



# **Ascension Sunday**

May 29, 2022 | 10:30 AM



**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

**Children are welcome.** We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers and a professionally staffed nursery is available from 7:45 AM to 11:45 AM. Follow the signs or ask any member for directions.

**To assist you during worship:** Large print worship bulletins are available from the ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and the pastors will be happy to commune you at your pew.

**Offerings:** St. John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

**Assisted Listening:** To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST\_JOHNS\_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen. Individual wired devices coming soon!



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We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Holy God of every time and every place, you gather us to hear of Jesus. Help us see your infinite life in our own community and in all of creation, we pray in your holy name. Amen.

*From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year C, Vol. 1*

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** Setting of “Now We Join in Celebration”

By Gustav Merkel

### **WELCOME**

*Please stand.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**God has gone up with a shout of joy.**

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign.

**Jesus Christ is the name above every name.**

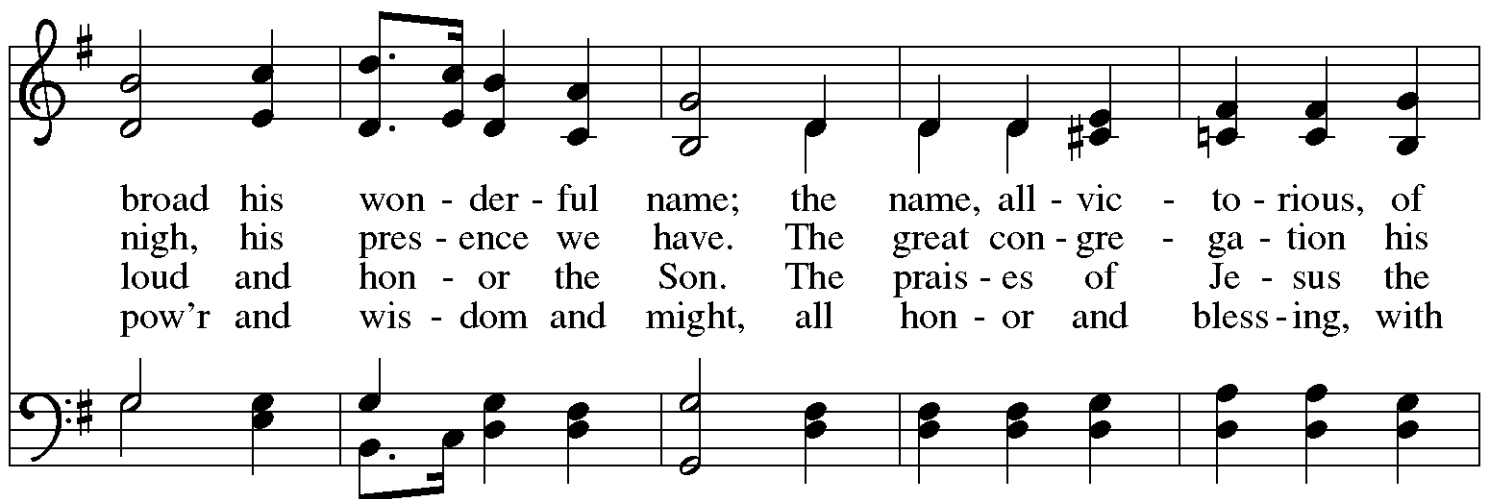
Christ has ascended on high. Alleluia!

**Christ reigns forever and ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

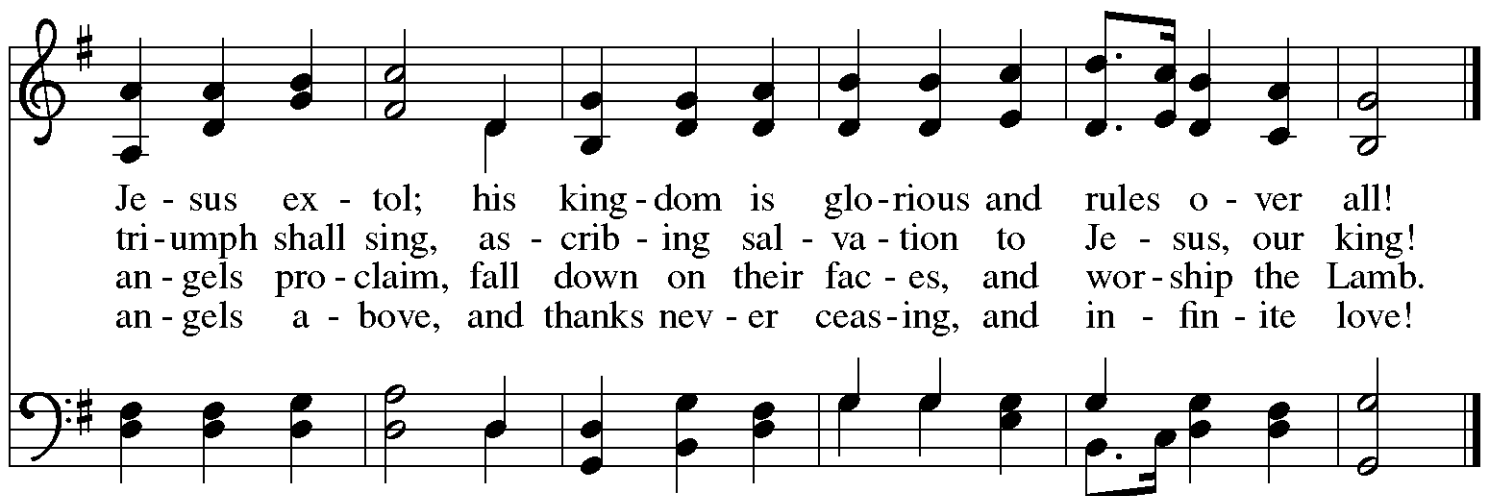
GATHERING HYMN ELW 825 You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

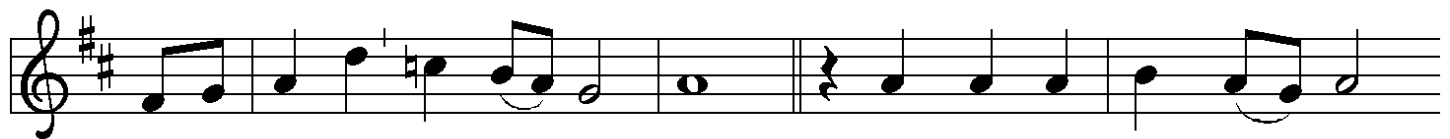
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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



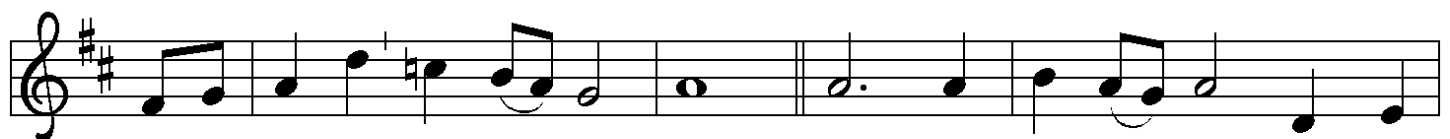
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



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



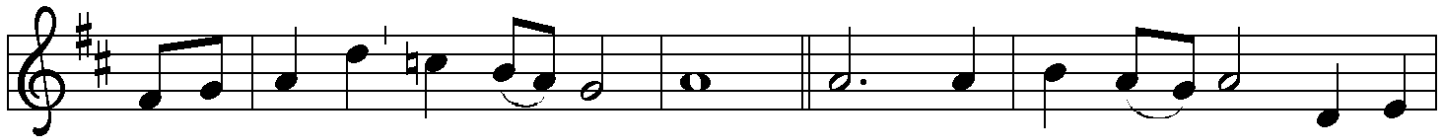
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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



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,

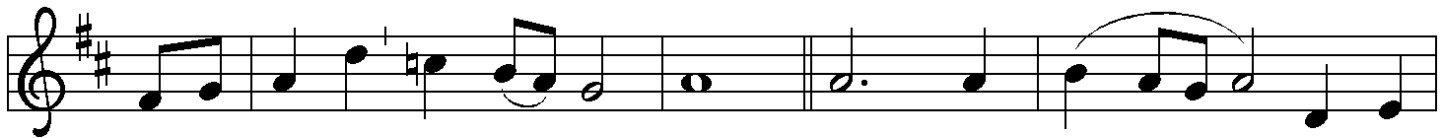


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*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*

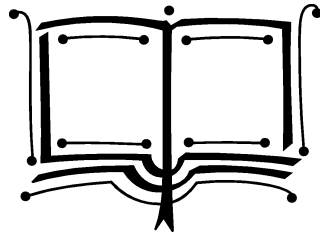
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*Please be seated.*

#### **FIRST READING** Acts 1:1–11

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

***The reader concludes:*** The word of the Lord. ***The assembly responds:*** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 97

*Cantor sings the refrain; thereafter, by all. Cantor sings the verses.*

The Lord is king, the Most High o-ver  
( Last time)  
all the earth, the Lord is king.

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The LORD is king, let earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.  
Justice and right are the foundation, the foundation of God's throne. **R**

The skies proclaim God's justice; all peoples see God's glory.  
All you angels, worship God, all you angels, worship God. **R**

For you indeed are the LORD, most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all gods, exalted far above all gods. **R**

### **SECOND READING** Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21

<sup>12</sup>“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

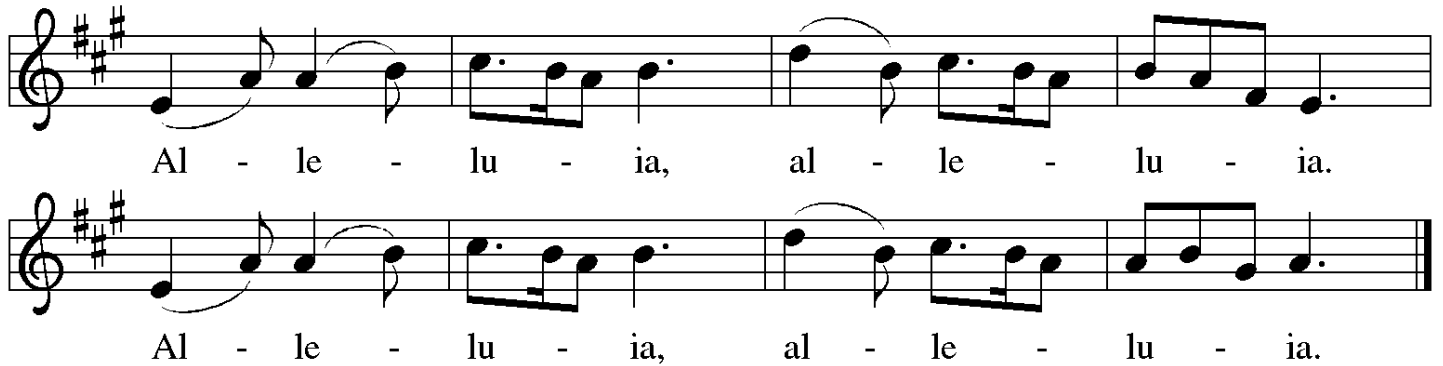
<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**The reader concludes:** The word of the Lord. **The assembly responds:** Thanks be to God.



*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

## GOSPEL Luke 24:44–53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

## HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MISSION**

### **GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. Both visitors and members alike may use the pew envelope to make a contribution. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org) or scan this code.*



## OFFERING MUSIC “Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness”

By J. S. Bach

Jody Mullen, soloist

Christians, shout for joy and gladness, cast away all fear and sadness:  
Jesus, prince of love and might, endless life has brought to light,  
He has broken death’s dark prison and from out the grave has risen. Alleluia, alleluia.

Hell’s dark powers flee before him; Christians hasten to adore him.  
Satan cannot harm you now: sin’s dominion is laid low,  
therefore in full-throated chorus raise this song of praise before us: alleluia, alleluia.

Nature now, her youth renewing, flowers in his path is strewing,  
while the birds on every tree to sing his praise make melody.  
Field and forest, sky and ocean swell the strain of glad devotion, Alleluia, alleluia.

*Please stand.*

## OFFERING HYMN ACS 937 Earth, Earth, Awake!

4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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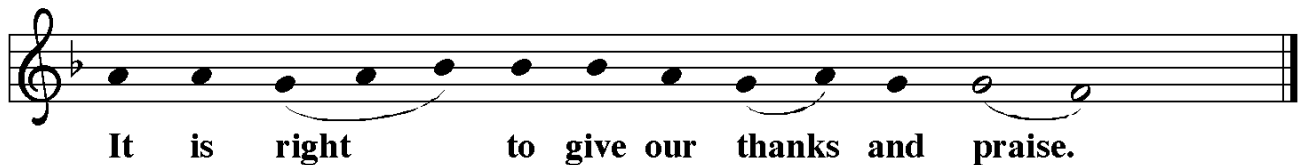
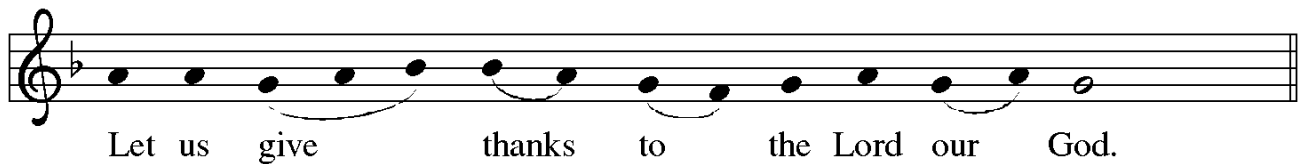
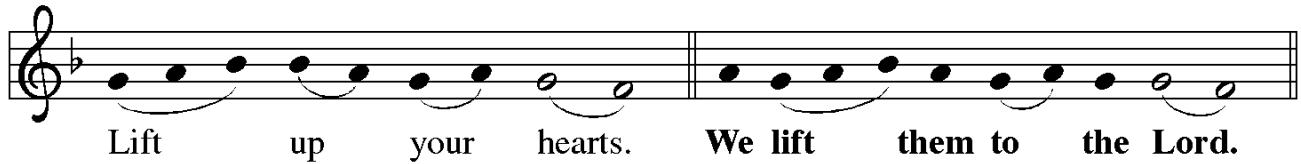
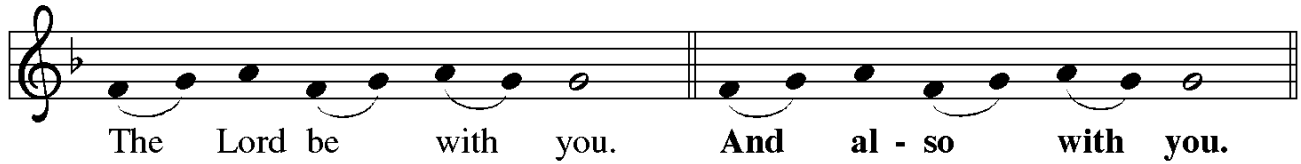
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Be present Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

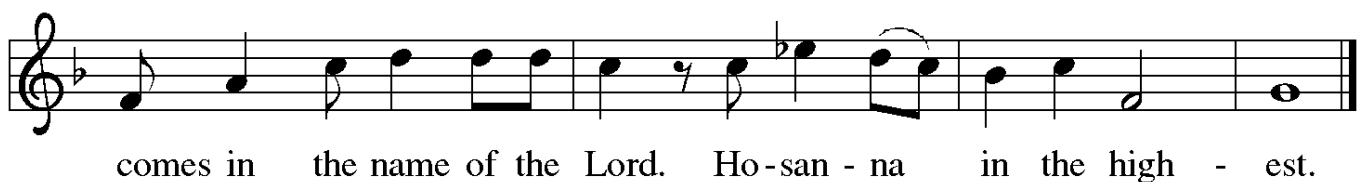
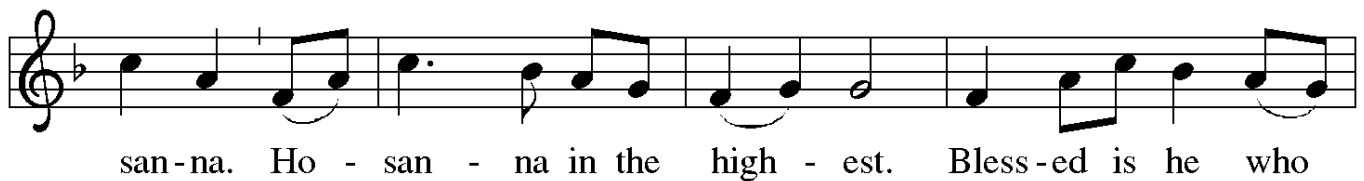
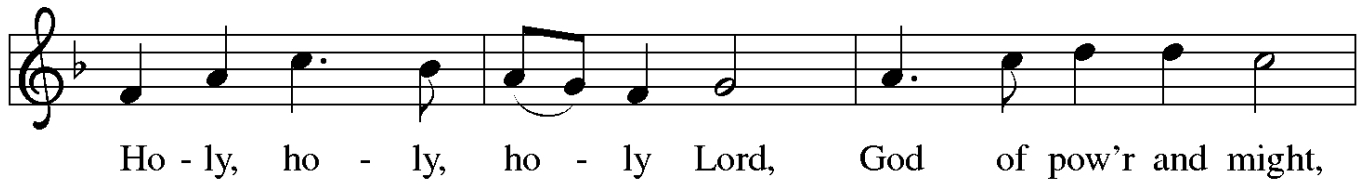
## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING



### PROPER PREFACE



# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time.*

*The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer.*

*The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.*

*You may pick up your personal cup, being careful to only touch that cup.*

*Step aside and drink the wine, placing the used cup in the return tray.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.*

## LAMB OF GOD

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.

## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 462 Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

Text: Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns



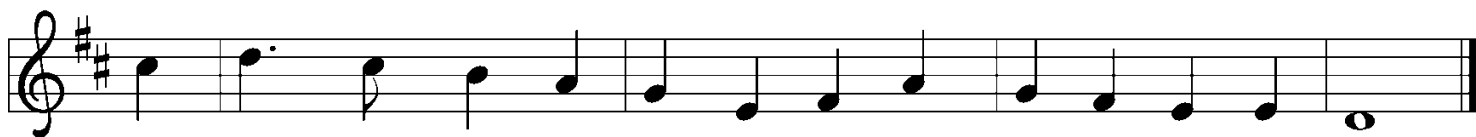
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

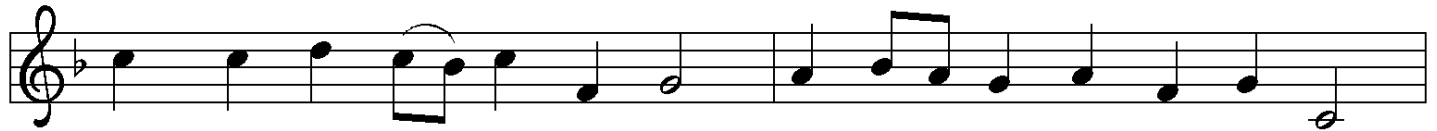
*Please stand.*

### **BLESSING**

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



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Almighty God, who raised Jesus from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high: may we know your resurrection power in our daily lives and look with hope to that day when we shall see you face to face and share in your glory, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

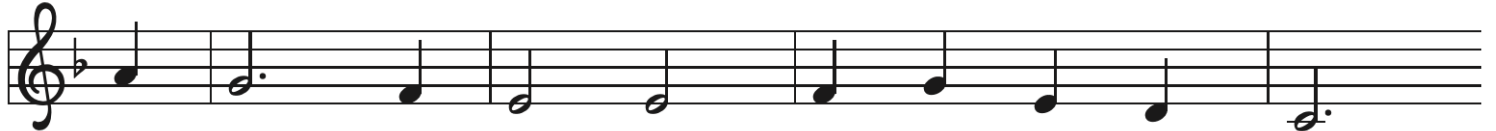
*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus came and said to the disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, the Holy Trinity, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ACS 991 Go to the World



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

By Hal H. Hopson

**May 29, 2022**

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**On Gun Violence Prevention Rally, Friday June 3, 5-6:00 PM**, Summit Village Green, 365 Broad Street: Summit Interfaith Council and others invite you to help to pass Governor Murphy's Gun Safety Package 3.0. Learn how gun violence continues to be an issue of social and racial justice, and focus on how we as a community can make a difference.

**Summit Has Pride, Saturday June 4, at 6:00 PM** on the Village Green. St. John's will join the City of Summit by showing their pride in their community with educational and non-profit displays from organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community. The event is free and open to all.

**Next Sunday, June 5 is Pentecost WEAR RED!**

**Emanuel 9 & Juneteenth Forum, June 5 at 9:00 AM** in Hinman Hall. Our Anti-Racism Committee will also be hosting a conversation about the commemoration of the Emanuel 9 – the nine people killed at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina and Juneteenth, the national celebration of Emancipation and the end of slavery. Please join us.

**Livestream Training, June 9, 7:00 PM:** A simple and brief training to learn how to run our weekly livestream is available for anyone to attend. Contact Stephanie Rothman at [stephanierothman9@gmail.com](mailto:stephanierothman9@gmail.com).

**Registration for all Cross Roads Summer Camp Programs:** Come to an open house on **June 11** to visit camp, ask all your questions, and enjoy a delicious lunch! Learn more and register at [crossroadsretreat.com](http://crossroadsretreat.com). Hinman Scholarship funds are available to church members attending Lutheran camps.

**2022 Graduates** If you have a graduate in the family, send a recent photo and a brief sentence or two about their upcoming plans for the future. We'd love to share the good news with the St. John's community! Materials can be emailed to [jamabowman@stjohnssummit.org](mailto:jamabowman@stjohnssummit.org). We will be recognizing and praying for our graduates in church on **June 12**.

**Music Sunday, June 12:** This year June 12 will be both Trinity Sunday AND Music Sunday. St. John's ensembles will lead in worship and we will give thanks for the gift of the Triune God that is music. We especially want to thank Wayne Dietterick as interim Director of Music and Linda Clark as interim Director of the Lutherringers and recorders.

**Church Picnic, June 12.** Please sign up in the rear entry to bring a side dish or to help set up.

**Summit Juneteenth Celebration, June 17, 5–8:30 PM:** St. John's is an official sponsor of Summit's first Juneteenth Celebration at the Summit Aquatic Center (100 Ashwood Avenue). Please join us!

**Summer Worship Schedule, June 19 through September 4**, we will be worshipping together at **ONE service beginning at 9:15 AM**. During the summer when attendance is lighter, a single service makes better use of our worship volunteers and makes for a fuller assembly. It will be wonderful to worship as one congregation!

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**Commemoration of The Emanuel 9 & Juneteenth, Sunday, June 19**, St. John's will observe the commemoration of the Emanuel 9 and Juneteenth. These two observances are recent national and ELCA additions to our church calendar. They complement our on-going work of racial reconciliation.

**Blood Drive at St. John's!** On **June 24**, St. John's will host a blood drive from **12:00 to 6:00 PM**. Please sign up at [nybc.org](http://nybc.org) using sponsor code 12199. More information on the rear entry bulletin board.

**ASP Fundraiser:** For the month of June, ASP volunteers will be on hand on Sundays to assist you in participating in the *Piece by Peace Fundraiser*, our only fundraiser this year. Come help us "repair a house" (model) by "purchasing" siding, windows, decking, roofing, etc. to make it warmer, safer, and drier! Items are \$10 and up, but any donation will be accepted.

**Rummage Sale, July 8–9:** Start cleaning out the closets, the attic, the garage! Donations will be accepted starting **July 3**. If you would like to drop off items any earlier, please make prior arrangements with Jane Bowman or the church office. All money raised supports the Youth Missions Fund.

**Anti-Racism Committee Summer reading books available** with discussions after Labor Day. *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited by a baby's father from any Black nurses caring for his baby. Recommended donation \$10. *Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee examines the damage caused by racism in policymaking and proposes a path forward to combat these challenges. Recommended donation \$15.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is providing refugees and those affected in Ukraine with immediate financial support (100% of all donations are given) as well as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Send a check to the church office, or donate online with "Ukraine" under the "Special Giving" field or in the memo line.