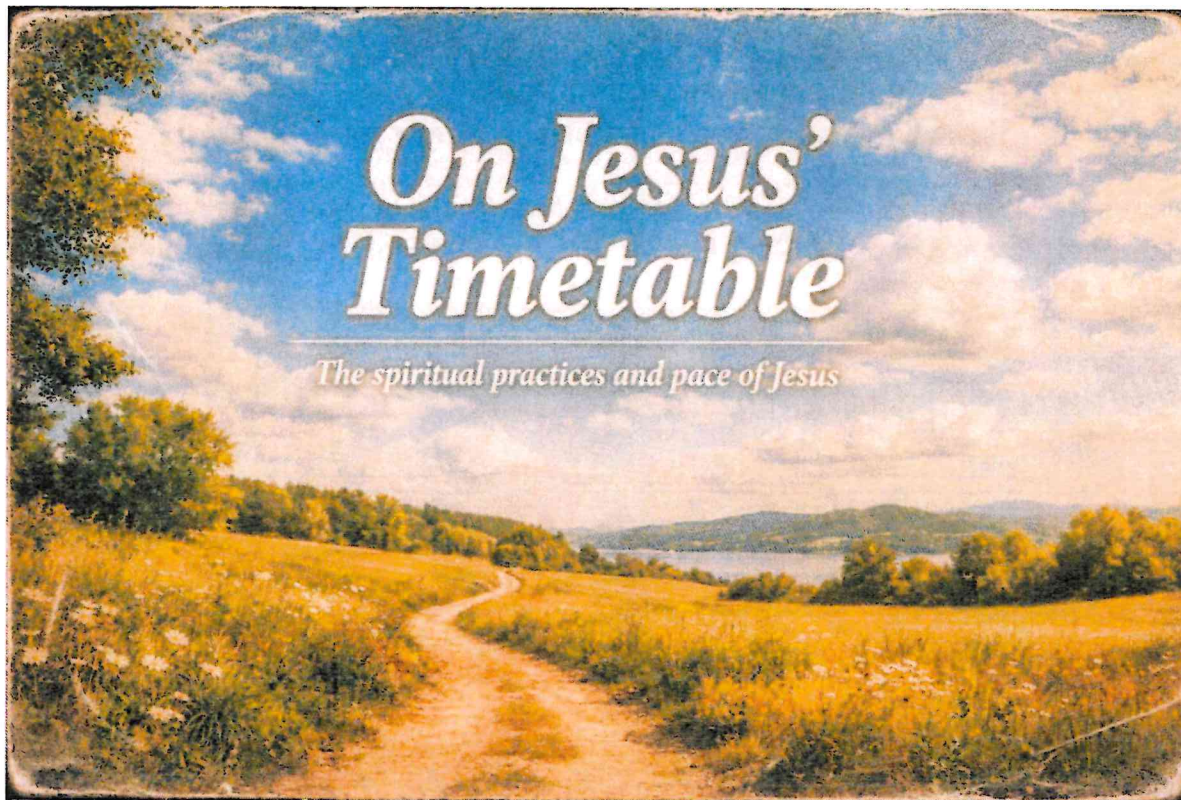


**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**AUGUST 23, 2026**  
**8:30 AM AND 10:00 AM**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, AUGUST 23, 2026**

**PRELUDE:** "Preludium" ..... Rudolf Bibl

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** ..... ACS p.29

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

P: Compassionate God,

**C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ..... ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827. adapt.

## 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: “Glory to You, God” ..... ACS p.31



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: Let us pray together:

C: **Generous God, In Jesus you have shown us a love that gives itself away. As Christ humbled himself and calls us friends, shape our hearts to reflect his generosity and compassion. Teach us to love one another as he has loved us, and to bear fruit that honors his self-giving grace. In his name we pray. Amen.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST READING:** Philippians 2:1-11

L: A Reading from Philippians

<sup>1</sup> If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ..... ACS p.33

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Our hearts burn with - in us as you open to us the scriptures.

**GOSPEL READING** John 15:12-17

**P:** A Reading from the Gospel of John

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

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

**P:** The Word of the Lord

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

**SERMON** “Generosity and Self-Giving Love”..... Pastor Jon Rhodes

Sing Through 3 times  
Assembly is invited to sing harmony

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas, De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

Text: Latin antiphon, 9th cent.; Taizé Community; tr. *With One Voice*  
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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TAIZÉ UBI CARITAS  
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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:** *"A Living Prayer"* ..... Ron Block  
Katie Pelletier

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**Pink Envelope Partner for August:** Global Missions: 2028 Tanzania Travelers Fund.  
For August our Pink Envelope Partner is our 2028 Tanzania Travelers Fund, which  
continues our commitment to this global partnership. Any donations collected via pink  
envelopes in July-August will contribute to a fund available to assist with travel costs.

**OFFERTORY:** *"Be Present at Our Table, Lord"* ..... Traditional  
Assembly is invited to sing harmony

Be pres-ent at our ta-ble, Lord; be here and ev-ery -

where a-dored; thy crea-tures bless, and grant that we

may Strength - en for thy serv - ice be. A - men.

The musical score is written for a two-part harmony, likely SATB. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff (soprano/tenor) and a bass clef staff (alto/bass). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first system ends with a fermata over the final note. The second system ends with a fermata over the final note. The third system ends with a double bar line.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PETITION RESPONSE:

P: God of Grace,  
C: Hear our Prayer

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER.....ACS P.39

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

P: Come to this table: you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have come here often, and you who are here for the very first time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. This is Christ's table, and it is Christ who invites us here. These gifts of God are for the people of God. All are welcome.

### DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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: "Beloved, God's Chosen" ..... ELW 648**



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment  
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;  
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment  
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.  
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.  
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.  
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment  
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,  
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment  
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.  
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.  
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: ANDREW'S SONG, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962  
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## COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ..... ELW 631



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



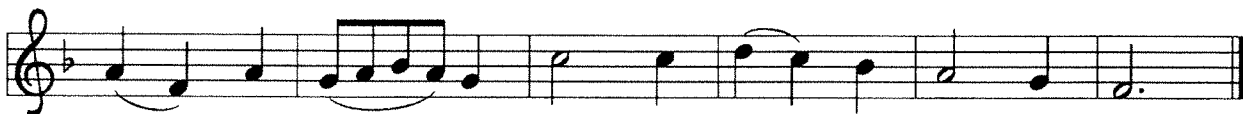
earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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: “Hyfrydol”..... arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

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Announcements:

- 1. Altar flowers are given today in memory of Leann Bright by Jerry and family.
- 2. **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
- 3. **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 & Colleen Dupree (of Highview Hills)  
**Meets:** Once/month, 10:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on September 10**  
**Where:** Highview Hills

- 4. Please review these **sign up links** for worship helpers which have lots of openings for you to choose from. Please review them and sign up for any that work for you. If you have any questions about any of these roles, please contact the church office.

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|  | Readers                                                                             | Worship<br>Coordinators                                                               | Clickers                                                                              |
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- 5. **MomCo – You’ll Be in Good Company**  
Are you a mom (with kids of *any* age) looking for real community? MomCo is a place with no perfect moms, no pressure, no pretending — just connection, encouragement, and genuine friendship. Whether you're navigating toddlers, teens, or simply need a

place to breathe, we've saved you a seat.  
All moms are welcome to enjoy fellowship and good company.

**Regular gatherings resume September 13**, meeting the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 3–5 PM.

Questions? Email [stjohnsmomco1@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmomco1@gmail.com).

Join us — you'll be in Good Company.

6. St John's Book Club is open to anyone who likes to read and share your thoughts on the books. We meet every other month from September to May. The next book selected is: ***The Good Neighbor The life and Work of Fred Rogers*** by Maxwell King. Join us on September 9th for the next discussion. Contact the church office to sign up.

7. **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)



8. 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.



9. LAMA (Lakeville Area Mutual Aid). Asking for markers, folders, notebooks, scissors (ages 8 and up), and clipboards. **Not needed** are: Backpacks, crayons, & pencils. Items can be dropped off at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, 10970 185th St W, Lakeville.

10. **Life Line Screening** will be here at St John's Lutheran Church Lakeville on Monday, September 4th, 2026 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the information below to get more info about how you can sign up.  
There is no time like the present to take action!

**Three ways to register:**

- **Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001**
- **Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)**
- **Text: the word **circle** to 216-279-1607**

11. **Fall Adult Bible Study 2026**  
Two Times Available: 2 pm Mondays or 7 pm Wednesdays

September 14/16, 21/23/ 28/30 & October 5/7

In Bible study, we will continue to reflect on and discuss more in depth the weekly themes of our Sunday "*Won't You Be My Neighbor?*" series. The bible study texts will be the same selections from the Gospel of Matthew reading each week and is a great way to grow from the series with the help of your neighbors at the table!

**Cost:** Free. **Bring:** Your Bible:



Register with this QR code or call the church office:

12. **Fall Worship News: Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 am (Starting September 6)**  
*\*As a faith community rooted in Lutheran theology and identity, we are gathered for sacramental worship. This means that either a baptism or holy communion will be celebrated at every worship service.*
13. **"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Sermon Series: September 13 - October 4**  
Fred Rogers (yes, as in Mr. Rogers from PBS) was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation are worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children. In celebration of his legacy, this series is a reflection and a call to action for how we serve our neighbors.
14. **Restorative Worship - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, starting September 16**  
Join us for Restorative Worship tonight for a time of community, peace, pause, and joy on Wednesdays. This is a 30-minute worship has an intentional, casual feel, providing an alternate option for worship. The abbreviated format, often with tactile elements and a tag-team sermon between our pastors, has become a great opportunity for connection for youth and families participating in Wednesday night ministries, as well as for Sunday morning worshippers looking for a mid-week boost!

### **Financial Information as of June 2026**

| <b>General Fund Results</b> | <b>Month</b>     | <b>Year to date</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Budget                      | \$48,885         | \$315,630           |
| Revenue                     | \$42,790         | \$312,278           |
| Expenses                    | <u>\$48,997</u>  | <u>\$320,086</u>    |
| Net Income (loss)           | <u>\$(6,207)</u> | <u>\$ (7,808)</u>   |

**Mortgage Fund is on track for the year**



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026  
9:30AM-10:15AM

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**RALLY  
SUNDAY**

All are invited for a special  
breakfast, bounce houses,  
Family Fun &  
Sunday School Orientation

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Worship times: 8:30am and 10:30am  
Sign up for Faith Programs at  
[sjlel.org](http://sjlel.org)

### Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen  
Lector ..... Bryan Stave (8:30), Cindy Derendal (10:00)  
Usher Team Leader ..... John Hartwig (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:00)  
Communion Set Up & Clean Up ..... Laurie Barth  
Communion Servers ..... Linda Nielsen, Dan Nelson, Jackie Sorensen (8:30)  
Pam Haukoos, Perry Fuerniss, Jennifer Milbradt (10:00)  
Sound Tech..... Danny Barth (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:00)  
Clicker Team..... Katie Henning (8:30), (10:00)  
Livestream Team ..... Francine Capasso  
Worship Coordinator ..... (8:30), Pam Haukoos (10:00)  
Coffee Servers ..... Mark & Jo Knutson, Ron Keith

### Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson  
Lector ..... Elisa Brown (8:30), (10:00)  
Usher team leaders ..... Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Lowell Grimm (10:00)  
Communion Set Up & Clean Up ..... Liz Westfield  
Communion Servers..... Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson, Kristi Winkels (8:30)  
Erin Boerschel, Jenni Tange, Pam Haukoos (10:00)  
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Coffee Servers ..... Ginger Gustafson, Kathy Ziller

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