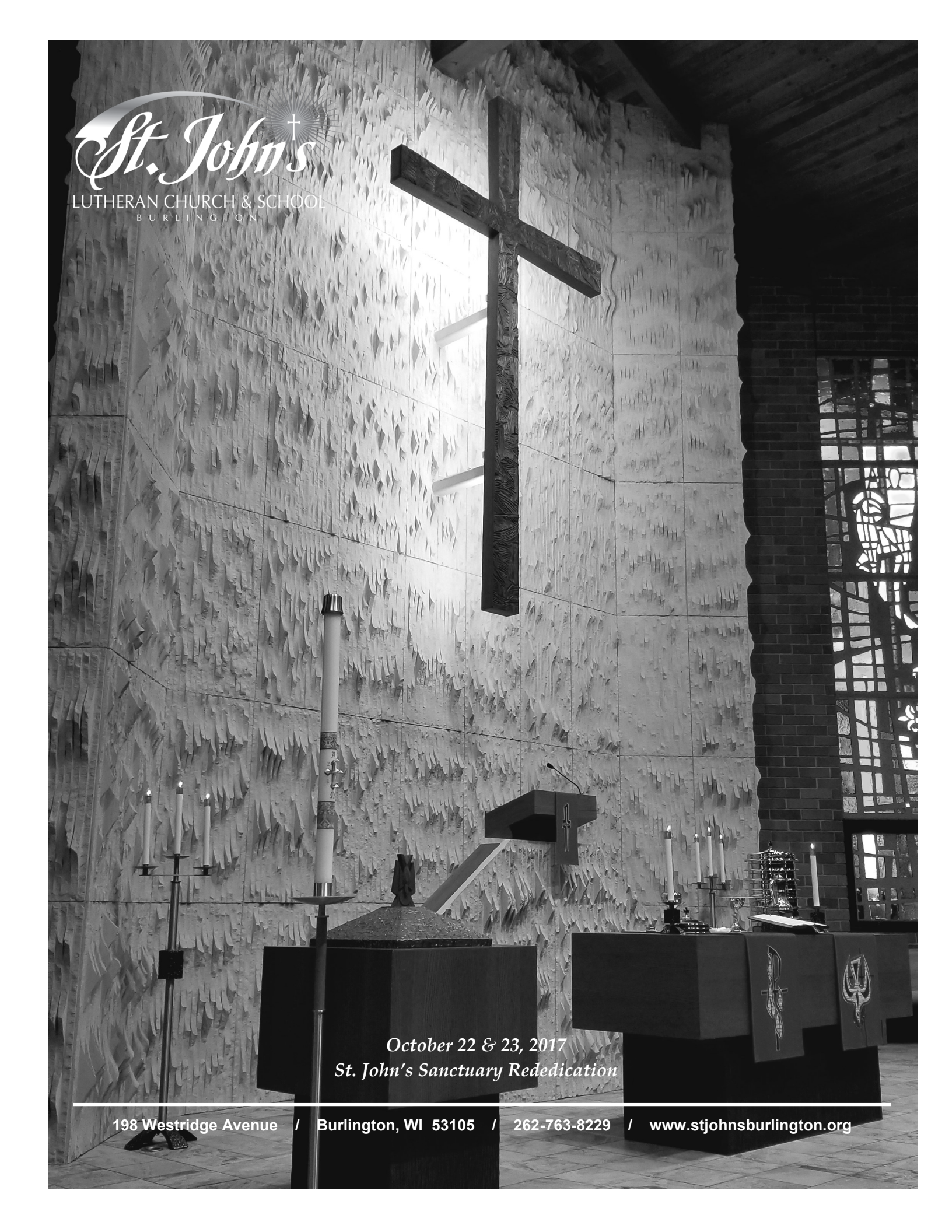




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LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL  
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*October 22 & 23, 2017  
St. John's Sanctuary Rededication*

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**Welcome to worship** today at St. John's! May God bless you through his Word of grace and give you the peace and joy that come only from Jesus.

**Guests**, we ask that you would do us the honor of completing a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and placing it in the offering plate later in the service.

**Members**, we ask that you would complete a "Welcome to Worship" card, as well.

**Bathrooms** are located in the church entryway to the left as you exit the sanctuary.

**Nursery / cry room** is located in the room (with the large glass windows) to the right as you exit the sanctuary.

**Large print materials** are available from the ushers.

**Hearing Loop** technology is installed in the sanctuary. Hearing aids can be tuned to pick up the church audio signal. A hearing device headset is also available from the ushers.

## Welcome to Worship

In the name of Jesus, we welcome you to St. John's Lutheran Church. May the good news you hear today fill you with God's love!

### Honored Guests:

Please complete and drop in the offering plate, so we may know and serve you better. Thank you!

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New Resident

Visiting Area Temporarily

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## St. John's Sanctuary Rededication October 22 & 23, 2017

**TODAY'S FOCUS: Loving and Renewing the Lord's House** After years of studying, planning, funding, and praying, and after months of construction and installation, our congregation today rededicates our beautiful sanctuary to the worship of God and to the honor, praise, and glory of his name. In a service reminiscent of the church's original dedication services in February 1980, today we pray with Solomon upon the dedication of the temple (First Lesson). We, with one voice, sing praise to the Lord (Psalm). We let the message of Christ dwell among us richly with gratitude in our hearts (Second Lesson). We worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth (Gospel). And we rededicate not only this renovated house of worship but also ourselves to the service of our Savior Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever!

### 🎵 OPENING HYMN

### "Here in Thy Name, Eternal God"

TLH 635

*This opening hymn served as the opening hymn at the church dedication service on February 3, 1980.*

*Please stand to sing stanza 5.*

1. Here in Thy name, eternal God, We dedicate this house to Thee.  
Oh, choose it for Thy fixed abode And keep it from all error free!
2. Here, when Thy people seek Thy face And dying sinners pray to live,  
Hear Thou in heav'n, Thy dwelling-place; And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.
3. Here, when Thy messengers proclaim The blessed Gospel of Thy Son,  
Still by the power of His great name Be mighty signs and wonders done.
4. When children's voices raise the song, "Hosanna to the heav'nly King!"  
Let heav'n with earth the strain prolong. Hosanna! let the angels sing.

*Please stand*

5. Thy glory never hence depart. Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;  
Thy kingdom come to every heart, In every bosom fix Thy throne.

Author: James Montgomery, 1822, ab., alt.  
Tune: "Mendon"

Arranged by: Samuel Dyer, 1828

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION &amp; ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

 KYRIE



Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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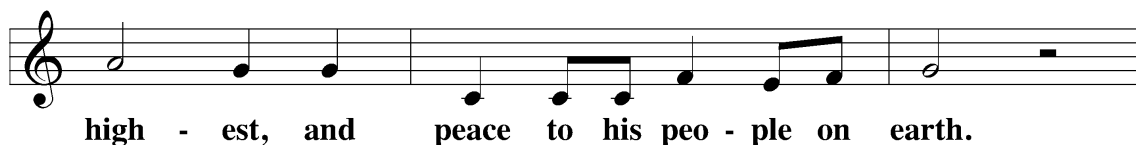
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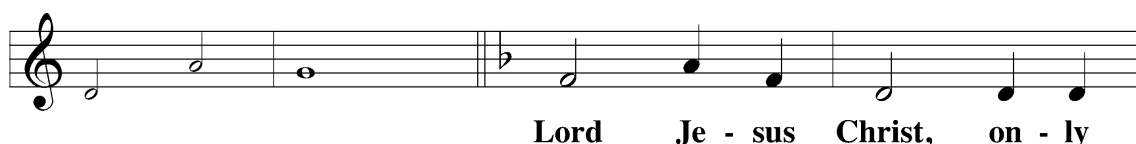
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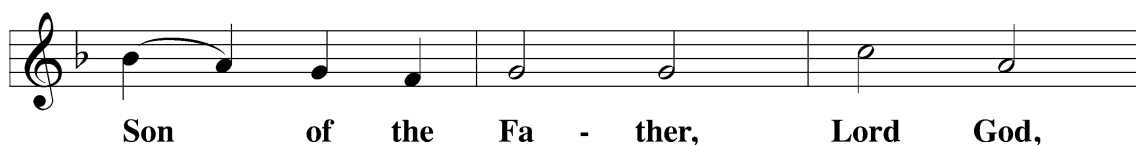
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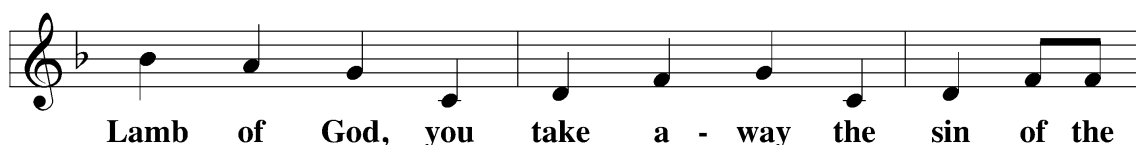
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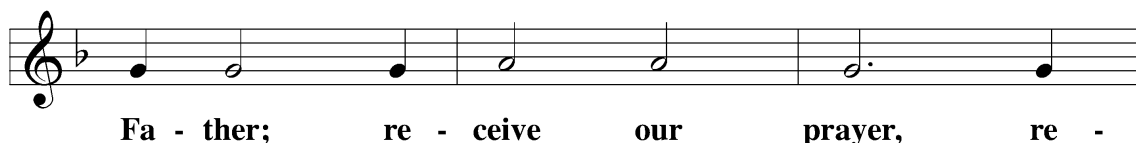
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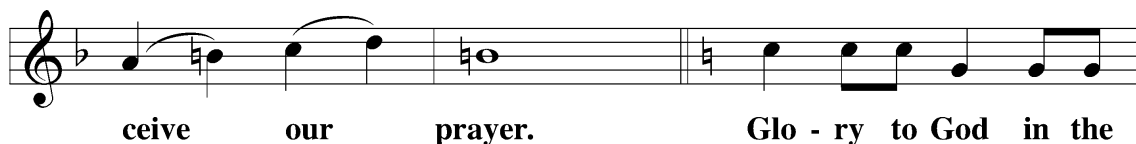
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You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer, re-



ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the

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 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,  
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 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. O almighty, everlasting God, you have joined together all believers into one spiritual temple in Christ. Continue to look with favor on all who gather for worship in this sanctuary, which has been built and renovated to be a dwelling place for your glorious name and a house of prayer for your people. Accept it, O Lord, and bless our coming in and our going out both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be Seated*

*This is the day, a time for rejoicing. This is the moment for worship and praise.  
This is the place for new alleluias. Lift up your voice and celebrate grace.*

Refrain: *Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! All of creation, awaken the dawn.  
Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Let there be music, let there be song!*

*This is the day for hope and thanksgiving. This is the time for glory to shine.  
This is the call to live and be grateful. Sharing with all God’s wondrous design.*

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, And on the earth again shall stand;  
I know eternal life He giveth, That grace and pow’r are in His hand.*

*This is the day, a time for rejoicing. This is the moment for worship and praise.  
This is the place for new alleluias. Lift up your voice and celebrate grace.*

Words: Joseph M. Martin. Music: Brad Nix.

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## RITE OF REDEDICATION

*The introduction and conclusion to this rite of rededication are only slightly modified from the church dedication service on February 3, 1980.*

### Introduction

M: Beloved in Christ, we are now gathered in solemn assembly at this sacred hour before the Lord our God, Maker of heaven and earth, Source of every good and perfect gift, to rededicate this renovated sanctuary to the service of our God and the glory of his holy name.

Although the Most High God is not confined to temples made with hands, but with his glory fills the heavens and the earth, he has yet been pleased to reveal his gracious presence wherever his holy word and sacraments are in use. For thus he spoke through Moses: “Wherever I cause my name to be honored, I will come to you and bless you” (Exodus 20:24); and again through Christ, his Son: “Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them” (Matthew 18:20). Since, then, this house has been built for the revelation of the grace of God in word and sacrament, and we are gathered together in his name, let us, therefore, hear the Word of our Lord and by our prayer commend, consecrate, and rededicate this house of worship to him, knowing that all things are sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

### Sanctuary Lighting

M: The sanctuary lighting, which illuminates the chancel and the nave and gives light to God’s people in worship, recalls the words of Jesus: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12); and, “Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light... I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness” (John 12:36, 46). St. John, after whom this church is named, wrote: “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

C: **We dedicate this sanctuary lighting to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, that all who worship here may clearly see God’s word in Scripture, Psalm, and hymn, and may “[fix] our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2).**

### *Sanctuary Flooring*

- M: The sanctuary flooring beneath our feet guides our steps into God's sanctuary, toward his font, his altar, and his pulpit, into his presence, where we may "approach God's throne of grace with confidence... [and] receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). As Christians who love the Lord's house, we proclaim, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.' Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:1-2).
- C: **We dedicate this sanctuary flooring to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, the foundation of our faith, the rock upon whom we build, that all who worship here may stand firm in the faith, and that God's word may be for us "a lamp for [our] feet, a light on [our] path" (Psalm 119:105).**

### *Hearing Loop System*

- M: The hearing loop system beneath the new flooring allows worshipers with hearing loss to listen to the voice of their Good Shepherd, who "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out," and says, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:3, 27). When Jesus met a man who was deaf, he touched the man's ears, looked up to heaven, "and with a deep sigh said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means 'Be opened!'). At this, the man's ears were opened" (Mark 7:34-35).
- C: **We dedicate this hearing loop system to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, who hears our prayers and listens to our cries for mercy (Psalm 86:6), that all who worship here may grow in their faith, for "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ" (Romans 10:17).**

### *Redesigned Balcony*

- M: The balcony, which has been redesigned to more ably serve as a source of choral and instrumental music, will now sound forth the praises of God's people with added clarity. The Apostle Paul urges, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20). As choirs lead God's people in worship from the new balcony, we joyfully anticipate the day when we will join the choir of heavenly angels, shouting with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise... To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" (Revelation 5:12-13).
- C: **We dedicate this redesigned balcony to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, who alone is worthy of our praise, that all who worship here may "Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people" (Psalm 149:1).**

### *Organ and Piano*

- M: The pipe organ, which once heralded high praise from our former church building, then sang sweet melodies from our current church building, has now been repaired and updated. With Luther we admit: "All pious, Christian musicians should let their singing and playing to the praise of the Father of all grace sound forth with joy from their organs and whatever other beloved musical instruments there are."\* This organ, together with this new digital grand piano, will guide our worship as we "Praise the Lord... Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre... praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of symbols, praise him with resounding symbols" (Psalm 150:3-5).
- C: **We dedicate this organ and piano to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and our crucified and risen Lord, that all who worship here may say with grateful hearts, "I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." (Psalm 146:2).**

### *Conclusion*

- M: For the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the observance of the holy sacraments, all of which bind us together with God and to one another,
- C: **We now, the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, do this day rededicate this renovated sanctuary to the worship of God in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### *Prayer*

- M: Let us pray. O Lord our God, we praise and thank you for establishing among us a place where we may worship you and where your word may be proclaimed and your sacraments received. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift. Be pleased with the offerings of faith which your people bring to glorify your holy name, and look with favor on us as we present our renovated sanctuary to your honor, praise, and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

### **HYMN**

### *"Come, Jesus, from the Sapphire Throne"*

**TLH 634:1-6**

*This hymn served as the closing hymn at the church dedication service on February 3, 1980.*

1. Come, Jesus, from the sapphire throne, Where Thy redeemed behold Thy face;  
Enter this temple, now Thine own, And let Thy glory fill the place.
2. We praise Thee that today we see It's sacred walls before Thee stand;  
'Tis Thine for us, 'tis ours for Thee, Reared by Thy kind, assisting hand.
3. Oft as returns the day of rest, Let heartfelt worship here ascend;  
With Thine own joy fill every breast, With Thine own power Thy Word attend.
4. Here in the dark and sorrowing day Bid Thou the throbbing heart be still.  
Oh, wipe the mourner's tears away And give new strength to meet Thy will!
5. Here in baptismal water pure We find for sin a gracious cure;  
Our children here to Thee we bring To be Thy heirs, O heav'nly King.
6. When at Thine altar we shall meet And keep the feast of dying love,  
Be our communion ever sweet With Thee and with Thy Church above.

Author: Ray Palmer, 1875  
Tune: "Wareham"

Composer: William Knapp, 1738

### **FIRST LESSON**

### **1 KINGS 8:22-30, 54-61 (PG. 482)**

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven <sup>23</sup> and said: "LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. <sup>24</sup> You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

<sup>25</sup> "Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.' <sup>26</sup> And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.



<sup>27</sup> “But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! <sup>28</sup> Yet give attention to your servant’s prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day. <sup>29</sup> May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, ‘My Name shall be there,’ so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

<sup>54</sup> When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. <sup>55</sup> He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying:

<sup>56</sup> “Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. <sup>57</sup> May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us. <sup>58</sup> May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in obedience to him and keep the commands, decrees and laws he gave our ancestors. <sup>59</sup> And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day’s need, <sup>60</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other. <sup>61</sup> And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time.”

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 84—Sunday

*The choir introduces the refrain; the congregation repeats the refrain.*

*The choir sings the stanzas 1-5; the congregation repeats the refrain as indicated.*

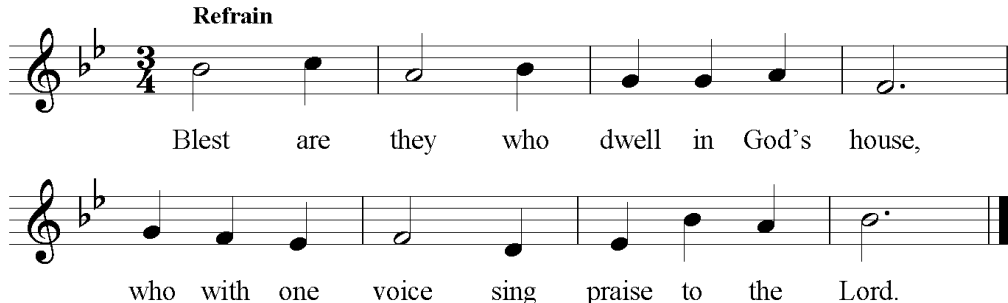
### Psalm 84

Hal H. Hopson

(1-12)

Hal H. Hopson

**Refrain**



Blest are they who dwell in God's house,  
who with one voice sing praise to the Lord.

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1. *How lovely, Lord, is your dwelling place; I long to be in your house.  
My heart and soul sing out for joy, sing out to the living God. **Refrain***

2. *Even the sparrow finds a home, the swallow build a nest.  
Yes, there at the altar they care for their young, O Lord, my King and my God. **Refrain***

3. *Happy are they who dwell in your house, who praise you all the day long,  
And happy are they who journey to Zion, who enter the presence of God. Refrain*

4. *O Lord, I long to be in your house, if only for a day,  
For one day is better than a thousand elsewhere, O Lord, my King and my God. Refrain*

5. *The Lord is a sun, the Lord is a shield; no need the Lord will withhold.  
O happy are they who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in God alone. Refrain*

## PSALM 84—Monday

CW Pg. 96

*Minister sings first line of each verse, congregation sings second line; all join in singing the refrain and doxology.*

## SECOND LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 (PG. 1792)

*This Scripture lesson was included in the organ dedication service on February 17, 1980.*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*Stand*

## FESTIVAL ALLELUIA—SUNDAY

*The cantor introduces the refrain; the congregation repeats the refrain with the choir.*

*The choir sings the stanzas; the congregation repeats the refrain as indicated.*

*The congregation also joins in singing the refrain after the reading of the Gospel.*

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1. *Your words give joy to my heart, your teaching is light to my eyes. Refrain*

2. *I hope in the Lord, I trust in God's word. Refrain*

**VERSE OF THE DAY—MONDAY**

**PSALM 122:1**

M: Alleluia. I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Alleluia.

C:   
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL**

**JOHN 4:19-24 (PG. 1619)**

*This Scripture lesson served as the Gospel reading for the church dedication service on February 3, 1980.*

<sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

M: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**FESTIVAL ALLELUIA—SUNDAY**

C:  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Be Seated*

 **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**CW 234**

*This hymn was sung at the organ dedication service on February 17, 1980.*

*The congregation sings stanzas 1-2; the choir sings stanza 3; stanza 4 will not be sung; the congregation sings stanza 5.*

**SERMON—PSALM 26:8**

**REV. KIRK LAHMANN**

*"LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells."*

**"Loving and Renewing the Lord's House"**

*Stand*

## 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.

*Be Seated*

## OFFERTORY

### *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

*“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” served as the organ offertory for the organ dedication service on February 17, 1980.*

*We ask that all worshipers would do us the honor of completing a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and placing it in the offering plate during the gathering of the offering.*

## SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM—10:30 AM

CW pg. 13

*Laken Benjamin Dahlberg, son of Benjamin & Brooke Dahlberg, will be washed in the waters of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 am service.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, maker of all that is, seen and unseen, from the dust of the newly-created earth you formed man and woman and made them to be the crown of your creation. You commanded them to subdue the earth and use its abundance for their pleasure and good. When they sinned against you and brought trouble and sorrow to your creation, you sent your Son, Jesus our Lord, to redeem your people and their world from the curse of sin. You raised Christ from the dead and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body. You sent your Spirit in flame and wind to empower and equip your people to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

C: **You call us to be all things to all people and permit us to use all things for all people so that all people might be saved.**

M: Come to this place, O Lord, and use what you have created to serve and bless us in Christ through your Spirit. Let brick and stone, light and glass, steel and wood, silver and brass, fabric and paper, enhance our worship as we herald your good news. Let language and scholarship, art and music, technology and architecture speak of your grace.

C: **Let speech, song, and symbol be used to praise your name as we proclaim your love.**

M: Lord, we thank you for those whose gifts of love enabled us to place your created gifts into the service of the gospel. Lead us who gather in this place to use their offerings faithfully and responsibly. Instill in us and in many more of our brothers and sisters a love for the gospel and the kingdom.

C: **Use us to carry your Son's gospel into all the world and to work while it is day.**

M: Keep in your care, O Lord, those who are troubled in body or mind, those who mourn and weep, and those at the point of death. (*Special intercessions may be included here.*) Preserve in faith the newly-baptized and converted, strengthen in faith those who have known your gospel peace for many years, and pour out your blessing on all who will worship the Triune God here in this renovated sanctuary.

C: **Let the worship we offer here be pleasing to you and edifying to all.**

M: All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: 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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### SANCTUS





na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord God, King of the universe. Before the creation of the world, you chose to redeem us with the precious blood of your Son,

C: **a Lamb without blemish or defect.**

M: We give you humble and heartfelt thanks that by the mystery of Christ's holy incarnation,

C: **you have made him our brother and helper forever.**

M: By his birth, circumcision, and perfect obedience,

C: **you have purified us from all sin.**

M: By his baptism, fasting, and temptation,

C: **you have become our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.**

M: By his agony, bloody sweat, and cruel scourging,

C: **you have crushed the head of our ancient enemy.**

M: By his precious cross, death, and burial,

C: **you have turned the gloomy portal of death into the bright gateway to the everlasting Eden.**

M: Remembering your Son's death and resurrection, we receive in repentance and joy his body and blood. Strengthen us through this gift for our pilgrimage on earth until, together at last, we shall eat and drink with our Savior anew in the kingdom of God.

C: **Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

**C** O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O  
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O  
Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A -  
men. A - men.

*Be Seated*

### DISTRIBUTION

*Dear visitors:* St. John's Lutheran Church practices "Close Communion." We ask that only members of St. John's, or members of a church in fellowship with St. John's, come forward for Communion. Our pastors would be happy to discuss this with you after the service.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"* CW 194

*This hymn served as the opening hymn at the organ dedication service on February 17, 1980.*

*"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"* CW 236

*This hymn was sung at the organ dedication service on February 17, 1980.*

*"Built on the Rock"* CW 529

*This hymn was sung with the choir at the church dedication service on February 3, 1980.*

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**



C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -  
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -  
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: Most High God, the heavens cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We give you thanks for the gifts of those who have renovated this house of prayer to your glory. We praise you for the fellowship of those who will gather here. We pray that all who seek you may find you and be filled with your joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

M: 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.

C: **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**CW 610**

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