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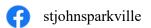
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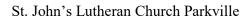


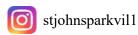
# **Notice of live streaming:**

Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.









# **Day of Pentecost**

May 19, 2024



# St. John's Lutheran Church of Parkville

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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

# **Introduction to the Day**

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!) (Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

**PRELUDE** You Were Born to be Loved

Min Sub Lee

Violinist: Yoon-Mee Chong

(Please stand as you are able.)

# **GATHERING**

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

#### Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

## Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John

<b>Those Serving Today</b>	
Assisting Minister	Vickie Jasinski
Crucifer	Gabby G.
Acolyte (s)	Alec B., Olivia S.
Lector	Donna Nicholson
Communion Assistant	Donna Nicholson
Dismissal Assistant	Madilyn A.

This week's schedule					
Today	9 am 10 am 11:30 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room) Sunday School & Faith + Fellowship Live & Online Worship Altar Guild Meeting (Fellowship Hall) Exec. Meeting (Music Room)			
Mon.	7 pm	Council Meeting (Smith Building)			
Tues.					
Wed.		Busy Bees (Smith Building) Adult Choir Rehearsals (Music Room)			
Thurs.					
Fri.	11 am	Bible Study (Smith Building)			
Sat.					

<b>Counting our Blessings</b>				
Sun. 5/12	Attendance: 133 Offering: \$5,279 Homebound: 15	February Offering Income February Other Income February Total Income February Expenses	\$25,380 \$ 6,936 \$32,316 \$41,541	
		YTD Offering Income YTD Other Income YTD Total Income YTD Expenses	\$55,715 \$16,407 \$72,122 \$74,289	

# "The Chosen" Discipleship Series



Join us on Tuesday's through June 4 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm as we explore the first season of this acclaimed TV series focusing on the life of Jesus and the people whom he encountered! This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience. Come early for a light meal at 5:30 pm.

Remaining dates:

May 21 @ People's Community: 6200 Loch Raven Blvd. May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor: 9833 Harford Rd.



# **Prayer List**

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Linda DeFontes, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rother, Ginny Wehr, Mary Gude, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Pat Lambert, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, William Bold, Sr., Fran Eliopoulos, Eleni Bowden, Laney Stowell, Mary Margaret Wroten, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Nancy, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Pastor John Burk, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, Donna Boblooch and Yung-Mee Rhee

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Betty Creutzer, Mike McDonough

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

# O Spirit of Life

ELW 405

(Text: Johann Niedling, 1602-1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, alt.; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesange, Koln, 1623; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

#### **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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

# **WORD**

# FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Hebrew word rendered as ruach means "spirit," "wind," or "breath." This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles God's own spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around

them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GoD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GoD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>1</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GoD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses.) Psalm 104:24-34, 35b **PSALM** 

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

Our next Wednesday Night Worship will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> after the Community Meal at 6:45 pm. This is a brief communion service held in the Smith Building with blended music featuring piano and guitar, as well as an interactive reflection. We hope you can join us and invite your friends and neighbors!

Community Yard Sale...Saturday, June 1st from 8 am—1 pm in St. John's parking lot. Cost is \$20 for 1 space and \$30 for 2 spaces. To participate, fill out a form located on the third floor bulletin board and return it to Chris Hills or the church office.

Attention all High School and College graduates...contact the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org with your name, school you are graduating from, college/university you will be attending in the fall, and your major/degree. We will be offering a blessing and small gift later this summer. We will also recognize you in our weekly email and newsletter.





St. John's Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9th after worship. We will gather on the Pastors' lawn. Hospitality & Fellowship will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, tossed salad, iced tea and lemonade. We will be doing a potluck for sides and desserts. Flyers are located on the third floor bulletin board.

St. John's night at the Ironbirds game is coming up on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$13 and checks should be made payable to St. John's. There will be fireworks after the game. For tickets contact David Evans at ravenfan 79@yahoo.com. The deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.



Vacation Bible School! This years program is Camp Firelight "A Summer Camp Adventure with God" and will be held July 8-12 from 9 am—12:30 pm. We have 45 children registered and have limited spots left. Registration forms are on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email, in the newsletter and on our social media sites. We still need some volunteers. Please let us know if you can help.

Music Camp....We are accepting registration for Music Camp. Registration forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and in the newsletter. We are looking for experienced volunteers. Contact Martha at mrequard1@gmail.com if you can help.





Busy Bees need sugar! We are collecting sugar to make our jelly. Please give your donation to one of the Busy Bees or you can drop it off in the church office.

# **Announcements & Upcoming Events**

Next Week— Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>—The Holy Trinity † 9 am—Handbell Choir 9 am—Sunday School and Faith + Fellowship † 10 am—Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel Visit stjohnsparkville.org



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in memory of Sandy Jo by her parents, Gary and Linda Burkhardt. Additional Flowers are given in honor of Shirley Snyder's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with love from her family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.





St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



BIBLE Bible Study takes place on Friday mornings at 11 am in the Smith Building. Study We are studying 1st Corinthians. All are welcome.

The Food for Thought Program is in need of Chef Boyardee single serving meals, tuna & chicken salad kits, and pudding cups. Monetary donations will also be accepted.





**10** Join us for our next Community Meal on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm. Please come and invite your friends, family and neighbors! We need COMMUNITY DINNER volunteers. There is a sign up sheet on the third floor bulletin board. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped with the May meal.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

(The reading will be read aloud in a variety of languages.) (The text appears here for you to read along.)

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>4</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea" and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL** 

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

16:45 "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(Please remain seated.)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,

Jesus Christ, source of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW 400 (vv. 1, 4)

(Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007; Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932; Text © 2000 GIA Publications, Inc.)

#### DISMISSAL

Amen.

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God.** 

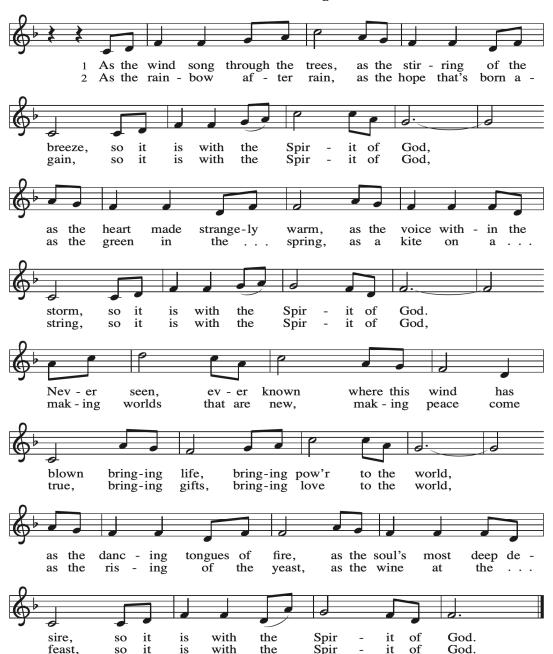
POSTLUDE

Spirit of the Living God

Marc Jordan

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<sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

(Please stand as you are able.)

(The assembly is seated.)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043



(Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947; Music: Irish melody, adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953; Text © 1996 Pilgrim Press, Music © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak)

#### **NICENE CREED**

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,

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 THE CHURCH

After each petition God of grace.

Hear our prayer.

#### **COMMUNION**

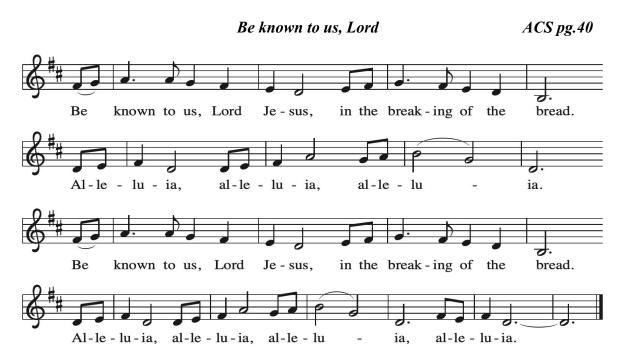
All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.



# **COMMUNION HYMN**

# O Holy Spirt, Root of Life

ELW 399

(Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179; Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; arr. hymnal version; Text © Jean Janzen, admin. Augsburg Fortress; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

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

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 assembly is seated.)

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ's peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

### **MEAL**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

The Heart of a Child

Adult Choir

(Words: J. Paul Williams; Music: Patti Drennan; Words and music © 2005 GlorySound)

Thank you for your generous support of St. John's. During this time an offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of the Church as together we experience and share God's abundant grace and love.

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo @stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

#### **OFFERING HYMN**

Come to the Table

ELW 481



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

(Text: Claire Cloninger, 1942-2019; music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956; Text and music © 1991 Integrity's Hosanna! Music; Juniper Landing Music, admin. Word Music; and Word Music)

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### DIALOGUE

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.

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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