The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service, Setting Four

Prayer before worship:

As we come into your presence, O God, bless this time of worship. Unite our prayers and praises with your whole Church on earth and in heaven. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Pre-Service Music Ringing of the Bells Welcome "Nimrod from 'Enigma Variations'" (Edward Elgar)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism

 ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer and confession, as able

- P Almighty God,
- **C** have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

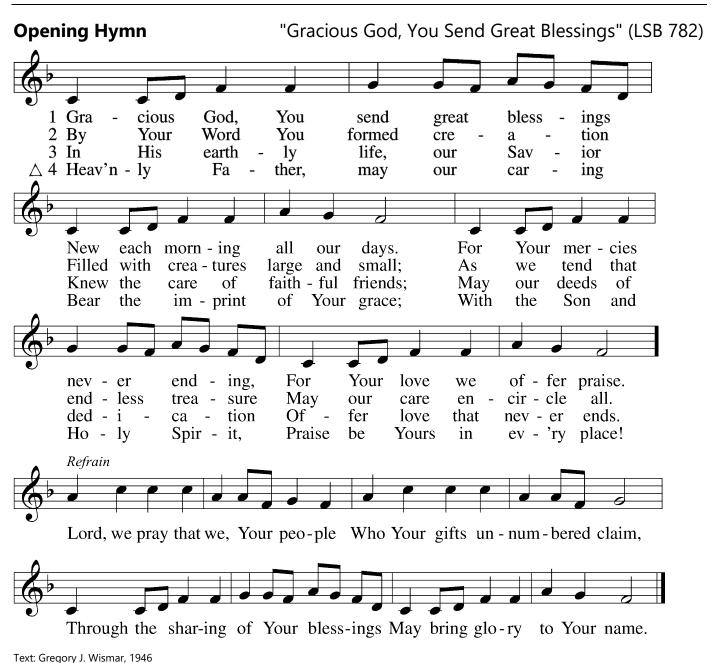


Psalm 124:8

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

G Amen.





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Greeting

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

G And also with you.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth." ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm (read responsively)

L Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD,O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

- **O** When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
- L Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith for-ever;

Psalm 146

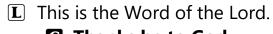
- L who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- C the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- I The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

G The LORD will reign for-ever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD! Epistle

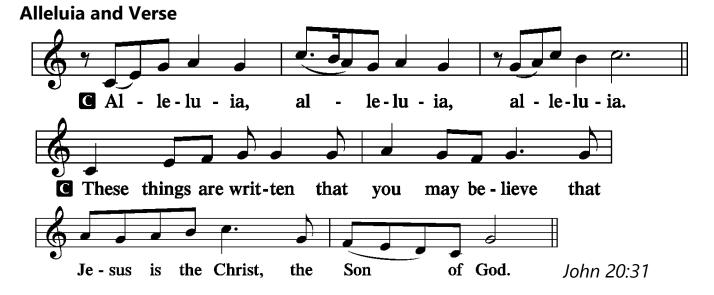
Hebrews 9:24-28

Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.



C Thanks be to God.





Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

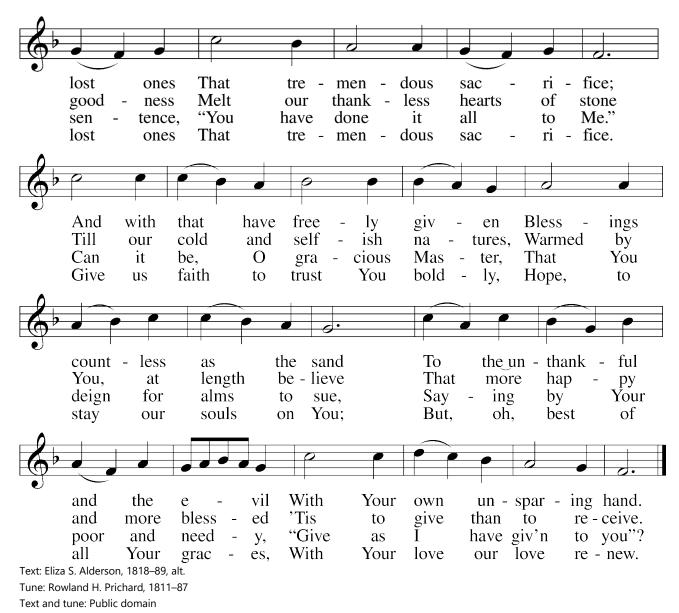
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Little is Much"

Hymn of the Day "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" (LSB 851) 1 Lord of glo You have bought With Your ry, us hearts. give Glad 2 Grant dear Lord. You us to ly, 3 Won - drous You giv To hon or have en our 4 Lord glo You bought With Your of have us ry, the price, life - blood Nev - er grudg - ing for the as free - ly of Your own. With the shine of Your sun hum - blest char Your rious _ i ty In own mys - te life - blood the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the as



Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Reception of New Members

The congregational companions of those desiring to become members present them to the pastor at the altar. As each candidate is named, they are invited to step forward to the altar rail.

▶ Dear friends in Christ, the members of our congregation are glad that you are to become part of our Christian fellowship here at St. John's. As a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, you are to be an active participant in the ministry that we share, a servant with us in the kingdom of God by His grace. In response to God's full and free gift of forgiveness and new life through His Son, I exhort you attend to corporate worship as a member of the body of Christ, make diligent use of the means of grace, and lead a righteous and godly life. Support the work of that the Lord gives us as His people in this congregation with your prayers, your time, and your resources, both material and intangible. Walk with us at St. John's as a forgiven people who are gathered around the cross, formed and fueled by God's grace, and go out into the world to invite all people to a life transformed by Jesus Christ. This is the fellowship that we share, the community into which you are about to be received as members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

In response to God's word in the Scriptures and enabled by the Holy Spirit, we now ask you to speak your covenant commitment to living out the fellowship that we share:

- And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- I will strive to GATHER often with this community of faith through regular participation in corporate worship life and fellowship with other members of the body of Christ.

- **C** For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. (*Romans 12:4-6a*)
- Recognizing that Christ will **DISCIPLE** me through God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, I will strive to walk with our Lord through prayer and the practice of spiritual disciplines, growing in faith, engaged in regular reading and study of the Scriptures, individually and with fellow Christians.
- **G** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)
- I will strive to MANAGE all the resources God has given me, tangible and intangible in response to all that God in Christ has done for me – and offer my time, talents, and treasure in service at St. John's and in the world, committing to serving in at least one ministry of the church.
- **O**h give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! (*Psalm 105:1-2*)
- I will strive to INVITE others to a relationship with Jesus Christ through my words and actions with the help of the Holy Spirit. I will pray for wisdom to recognize witness opportunities and for boldness to share my faith.
- **P** Is this, then, your sincere desire and intention?
- **R** Yes, with the help of God.
- Members of St. John's Lutheran Church: you have heard the promise made this day by these people who have declared their desire to walk with us on their journey of faith. What is your response?
- We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your

> mercy." Please respond by saying "Hear our prayer." The prayers end with the words:

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,

"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Choral Music

"We Will Remember Them" (E. Elgar/arr. Ian Tracey) (words from the poem 'The Fallen' by Laurence Binyon)

We will remember them, we will remember them. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them, we will remember them. They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them, we will remember them.

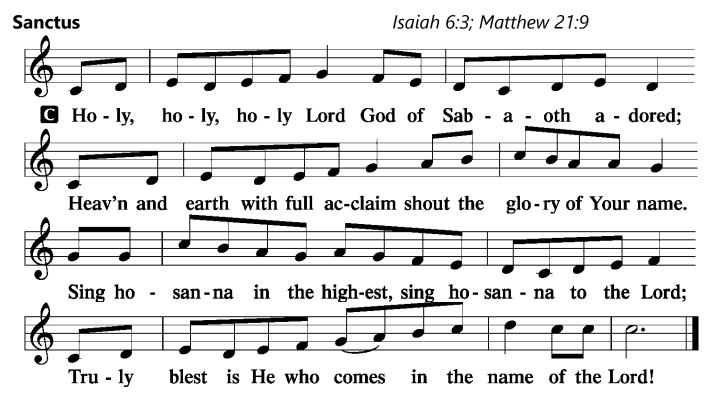
Announcements

Offertory Prayer

- L Merciful God,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		
Preface		
P The Lord be with you.	2 Timothy 4:22	
C And also with you.		
P Lift up your hearts.		
G We lift them to the Lord.	[Colossians 3:1]	
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	[Psalm 136]	

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. Lord's Prayer M 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
 → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My
 → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

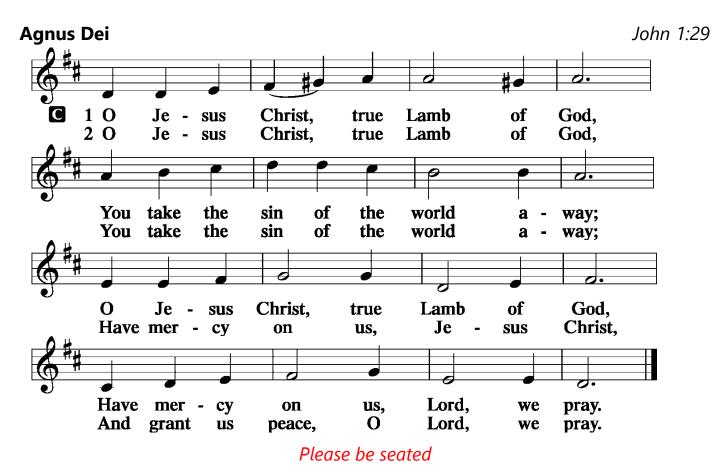
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Matthew 6:9-13



Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

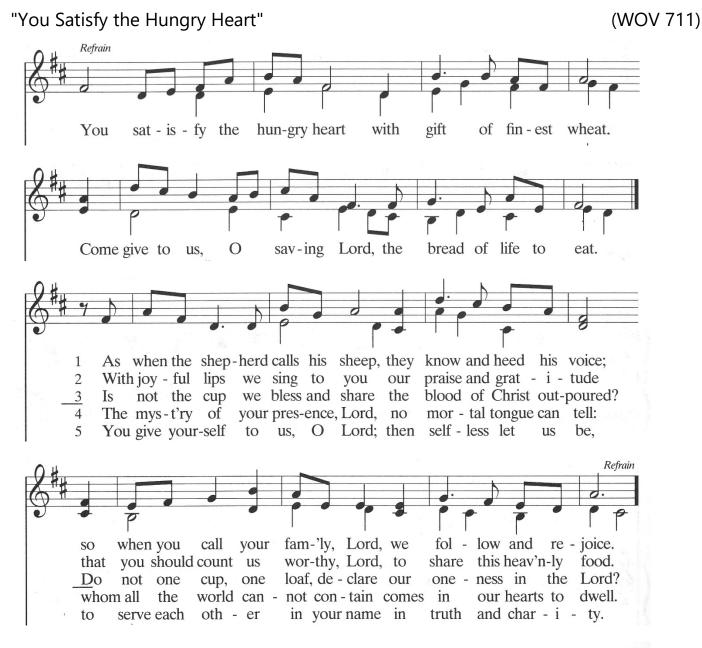
For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Music at Distribution

Distribution Anthem

"Non, Nobis Domine" (William Byrd/D. E. Wagner)

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo a gloriam, Alleluia. Not unto us, O Lord, the glory, but unto your great name the glory be, Alleluia

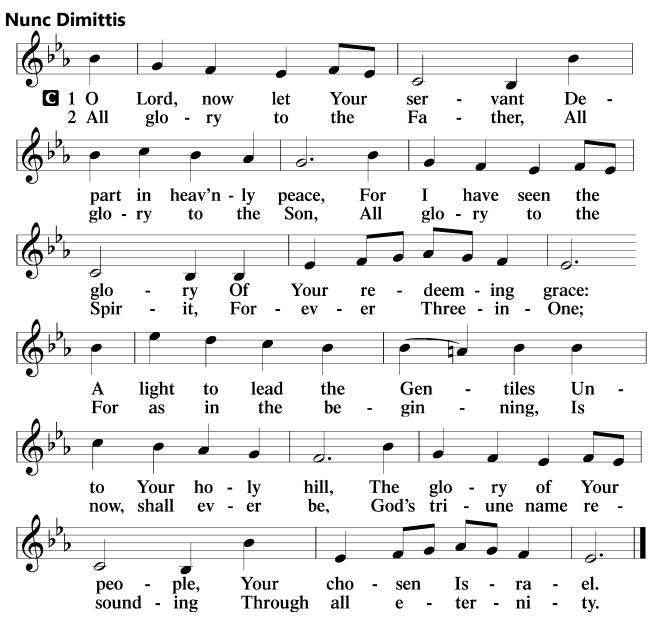


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BICENTENNIAL

"One Bread, One Body" (WOV 710) Refrain σ One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; 0 C of bless - ing which we one cup bless, σ and through-out though man-y the earth, we, 0 0 one bod - y Lord. in this one we are 0 0 Gen - tile Jew, ser - vant or free, 1 or works, gifts, Man - y the man - y 2 the Grain for fields, scat-tered and grown, 3 the Refi 0. 0 0 0 D no more. wom - an or man, of all. Lord one in the all. for gath-ered to one ONE BREAD, ONE BO Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 Music: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939 446 and ref © 1978, 1989 John B. Foley and New Dawn Music

Dismissal



Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sending Hymn

[Psalm 103:1]

"Jesus Shall Reign" (LSB 832)

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1 Je - sus shall re	ign wher - e'er	the sun	Does its suc-
2 To Him shall e		be made,	And end-less
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songs a - gain,	And earth re - p	beat the loud	a - men.
Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.			
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793			

Postlude

"Postlude" (Roger C. Wilson)

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To **Give** to St. John's Lutheran Church



This weekend's **altar flowers** are given in remembrance of Sophie & Sean's baptism.



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