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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
ERIC LESHER, INTERIM PASTOR AND KIM KYLLO, PASTOR
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

* Please Stand Where Indicated

PRELUDE: *"Light Shone in Darkness"*arr. Franklin Ashdown

*** 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.

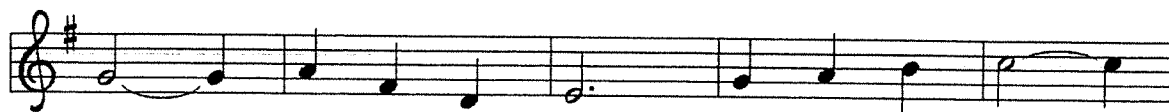
C. Amen.

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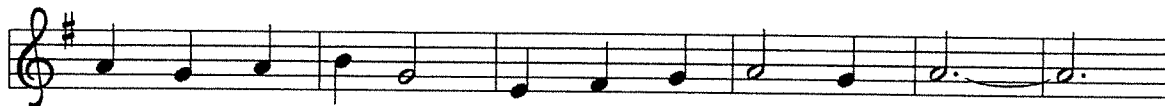
*** GATHERING SONG: "Christ Be Our Light"ELW 715**



1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are		hun - gry.	Long - ing	for
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are		home - less.	Long - ing	for
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the		peo - ple,	man - y	the



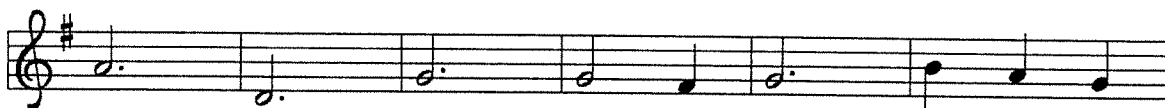
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

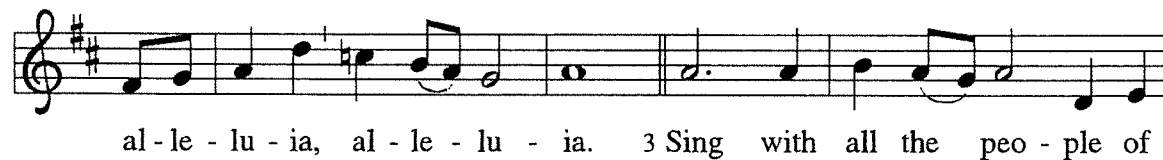
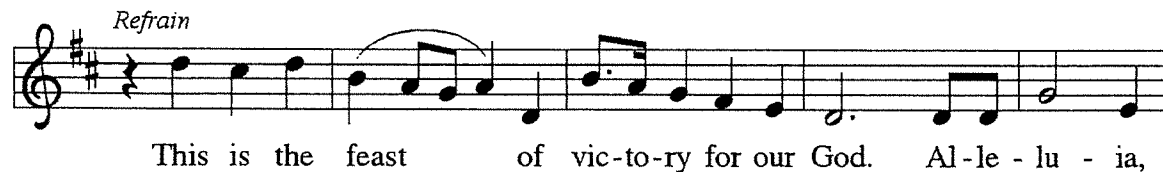
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* GREETING:

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

C: And also with you.





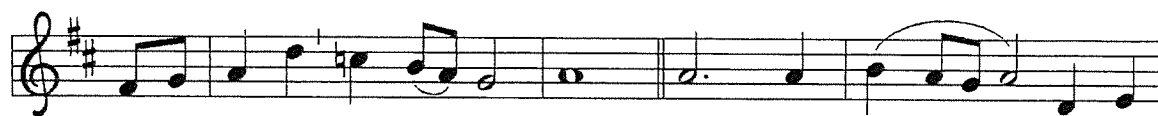
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they 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.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN’S SERMON.....Amanda Boe

* GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *“Follow the Path”*..... Pastor Eric Leshner

* HYMN OF THE DAY: "Go To the World"ACS 991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,
 bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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* APOSTLES CREED

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.

OFFERING MUSIC: (8:15) "O God of Light"..... arr. Jacob Weber
 (10:30) "Walk In the Light"arr. Andre Thomas
 Chancel Choir

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* **OFFERTORY:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"ELW p.186

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

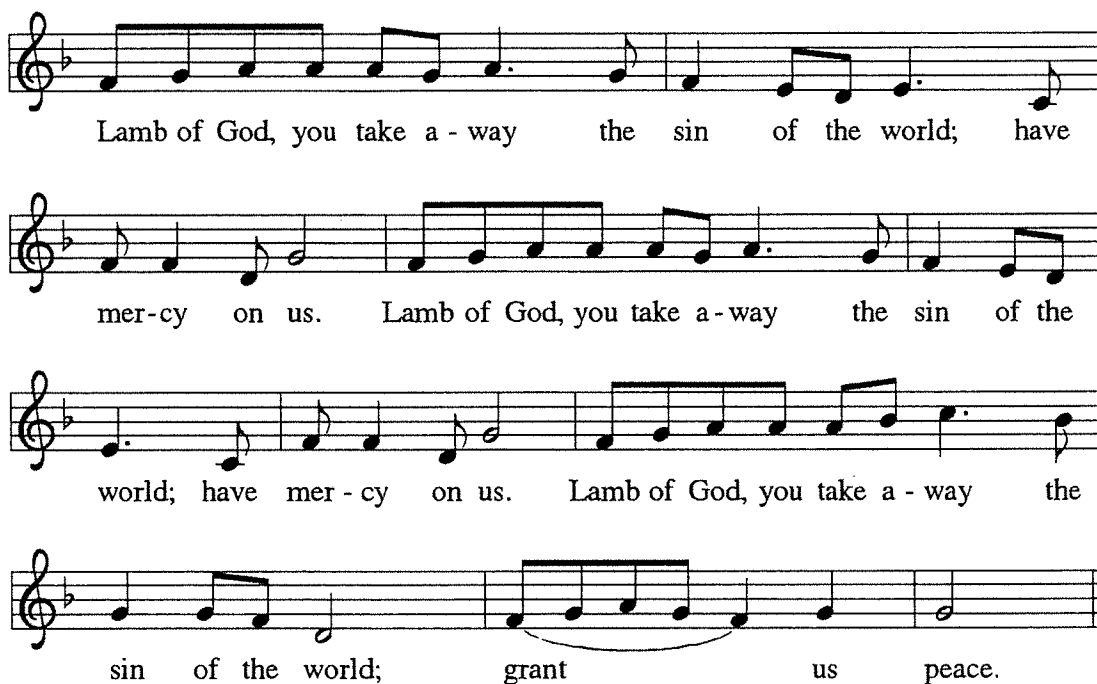
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Lamb of God" ELW p. 146



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

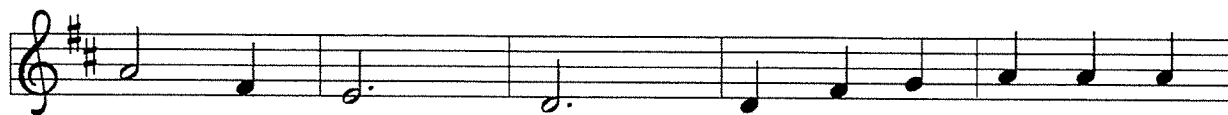
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION SONG: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light".....ELW 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

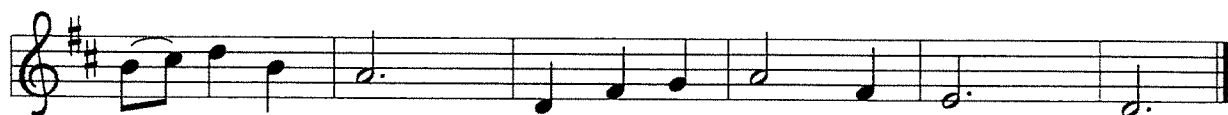
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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*** COMMUNION BLESSING**

* **BENEDICTION**

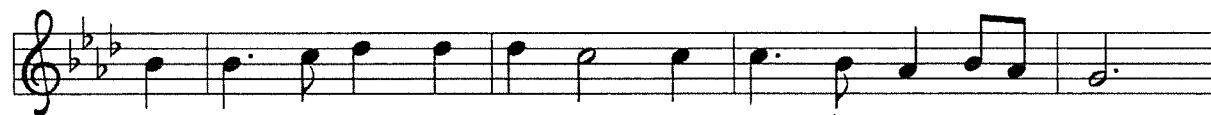
* **SENDING SONG: "I Love to Tell the Story"** ELW 661



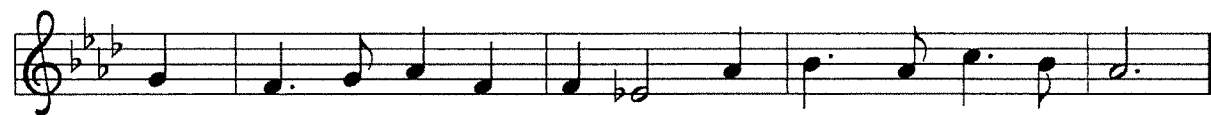
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

*** DISMISSAL**

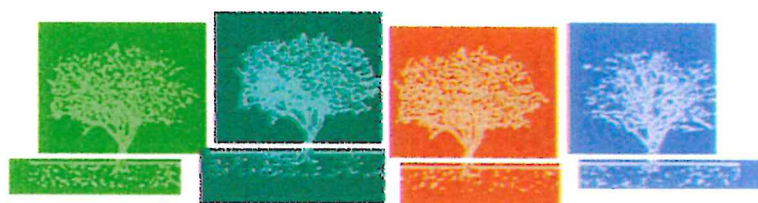
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

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

POSTLUDE: *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*.....arr. Franklin Ashdown

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the St. John's congregation will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 28, at 11:45 am.

Included on the meeting's agenda will be key leader reports, the 2024 ministry budget (we will vote on this during the meeting), and information about the year ahead at St. John's.

The meeting can also be available by Zoom. Contact the church office if you wish to receive the link to the meeting.

Nursery will be available during the meeting as well

Announcements:

1. Pick up your **Annual Report** in the Narthex today.
2. **Adult Christian Education (ACE) today: St. John's 2024 Proposed Budget**
Join us for ACE this Sunday in the sanctuary from 9:30-10:15 am. ACE sessions are for everyone - bring a friend! Join us for ACE in the sanctuary or tune in via livestream on our YouTube Channel.
3. **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
4. **Hannah Bible Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets next February 7. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
5. 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 February 6
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
6. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group *NEW***
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: pgudel@gmail.com)
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next February 19**
Where: Perkins in Lakeville
Would you like to spend time chatting with old friends or get to know other men from St. John's? Gather with us at Perkins for fellowship and food.
7. **Parenting Littles Small Group**
Are you parenting a child(ren) ages 3-10? Parenting Littles is for you!
St. John's Parenting Little Small Group **meets next February 11.** While your child learns about Jesus' love in Sunday School, tend to your own spiritual and emotional wellbeing, gathering with other parents of littles to share best practices, parenting questions, and build community.

For this second year of this small group, we'll add a focus on strategies shared in the book, *"The Sandbox Revolution: Raising Kids for a Just World."* You are welcome to purchase your own book, or borrow copies from St. John's.
Facilitators: Amanda Boe & Pastor Kim Kylo

8. **More than Just Lunch** In January will be going to the Mill City Museum in downtown Minneapolis for a self-guided tour. It is built into the ruins of what was the world's largest flour mill, sitting on the bank of the Mississippi River. The date is **January 25th**. We will **meet at church at 9:45am**. There is an advance payment of \$10 that can be left in Ginger's box or given to Candy. We will be having lunch at "Crooked Pint" right by the museum.
9. **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 on January 25.**
10. **Dementia Caregivers Support Group - NOTE: Date/Time Change**
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, 10-11 am on the 2nd Thursday of each month; meets next **February 8th**.
Where: Highview Hills
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. 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 in the south metro area to travel with 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.

14. **Hiring Nursery Staff.** We are currently hiring part-time nursery staff. This position would staff the nursery on Sunday mornings from 8:00am-11:45am and occasional Wednesday evenings and special events.

Children, Youth and Family ministries at St John's strives to create a seamless line of ministry from birth through high school and to walk alongside families to raise compassionate, respectful, and service-orientated children – with hearts of faith-filled love. Our nursery is part of that promised mission. We believe that caring for children in the safe, nurturing environment of the nursery is essential in order for parents can tend to their own spiritual care by participating in church activities is part of that journey.

We are looking for individuals who are familiar with basic child development, willing to be trained in CPR and first aid.

Please contact candy@sjlcl.org for an application

15. **Loaves and Fishes** Our next serving opportunity at Loaves and Fishes is on **Thursday, February 15**. Please sign up using the link below or the QR Code or contact Kathy at kmcomer72@gmail.com <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F4AA8AC29AAF49-loaves>



16. During January and February, **Pink Envelope** designated gifts will support St. John's Youth Assistance Fund, which funds scholarships for Bible Camp and Summer Mission Trip opportunities. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering - to support the Youth Assistance Fund, please contribute your gift in a pink envelope in the offering plate or by giving online.

If you choose to give online, select "Pink Envelope" under "Give To," and write "Youth Assistance Fund" in the memo line.

Your generosity is making a difference!

Those serving today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Kathy Ziller (8:15), Elisa Brown (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Jeff Larson (8:15), Andy Schultz (10:30)
Acolyte (8:15), (10:30)
Crucifer (8:15), Brody Fitzke (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:15), Francine Capasso (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:15), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso, Mikael Petersen (8:15), (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig, Kathy Comer
Communion Distribution Jeanne Hartwig, Tricia Murphy (8:15),
Lowell Grimm, Perry Fuerniss (10:30)
Worship Coordinator Amanda Boe (8:15), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Ginger Gustafson, Kathy Ziller

Those serving next week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector (8:15), (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Don Knauff (8:15), Wright Family (10:30)
Acolyte (8:15), (10:30)
Crucifer (8:15), Brody Fitzke (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Todd Kylo (8:15), Dave Coldren (10:30)
Clicker Team (8:15), Reid Meyer (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso, Mikael Petersen (8:15), (10:30)
Worship Coordinator (8:15), Lynn Coldren (10:30)
Coffee Servers Dan and Kris Nelson

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