

*The Son
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Opening Hymn 411

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

All: **O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.**

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**

Silence for private confession.

P: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

P: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Prayer

P: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world.

Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Special Singing

3:30 PM Service

6:30 PM Service

7-8th Grade

Adult Choir

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

“Lamb of God”

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2-3 (EHV)

P=Pastor

M=Men

W=Women

- P:** The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ² On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³ God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.
- M:** **⁴ This is the account about the development of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens:**
- W:** *⁵ No bushes that grow in the field were yet on the earth, and no plants of the field had yet sprung up, since the LORD God had not yet caused it to rain on the earth. There was not yet a man to till the soil, ⁶ but water came up from the earth and watered the entire surface of the ground.*
- M:** **⁷ The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.**
- P:** ¹⁰ A river went out from Eden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became the headwaters of four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first river is Pishon. It flows through the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good. Incense and onyx stone are also found there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon. It is the same river that winds through the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris. This is the one which flows along the east side of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

- W:** *¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, “You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, ¹⁷ but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die.”*
- P:** ¹⁸ The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him.” ¹⁹ Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹ The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²² The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.
- M:** ²³ **The man said,
Now this one is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.
She will be called “woman,”
because she was taken out of man.
²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother
and will remain united with his wife,
and they will become one flesh.
²⁵ They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.**
- P:** ¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”
- W:** *² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”*
- P:** ⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵ In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

M: ⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸ They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

P: ⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

M: ¹⁰ The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

P: ¹¹ God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

M: ¹² The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

P: ¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

W: *The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

P: ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent:
Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵ I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

P: ¹⁶ To the woman he said:

W: *I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing.
With painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
but he will rule over you.*

P: ¹⁷ To Adam he said:

M: **Because you listened to your wife’s voice and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You shall not eat from it,” the soil is cursed on account of you. You will eat from it with painful labor all the days of your life.**
¹⁸ **Thorns and thistles will spring up from the ground for you, but you will eat the crops of the field.**
¹⁹ **By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the soil, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

W: ²⁰ *The man named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living.* ²¹ *The LORD God made clothing of animal skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.*

P: ²² The LORD God said, “Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, so that he does not reach out his hand and also take from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever—” ²³ the LORD God sent him out from the Garden of Eden to work the soil from which he had been taken. ²⁴ So he drove the man out, and in front of the Garden of Eden he stationed cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned in every direction to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

Seasonal Response

All: **All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.**

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The Lamb



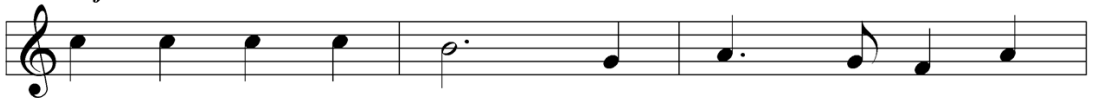
1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now



sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

Skirmishes

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.

Offering**Prayer for Ash Wednesday**

- P:** Holy and righteous God, as we begin again the solemn spiritual journey of Lent, we come before you in deep humility. We confess that we are sinners, both by the nature we inherit and by the sinful thoughts and desires, words and actions that nature produces. Because of our sins, we deserve only your wrath and punishment. Yet you reveal yourself, not only as a God of holiness and justice but as a God of mercy and love. Despairing of our own merits and worthiness, and in response to your gracious invitation, we come pleading for your forgiveness.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy on us for your holy name's sake.**
- P:** You have revealed your love and mercy for us sinners in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. You sent him into our world to be the atoning sacrifice for the sins of all people. Help us grasp by faith the great truth that the pain and suffering, the mockery and ridicule, and the death and punishment he endured should have been ours. Help us understand that in incomprehensible love he suffered and died for us.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy on us for Jesus' sake.**
- P:** In silent meditation let us reflect on our sins, praise our Savior for the forgiveness he has won for us, and ask for God's continued grace to remove any doubt that we are forgiven.

Time for silent meditation follows.

- P:** God of grace and mercy, may your Spirit continue to be with us as we follow the way of the cross. As we contemplate the story of our Savior's passion, build us up in our faith. Renew in us the zeal to serve you by reflecting your love in our lives. Give us the desire and the ability to boldly proclaim the grace in which we stand, so that all for whom you lived and died may join us in fellowship now and in your presence forever.
- C:** **We offer our humble thanks and praise, our prayers and petitions, and ourselves in body and spirit to you, Lord God. Hear us, according to your promise, for Jesus' sake.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: And we join together and pray...

All: **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 Sacrament

At St. John's, we practice closed Communion, to which only congregational members are invited, in obedience to Scripture's teaching that the Lord's Supper is an expression of our complete unity in faith. This has been the historic practice of the Christian church for nearly 2,000 years. If you are our guest today, we respectfully ask that you speak with a pastor before approaching the altar for Communion.

“And Christ is Here”

tune: “In Christ Alone”

♪ **And Christ is here
In means divine
Found underneath the bread and wine!
In water poured There with the Word
The living voice of Christ is heard!
And when his Christians Fall to sin
Our Jesus calls us back again
For Christ is here
In means divine –
Blessing us through his design!**

Consecration

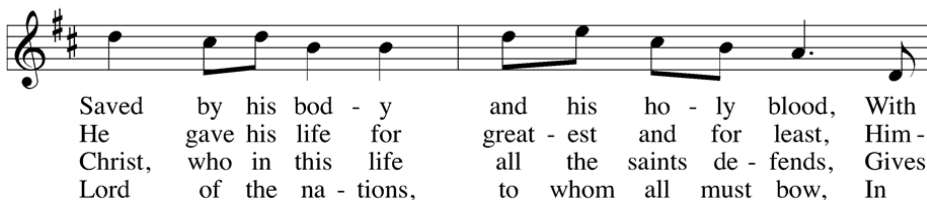
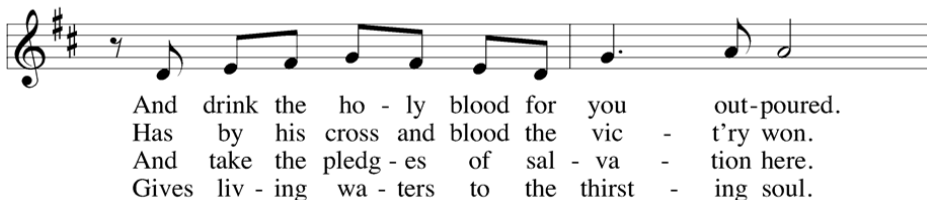
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

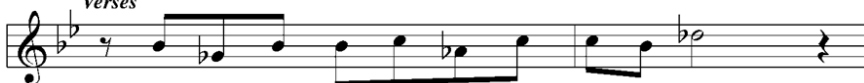
Please be seated



- 1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
- 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
- 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
- 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



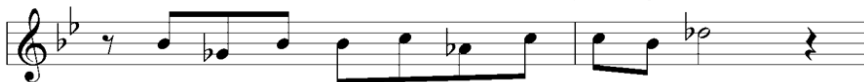
souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love be with us now.

Refrain*Verses*

- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
- 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
- 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
- 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid,
- 5 I am the Light that came in - to the world;
- 6 I am the First and Last, the liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day.
 A chos-en stone and pre - cious in his eyes.
 I am the Light that dark - ness can - not hide;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
 You are my flock: you know the Shep-herd's voice;
 You are God's dwell-ing place; on me you rest.
 I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets.
 I am the Bride-groom, this my wed-ding song.

To Refrain

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
 You are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
 Like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.
 Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.
 You are my bride; come to the mar - riage feast.

Please stand

Prayer of Thanksgiving Hymn 317 vs. 1 “O Lord, We Praise You”

**O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ †, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: Amen.

Hymn 422 “Jesus, Lead Us On”

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Pastor: Paul Schupmann Organist: Matt Lober

***Please join us for a meal by our Ladies Aid between services in the Fellowship Hall.
They will be serving chili, chicken noodle soup, sandwiches, fruit and desserts.***

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