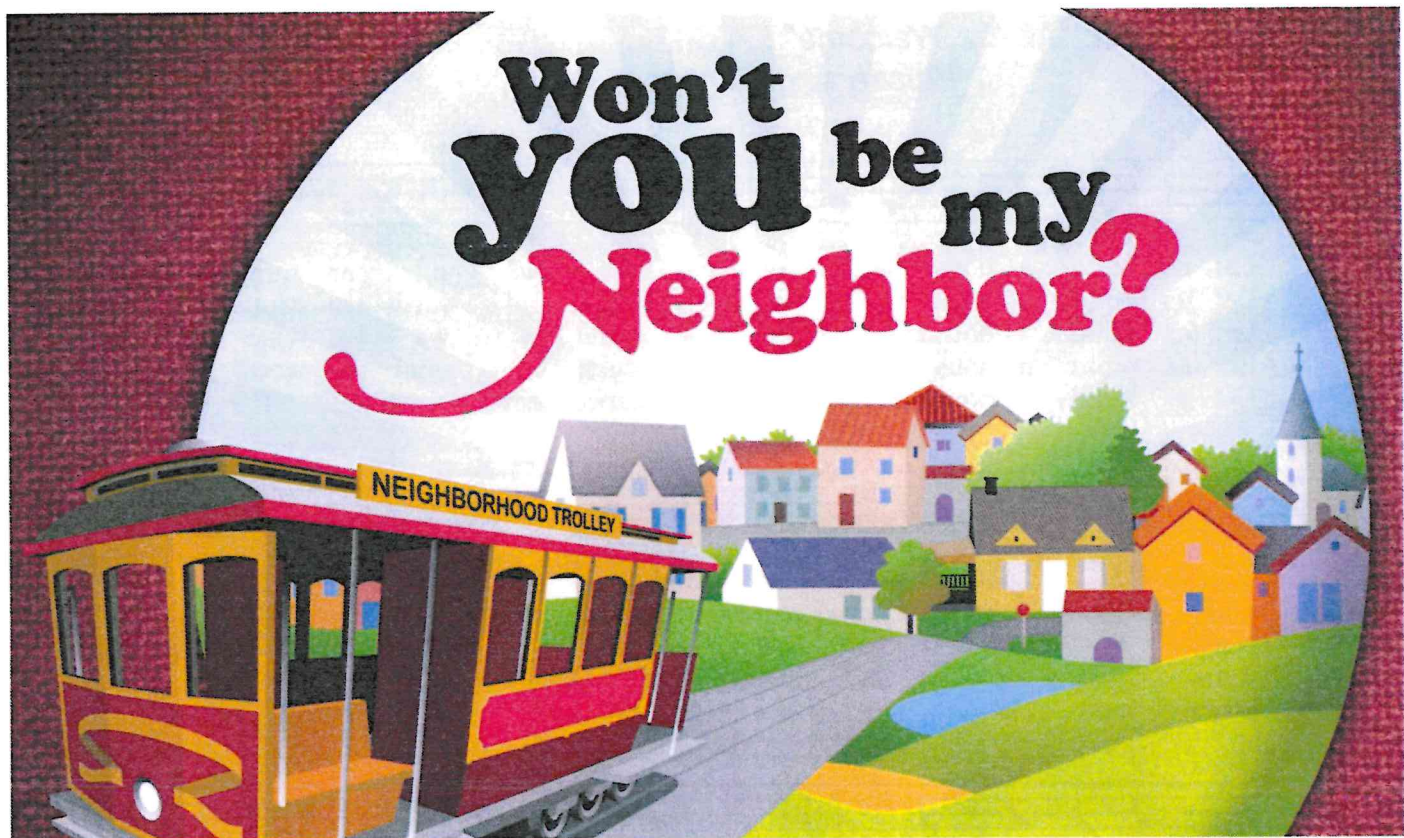


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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PRELUDE: *"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"* arr. J. Wayne Kerr
"Processional for a Joyful Day" Dale Wood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ACS p.29

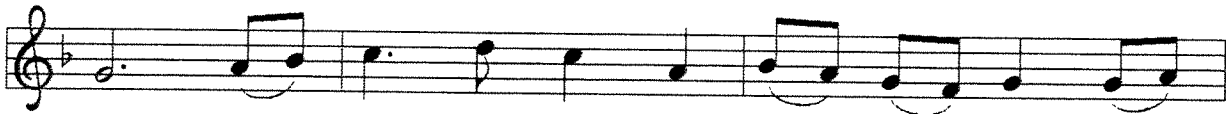
CALL TO WORSHIP: *"People Need the Lord"* Nelson/McHugh
 Christie Wright, Vocal Solo

WELCOME

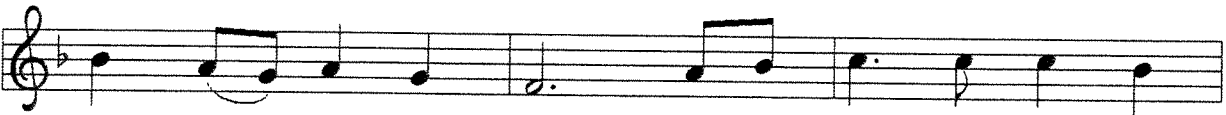
GATHERING HYMN: *"All Are Welcome"* ELW 641
 Please sing stanzas 1, 3 & 5



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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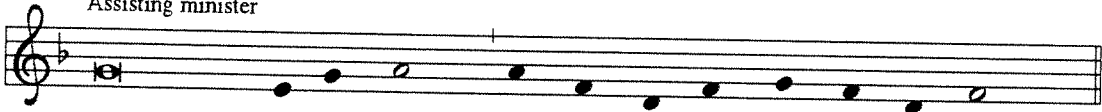
GREETING:

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.**

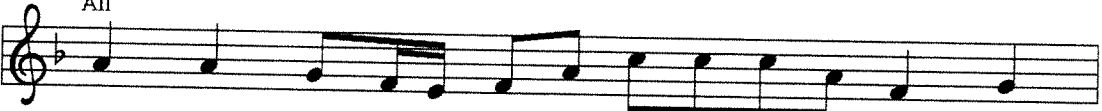
SONG OF PRAISE: "Glory to God".....ELW p. 139

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



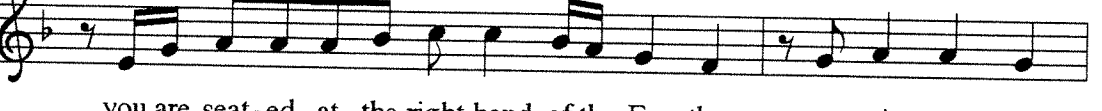
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.



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. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Romans 13:8-14

L: A Reading from Romans

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

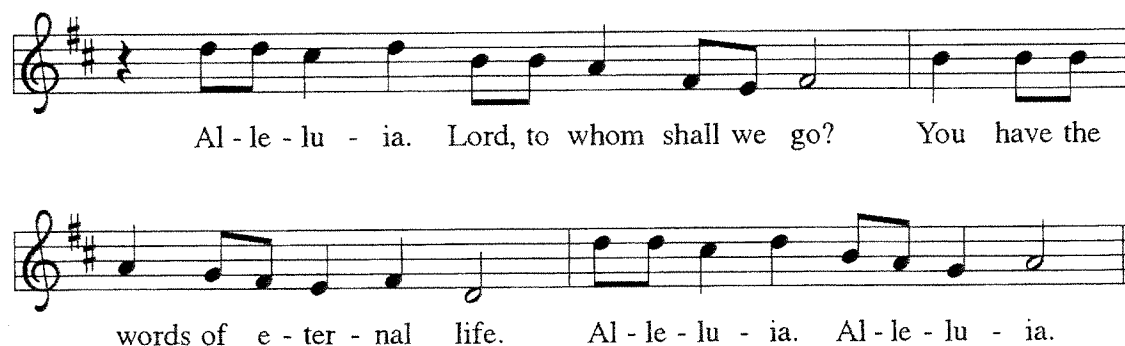
¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON..... Amanda Boe

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21-35

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Word of the Lord

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

SERMON "*Neighbors Forgive Neighbors*" Pastor Nathan Lyke

HYMN OF THE DAY: "*I Come With Joy*" ELW 482

Please sing stanzas 1, 4 & 5



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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) *"Lord, Let Us Listen"* Hobby
Chancel Choir

(10:30): *"God Himself is Present"* arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Pink Envelope Partner for September: 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.

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.

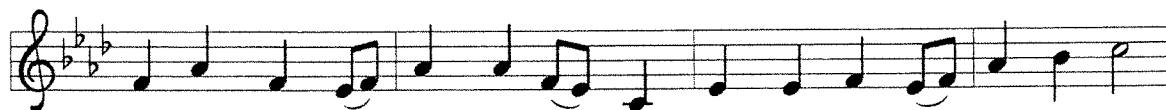
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Note about the new communion wafers. These wafers are prepared with certified gluten-free ingredients using dedicated equipment and ingredients to minimize the risk of gluten cross-contact. While we take steps to reduce the risk of cross-contact with other allergens, some ingredients are manufactured in facilities that also process other allergens. Because of this, we cannot guarantee the complete absence of trace allergens. If you or a family member has a food allergy or other dietary concern, please contact the church office so we can discuss your individual needs.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “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 HYMN: "Commonwealth is God's Commandment"..... ACS 1036



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

P: May God bless you and keep you safe.

May God smile on you with grace.

May God watch over you always

and give you peace. Amen.

Like shoes for your feet

put on whatever will make you ready

to go and tell everyone

the good news of God's peace.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "All Creatures Worship God Most High"..... ELW 835
 Sing stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 6



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.</p> | <p>6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.</p> |
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 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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: *"Postlude a la Gigue"* David Lasky

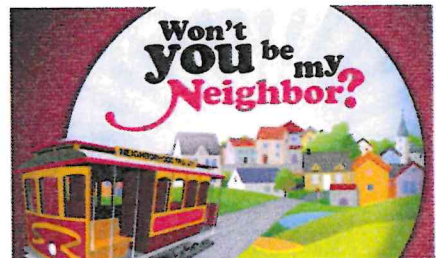
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Announcements:

1. **Altar Flowers** today are given by Laurie and Danny Barth in memory of Katie Marie and our moms, Mary and Eloise.

2. **"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.



3. **Fall Worship News: Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**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.*

4. **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

5. **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 October 8** at Highview Hills

6. 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.

Readers



Worship
Coordinators



Clickers



7. **More Than Just Lunch** will be traveling to the **Walker Art Center on the 23rd of September**. It will be a guided tour starting at 10:00. It will feature some of the more popular pieces of art. The cost is \$18.00 which will need to be **paid by September 16th**. The check needs to be made out to Ginger. We will have lunch at their cafe. After lunch there will be time to stroll through the Sculpture Garden before we head back to Lakeville. We will **meet at the church at 9:00**.

8. **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.

Join us — you'll be in Good Company.

9. 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.

10. **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:



11. **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!

12. **New Gluten-Free Communion Bread:**

Starting this fall, St. John's is delighted to announce that all of our communion bread will be gluten-free, and we are making it ourselves, using certified gluten-free ingredients with dedicated equipment used only for making this gluten-free bread. There are a number of reasons that contributed to this decision:

- Welcome - this way, we can confidently provide one bread option that is safe for everyone
- Supply-chain issues - this year, our previous gluten-free communion wafers have repeatedly been out of stock from the supplier, making it difficult for us to be able to count on offering them during worship
- Reducing Cross-Contamination - having all gluten-free bread eliminates the possibility of a server accidentally touching both kinds of wafers as they are serving

We have a dedicated group of trained volunteers who will be baking this gluten-free communion bread regularly. If you are interested in helping with this new initiative, contact the church office.

Financial Information as of July 2026

General Fund Results	Month	Year to date
Budget	\$46,010	\$361,640
Revenue	\$54,166	\$366,444
Expenses	<u>\$53,956</u>	<u>\$374,040</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$210	\$ (7,596)

Mortgage Fund is on track for the year



Fall Schedule

Sunday Schedule for worship and Education Hour

- 8:30am-11:30am nursery staffed
- 8:30am Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School/ACE
- 10:30am Worship

Wednesday Schedule for Affirm, Ablaze, Highlights, Choirs and Youth Group

- 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) and Ablaze
- 7pm-Adult Bible Study
- 7:15pm-Adult Choir
- 8:00pm-8:45pm Youth Group

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Elisa Brown (8:30), Ron Keith (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Paul Johnson (8:30), Wright and Olson Families (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Laurie Barth
Communion Servers..... Jeanne Hartwig, John Hartwig, Jenni Tange (8:30)
Ron Keith, Jim Buckley, Charlotte Wolfgram (10:30)
Sound Tech Danny Barth (8:30), Sydnee Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator John Hartwig (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers John & Jeanne Hartwig, Arlene Kyte

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Jim Buckley (8:30), Cindy Derendal (10:30)
Usher team leaders Don Knauff (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Jeanne Hartwig
Communion Servers..... Jim Buckley, Susan Van Thomme, Jackie Sorensen (8:30)
Pam Haukoos, Perry Fuerniss, Jennifer Milbradt (10:30)
Sound Tech Katie Henning (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Dan and Kris Nelson

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