

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 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**

Creator God you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you.

For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## Gathering

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

**PRELUDE** Setting of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Setting of "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" Reflection on "Holy God, Holy and Glorious"

By David Cherwien By John Behnke By James Biery

#### **WELCOME**

Please stand.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

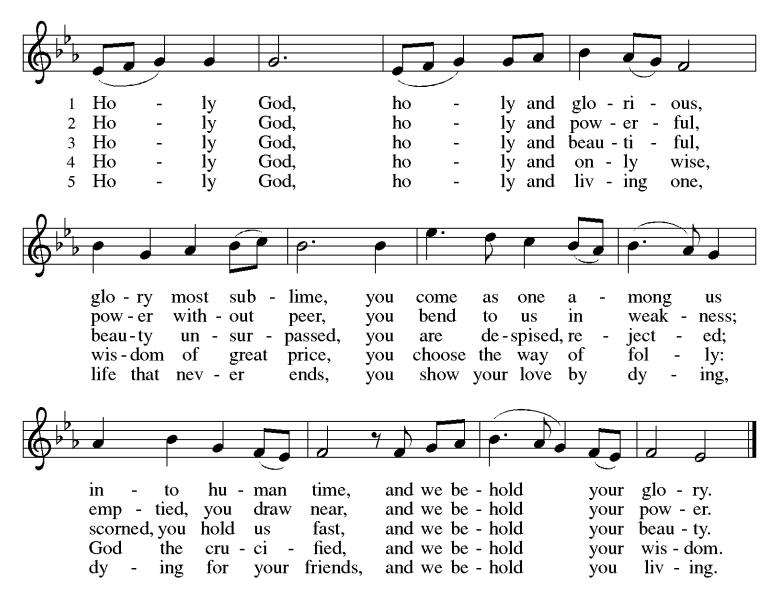
Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our + Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## **GATHERING HYMN** ELW 637 Holy God, Holy and Glorious



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Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950 Text © 2002 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

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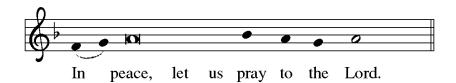
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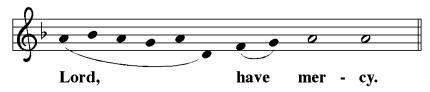


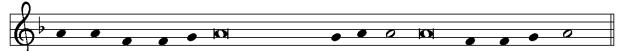
## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.** 

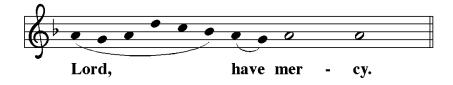
## **KYRIE**

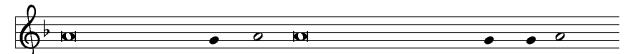




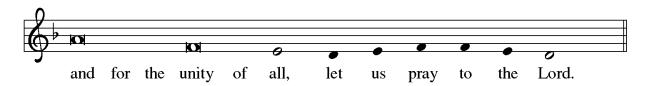


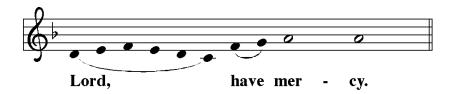
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





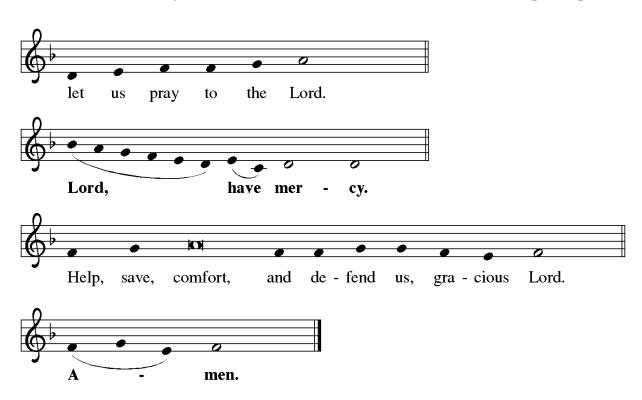
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 Isaiah 43:16–21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

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

## Cantor sings the lightface verses. All sing the boldface verses.



<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- <sup>|</sup> tunes of Zion, then were we like <sup>|</sup> those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with 'shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great 'things for them."

The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.
 Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,

<sup>4</sup>Restore our for- tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carry- ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- ing their sheaves.

## **SECOND READING** Philippians 3:4b–14

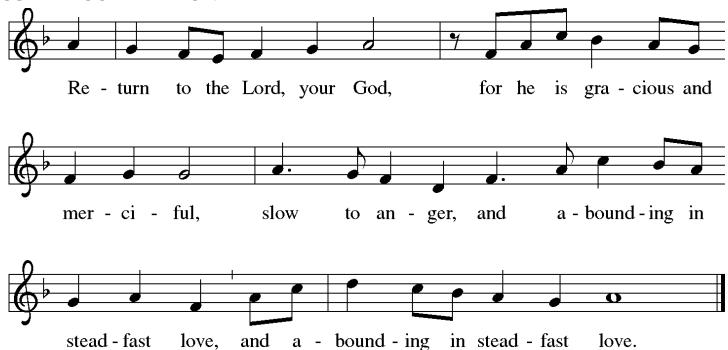
[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## GOSPEL John 12:1–8

The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ¹Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 750 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



- Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
- Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod y, soul, and all I have
- 3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos - om bear me home,



with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. that I may die un-fear - ing;

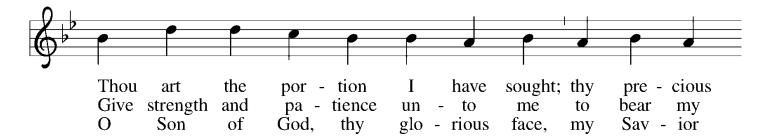
Earth has no plea-sure I would share, this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place and in its nar - row cham-ber



yea, heav'n it-self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor. my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake. no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file. And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,





blood my soul has bought. Lord Je sus Christ, my God and Lord, cross and fol - low thee. Christ, my God and Lord, Lord Je sus my fount of grace. Lord Christ, my prayer at - tend, and Je sus



Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: HERZLICH LIEB, B. Schmid, *Orgeltabulaturbuch*, 1577

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

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 or scan this code.



**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of *Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet*Recorder Ensemble

Arr. Donna Garzinsky

O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you, in thanksgiving bow before you.

Here with your body and your blood you nourish our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!

May your body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry,

and your blood for us plead in all trials, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

German hymn, 15th C., Martin Luther, ELW 499

#### **OFFERTORY**



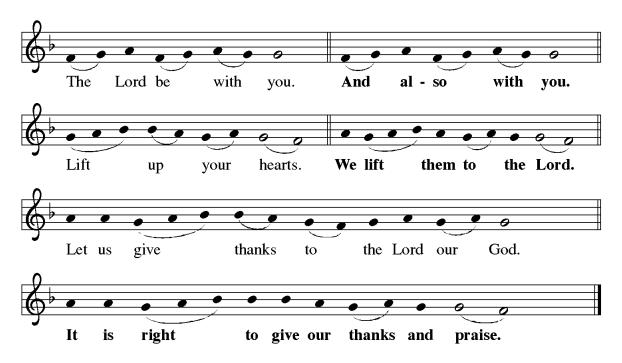
#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

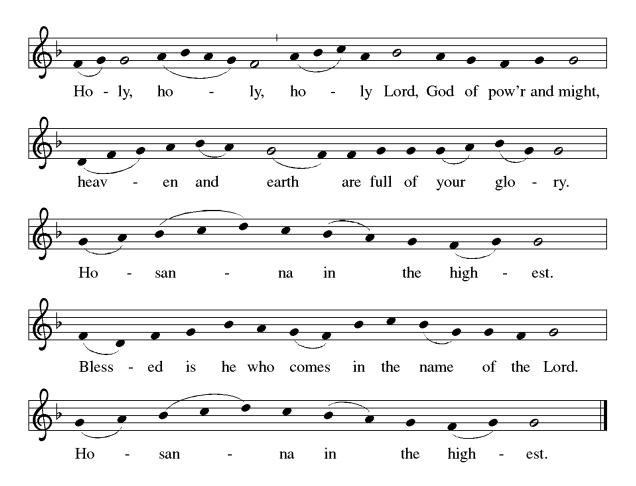
## Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

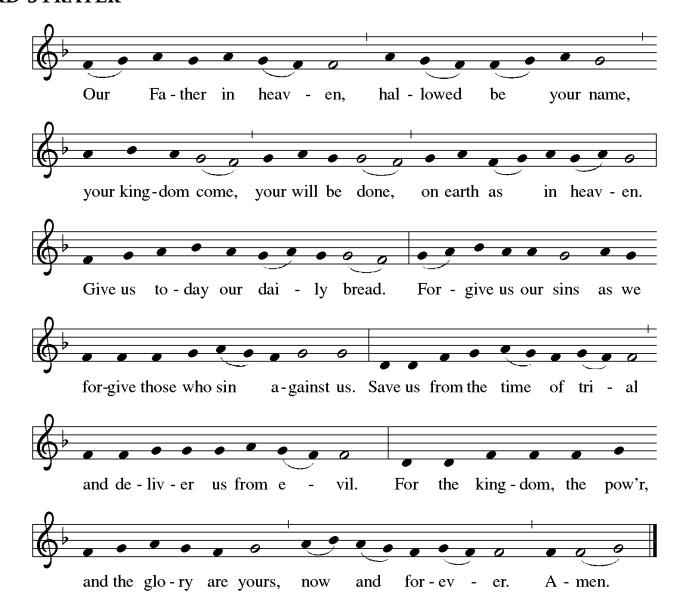


## **PROPER PREFACE**



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER



Please be seated.

#### **RECEPTION OF COMMUNON**

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.

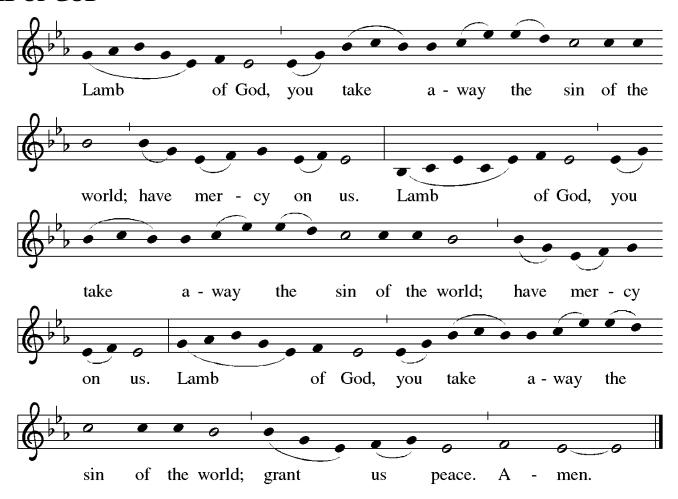
The assisting minister serves the wine/grape juice in pre-filled individual cups.

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**





## **COMMUNION HYMN** ELW 754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878 Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## **COMMUNION HYMN** LBW 336 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Wesley, 1703–1791, alt.

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

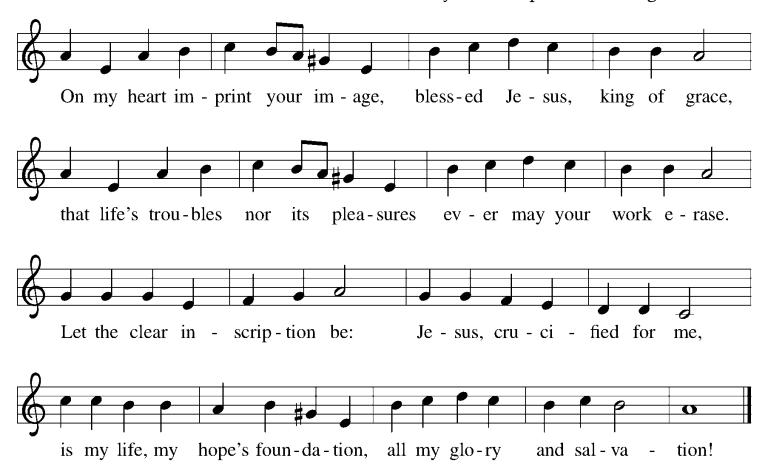
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Please stand.

#### **BLESSING**

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

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** ELW 811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691-1758

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Sending

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

#### **BLESSING**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **SENDING HYMN** ELW 803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Setting of "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

### April 3, 2022

Please welcome our guest organist today, Lisa Wichman.

Intergenerational Faith Formation continues TODAY at 9:00 AM! Everyone is invited to enjoy some fellowship time, while we explore the role of Lent in our spiritual lives through crafting, music and maybe a snack. TODAY'S theme is, "The Shape of the Cross."

**Easter Flowers**: We are collecting donations for Easter flowers; suggested donations of \$25–50 All dedications must be received by **TODAY** Sign up in the entryway.

Lent midweek services, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Join us each week for Evening Prayer .

**Worship Assistants Needed:** Altar Guild volunteers, Greeters, Counters, Readers, Ushers and Livestream Crew members. MANY hands are needed to offer the worship services and events that we do. Please email Pastor Blake or Bev Kaczmarski.

**Boxes of Cereal for Loaves & Fishes:** We have been asked to collect boxed cereal for Loaves and Fishes during Lent. We ask everyone to bring at least one box of cereal each week of Lent to reach our goal of **300+ boxes**. We have collected approximately 225 boxes so far!

Let Us Build a House–Bethlehem Build: Our partner congregation, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Orleans, is building new affordable housing rentals on their property in partnership with Tulane University. Our Council has challenged St. John's to raise \$22,500 of the needed funds to make this project possible during Lent. Give online or by check payable to St. John's with "Bethlehem Build" in the memo line. Currently, we have collected \$21,3331!

**Missing our Lenten soup suppers?** We will be selling homemade soups and breads between services for you and your family to purchase and enjoy during Lent. **All proceeds will go toward the Bethlehem Build Project.** If you are interested in making soup or bread for the sale – please contact Jane Bowman or Jama Bowman.

**Baby Drive Collection:** Robin Taylor Roth is co-sponsoring a baby drive for GRACE to collect food, diapers, pull-ups, wipes through the end of April. A collection box is in the rear entryway.

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

Registration for all Cross Roads Summer Camp Programs is open. Come to one of the Cross Roads open houses on May 14 or June 11 to visit camp, ask all your questions, and even enjoy a delicious lunch! Learn more and register at crossroadsretreat.com.

Save the Date-Blood Drive at St. John's! On June 24, St. John's will host a blood drive from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. Details and registration information coming soon!



# Bethlehem Lutheran Church: NEW ORLEANS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a historically Black Lutheran congregation that has been serving the Central City neighborhood and the greater New Orleans area for over

130 years. In 2020, they launched Community Table, a program that provides free lunches three times a week (over 500 free meals a week). Soon after, they added a variety of pandemic and disaster-related support services as well.

Their next effort is to address the housing crisis in New Orleans by partnering with URBANbuild, the Tulane University School of Architecture's award-winning design-build program. The plan is to create a multi-phase project that will include four, permanently affordable ADA-accessible townhouses across

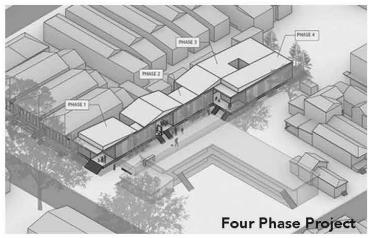


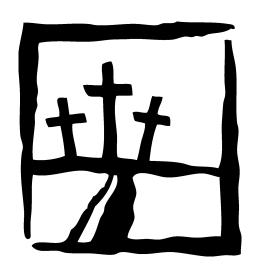
the street from the church. Afterwards, a new sanctuary and renovated kitchen for Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Both are desperately needed to serve their community.

The fundraising goal is \$225,000 by April 2022 to complete house #1 and its required site preparation. The Tulane School of Architecture is donating the design and labor for these houses, allowing them to construct these homes significantly under market value.

As a partner congregation, St. John's pledged to raise **\$22,500** or 10% of the needed funds to make this project possible during Lent. The Anti-Racism Committee has pledged a dollar for dollar match, up to \$5,000. You can give online or by check payable to St. John's with "Bethlehem Build" in the memo line.







# Holy Week Service Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 8:00 & 10:30 AM Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 PM Good Friday, April 15 at 12:00 PM & 7:30 PM ( Easter Vigil, April 16 at 7:30 PM

Please note the change in Easter Sunday worship times! Easter Sunday, April 17 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Livestreamed services are underlined.

#### JOIN US FOR EASTER FELLOWSHIP!

Between the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM services, please join us outside on the lawn for some light refreshments and an egg hunt. All ages welcome!