

# God's love helps us stand strong!



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VBS Recap  
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## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God,  
**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts  
and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the  
needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to  
us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name,  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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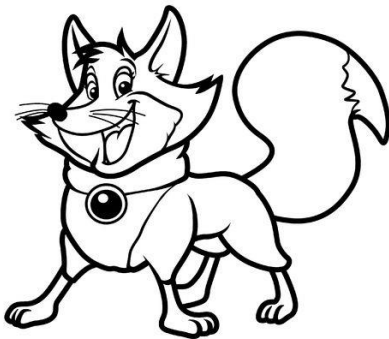
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God,  
Your love helps us stand strong. You reveal your love through the Holy Spirit, Scripture, prayer,  
family, and friends. Open our hearts to receive your love and help us to trust in you. For you are our  
strength and our joy. May we share this good news and encourage others in your love. May we see  
your light, may it guide our way, and illuminate our path. In Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

## VBS RECAP

The Bible helps us  
stand strong.



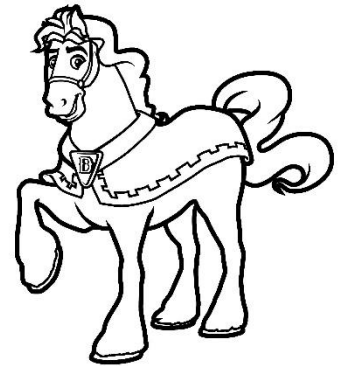
"Your word is  
a lamp to guide  
my feet and a  
light for my path."  
(Psalm 119:105)

God's love helps us  
stand strong.



"I love you, Lord,  
you are my  
strength."  
(Psalm 18:1)

Family and friends  
help us stand strong.



"So encourage  
each other  
and build each  
other up."  
(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Prayer helps us  
stand strong.



"Don't worry  
about anything;  
instead, pray  
about everything."  
(Philippians 4:6)

Trusting God helps  
us stand strong.



"Trust in the  
Lord always, for  
the Lord God is  
the eternal Rock."  
(Isaiah 26:4)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. Responding to "God of grace," with "hear our prayer."

## PEACE

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

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Trusting in God alone, let us stand strong, giving abundantly.

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

We thank you for the wealth you shower on us daily, and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day, in Jesus name we pray.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

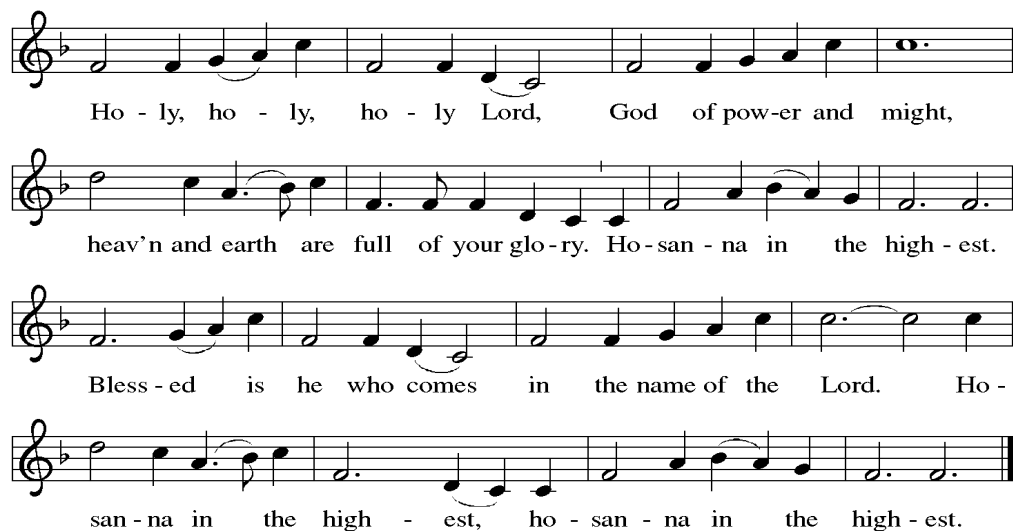
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. All are invited to Christ's table where, in bread and wine, he meets us, and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come now to Christ's banquet.



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.

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996  
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# Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of the sheet music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in,  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and key signature.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with some notes marked with a colon (:), indicating a repeat or a specific articulation. The bass staff continues with a simple accompaniment.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The second part of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a final chord in the bass staff.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.  
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1888

## What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



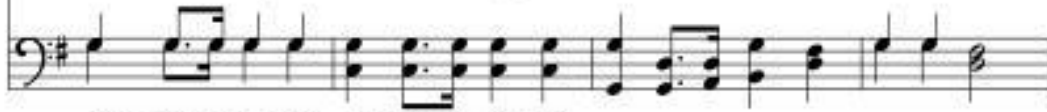
what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919  
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,

You have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes,

May the love of Christ be reflected in your hands,

May the wisdom of the Spirit be reflected in your words,

And may the knowledge of the Triune † God flow from your heart.

**Amen.**

## Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Coda after stanza 4*



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**



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**Welcome to all!** God has gathered us here out of all different circumstances. Whether you carry joy or heaviness in your heart, I encourage you to lay it at the feet of Jesus. Give your whole self to God in worship. Welcome.

“Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells” (Psalm 26:8, NIV). Open my heart to receive your word for me this day.

Please remember to silence pagers and cell phones during services.

**To those who are visiting:** Welcome to St. John and thank you for joining us! You are welcome to sign our registry in the narthex.

**Reminder!** If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact St. John (715) 675-6950

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every Sunday. All are welcome to Christ’s Table.

**Food Basket.** Each week you are invited to bring non-perishable grocery items to be given to a local food pantry. Place your gift in the *Shopping Cart* next to the main entrance. **Reminder, food pantries cannot accept expired donations.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 the Adult Study** will meet to discuss chapters 5 – 7 in the Gospel of Matthew.

**Sunday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m. Chili Dinner & Raffle!** We are in need of prize and food donations. Drop prizes off at St. John – if you would like acknowledgment for your prize, please label them with your name. All food items need to be at St. John by October 11<sup>th</sup> thank you for your generosity & support!

**Sunday, October 13 at 10:15 a.m. discussion and approval of St. John's constitution!** As per St. John's constitution guidelines, the constitution itself needs periodic updates. This is a long document and limited copies are available. You are welcome to take one home, but please bring it back when you are done.

**Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. the Book Club** will discuss *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

**St. John Cemetery Association Needs Your Help!** Our cemetery needs your help. If you have family or friends buried at our cemetery, we could use your support. We have many fallen-down stones that require perpetual care. Please reach out to Sara Stubbe for details. If you know of any non-St. John member with family or friends buried here, please share this request. The Association is also looking for lawn care help (about 4 hours/5 times per summer). If interested, please contact Sara.

**Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.** Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip! **In the month of September, there is an extra 5% on cards purchased. This means Gas cards are 10% donation and Grocery cards are 20% donation.**

**Men's Breakfast.** Pastor Will from Trinity in Stettin and St. Peter's in Marathon has invited all men from St. John to meet the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. At LC Restaurant, in Marathon (Formerly the Village Inn). The first gathering will be Saturday, September, 14 at 8:00 a.m.

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### **Coming This Week @ St. John October 6 – October 13**

#### **Today**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship & VBS recap/kids sing in church!
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

#### **October 1**

- 8:30 a.m. Quilting
- 9:00 a.m. Pr. Maggie @ Pr. Meeting

#### **October 2**

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation

#### **October 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:15 a.m. Chili Luncheon & Raffle