

Valley Family Festival

If you haven't heard, more than 20 area WELS Congregations are coming together for a 'Pre-Evangelism Event'. This **INAUGURAL EVENT** is going to be **FUN**. It's going to be **BIG**.

Spread the word! Bring your families, your, and friends to:

Lion's Park in Greenville, WI

Saturday, July 29, 2017 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Activities include music, food, midway-style games and kid's activities including bounce houses, Balloon Magic, face painting, and **MORE**

FREE ADMISSION, with very affordable food available for purchase

How can **you** help? Glad you asked! We would like each congregation to:

1. Conduct a freewill door collection offering to financially support Valley Family Festival.
2. Identify individuals and/or a congregational volunteer group to help with activities. Volunteer groups might be your Board of Evangelism, a youth organization, LWMS, PTA, a Family Ministry group, Ladies Aid and/or other individuals interested in making this event happen. We need one contact person for each volunteer group.
3. Continue to share event information with your congregation leading up to Valley Family Festival. An event website will be available soon.

For more information and to provide volunteer contact information, contact Jeff Ings: 920.731.5684 or jings@new.rr.com.

First Sunday in Lent

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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

7:45

Greeters: Michelle Bruecker
Becke Pennenberg
Ralia Pennenberg
Carroll Treptow

10:15

Mary Fritsch
Barb Verbeten
Rozanne Bohrtz
Nichole Meyers

Ushers: Don Treptow
Noah Pennenberg
Monty Reynolds
Jacob Bruecker
Dave Treptow

Josh Bohrtz
Ralph Bohrtz
Kenny Lemke
Chris Lemke
Ryan Lemke

PowerPoint: Phil Roberts

Lou Ann Beard

Altar Guild: Pat V, Betty S, & Tina D

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

News & Notes

Online Volunteer Form

It's amazing how generously God's blessed our members with gifts and abilities! A handy tool that you can use see the wide variety of ways of using those talents around St. John and then also express your willingness to serve is now online for ease of use. Just go to <https://goo.gl/forms/z5er2thAU1z6vtol2>, fill out the form, and hit the submit button. Each individual member should submit their own form. Check as many boxes as you wish. If you can't remember if you turned in a paper form in the past – or even if you know you did – it won't hurt to submit it again so we have up-to-date info. We're looking to get every member involved in some way, to the benefit of our church family and to the glory of our Savior.

Apple Valley Food Pantry

The March collection date is the 19th. Needed: misc. hygiene & cleaning products; canned fruit; cereal; spaghetti noodles & sauce; canned meats (tuna, salmon, beef); jam; boxed & canned potatoes; cookies; hamburger helper.

Thrivent Choice Dollar Designation

March 31st is the final day to designate funds to St. John Lutheran Church. If you have a policy with Thrivent, please call (800) 847-4836 to do so before the deadline passes and those funds are lost. We thank those who've benefited our congregation in this way in the past!

Sunday School Teacher Recruitment

Wouldn't it be great if we could expand our corps of teachers?!?! If you're interested in teaching during 2017-18, or learning more about it, consider "shadowing" one of our current teachers in the remaining weeks before summer break.

FVLHS Announcements

The **FVL Spring Musical** will take the stage on March 10th and 11th at 6:30 pm, and on March 12th at 2:00 pm. Dinner Theater is offered for the Saturday show. Visit fvlhs.org or the FVLHS Facebook page for more information and to order tickets. These shows do sell out, so get your tickets early!

FVL's Family Open House is March 7th, from noon – 7:00 pm. Parents and middle school students are invited to drop by for personal tours and a drawing for tuition discount coupons.

Deadlines are fast approaching for **FVL Youth Sports Summer programs** in baseball, softball, football, and track. These are open to middle school students from across the Federation. Go to the "Youth Sports" page at fvlschools.org to register.

FVL is hosting the **WELS National Band Festival** March 17-19. The festival will bring 110 musicians and 20 directors from 19 WELS high schools across the U.S. to FVL. Rehearsals are held throughout the weekend and the Festival Concert is Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. Host families are needed to provide "Bed & Breakfast" for groups of musicians from Thursday evening, March 16 through Sunday noon, March 19. Housing is needed for groups of 2 or more. Students bring their own sleeping bags. They will also need to be transported to and from FVL each day and provided with an opportunity for Sunday worship. Find the online registration form at <http://goo.gl/8fJZFP> or contact Housing Coordinator Shari Graham at sgraham2851@gmail.com or 920-841-2851.

New Luther Film

Stay tuned for more info for viewings at Marcus Valley Grand Cinema in East Appleton. One word – RECLINERS!!!

The Week(s) Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (5th)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus Changes Water into Wine) Adult Bible Class (Life of Christ: Exaltation)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
Mon (6th)	6:30 pm	Church Council Nominating Committee Meeting
Tue (7th)	9:00 am	Martha's Circle
	4:30 pm	FVLHS Family Open House (7 th and 8 th graders + parents)
Wed (8th)	3:30 pm	6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class
	5:00 pm	Lent Supper (sponsored by Sunday School faculty)
	6:30 pm	Midweek Lent Worship
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (9th)	7:00 pm	Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna)
Sat (11th)	4:00 pm	Family Fun Night (at St. Luke, Little Chute; until 7:30 pm)
Fri-Sun Sun)		FVL Spring Play: R&H Cinderella (6:30 on Fri & Sat; 2:00 on Sun)
Sun (12th)	7:45 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus and Nicodemus) Adult Bible Class (Israel Slides)
	10:15 am	Worship
	7:00 pm	Satellite Bible Study (at the Gehl home; topic: 2 & 3 John)
Mon (13th)	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Tue (14th)	11:30 am	Senior Luncheon (all members invited)
	6:30 pm	WELS United Annual Meeting (at Mount Olive, Appleton)
Thu (16th)	7:00 pm	Board of Elders Meeting
Mon (27th)	TBD	Luther Film (at Marcus Valley Grand Cinema, Appleton)
Tue (28th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Thu (30th)	6:30 pm	Education / LES Open Forum Discussion
	7:30 pm	Board of Ed. Meeting
Sat (4/1st)	4:00 pm	MLC Choir Concert (at St. Paul's, Algoma)
Sun (4/2nd)		MLC Choir (at Martin Luther, Neenah during AM worship)
Sat (4/8th)	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt and Activities (at St. John School)
Sun (4/9th)	11:15 am	Education / LES Open Forum Discussion
Thu (4/13th)	6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Fri (4/14th)		Good Friday Worship (1:00 and 7:30 tenebrae)
Sun (4/16th)	6:00 am	Easter (6 am worship; 7 am breakfast; 9 am worship)
Mon (4/17th)	7:30 pm	Quarterly Voters Meeting

The Biblical Practice of Close Communion

Through the apostle Paul, God speaks of his desire for all of us to reach perfect unity (Ephesians 4:12,13). We members of St. John Congregation certainly share his desire. We seek to express that unity – with our current members, with those who desire membership, and also with Christians around the world.

Scripture speaks of two different types of unity. First, Christ has reconciled every single one of us to God through his perfect life and death on our behalf. Even now, God considers us saints and heirs of heaven, clothed with Christ's righteousness. You might think of this as a "vertical" unity – purely between the individual and his or her God. Through Christ, peace with God has been restored. Then, there's also an outward and public unity – a "horizontal" unity – as fellow saints worship side-by-side. The celebration of Holy Communion is guided by both types.

For communion to be celebrated in a beneficial way, those attending will come united with their God and also with their fellow-communicants. The former is established by repentance – a sorrow over sin and a trust in God's forgiveness – that he himself produces. It's a matter of the heart. The latter is established by the outward confession of what each of us believes. It's a matter of the mouth.

We do not presume to look into the heart, for only God is able to do that. We do, however, seek to establish outward unity by studying God's Word together so that we share a common confession. Our congregation offers a Bible study course that's designed for just that purpose.

And so, out of love for God and his Word, we kindly ask that all visitors speak with the pastor about how we can establish that outward unity prior to your attending Holy Communion here at St. John. We desire to make that goal a priority, so that you may receive the Sacrament as soon as possible.

May God bless your hearing of the Word today as he reminds you of his full and free forgiveness in Christ!

Service Theme for the First Sunday in Lent: The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday: the ancient foe warred on mankind in the garden, but God promised to send a champion to battle on our behalf. The Second Adam came to do what the first could not, and in the desert the battle was joined. "But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected...he holds the field forever" (Hymn of the Day).

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn..... "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (CW 100)

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Absolution

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie) Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 high His on - ly Son for sin would
 sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

God's first promise to send a Savior, offered in the shadow of Eden, finds its fulfillment on the tree of Calvary, Jesus' cross.

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**Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
 and the Means for His Work**

Worship	107	ABC:	27	SST:	6	YSS:	21
		LW		YTD		YTD Goal	
Church Offerings		\$2,865.26		\$177,703.94		\$238,610.05	
St. John LES Tuition		\$0		\$22,000		\$47,115.25	
Synod / Missions		\$126		\$9,800.49		\$12,115.25	
Fox Valley Luth. HS		\$141		\$6,428		\$6,730.85	

Closing Hymn **"The Tree of Life" (CWS 754)**



1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'



good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard
 grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent
 race, A plan of res - cue by his
 shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his



stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an
 guile And Ad - am to by sin de -
 seed, The One to fill our great - est
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -



eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so
 file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the
 need— For on a tree up - lift - ed
 ceive. And of this fruit so pure and

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson **Genesis 3:1-15 (EHV)**

God had placed Adam into a perfect world and called on him to worship the Lord his God and serve him only. But Adam did not. He worshipped himself and ate the forbidden fruit, and so plunged the world into an age of darkness and death. Before that day, man's destiny had been life eternal with God in glory, but death came rushing in the vacuum left behind when holiness and peace vanished. Everything changed that day that Adam fell. But God looked down at these children that he created, and like the parent of a wayward child, he loved them in spite of themselves. God loved them and us and wanted us to live again—to live the way he had intended—with life and light and peace. So God made a promise: What you could not do, I will do in your place. Because man could not live perfectly and serve God faithfully, God promised to one day become a man to do it in our place. Thousands of years later God made good on his promise in the womb of the Virgin. He became man with one mission: to right what was wrong, to do what we had left undone. God became man to do what man could not.

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?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but 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.'" ⁴The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. ⁵In 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." ⁶When 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. ⁷The 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. ⁸They 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. ⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." ¹¹God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵I 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.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 130 (EHV)

From the depths I have called to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive

To the sound of my cry for mercy.

If you, LORD, kept track of guilt,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is pardon,

So you are feared.

I wait for the LORD. My soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

For with the LORD is mercy. With him there is abundant redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)¹ Luke 2:29-32

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| <p>1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.</p> |
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Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing..... Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.

Amen.

¹ The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

The Lord's Prayer.....Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution.....Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

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.

Amen.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei).....John 1:29

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 your peace. A - men.

Second Lesson.....Romans 5:12-19 (EHV)

Paul provides a New Testament commentary on the First Lesson and shows the universal effects of the First Adam's failure and the Second Adam's victory. Adam was a son of God in human flesh, but Adam failed the tests of his sonship. Through his flesh he passed his failure on to all of his children, condemning us to sin and death. So God sent another Son in human flesh to be the Son that Adam hadn't been. He obeyed where Adam didn't. The obedience of the second Adam had as wide an effect as the disobedience of the first: he gives us his victory, declares us righteous, and brings life for all.

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! ¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. ¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! ¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

Verse of the Day.....Matthew 10:4b (EHV)

"It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Gospel Lesson.....Matthew 4:1-11 (EHV)

The Second Adam goes to war to regain all that the first Adam had lost. Empowered by his baptism and led by the Spirit, Jesus defeats the devil for us. This account is not a "how-to guide" for Christians to fight temptation. The point, rather, is that Jesus fought as the champion of mankind by walking to the cross in obedience to his Father's plan. Satan tempted Christ to use the greatest weapons at his disposal—miracle, mystery and authority—to shortcut this mission (Dostoyevsky). He tempted the Son to have a distrustful Sonship, a presumptive Sonship, a disloyal Sonship (F. Lindemann). Satan would have had his way with us, but not with our champion! Jesus won this and every battle with the devil, and now one little word can fell him.

The Gospel according to Matthew chapter four.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." ⁴But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." ⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, "If you are the

Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.”⁸ Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.⁹ He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”¹¹ Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day.....“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (CW 201)

Sermon Romans 5:12-19

Review the Truths of Spiritual Accounting

One man brought us all into “the red.”

Another man brings things into balance.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Thank-Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world’s sin so that we may live forever in the light of God’s blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)..... Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

1. O holy, holy, holy

Lord God of pow’r and might,

Your glory, earth and heaven

In countless ways recite.

Hosanna! Come and save us,

Lord God of hosts on high,

And in your grace and mercy

Receive our fervent cry.

2. Hosanna in the highest!

How truly blest is he

Who in God’s name is coming

To set his people free!

He comes to bring salvation

And with his blood outpoured,

Deliver us from bondage—

Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord, because you have brought us from death to life. With humble and repentant hearts, we praise and thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who became our substitute under your holy law, who destroyed the works of the devil by his perfect obedience to your will, who willingly carried a cross to pay the debt of the world’s sin, who lives and reigns to give us life. Through his body and blood, once given and poured out for us, forgive our sins and strengthen us for our journey heavenward. Unite us to our crucified and risen Lord, that we may believe in him, confess him, call on his name, and finally be delivered from this world to the feast of the Lamb, whose kingdom has no end.

Amen.