



PRELUDE

“Concerto No. 1 in G Major, K313” Mozart, flute

WELCOME

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your  
cleansing waters flow.  
Number them among your people; bless as Christ  
blessed long ago.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and  
heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk  
may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing,  
living bread.

## “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin  
and all its snares.  
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit,  
children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all  
your ways!

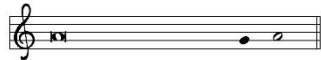
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we  
worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water-washed  
and Spirit-born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God,  
transform!

## GREETING

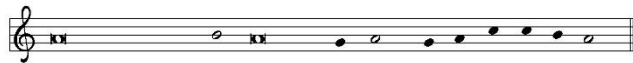
### KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



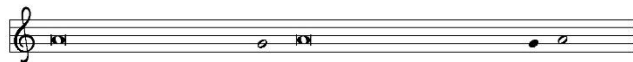
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55:1-9

### SONG

Psalm 63:1-8

### SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

## LENTEN VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## SCRIPTURE

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 13:1-9

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Brian Halverson**

### SERMON SONG

### “When We Are Tested”

- 1 When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
food that sustains us by night and by day.
- 2 When in the desert we cry for relief,  
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
trusting your presence, our only true rest.
- 3 When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,  
teach us to worship and praise only you,  
seeking your will in the work that we do.
- 4 When we have struggled and searched through  
the night,  
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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, in your mercy,  
receive our prayer.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

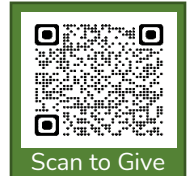
## OFFERING

**“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”**  
sttg by Emily Maxon Porter, flute and piano

*Offering is an act of worship – giving back to God in response to the blessings, grace, and love received.*

*Offering may be given by:*

- *Going to our website [makedisciples.com](http://makedisciples.com) and clicking on “Ways to Give”*
- *Scanning this QR code.*
- *Texting to Give to 844-605-2105*
- *Mailing to St. John’s Lutheran, 20275 Davidson Road, Brookfield, WI 53045*



## OFFERTORY

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.

## “Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”

When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## OFFERING PRAYER

## HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

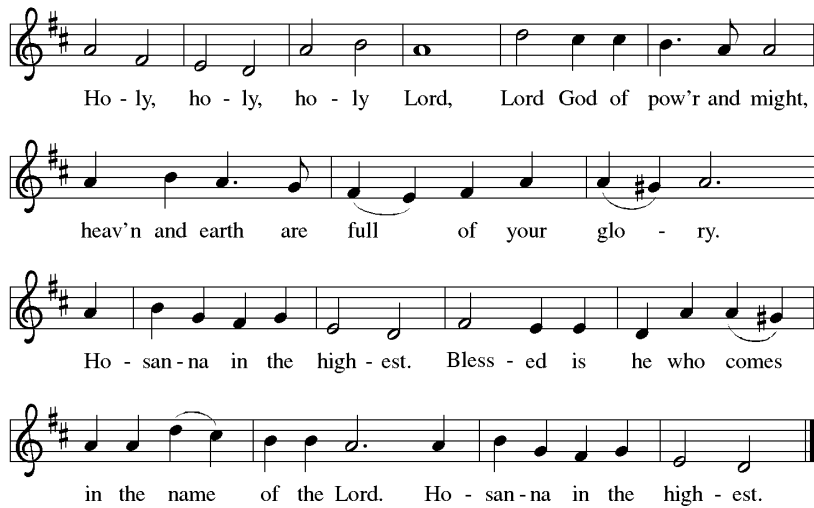
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Holy, Holy



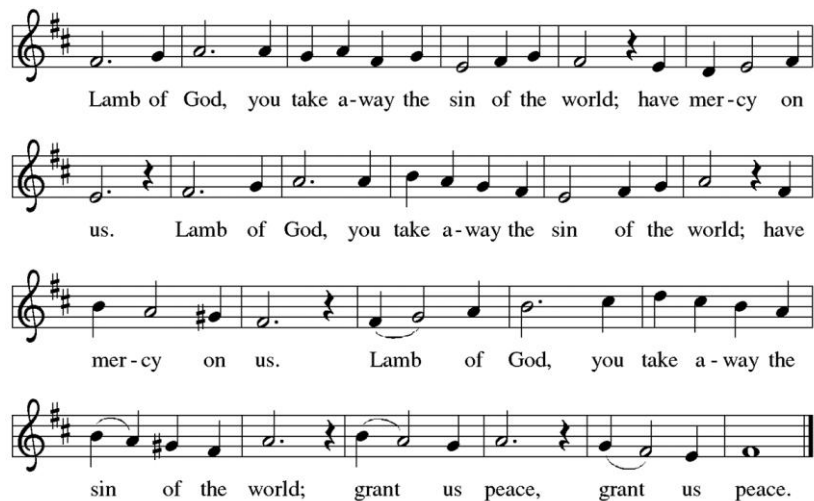
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### 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

*Please self-serve your communion.  
Whatever you have to represent the bread and wine is acceptable.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (See last page)

### BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

## DISMISSAL.

Go in peace. Following Jesus, making disciples, serving the world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

- Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises,  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.

“Adante” by G. P. Telemann/Wolff, organ



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# Announcements

## Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers given by John Almasi in honor of Mary's birthday.

Please use the sign ups on the website to sponsor altar flowers to honor a loved one or to celebrate an event.

## On the Calendar

- Mar 26 Lenten Meal (5:45p)  
Lenten Worship (6:30p)
- Mar 30 Endowment window opens
- Apr 6 Academy with Pastor Kris Ruffatto
- Apr 13 Academy with Pastor Paul Bulgerin
- Apr 17 Maundy Thursday worship (6:30p)
- Apr 18 Good Friday worship (12:00 & 6:30p)
- Apr 20 Easter outdoor sunrise worship (6:00a)
- Apr 20 Easter worship (8:30 & 10:45a)

## Use Your Senses to Journey Through Lent

We will gather for worship on Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30 p.m.. Pastor Brian will lead us in worship focusing on the five senses.

Join us before worship to share fellowship over a meal, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

**Senses of Lent**

- March 12 - Smell
- March 19 - Touch
- March 26 - Sight
- April 2 - Sound
- April 9 - Taste

Journey through Lent with your senses

5:45 p.m. meal  
6:30 p.m. worship



## Sign Up for Potato Bar toppings on March 26

The congregation is supplying the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 26. It will be a Potato Bar will all the fixings! Sign up online to bring a topping or two

## March Outreach Focus

For his confirmation service project, Ethan Zach is organizing our March collection of hygiene items for the Hope Center. All hygiene items are appreciated, but the most needed items are:

- ✓ shaving cream
- ✓ razors
- ✓ deodorant
- ✓ shampoo and body wash (travel size).

## Another Endowment Window to Open

In February, our Endowment Committee awarded \$20,050 in grants to various ministries! There is more money to give so another application window is opening from March 30 to April 13. Application forms are available online under Resources-Documents and Forms and on the bulletin board.



## Travel to El Salvador with Joanna

Join Joanna and others for a trip to our sister church in El Salvador, Los Héros. You do NOT need to speak Spanish to go on this trip. The delegation will travel July 7-14. Cost of the trip is about \$800 plus airfare.

**Travel to El Salvador**  
to visit our sister church

July 7-14, 2025

Join others from St. John's.  
See Becky for information.  
Email [linda.muth@gmail.com](mailto:linda.muth@gmail.com) for an application.

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AUGUST 4-7, 2025  
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