

Sunday, Oct. 6; 9:00 a.m.

150th Anniversary of St. John's



St John's
Lutheran Church

(An usher rings the church bells 5 minutes before church service starts)

Prelude

Now the Green Blade Riseth French Carol arr. Kevin McChesney, JuBellation

Greeting and Call to Worship *(please stand and face procession)*

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

So, we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Processional Hymn

ELW #413; *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* Vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

As a reminder of our heritage in faith, we give thanks for the gift of baptism by together recalling what reformer Martin Luther wrote about this gift in his Small Catechism.

What is baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead, it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's word.

What benefits does baptism grant?

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water does not do it, but the word of God, which is with and alongside the water, and faith, which trusts this word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a grace filled water life and a bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit. This is most certainly true.

(water is poured into the font)

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, for the waters of this beautiful land – the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers, Dells Pond, Otter Creek, and all the streams that are around us, so that all creatures may live. But, above all, we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

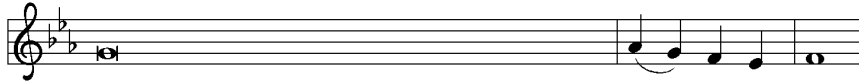
Kyrie: ELW Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



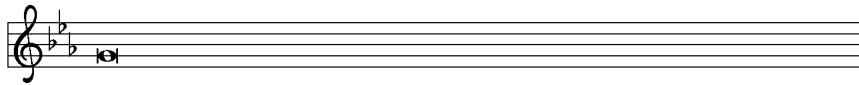
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



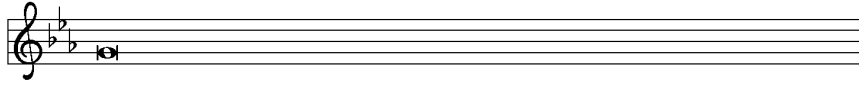
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



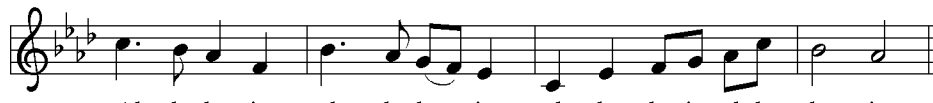
A - men, a - men.

Canticle of Praise: ELW Setting One; This is the Feast


Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



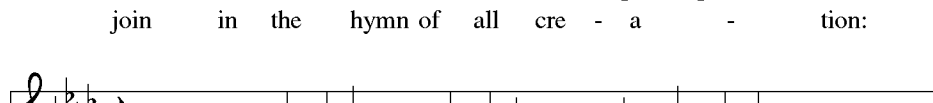
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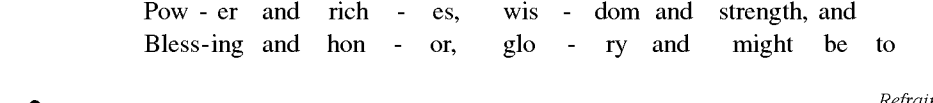
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

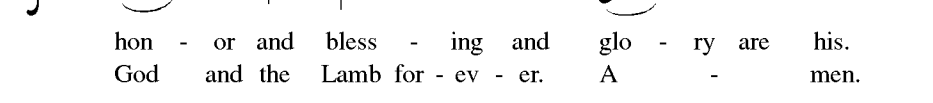


Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to




Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

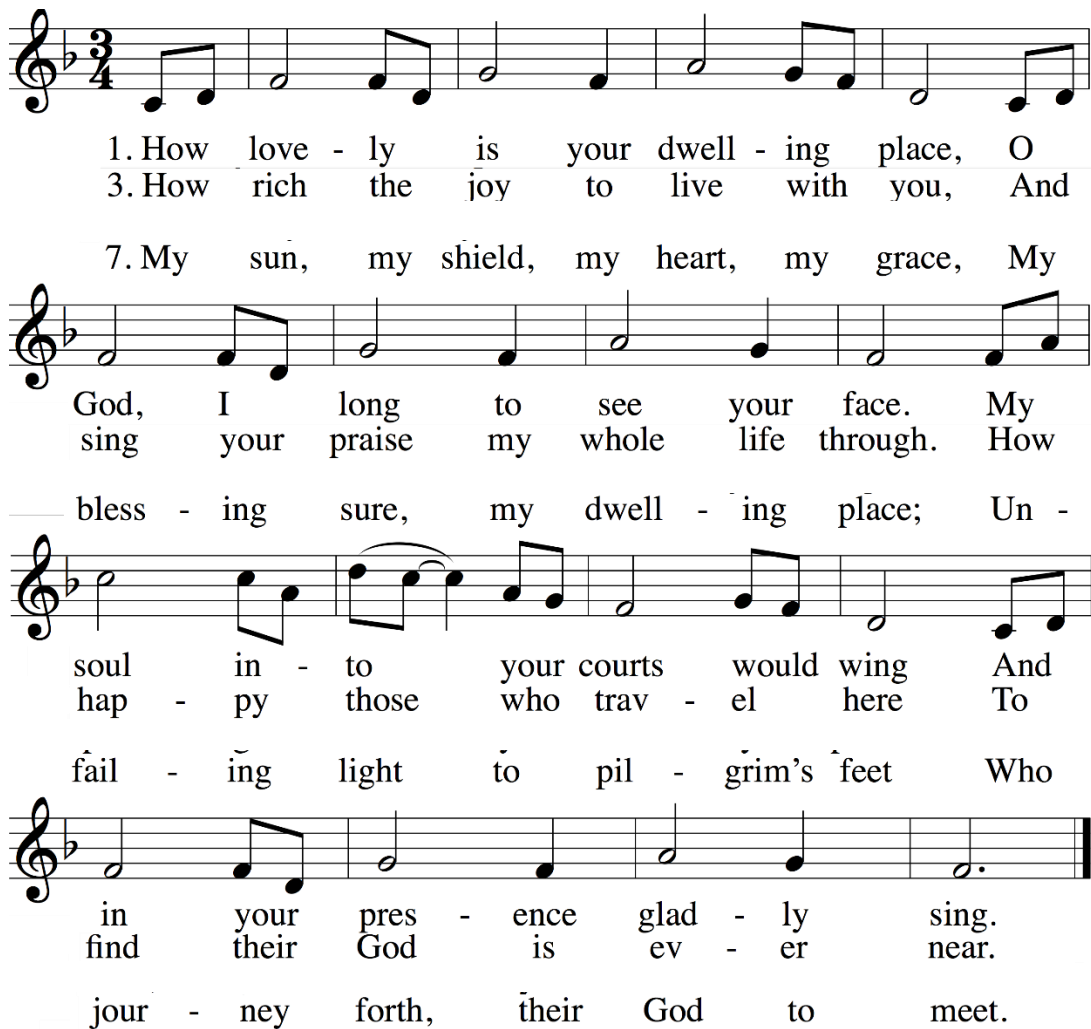
Let us pray. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded St. John's

Lutheran Church 150 years ago and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Psalm 84 (please sit)

***How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place*, music by Marty Haugen, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7**

(choir sings vs. 4 & 6)



1. How love - ly is your dwell - ing place, O
3. How rich the joy to live with you, And
7. My sun, my shield, my heart, my grace, My
God, I long to see your face. My
sing your praise my whole life through. How
bless - ing sure, my dwell - ing place; Un -
soul in - to your courts would wing And
hap - py those who trav - el here To
fail - ing light to pil - grim's feet Who
in your pres - ence glad - ly sing.
find their God is ev - er near.
jour - ney forth, their God to meet.

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Reading: Romans 12:3-8

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God. Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message – Matt Svestka, Director of Children, Youth and Family

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting One *(please stand)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So

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the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *(please sit)*

"Why are we here?" Pastor Christine Emerson

Hymn of the Day *(please stand)*

ELW #652; Built on a Rock, vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,

making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

Greetings and Announcements *(please sit)*

(Ministers will briefly address the assembly)

Apostles' Creed *(please stand)*

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 the People

Petition: God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you.

(Ushers collect offering. Begin at the back of the sanctuary on the inside aisle and collect as you move to the front and continue around to the outside aisle returning with the offering to the Gathering Area. One usher collects offering from balcony.)

Offering *(please sit)*

Praise to the Lord arr. F. Melius Christiansen; St. John's Choir

Offertory *(please stand)*

ELW #674; Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, vs. 1-2

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

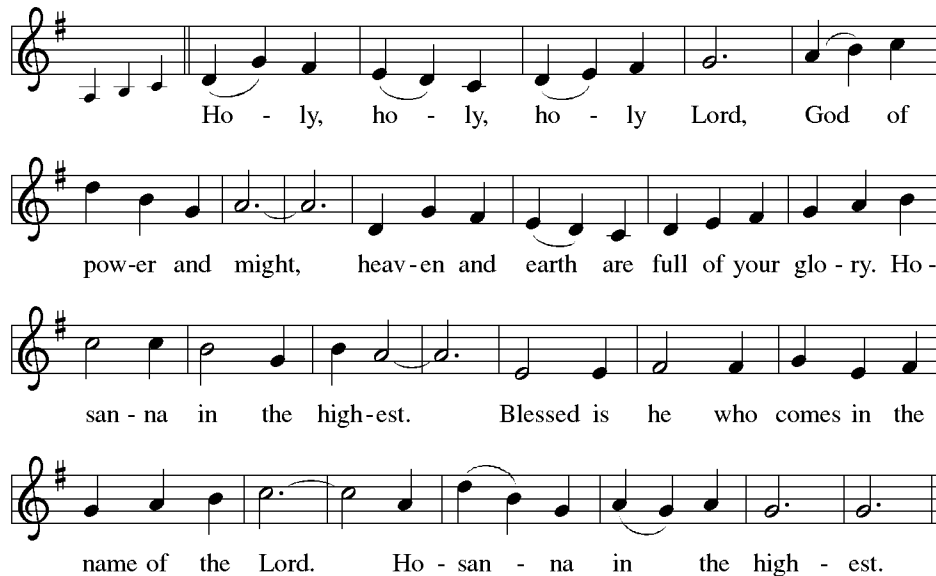
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for you made the earth and all that is, and declared it good. Blessed are you, for in Christ you entered into creation, into our humanity, into our vulnerability, into our mortality. You stayed with us through conflict, through suffering, through death. Blessed are you for raising Jesus from the dead, in him promises new life to us all.

In the night in which he was betrayed...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Come Lord Jesus, in this meal, and make us alive again. By your Spirit, bind us to the holy communion of saints in every time and place, and make us your body in the world, bringing light and healing to all. **Amen.**

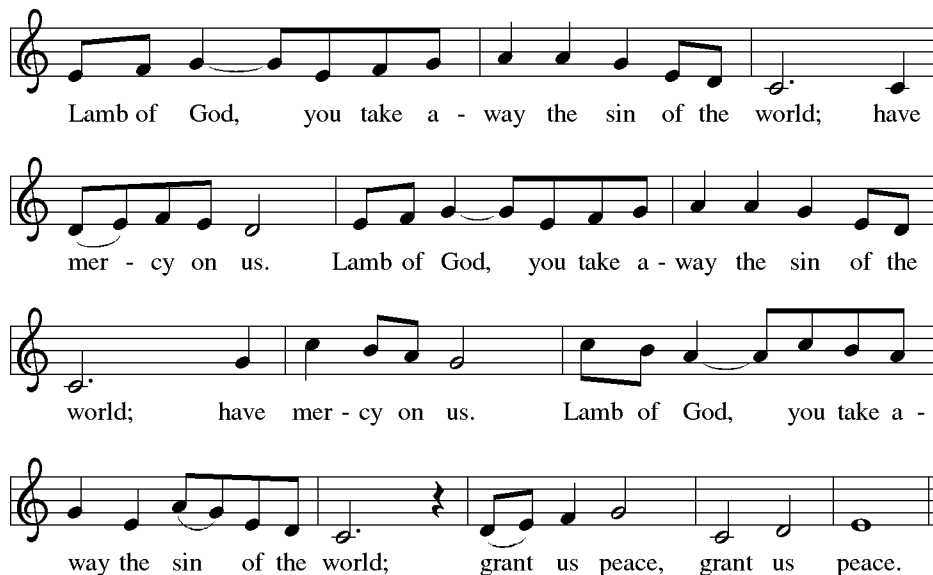
The Lord's Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Table *(please sit)*

(Acolyte- comes forward for communion. The 2 ushers will go to the front of the Sanctuary and begin releasing worshippers to receive a wafer and wine.)

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.

Communion Hymns

ACS #1078; There is a Longing in Our Hearts, vs. 1-4

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

3 For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

4 Lord, save us, take pity,
light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

ELW #732; Borning Cry, vs. 1-4

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,

- I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer (*please stand*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, **we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food. In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate, a people formed in the waters of Christian baptism to be a fountain of life for all who gather here, overflowing into a river of compassion for the world. Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal, to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ, to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Go forth in peace and with the courage of faith. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

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The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW #504; A Mighty Fortress is Our God vs. 1 (choir) 2, 4 (all)

Verse 1 (choir):

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
ein gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt böse Feind
mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
groß Macht und viel List
sein grausam Rüstung ist,
auf Erd ist nicht seins gleichen.

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

All:

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side

with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Fanfare on "Nun danket" Gordon Young, Tune: Nun Danket, by Johann Crüger, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner; Linda Ranney, organ

Altar Flowers

In memory of my mother Barbara Bailey, by Bryan and Ramona Sedlander
Given in honor of the 150th Anniversary of St. John's, by the Anniversary Committee

Serving at Worship Today

Rostered Ministers – Pastor Christine Emerson & Deacon Laura Ramlow
Lector – Gracelyn Boeckmann
Acolytes – Norah Kelly, Amelia Peuse
Ushers – Greg Johnson, Ron Norby
Greeters – Larry Krause, Gary Kersten
Communion Servers – Diana Hogenson, Patti & Mark Sontag, Cora Klawiter, Jenna Boeckman
Camera System – Scott Olsen
Power Point – Maxx Christopherson
Opportunities Bulletin – Frank Larrabee
Musicians – St. John's Choir, JuBellation Handbell Choir, Linda Ranney, organ/piano; Mark Lundin, Music Director; Rusty Brand & Jim Boulter, trumpet; Travis Christopherson & Benjamin Phillips, trombone; Frank Larrabee, recorder; Guest vocalists: Anna Rybicki, Lauren Lierman, Ann Brand, Jerry Hui

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