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AUGUST 31, 2025
8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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And Jesus came and said to them.
"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

GO therefore
and
MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations.
BAPTIZING them in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of
the Holy Spirit
and **TEACHING** them to obey
everything that I have
commanded you.
And **REMEMBER**

2025 I am with you always, to the end of the age." 28:18-20

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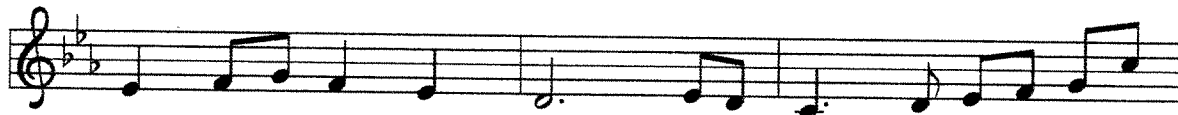
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KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

PRELUDE: "Reverie" William Grant Still (African-American, 1895-1978)

CALL TO WORSHIP: "God Weeps With Us Who Weep and Mourn" ACS 1054
 STZ 1 & 2—Cantors
 STZ 3—Congregation



1 God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's
 2 Through tears and sor - row, God, we share a
 3 And yet be - cause, like us, you weep, we



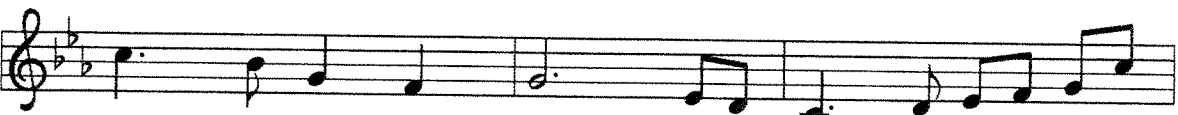
tears flow down with ours, and God's own heart is
 sense of your vast grief: the weight of bear - ing
 trust you will re - ceive and in your ten - der



bruised and worn from all the heav - y hours
 ev - 'ry prayer for heal - ing and re - lief,
 heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve,



of watch - ing while the soul's bright fire burned
 the bur - den of our ques - tions why, the
 while with your tears our hearts will taste the



low - er day by day, and pulse and breath and
 doubts that they en - gage, and as our friends and
 deep, dear core of things from which both life and



love's de - sire dimmed down to ash and clay.
loved ones die, our hope - less - ness and rage.
death are graced by love's re - new - ing springs.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, b. 1945

Music: MOSHIER, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ELW p. 94

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

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,**

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✠ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

GREETING:

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

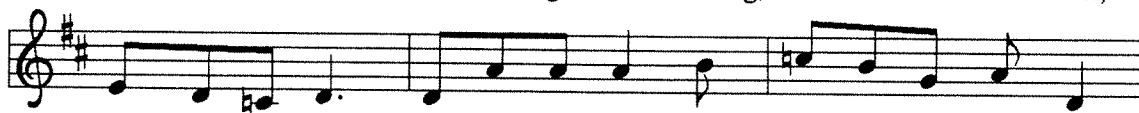
C: **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Gather Us In".....ELW 532

Stz. 1, 3 & 4



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,



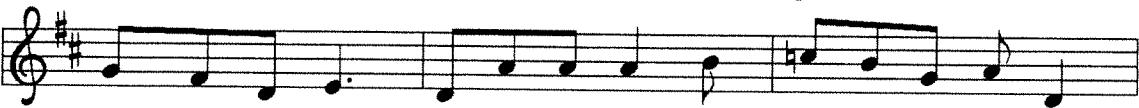
van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



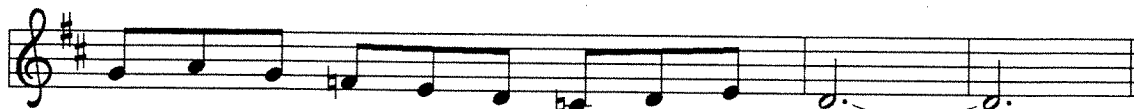
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



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.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: PSALM 112

L: A Reading from Psalms, Please read responsively

- ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
- ² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
- ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- ⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

L: The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN’S SERMONAmanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Listen to the Word”ACS 974

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the One who is
close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be - gan cre - a - tion;
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada
Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The Holy Gospel According to Luke
C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.
⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when

you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

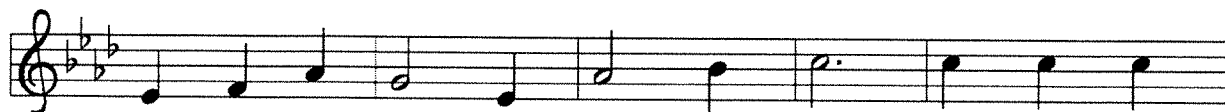
P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON..... Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O God of Mercy, God of Light" ELW 714

Stz. 1, 3 & 5



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*..... arr. Mark Patterson
Women's Trio: Nikki Walsh, Kay Halvorson & Roxanne Litchfield
With Cindy Johannessen on flute

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OFFERTORY: *"Come to the Table"*.....ELW 481



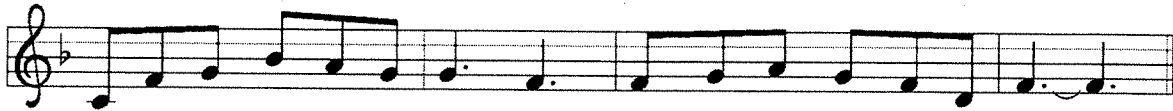
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

P: Hear Us O God

C: Your Mercy is Great

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 173

**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 THE TABLE

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Jesus, Lamb of God"ELW 199

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"ELW 461

1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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BENEDICTION

P: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Welcome Table".....ACS 969



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

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: "*Holy Manna*" Mark Patterson (American, b. 1969)

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Announcements:

1. **Altar flowers** are given today by Chris and Phill Wolf in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.
2. **Please Note: Worship Times change next Sunday September 7th.** Worship will be held at 8:30am and 10:30am. Wednesday Restorative worship begins on Wednesday September 10th at 6:30pm
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 Sept. 2nd**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville
5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets: 1st Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am; **Meets next Sept 3rd.** 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. **Caregiver Conversations Small Group**
Facilitators: Dawn Gudel and Judy Strand
Meets: 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 2-4 pm, meets next **September 11**
Where: St. John's - Mark classroom
If you are a caregiver or someone who cares for a caregiver, Dawn and Judy invite you to join the Caregiver Conversations Small Group. This small group is a safe place to share your joys, concerns, struggles, questions, and wins with other caregivers or listen and be in the presence of those who understand. Our focus is on conversation and

connection. The journey you are traveling is not an easy one, but you do not need to travel it alone. As singer Bill Withers sings "We all need somebody to lean on."

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, 3:30-4:30 pm on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on September 11**

Where: Highview Hills

8. **More Than Just Lunch** More Than Just Lunch will be going to the **Planetarium at the Bell Museum on September 19th**. We will be viewing the MN Nights Skies at 10:30. The cost is \$9 that needs to be paid in advance if there are 15 the cost is reduced to \$8. We will **meet at church at church at 9:30**. We will be having lunch at the Stouts Pub and Grill.

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 September 25**

10. All prospective new members are encouraged to attend our **New Member Lunch on Sunday, November 9th** at 11:45 am to connect with others who are new to St. John's, learn more about our faith community and ask any questions you may have. Then, if you are ready to make St. John's your new church home, please join us on **Sunday, November 16th for New Member Sunday**.



Visitor
Interest Form

11. **Directory Update** The church directory had been delayed in the office for a while and is now in process at the directory printers. We have reviewed the proof and they should be available by the end of September. Thank you for your patience in this process.



Membership
Form

12. **Lost and Found!** Missing a water bottle? Please check the lost and found table in the Narthex. There are several things left over from the summer and even earlier. I hope you can find a long lost treasure and help us clean out at the same time!

13. Upcoming in ACE: **September 7: Reflections From Tanzania**

This past June, Gabby and Pastor Nathan were able to visit our companion parish in Muhunga, Tanzania. Come to hear and see some of the stories Gabby will share about this extraordinary trip.

September 21: A Dive Into The St. John's Historical Archive

As we launch into another program year at St. John's, come to learn about some of the long history of the church pulled from over 100 years of news clippings, bulletins, and other gems from the past with Jeanne and Pastor Nathan.

14. **Faith Education Teachers and Mentors needed! We hope that you consider being part of this wonderful team! We are now recruiting Sunday School Teachers, Ablaze and Affirm Mentors.**
(Middle School and High School Students can help teach Sunday School and Affirm)
15. Register now for all of the fall Children, Youth and Family programs! Go to the CYF webpage where you will find all of the fall registration information.



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Those serving Today

Organist Karen Olson
Lector Eric Engwall (8:30), Dave Coldren (10:00)
Usher Team Leader Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:00)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Lynn Coldren
Communion Servers Amanda Boe, Kristi Winkels, Tom Lardy (8:30)
..... Lynn Coldren, Dave Coldren, Barry Fick (10:00)
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:30), Dan Nelson (10:00)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:00)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator John Hartwig (8:30), Barry Fick (10:00)
Coffee Servers John & Jeanne Hartwig

Those Serving Next Week

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector (8:30), (10:30)
Usher team leaders Lisa Horn (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Communion Set Up and Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers John Hartwig, Jeanne Hartwig, Ginger Gustafson (8:30)
..... Jennifer Milbradt, Barry Fick, Jenni Tange (10:30)
Sound Tech..... Dave Coldren (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)
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Coffee ServersMark & Jo Knutson

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