



**Whoever**  
finds their life  
will lose it,  
—— and ——  
**Whoever**  
loses their life  
for my sake  
will find it.

**MATTHEW 10:39**

**Welcome to  
St. John  
Lutheran  
Church**

**June 21,  
2026  
9:00 AM**

**4th Sunday  
After  
Pentecost**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

This is My Father's World

St. John Choir

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Compassionate God,  
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free  
ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you.  
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.  
Restore us to dwell in your peace.  
In Christ's name we pray,  
Amen.**

**P:** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Rest in God's love.  
Amen., and the life everlasting. **Amen.**


### GATHERING SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father

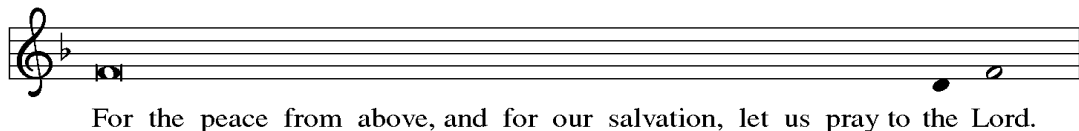
Hymn # 781  
4 verses

## GREETING AND KYRIE

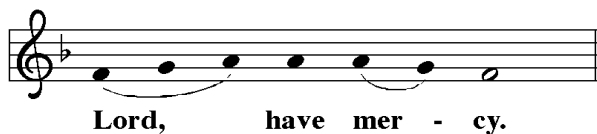
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



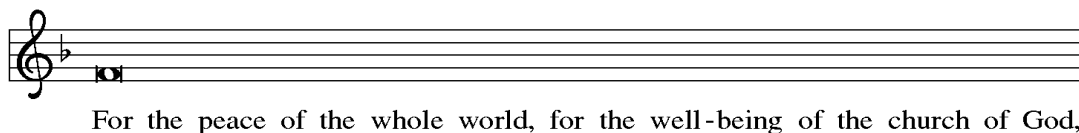
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



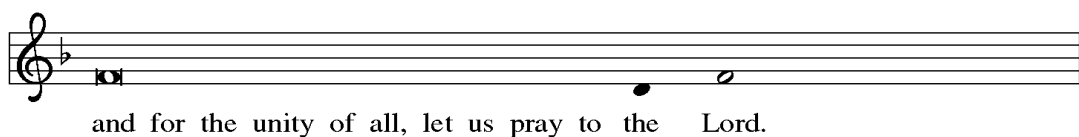
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



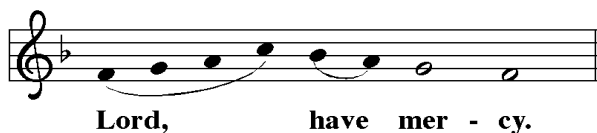
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



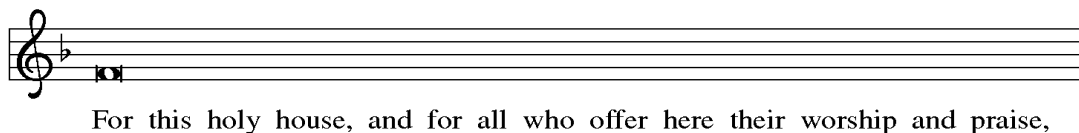
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



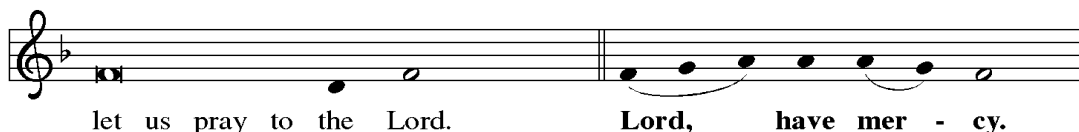
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



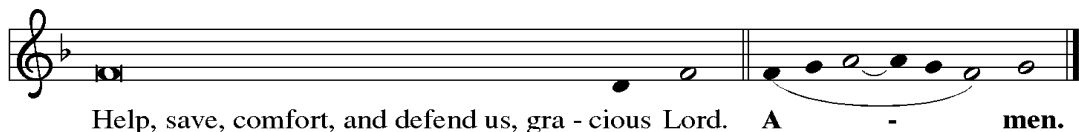
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

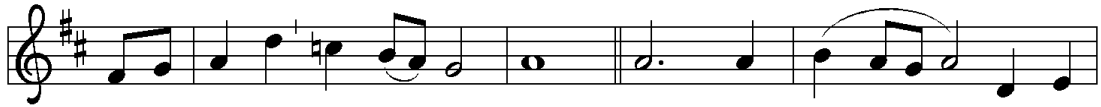
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord Be With You.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

**FIRST READING:****Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*The Word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.*

**SECOND READING****Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*The word of the Lord.... C: Thanks be to God.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

### **Matthew 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**P:** *The Gospel of the Lord.* **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

Hymn #798

5 verses

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of Grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

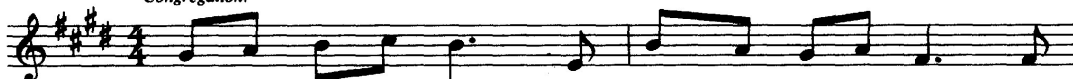
**C: And also with you.**

*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable.. this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)*

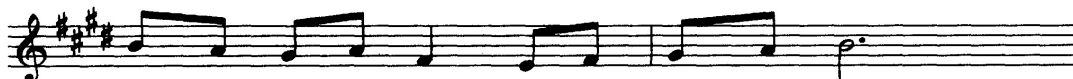
# AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

## Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

## Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*

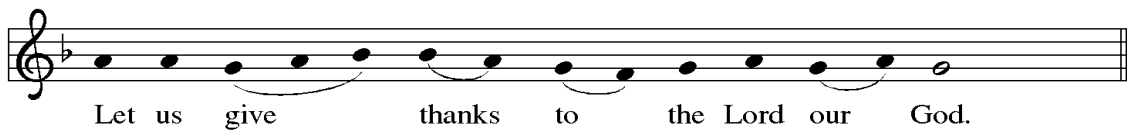


may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

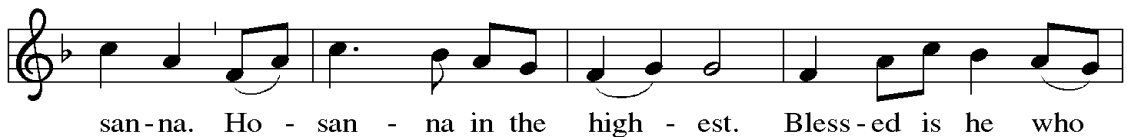
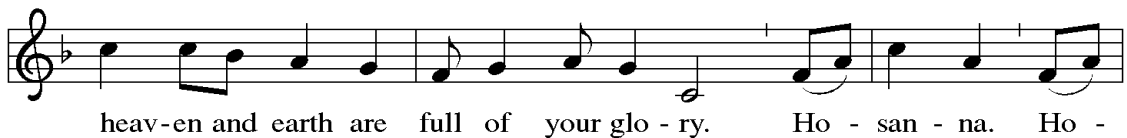
## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,

**C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, through our Savior Jesus Christ who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, and with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION



*Come to the table.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine, our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us, now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING SONG

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Hymn # 818

4 verses

## DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### ***Welcome!***

St. John practices "open communion". All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord's Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.