



*“Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”*

*- Mark 2:27-28*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – June 2, 2024**

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*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning!  
Know that you are welcome here just as you are.*

*If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time worshiping at St. John, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.*

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an \* and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**. All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.*

*During the time of **Peace**, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

*At the time of **Offering**, you are invited to share a gift. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Online gifts may be made using the QR code below:*



*You may also offer updates to our ongoing prayer list using the yellow cards in the pews and placing them in the offering plates. **Visitor information cards** and member attendance cards (attached to the front of the bulletin) may also be placed in the offering plates.*

*As Lutherans, we believe Christ is truly present in the elements of the Lord's Supper. At the time of **Holy Communion**, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward via the center aisle, receive the elements, and return via the side aisles. We begin at the front of the right side, commune all on the right side, then we will invite the left side forward. When you come forward, you may receive the bread from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available), then pre-filled cups with wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. You may consume the elements after receiving them then place the empty cup in the tray held by the acolyte. Those who do not receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*If you need a **restroom**, restrooms are located on the bottom floor at the far side of the building from the elevator. Restrooms may be accessed either via the stairs in the rear of the sanctuary, the stairs by the Greeting Area, or the elevator.*

*A **playroom** is available downstairs for children who need a break from the worship service. This room is by the elevator on the lower level. Children are also welcome to utilize the books and puzzles available in the Greeting Area on the top level by the elevator.*

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day and offered during the prayers of intercession.

## PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

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

#### \*GATHERING SONG *Oh, Sing to God Above* (ELW 555)



1 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of joy - ful greet-ing,  
2 Oh, sing to God a - bove a hymn of praise and bless-ing,



a song of grate-ful love in the new day's light re - peat - ing:  
a song of grate-ful love, hope and faith our hearts ex - press-ing:



you made the sea and sky, the sun and stars in splen-dor;  
cre - a - tion lifts its voice to tell your might and glo - ry,



de - light shone in your eye— all your works were filled with won-der.  
and we, too, will re - joice to pro - claim the sav - ing sto - ry.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! Can - te - mos al Se -  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, sing to God a -



ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu -  
bove: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu -



ya! Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!  
ia! Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

*Last time*



Can - te - mos al Se - ñor: ¡A - le - lu - ya!  
Oh, sing to God a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have hurt our community.**  
**We have squandered your blessings.**  
**We have hoarded your bounty.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,  
**we confess that we have sinned.**  
**We have failed to be honest.**  
**We have lacked the courage to speak.**  
**We have spoken falsely.**  
**In the name of Jesus,**  
**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
In God's goodness, we are free to claim the gift of God's mercy:  
we are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Now the Feast and Celebration* (ELW 167)**

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



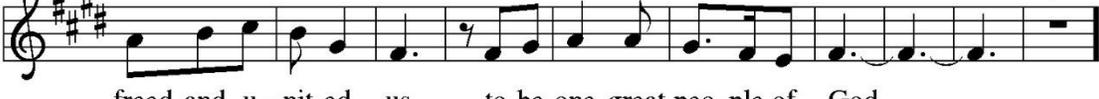
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



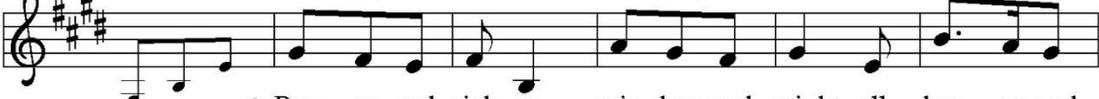
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

**PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION PROJECT**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel.

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

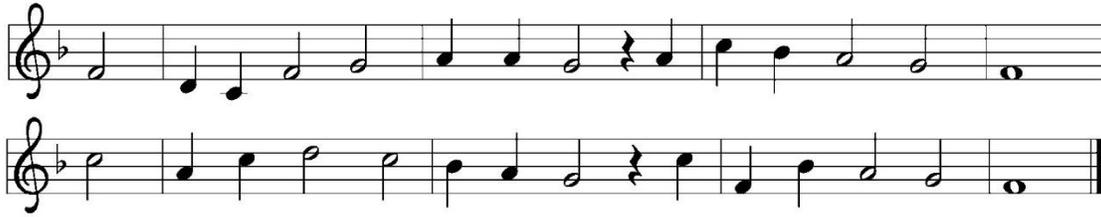
<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10**



1. Sing out with joy to Jacob's God;  
In God, our strength, rejoice;  
Take up the tambourine and harp  
And lyre; raise every voice.
2. Blow on the ram's horn on our feasts,  
The full moon and the new;  
This is a law of Jacob's God  
And Israel's statute, too.
3. When Joseph came from Egypt's land,  
God gave this solemn charge;  
A strange voice said, "I eased your load  
And set your feet at large.
6. "I am the Lord who brought you out  
Of Egypt and I said,  
"If now you open wide your mouth,  
You will be truly fed."

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*

## \*GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:23—3:6

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SERMON



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Joy, Joy, Joy***

*(Blue prayer cards are collected)*

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

*Refrain*

And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart  
And I'm so happy, so very happy,  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

2. I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. *Refrain*
3. I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart  
I've got the peace that passes understanding,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay. *Refrain*

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear Friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this person, one with us in the body of Christ, making public affirmation of her baptism.

*The person making affirmation is presented by a representative of the congregation:*

I present Emma Niklewicz, who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

*The presiding minister continues with prayer.*

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for this sister  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism,  
you have called her to yourself,  
enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished her in the community of faith.

Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

*The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support this sister and pray for her in her life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Emma the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with this sister in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.  
*A brief silence.*

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them especially Bob, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Henry, Harry, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, Katie, Debi, Anne, those on our prayer list, and all we remember in our hearts. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, and food pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of grace, you hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken. We lift now the prayers that are on the hearts and minds of this congregation this day (*blue prayer cards are read*). Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

## MEAL

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

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY HYMN *Light Shone in Darkness* (ELW 307)

*Rise on 3<sup>rd</sup> time through*



- 1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
- 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
- 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.

Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 and salutary  
that we should at all times and in all places  
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord,  
through Christ our Lord;  
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 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 - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, almighty and merciful God, and great is your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
and accomplished our salvation.

To explain God's love, to show it and share it,  
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.

Remembering, therefore, his good command,  
his life-giving Passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought, but as we are able;  
and we ask you to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be made holy,  
and have our place with all your saints.

All blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God,  
through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,  
**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**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

*Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.*

## COMMUNION SONG *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, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



## COMMUNION HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* (ELW 574)



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed  
bless, keep, and sustain you † now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG *Heaven is Singing for Joy* (ELW 664)



*El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,*  
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



*por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## \*DISMISSAL

[Jesus said,] “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

*Mark 16:15*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**The flowers on the altar today are given by the Niklewicz family: (Dad) Todd, (Mom) Katie, (Sisters) Ava and Ella in celebration of Emma’s confirmation.**

**Assisting in worship today:**

**Assisting Minister: Valerie Cardinal**

**Acolyte: Ava N**

**Ushers: Cardinal Family**

**Greeters: Cardinal Family**

**Offering: Anna K & Nathan K**

**Attendance last week: 49 +4 zoom**

**Notes for the day’s texts:**

In today’s gospel Jesus tells his critics, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath.” We keep our weekly sabbath, gathering for prayer and Bible study, songs of praise and petition, and fellowship with others. Just as healing the man with the withered hand was work that could not wait, so is carrying the gospel into the whole world an activity that ought not be restricted to one day a week. Welcoming these elements of our weekly worship in our daily lives helps us to remember the sabbath and share the good news with others each and every day.

**Today’s Music**

*Oh, Sing to God Above.* Text: Carlos Rosas, b. 1939; tr. With One Voice, Music: Carlos Rosas. Augsburg Fortress / Resource Publications, Inc.

*Now the Feast and Celebration.* Text and music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. GIA Publications, Inc.

*Joy, Joy, Joy.* Text and Music: George W. Cook. © 1992 Augsburg Fortress Public Domain / Augsburg Fortress.

*Light Shone in Darkness.* Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939, Music: Mark Sedio, b. 1954. GIA Publications, Inc. / Augsburg Fortress.

*Here I Am, Lord.* Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, Music: Daniel L. Schutte. OCP (Oregon Catholic Press).

*Heaven is Singing for Joy.* Text: Pablo Sosa, b. 1933, Music: Pablo Sosa. GIA Publications, Inc..

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**Next Week’s Readings**

Genesis 3:8-15 *God confronts Adam and Eve in the garden*

Psalms 130 *Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love*

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 *Renewed in the inner nature*

Mark 3:20-35 *Doing the work of God as siblings in Christ*