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St. John's Lutheran Church-Lakeville

2024

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

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**KIM KYLLO, PASTOR**  
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**PRELUDE:** *"Voluntary in D Minor"* ..... William Croft

**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 help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☐ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: "Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom" .....ACS 1064**



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

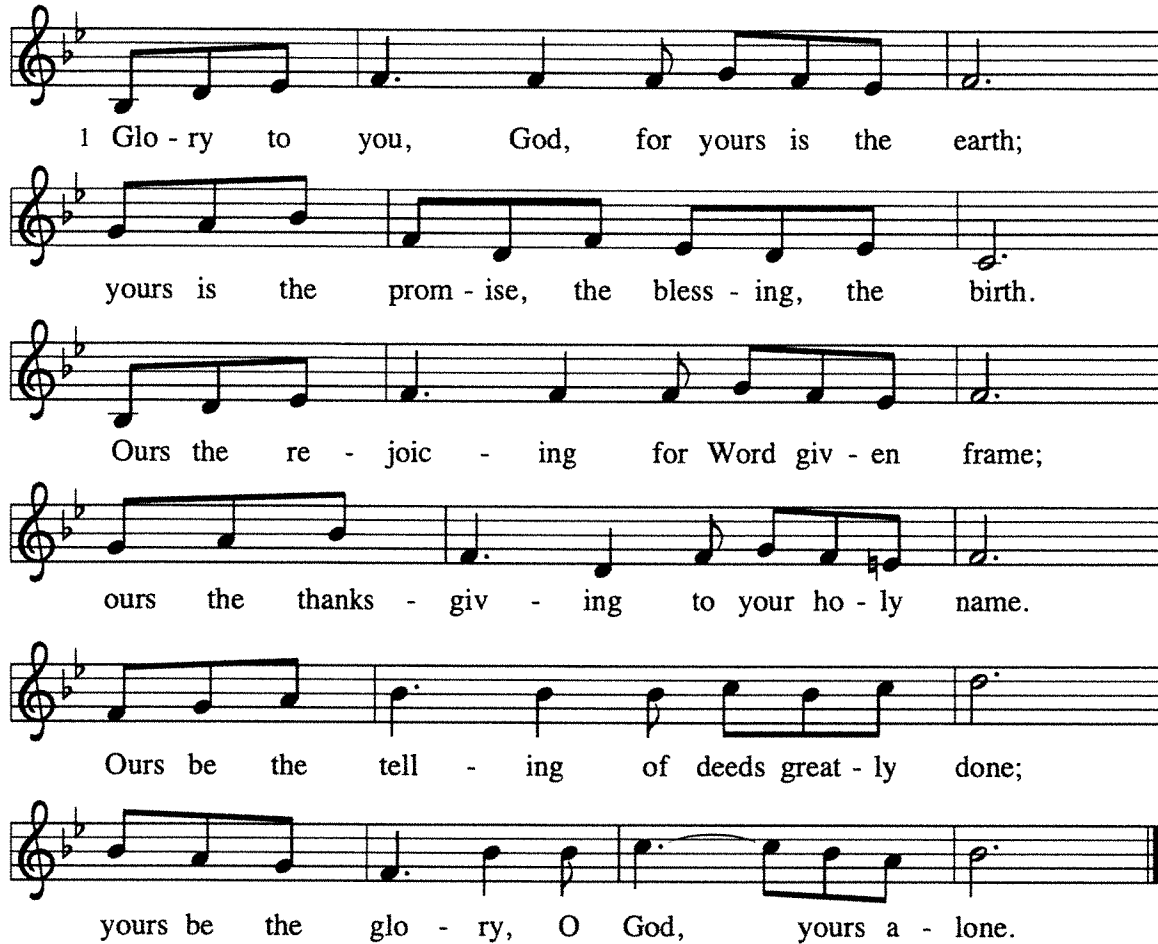


as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979  
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version  
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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.**



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.  
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;  
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you**

P: Let us pray together:

C: **Loving and righteous God, you are far more generous to us, and to all who work in your kingdom, than we could ever ask or imagine. Inspire us to be generous to others as you have been to us. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY TEMPLE TALK

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 22:1-5

L: A Reading from Revelation

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**..... Amanda Boe

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:29-32

L: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

**C: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place".

P: The Gospel of our Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

SERMON "Leaves of Growth and Healing" ..... Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lord of Light" ..... ELW 688



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH. Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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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: (8:30) "Beautiful Savior" .....Robert A. Hobby**

**(10:30) "Tree Song" .....Ken Medema**  
**Sunday School Singers with Chancel Choir**

Anthem Text

I saw a tree by the riverside  
One day as I walked along  
Straight as an arrow  
And pointing to the sky  
Growing tall and strong  
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"  
I said to my riverside tree  
This is the song that  
My tree friend sang to me:

Refrain

I've got roots growing down to the water  
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine  
And the fruit I bear is a sign of the life in me  
I am shade from the hot summer sundown  
I am nest for the birds of the heaven  
I'm becoming what the Maker of trees has blessed me  
to be A strong young tree

I saw a tree in the winter time  
When snow lay on the ground  
Straight as an arrow  
And pointing to the sky

And winter winds were blowing all around  
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"  
I said to the wintertime tree  
This is the song that  
My tree friend sang to me:

Refrain

I saw a tree in the city streets  
Where buildings blocked the sun  
Green and lovely, I could see  
It gave joy to ev'ryone  
"How do you grow so straight and tall?"  
I said to my downtown tree  
This is the song that  
My tree friend sang to me:

Refrain

A strong young tree  
A strong young tree  
A strong young tree

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**OFFERTORY: "Create In Me a Clean Heart O God" .....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,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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

**PETITION RESPONSE:**

**P:** Merciful God  
**C:** Receive Our Prayer

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** The Lord be with you.  
**C:** And also with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

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

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"* .....ACS p. 36



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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ..... ELW p. 145

**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 HYMN: "Lamb of God".....ACS p.40**



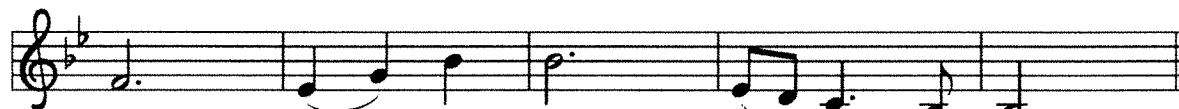
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" .....ELW 471**



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

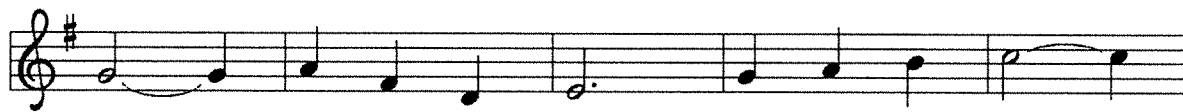
**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light" ..... ELW 715**  
 Sing Stanzas 1, 2, and 5

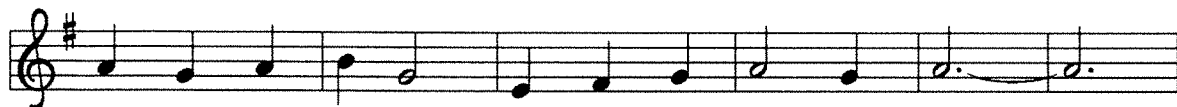


1	Long - ing	for	light,	we	wait	in	dark - ness.	Long - ing	for
2	Long - ing	for	peace,	our	world	is	trou - bled.	Long - ing	for
3	Long - ing	for	food,	man - y	are	hun - gry.	Long - ing	for	
4	Long - ing	for	shel - ter,	man - y	are	home - less.	Long - ing	for	
5	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	peo - ple,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

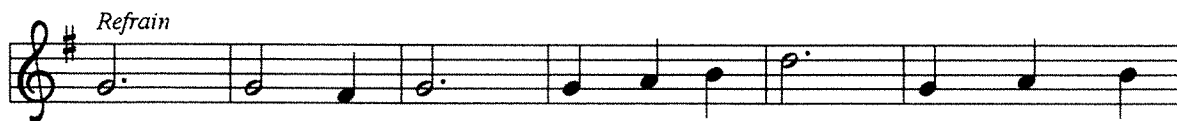


truth,	we	turn	to	you.	Make	us	your	own,
hope,	man - y	de -	spair.	Your	word	a -	lone	
wa -	ter,	man - y	still	thirst.	Make	us	your	bread,
warmth,	man - y	are	cold.	Make	us	your	build -	ing,
hearts	that	yearn	to	be -	long.	Let	us	be
								ser -
								vants

Hymn cont. on next pg.



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.

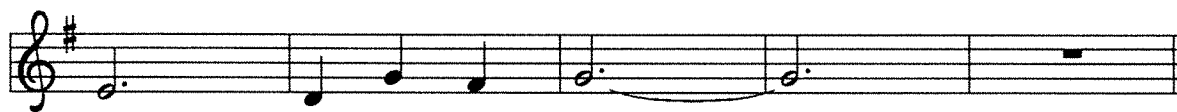


*Refrain*

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.

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 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell  
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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: "Fantasia" .....**Orlando Gibbons

## Announcements:

1. Altar flowers today are given by Bruce and Kimberly Underwood in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

2. **Interested in St. Johns?**

Use this QR code to share contact information with us, ask specific questions about our church community, and to get connected!



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. **Mary Breakfast Bunch Small Group**

**Facilitator:** Jackie Knauff

**Meets:** 1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next November 6**

**Where:** Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

5. **Hannah Bible Study Small Group**

**Facilitator:** Ruth Weber

**Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am** from September through June. Contact Ruth for details.

**Where:** St. John's

**Topic:** A study of other religions and other faiths, with fellowship and treats. The study group is open to women of all ages and backgrounds.

6. **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 October 24.**

7. **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, 10:00-11:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on October 10.**

**Where:** Highview Hills

8. During September and October Pink Envelope designated gifts will support Armful of Love. If you would like to make a financial gift - above & beyond your general offering to support Armful of Love, 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 "Armful of Love" in the memo line. Your generosity is making a difference!

9. **More Than Just Lunch:** On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be attending a play at the History Theatre. The production is "Behind the Sun" which is a look back at life in the 50's in Minneapolis. The cost of the tickets is \$30. Payments were to be made by the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. **We will meet at the church at 8:45am.** A restaurant has not been decided yet, suggestions are always welcomed.

10. Looking ahead to the next book club book on **November 13, 1:00pm** where we will be reading "**Small Great Things**" by Jodi Picoult. The story concentrates on an African-American labor/delivery (L&D) nurse, Ruth Jefferson, in charge of newborns at a fictional Connecticut hospital. Ruth is ordered not to touch or go near the baby of a white supremacist couple. After the baby dies in her care, Ruth is charged with murder, and taken to court.



Book Group  
Sign-up

11. **Men's Monday Breakfast Small Group**  
Facilitator: Peter Gudel (contact: [pjgudel@gmail.com](mailto:pjgudel@gmail.com))  
Meets: 3rd Monday of every month at 8:30 am; **Meets next October 21**  
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.

12. **Everyday Bible Conversations (EBC's).** Every week, we look for God in our Everyday Lives with a video and devotions based on the week's Gospel, wherever we happen to be.

These weekly messages include a 3–5-minute video (available on St. John's YouTube channel, and through the website and app), as well as a one-page devotional that summarizes the reading, asks a few questions, and encourages an action step for the week to come. If you would like to access EBC, but need help, please ask Candy in the church office. And let's go find God!!

13. **The annual Scouts BSA Wreath fundraiser is here!** St John's charters two Scouts BSA Troops: Troop 9111 has 55 boys and Troop 7111 has 16 girls. The fundraiser has wreaths, door charmers and Gerten's Plant Cards. The Gerten's website closes on October 21 at 10pm and some items could sell out so don't delay! Steps to make a purchase: go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com), enter the Store ID code **372** and click the red button to continue, then type **TROOP 111** in the Seller's Name field (this will indicate that the sale is for a member of the congregation.) Items will be able to be picked up Sunday, November 24 in the Narthex and orders will be labeled. The scouts thank you for your support!

14. **Seeking Donations.** The quilters are asking for donations of sheets (new or used) that can be used for backing. Any size would work. Please bring them to the church office. There is a donation bin available near the coat racks to collect them.

15. **Worship helpers needed**  
We are so thankful to have many volunteers to serve in worship and in other areas at St. John's. Some of the more pressing needs are for readers, worship coordinators, clickers and running the sound and livestream during worship.

If you have additional questions about any of these roles, please contact Candy in the church office or stop by the welcome station to see where you can sign up to help.



Readers:



Worship  
Coordinators



Clickers:



16. 2025 Offering Intent (Pledge) Cards have been mailed to the whole congregation in late September. Please prayerfully consider how you might participate in our 2024 theme "Growing in Generosity" and tangibly grow your own generosity this year.

On Sunday, October 13, we will celebrate God's abundant generosity shared in our congregation by offering our "2025 Offering Intent" (Pledge) cards to God in gratitude for all that God has and continues to do for us. Join us! There are extra ones on the table in the Narthex if you still need one.

17. **Muhanga Student Scholarship Giving Opportunities**  
As you may be aware, St. John's congregation provides a significant number of student scholarships for our companion congregation in Muhanga. With this assistance, many eager children are able to continue their education. These scholarships are vital to the adolescents of Muhanga in helping them reach their full educational potential. If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance, please contact any member of the Church Staff or Global Missions Committee, or simply place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope with both your check & the envelope clearly marked MUHANGA SCHOLARSHIP. A single scholarship for 2025 is \$400 and provides for a full year of education. However, any fractional amount is perfectly acceptable and very much appreciated.

18. **Veritas Concert October 13 at 6:00pm.**  
Veritas will share music during both Sunday worship services, and will hold a concert at St. John's on Sunday evening. We encourage you to not only make plans to join us yourself, but to also consider inviting family and friends to join you for this special music experience.

