

"YOU WILL BE REPAID



AT THE RESURRECTION OF THE

Righteous."

LUKE 14:14, nrsv

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church
August 31, 2025 12th Sunday after Pentecost



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Alleluia, Praise the Lord

St. John Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Consider the Lilies
3 verses-Old "Songs of Praise" Hymnal


Heavenly Father

75



CONSIDER THE LILIES

Alice W. Brotherton

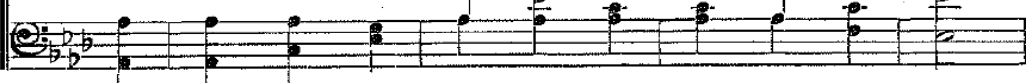
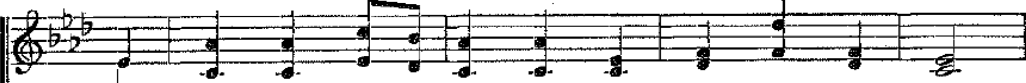
J. E. Spilman, 1834




1. Con - sid - er the lil - ies, how state - ly they grow,
 2. Con - sid - er the ra - vens,—who gives them their food?
 3. Our Fa - ther in heav - en, Thy chil - dren on earth,

They toil not, they spin not, no seed do they sow;
 Who shel - ters their nests in the storm - beat - en wood?
 Than lil - ies or ra - vens Thou hold - est more worth;

Yet bloom all the sum - mer, so shin - ing and tall—
 Who guides the young spar - row? Who watch - es its fall?
 O guide us and guard us, be near when we call,

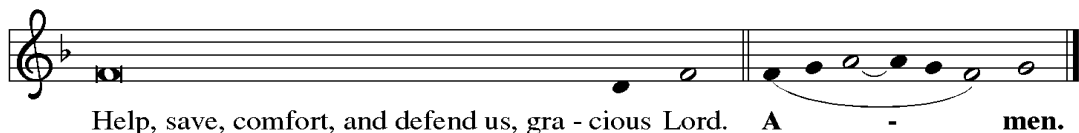
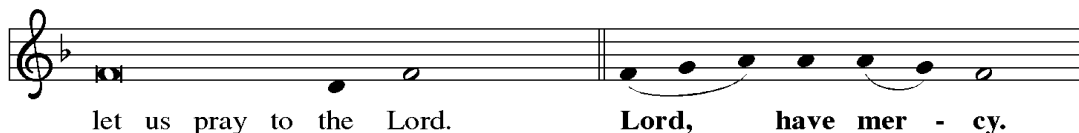
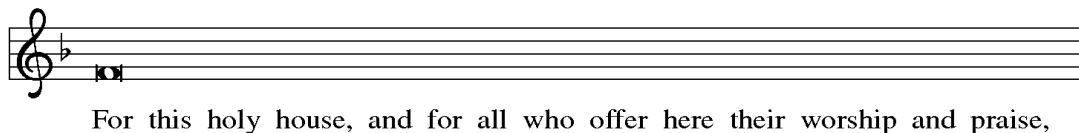
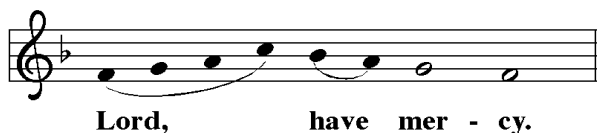
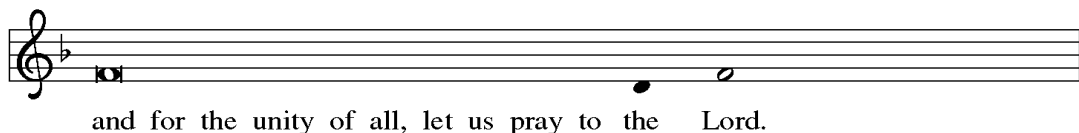
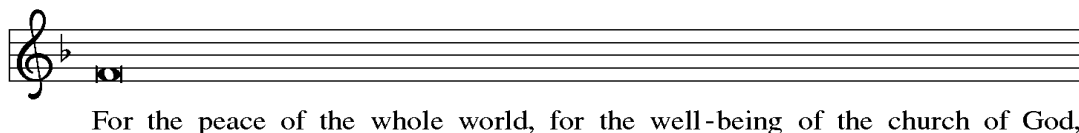
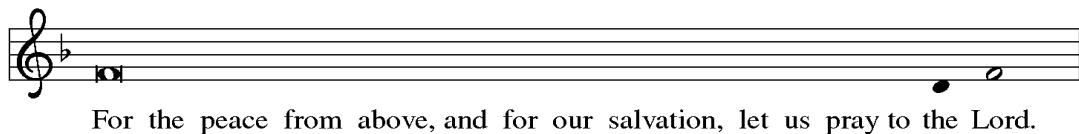



The Fa - ther, Who loves them, takes thought for them all.
 Their Fa - ther in heav - en takes heed for them all.
 Up - hold us, en - fold us— we thank Thee for all. A - MEN.

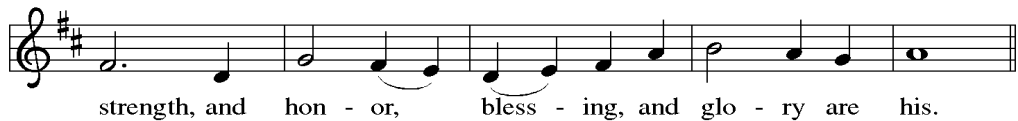
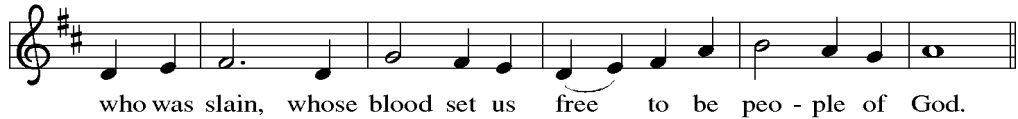


GREETING AND KYRIE

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.**



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. 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: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a}for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1,7-14

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit

down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

SERMON

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

Hymn # 522
3 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: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

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 hand shake, a fist bump or simply a smile..)*



OFFERING PRAYER

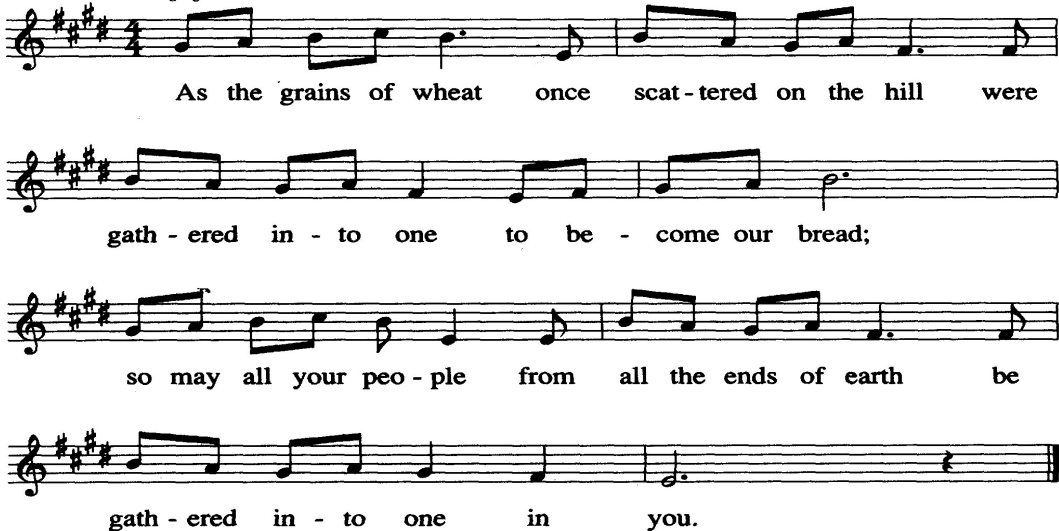
P: Creator God,

C: **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Refrain

Congregation:



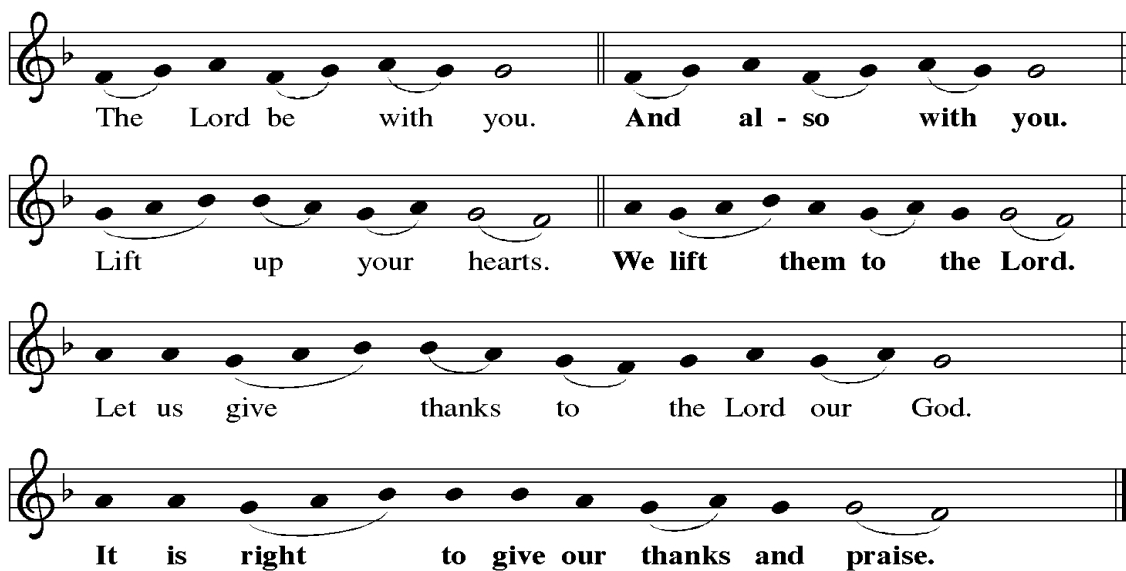
Verses



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 _____



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



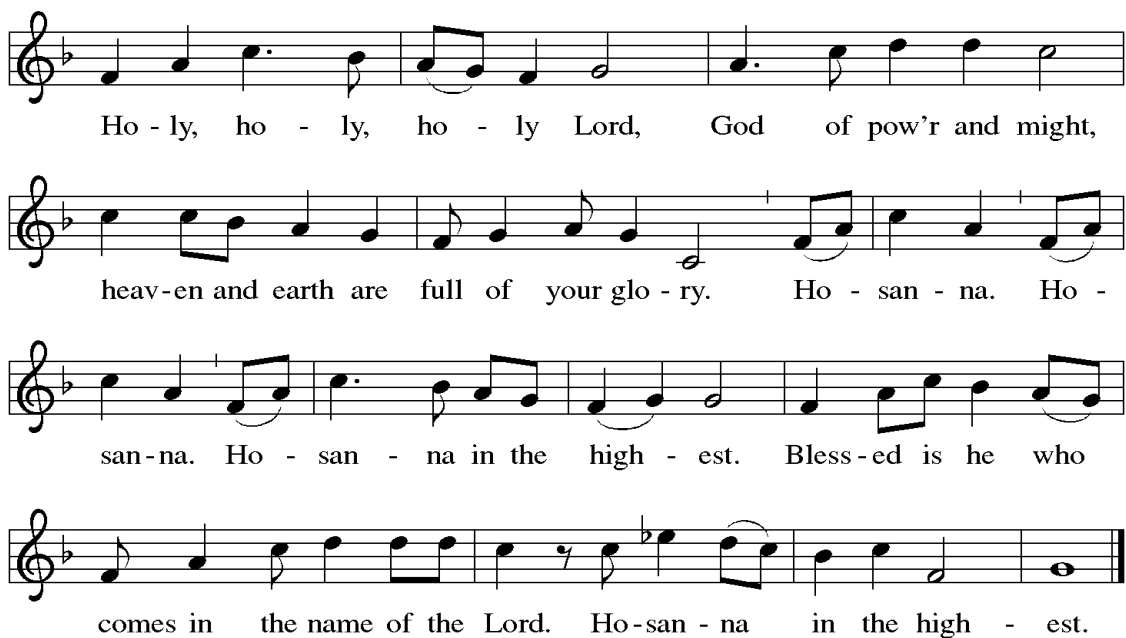
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 and merciful 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, with all the choirs of angels, 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, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

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, 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**



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



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: P: God of Fullness,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill
your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn # 858
4 Verses

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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.