SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER** STJOHN'S



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 1, 2022 9:30 am

INTRODUCTION

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

PRELUDE

"Etude" Op. 10, No.3

Frederic Chopin

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The congregation may stand and face the cross. As the cross is brought forward, the congregation may turn to continue facing this symbol of death and resurrection. ELW 389



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. **Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water: Lake Michigan, the Chicago River, and the Skokie Lagoons. **Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. **Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life. **Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

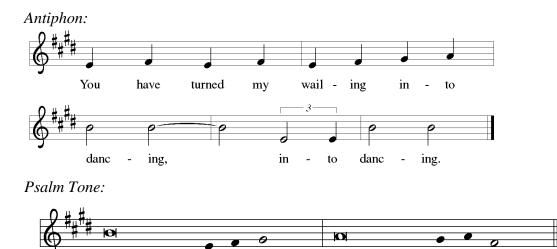
The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

PSALM

Psalm 30

The congregation sings the antiphon and the verses in bold.



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¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-[|] ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph[|] over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,

and you restored | me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, [|] from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down [|] to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, ¹ all you faithful; give thanks in ho-¹ ly remembrance. Antiphon

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⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes [|] in the morning.

⁶While I felt se-[|] cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong [|] as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was [|] filled with fear.

⁸I cried to [|] you, O LORD;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit? Will the dust praise you or de-¹ clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me; O LORD, | be my helper." Antiphon

¹¹You have turned my wailing ¹ into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. Antiphon

John 21:1-19

READING

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

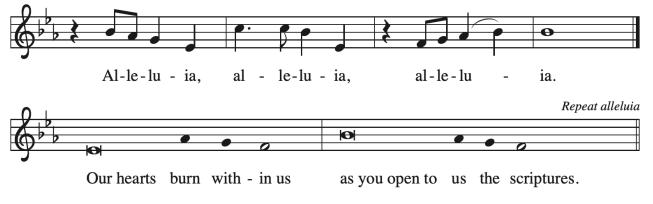
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation may stand and turn to continue facing the cross as it is brought among the people.



GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Later Jesus again was manifested to the disciples at Lake Tiberias. This is how the appearance took place. ² Assembled were Simon Peter, Thomas "the Twin," Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's children, and two other disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going out to fish." "We'll join you," they replied, and went off to get into their boat. All through the night they caught nothing. ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus was standing on the shore, though none of the disciples knew it was Jesus. ⁵ He said to them, "Have you caught anything, friends?" "Not a thing," they answered. ⁶ "Cast your net off to the starboard side," Jesus suggested, "and you'll find something." So they made a cast and caught so many fish that they couldn't haul the net in. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved cried out to Peter, "It's the Teacher!" Upon hearing this, Simon Peter threw on his cloak—he was naked—and jumped into the water. ⁸ Meanwhile the other disciples brought the boat to shore, towing the net full of fish. They were not far from land—no more than a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw that a charcoal fire had been prepared, with fish and some bread already being grilled. ¹⁰ "Bring some of the fish you just caught," Jesus told them. ¹¹ Simon Peter went aboard and hauled ashore the net, which was loaded with huge

fish—one hundred fifty-three of them. In spite of the great number, the net was not torn. ¹² "Come and eat your meal," Jesus told them. None of the disciples dared to ask, "Who are you?"—they knew it was the savior. ¹³ Jesus came over, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This marked the third time that Jesus had appeared to the disciples after being raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had eaten their meal, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon ben-John, do you love me more than these?" Peter said, "Yes, Rabbi, you know that I'm your friend." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time Jesus put the question, "Simon ben-John, do you love me?" Peter said, "Yes, Rabbi, you know that I'm your friend." Jesus replied, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ A third time Jesus asked him, "Simon ben-John, do you love me as a friend would?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" a third time. So he said, "You know everything, Rabbi. You know that I am your friend." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ The truth of the matter is, when you were young, you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you get old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will put a belt around you and take you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ With

and someone else will put a belt around you and take you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ With these words, Jesus indicated the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then the savior said, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible (pp. 2343-2345). Sheed & Ward. Kindle Edition.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

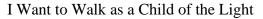
SERMON

Pastor Erik Christensen

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HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 815





Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Your prayers are invited now, either silently or aloud. (*Pause for prayers.*)

Merciful God,	or	Lord, we praise you,
receive our prayer.		Thanks be to God.

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ Meal +

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Our ancestors in faith gathered together long ago to remember, to be restored, to be renewed. They shared their story, prayed together, and made an offering to God as they prepared to set out on the long journey to freedom in the Promised Land. Today we gather to remember and to pray together, to be restored and renewed, and we bring our own offerings so the ministry of this church will continue to participate in the saving works of God. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online at stjohnswilmette.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY SOLO "Touch That Soothes and Heals" Sung by cantor. Music by Gregg DeMey Text by Mary Louise Bringle

OFFERTORY VERSE



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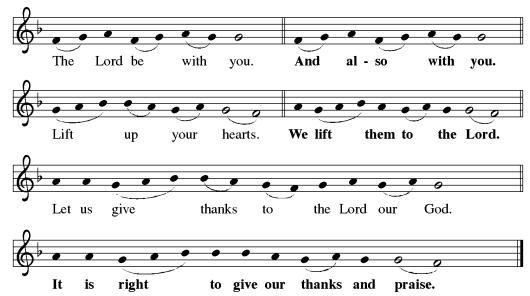
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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

DIALOGUE



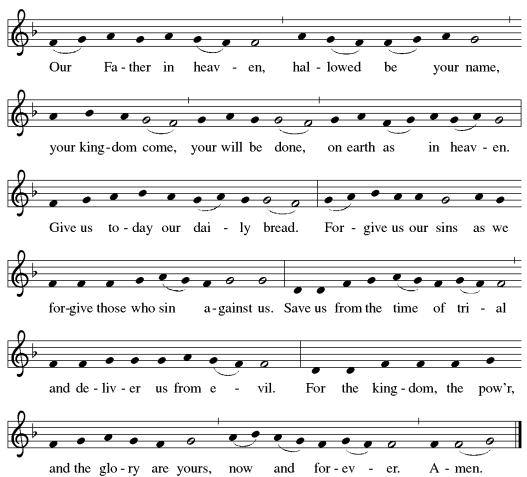
PREFACE



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

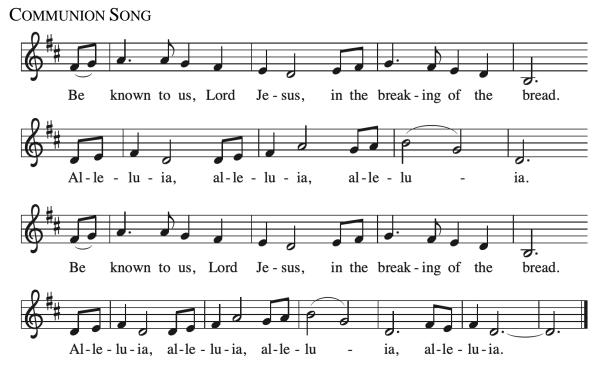




INVITATION

COMMUNION

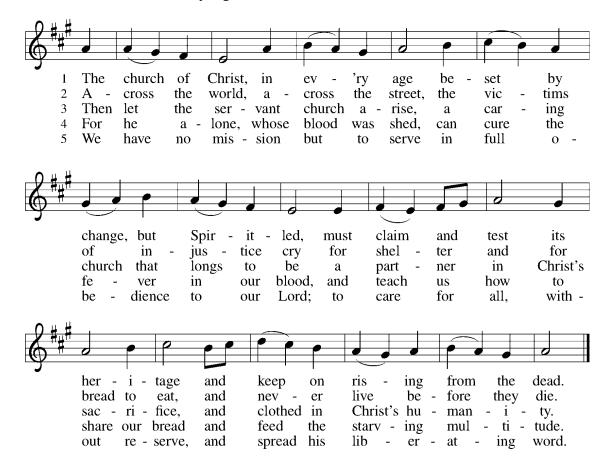
All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a glutenfree wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please put your mask back on before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.



COMMUNION HYMN

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW 729



Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

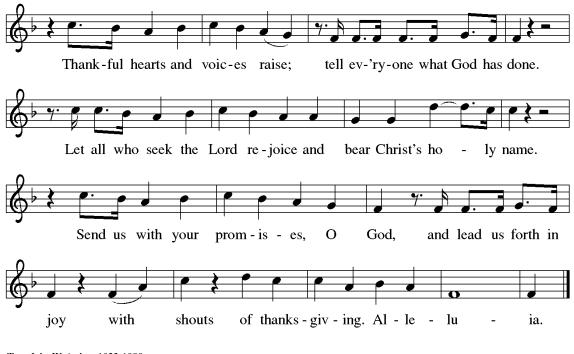
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal, may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION VERSE



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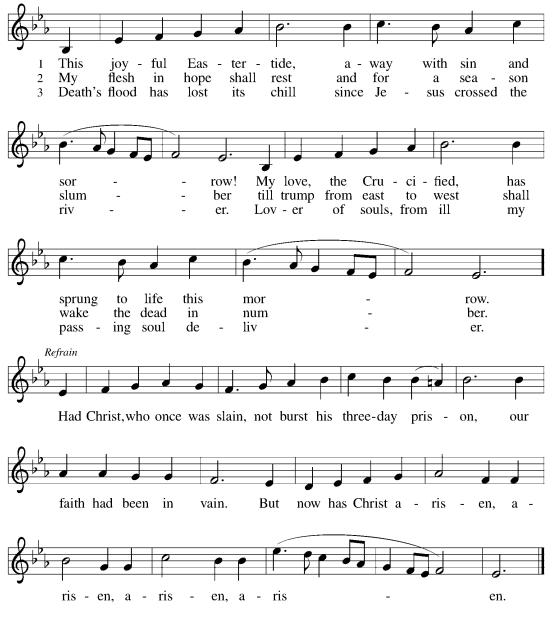
BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

The congregation may turn to continue facing the cross as it is carried out. ELW 391



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell everyone what God has done. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Impromptu" Op. 90, No. 3

COFFEE HOUR

Franz Schubert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Pastor Erik Christensen

We are happy to welcome back Pastor Erik Christensen (he/him/his), our guest preacher and presider for today while Pastor Allison is away. Pastor Erik is the Pastor to the Community and Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC). He formerly served as Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square, where he supervised Pastor Allison during her part-time internship. We are so grateful to have him visiting St. John's.

First Communion/Thanksgiving for Communion Classes

Student Pastor Derek is leading a three-week First Communion/Thanksgiving for Communion class with children and youth. The class meets during Children's Church time this morning, and May 8th, in person only. We will celebrate and receive first communion on **May 15th** during the 9:30 am service. All children are welcome and encouraged to participate regardless of whether they've received communion previously. If you'd like to volunteer to assist or have questions, please email derek@stjohnswilmette.com.

Family Promise Returns

We are excited to announce that St. John's will be hosting Family Promise families for three weeks, from May 1-22. Family Update: Currently there is one family in the program (Marcus and his three boys: Marius, 4 yr., Ky, 3 yr. and Maison, 1 yr.). A second family is expected to join the program soon. Our youth ministry program is hosting a welcome party today at 6 pm, which will include supper and getting to know our guests. All are welcome! For the evenings that follow, we are asking volunteers from St. John's to sign up to provide dinner and/or spend time with the families. Family Promise staff will stay overnight each night, so overnight hosts are not needed. Please check the Signup Genius link in your Enews or contact the church office to sign up to participate!

Adult Forum Completes Book Study - Newcomers Invited

The final part to this book study will be held this morning, from 11 am to 12 pm, in person. The book is *Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World* by Walter Brueggemann. It is not necessary to read the book in advance. Please contact Peter Knobel at 847-494-2815 if you would like a copy of the book or have any questions.

Considering Matthew Shepard: An Oratorio

In October of 1998, Matthew Shepard, a young, gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in a lonely field under a blanket of stars. Five days later, when Matt passed away, the world was watching. Approaching the eve of the 20th anniversary, Craig Hella Johnson has responded with his first concert-length work, *Considering Matthew Shepard*. This three-part fusion oratorio speaks with a fresh and bold voice, incorporating a variety of musical styles seamlessly woven into a unified whole. Johnson sets a wide range of poetic and soulful texts by poets including Hildegard of Bingen, Lesléa Newman, Michael Dennis Browne, and Rumi. Passages from Matt's personal journal, interviews and writings from his parents Judy and Dennis Shepard, newspaper reports, and additional texts by Johnson and Browne are poignantly appointed throughout the work. Tickets for the remaining part can be purchased at chicagochoralartists.org/events.

Remaining Performance Date:

• Sunday, May 1, 4:00 pm Grace Lutheran Church (7300 Division, River Forest, IL)

Wilmette's Sesquicentennial Celebration

The celebration of Wilmette's 150th birthday includes the improvement of a Village Center alley to provide safe pedestrian access between the Metra parking lot and the shops and restaurants in the Village Center. Part of this work will be a sidewalk with commemorative bricks identifying citizens, businesses and organizations that have been part of the development of the community. St. John's is certainly one of the foundational organizations dating back to its establishment in 1903 and it would be great to commemorate that fact. The cost of a brick is \$150 or \$250 depending on its size and so far \$50 has been pledged towards a St. John's brick. If you would like to contribute towards this effort please do so through Jan Wendel in the church office. The deadline is May 31.

Bible Study Remains Online Only

Weekly Bible Study will remain meeting online from 11:00 am-12:00 pm on Tuesdays. Bible Study can be accessed via our worship Zoom link.

Visitors for Sarah

Sarah Rink, a regular participant at the Saturday service and now a participant in Sunday morning services, is looking for folks who would be willing to visit her in her home (1900 Wilmette Ave. #2F). She is experiencing chronic pain, and having visitors would be a great blessing in her life. She is open to hosting visitors at 4 pm or 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Sarah is fully vaccinated and happy to wear a mask if that is preferred. Please give her a call at 847-251-2758 to let her know when you can stop by!

Mask Update

Masks are now optional for activities at St. John's with the important exceptions of worship and youth programming. Worship leaders, including cantors/song leaders, may now remove masks while leading, but the congregation will remain masked and socially distanced from leaders. If you have any questions or concerns about our current policy, please contact our Re-Entry Team (Pastor Allison, Michel Hauser, Al Swanson, Christi Wise).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	
9:30 AM	Hybrid Worship with In-person Communion Class
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour
11:00 AM	Adult Forum: Materiality as Resistance
6:00 pm	Family Promise Welcome Party
Tuesday	
11:00 AM	Zoom-only Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
6:30 рм	Confirmation Class
THURSDAY	
12:00 рм	Zoom-only Men's Lunch
SUNDAY, MAY 8	
9:30 AM	Hybrid Worship with
10.20	In-Person Communion Class
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Chad Johnson, shoulder replacement surgery on 4/27/22
- The people of China, who are still suffering greatly from the Covid-19 pandemic (4/18/22)
- The people of the US, that we as a predominantly white country may respond to the people of China's need with loving, useful action (4/18/22)
- David & Allie Swanson, son & daughter-in-law of Jan Rassenfoss & Alan Swanson, on the birth of a son, Daniel Joseph, on 4/12/22
- Stephanie Gonder, recovery from oral surgery 3/28/22
- Craig Gonder, recovery from hernia surgery on 3/23/22
- Mindy Davis, seeking permanent housing (2/23/22)
- Tyler MacAvoy, daughter of Bill & Medwin Kaspar, in need of healing (2/22/22)
- Laurel Malhotra, in need of healing (2/23/22)
- Larry Wood, recovering from successful surgery 2/10/22
- Frank Ziegler, recovering from knee replacement
- Carolyn Groves, mother of Mary Kastman, in need of healing
- + Sarah Rink, for recovery from chronic pain

- The family & friends of Gilbert & Eleanor Basnik, father and stepmother of Linda Basnik, who died on 8/5/21 & 8/6/21
- + Amy Kohler, for safety and mental health (2/16/22)
- Joanni Kric, recovering from hospitalization in Aug. 2021
- + Mark Voosen
- Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia
- Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing
- Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery
- Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury
- The family & friends of Joyce Rank, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 8/29/21
- The family and friends of Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, died 11/17/21
- The family and friends of Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink, who died 11/21/21

SERVING TODAY

Guest Minister: Assisting Minister: Guest Pianist: Cantor: Minister of the Word: Crucifer: Bell Ringer: Usher: Altar Guild: First Communion Class: Livestream Camera Operator: Zoom Host: The Rev. Erik Christensen Alan Swanson Peter Schwendener Stephanie Chee Alla Rusz Aidan Maglocci Jan Wendel Buckley Crist Susan Crist, Cindi Rachowicz Derek Stienmetz Luke Rasmussen Luke Rasmus