



PRELUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” sttg. by J. Brahms, organ

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

Refrain — All

Mercy, we abide in you.  
Stir in us, we pray.

Assembly

Hm . . . Stir in us, we pray.  
Stir in us we pray.  
Stir in us we pray. *Refrain*

Leader

1 In peace, may we assemble.  
In peace, may we unite.

## “Mercy, We Abide in You”

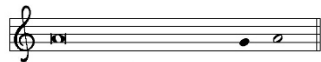
In peace, may we be whole.  
Move within each heart. *Refrain*

2 For all who suffer in war,  
for all who struggle for comfort,  
for all who slumber in ease.  
Move within each heart. *Refrain*

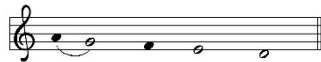
3 We are broken, longing for peace,  
forgiveness, flow among us.  
May we be reconciled.  
Move within each heart. *Refrain*

## GREETING

### KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



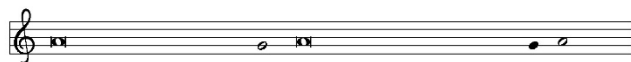
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32 (read responsively)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Brian Halverson**

### SERMON SONG

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain*

"Come home, (Come home,  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

### "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and  
pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

## 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

## “God So Loved the World” Tom Keesecker, choir

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



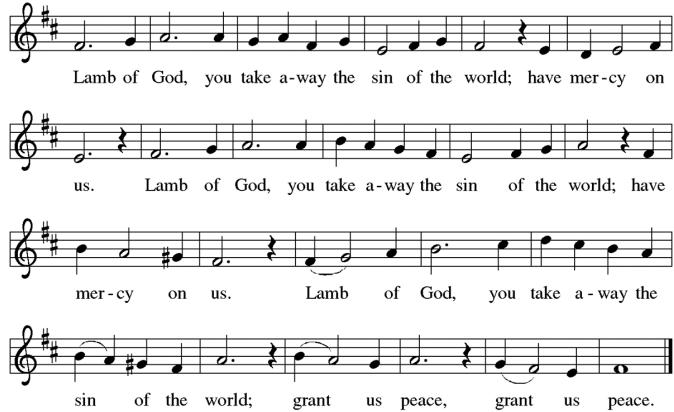
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

### 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 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### *Refrain*

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

- 2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.

## DISMISSAL.

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

## POSTLUDE

**“Wondrous Love” sttg. by Gordon Young, organ**

## “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

- 3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

# Announcements

## Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers given by Doris Klitzke in memory of her husband Ray and their parents.

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 30 Endowment window opens
- Apr 2 Lenten Meal (5:45p)  
Lenten Worship (6:30p)
- 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)  
Easter doughnuts with the youth (9:30a)  
Easter worship (8:30 & 10:45a)

## April Outreach Focus

For her confirmation project, Abby is organizing our April Outreach collection: items for HAWS. See the display by the shopping cart or scan this QR code for needed items.



## 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 open from March 30 to April 13**. Application forms are available online under Resources-Documents and Forms and on the bulletin board.



### Order Flowers for the Easter Garden by April 6

Go online or use this QR to provide flowers for Easter.



### Register Now to Attend or Volunteer for VBS

Go online or use this QR for more info or to register:



## 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. April 2 we focus on Sound. April 9 we focus on Taste.

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

## El Salvador Trip Information Meeting

Join Joanna and others for a trip to our sister church in El Salvador, Los Héroes. 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.

**Information meeting to learn more about this trip will be Sunday, April 6 at noon.** Please let Becky or Joanna know if you will attend.



**CHAOS**

**APRIL 6** 5:00 pm **APRIL 13**

Pastor Kris Ruffatto Pastor Paul Bulgerin

**Chaos and the Life of Faith:**  
An Old Testament Motif for Our Day

**Jesus and Chaos:**  
Living Out Our Faith in Uncertain Times and Situations

The Academy at St. John's



**Maundy Thursday**  
6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday**  
12:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.



**6:00 AM**  
**8:30 AM**  
**10:45 AM**

*Easter*



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