



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

8:15 AM & 10:30 AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PASTOR KIM KYLLO AND INTERIM PASTOR ERIC LESHER
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Congregational responses are indicated in **bold**

* Please Stand Where Indicated

PRELUDE: *"Recitative and Aria"*..... Wayne Wold

Musical Note: Tonight marks the beginning of Yom Kippur, the Jewish celebration of atonement and forgiveness. To honor the High Holy Days, we will sing the Hasidic hymn, *Yisrael v'oraita*, ELW 519 for Gathering. Though in a minor key, the infectious rhythm is unmistakably joyful and irrepressible. Feel free to sing the simple Hebrew words for the refrain, which we will repeat with *accelerando*. Our Sending Hymn from Central America, *Enviado soy de Dios*, ELW 538, is another joyful, minor-key tune. Though there are built-in repeats, we will also sing the whole hymn twice, to give you a chance at the original Spanish!

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for personal confession of your sins.

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✙ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C. Amen.

* GATHERING SONG: "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"ELW 519



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



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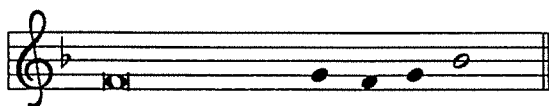
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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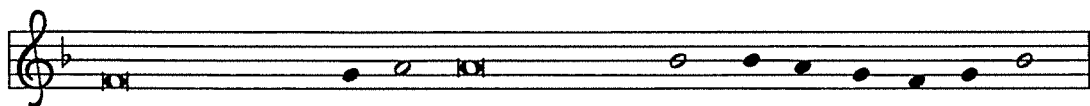
Led by Cantor, congregation responses in **BOLD**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



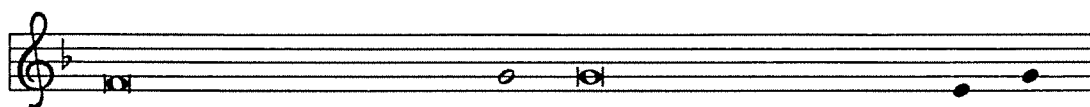
Lord, have mer - cy.



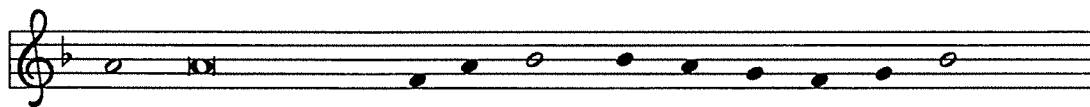
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



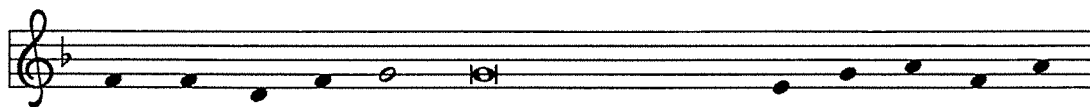
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



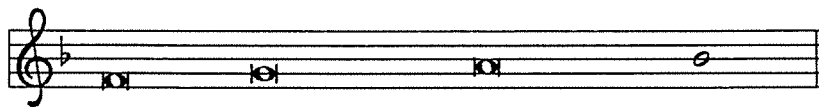
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

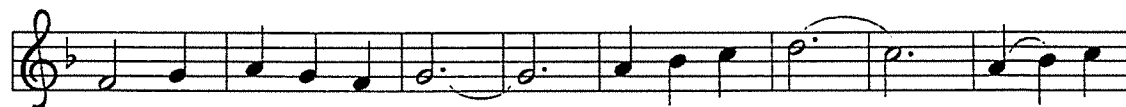


A - men.

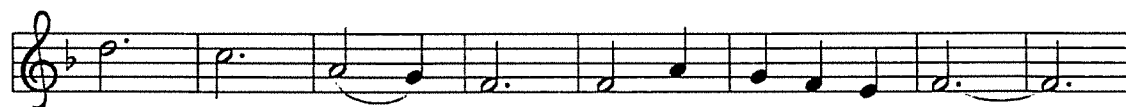
* HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p. 167



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

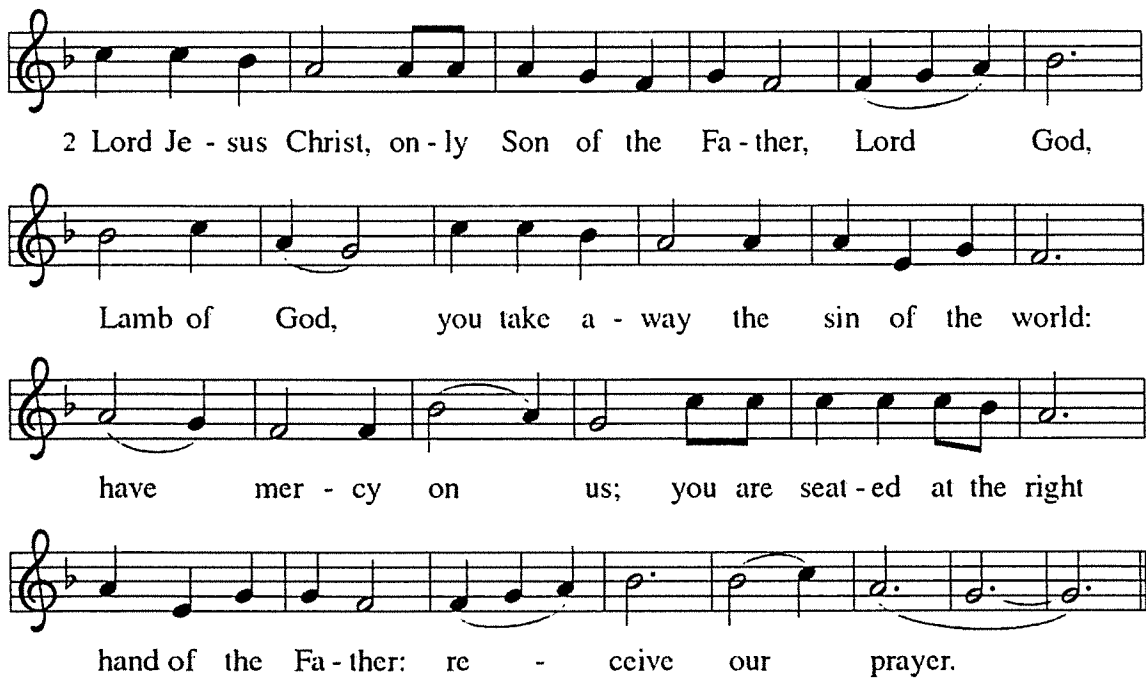


1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



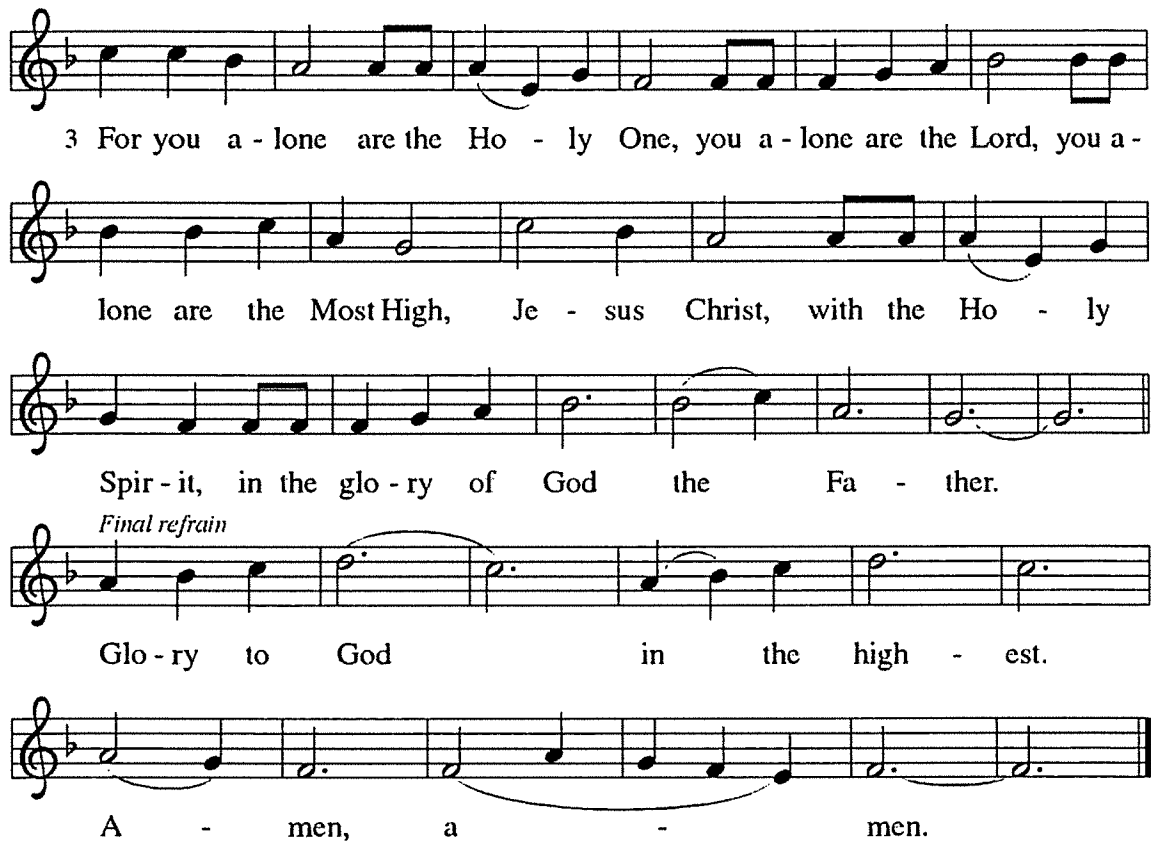
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Sing Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Sing Refrain



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Final refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK..... Iona Welsh

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

L: A reading from Jonah

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in

which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC: (10:30) *"Mercy is Falling"* Sunday School Singers

CHILDREN'S SERMON (8:15)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (10:30)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20:1-16

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

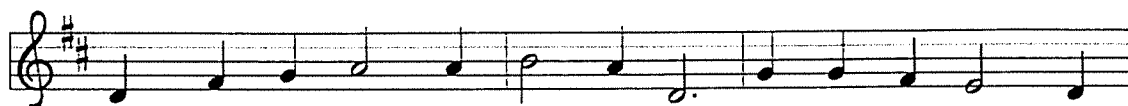
P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you o Christ

SERMON: *"It's Not Pie"* Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" ELW 358

Please stand on the last verse



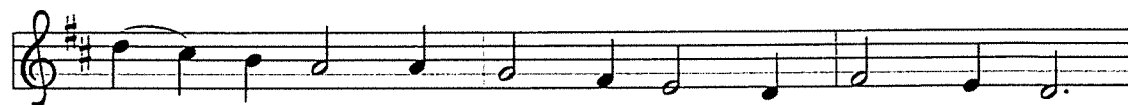
1 Great God, your love has called us here. as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear.
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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APOSTLES CREED (8:15)

**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.



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30)

OFFERING MUSIC: *"Take My Life and Let it Be"* arr. Kristina Langlois

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* OFFERTORY: *"Create In Me"* ELW 185

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.

Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me

with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948
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*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

*** 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.

*** BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG:** "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW 358



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Carlford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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* **DISMISSAL**

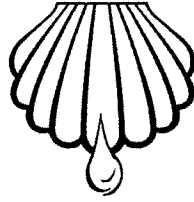
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

P. We now encourage you to share the Peace of God with others as you leave

POSTLUDE: "Postludium" Gordon Young

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Baptized today at the 10:30 service is

Alexander Scott Marso

Son of Andrew Joseph and Rachel Thiele Zimmerman Marso

Alexander's sponsors are:

Josh and Lori Marso and

John and Lee Johnston

Welcome, Alexander to the family of God



Announcements:

1. Do you want to know more about membership? We have a **Membership Exploration** lunch TODAY **September 24** at 11:30 am. You are welcome to join us! **New Member Sunday** is on **October 8** at both services. Contact one of the Pastors or the church office for more information.
2. **ACE Today**—Meet Pastor Eric Leshner. Join us and get to know our Interim Pastor better.
3. A message from the **Gratitude and Generosity Team** in preparation for Consecration Sunday October 15:

¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10
4. **Wednesday Schedule:**
 - 5:30pm-6:45pm Meal
 - 5:30pm Elementary Choir
 - 6:00pm Highlights Sunday School
 - 6:00pm Middle School Choir
 - 6:30pm-7:00pm Worship
 - 7:00pm-8:00pm Affirm (Confirmation) Ablaze and Adult Choir
 - 8:00pm-9:00pm Youth Group
5. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**
 - Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
 - Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm
 - Stitchers Small Group - 4th Thursdays, 9-11 am
6. **More than Just Lunch will NOT meet in October.** Plan ahead for a trip to the MN History Theater for a showing of "I Am Betty" on November 30. Please sign up and pay by October 29.
7. **Coffee & Conversation at Highview Hills**
Pastor Kim hosts a monthly "Coffee & Conversation" at Highview Hills. St. John's members, friends and residents of HVH are welcome! Once/month, 2:00-3:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month, **meets next September 28**
8. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group**
If you are a family member or caregiver to someone experiencing Alzheimer's disease, join us for this small group, where you'll find an open environment for sharing feelings, thoughts, and experiences to better cope with and manage the shared problems of dementia.
Facilitators: Pastor Kim Kylo & Lola Amendt (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month we **meet next on September 28.**
Where: Highview Hills
9. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group (formerly Mary Circle), a women's fellowship**

group open to all women.

Facilitator: Jackie Knauff

Meets: 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am

Meets next October 3

Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

10. **Hannah Circle Small Group**

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets next October 4 at 9:30am. Contact Ruth for details.

Where: St. John's

11. **Mental Health Resources available on Anxiety, Self Injury and Grief**

These resources have been made possible by several organizations helping to equip churches during this Post-Covid Mental Health Crisis that is affecting so many of our youth. Please contact Amanda Boe if you would like a free resource:

amanda@sjlcl.org

12. **Yoga with Clarity:** Lynn Coldren, Certified Yoga Instructor is offering Yoga Classes, both in person and via Zoom Monday evenings at 5:15pm and Wednesday mornings at 8:45am, for ages 15+.

You will need to bring your own mat and props. Class size is limited, so if you have any questions or are interested please email Lynn at l.coldren63@gmail.com.

13. **St. John's has an active Prayer Chain ministry**

Are you in need of prayer for yourself or for someone else? The St. John's Prayer Group would be happy to pray for you. Prayers can be requested by:

1. Calling the St. John's Church Office at (952) 469-4916

2. Emailing Stacy Stanek at sstanek06@gmail.com

If you would like to be part of St. John's Prayer Chain, new members to this team are welcome. You can participate on an email team or on a phone team. Please contact Candy in the church office at 952-469-4916, if you would like to join the prayer chain team.

14. A note from the **Global Missions Team:** Do you have any interest in traveling to Africa in summer of 2025 to visit our companion congregation? Here's how that could happen. We would connect you with another church hopefully from the south metro area to travel as the group except for the days that each group goes out to their companion congregation. If you have any interest, please let Kathy Ziller know.

15. **How can you assist in worship?** We have openings for **worship helpers** each week. To sign up go to: <https://sjlcl.org/ministry-programs/pages/ways-to-serve> or scan this QR code and you can find all of the links to sign up.

16. If you would like to provide **Altar flowers** for worship you can sign up on the website: www.sjlcl.org and click on the link at the bottom of the first page or contact the church office if you have questions.



Ways to Serve

Those serving today:

Organist Priscilla Thoreen
Readers Kathy Ziller (8:15), Hannah Walker (10:30)
Usher team leader.....John Hartwig (8:15), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Acolyte (8:15), Hannah Walker(10:30)
Crucifer (8:15), Olivia Walker (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Ryan Wright (8:15), Dan Nelson (10:30)
Clicker Team..... Nancy Martin (8:15), Kareena Tange (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso, Mikael Petersen (8:15)
Worship Coordinator Perry Fuerniss (8:15), Amanda Boe (10:30)

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