, Zack and Jennifer Pelletier, Joanne Sommers, Judith Stoutland
Welcome Desk	Peggy Dell
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erikson, Amy Boxrud
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Alan Alberg, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Gordon Mickelsen (11:00) Wes Pearson, Brian Boyum, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Brandon Kimber, Dale Kimber

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St. John’s Wednesday Night Meals

From 5:15 p.m. — 6:15 p.m.

October 9: Chili

October 16: Pizza

All are welcome!

*Offering Prayer

- Let us pray.
- Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving — page 473

Holy, Holy, Holy: sung twice; first in Spanish, then English



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer — page 134, left-hand column

All God’s children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. After you have been served the bread, you will be offered **wine or grape juice**. The **grape juice** is white and is located in the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — No. 405 “O Spirit of Life”

Hymn — No. 484 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
stanzas: choir
refrain: all (please do sing the refrain moving to and from communion)
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

*Post-Communion Blessing

- ☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☞ Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

- ☞ Let us pray.
- ☞ We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

- Response:
- ☞ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 504 “A Mighty Fortress”

God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom’s ours forever!

*Dismissal

- ☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

