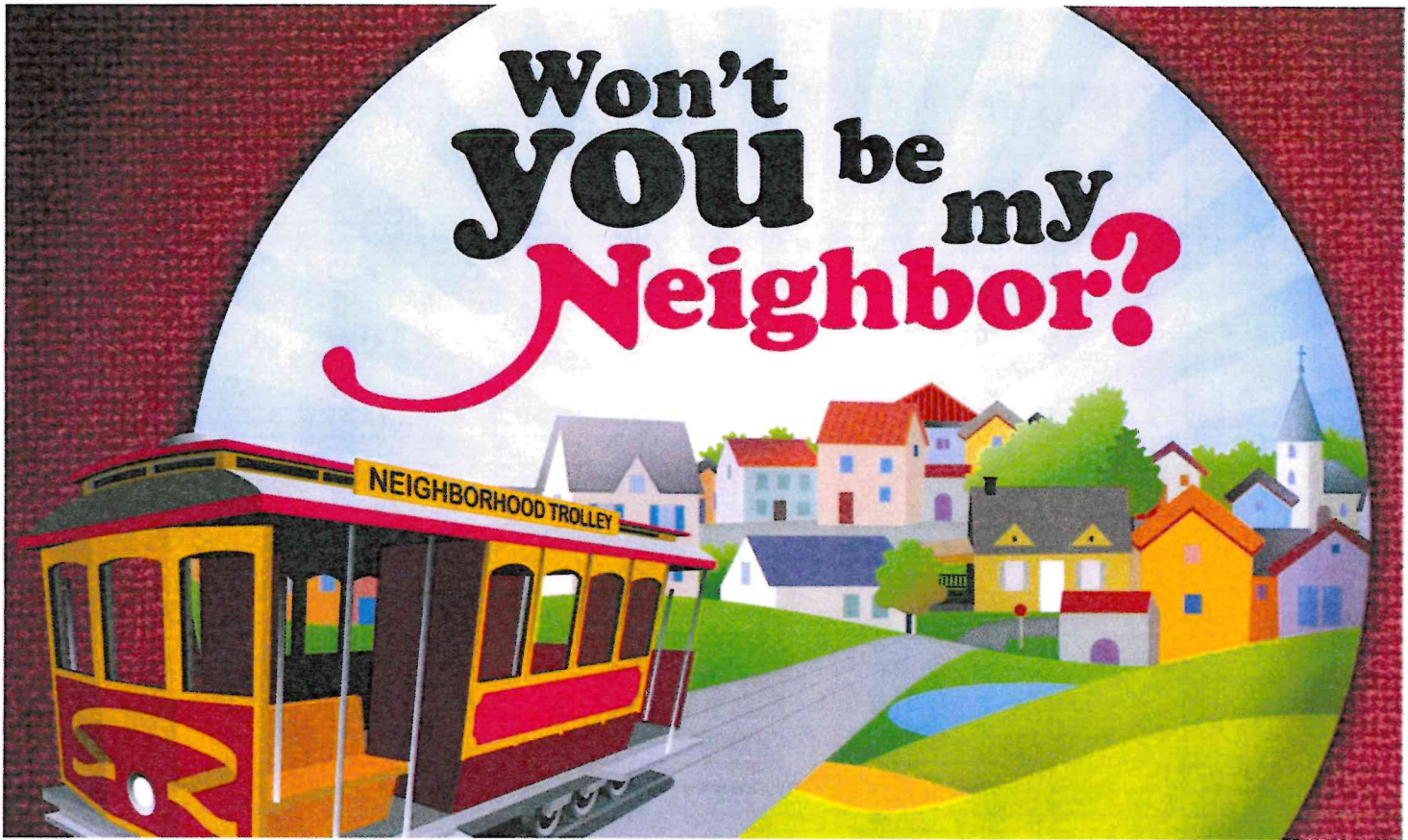


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PRELUDE: *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"* Phillip Magness (20th century, American)

CALL TO WORSHIP *"My Lighthouse"* Gillekson & Llewellyn
 St. John's Summer Youth

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: *"Take My Life, that I May Be"* ELW 583

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



at the im - pulse of thy love;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;

take my feet and let them be swift and
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo
beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956
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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,

Hymn cont. on next pg.

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

FIRST READING: Ruth 1:15-16

L: A Reading from Ruth

¹⁵ So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;

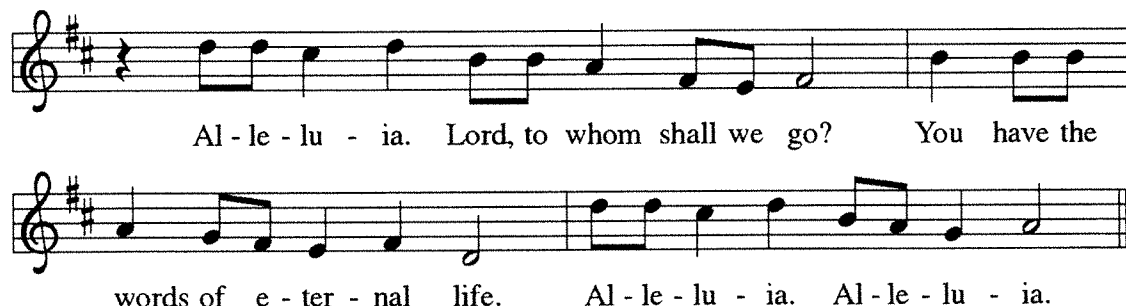
your people shall be my people
and your God my God.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Luther Crest Bible Camp Youth

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1-16

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same

as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

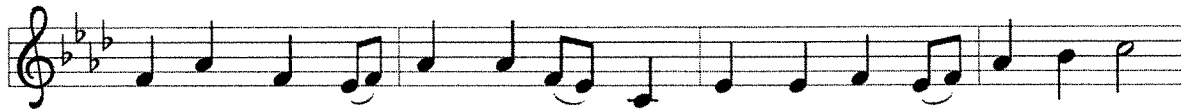
P: The Word of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON "God's Love is Big, Generous and Shared Equally with Everyone"

Nashville Mission Trip Youth

HYMN OF THE DAY: "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 stran-gers: 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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This hymn's refrain includes words meaning *peace* from other religious traditions. Shanti (Sanskrit) is pronounced "shann-tee" and is used in Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Pax (Latin) is pronounced "shuh-lohm" and means peace, wholeness. Maslaha (Arabic) is pronounced "muhs-lah-hah" and means reconciliation.

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) *“Jesus Loves Me”*..... David Schelat (b.1955, American)
(10:30) *“Lord, Let Us Listen”*Hobby
Chancel Choir

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Pink Envelope Partner for September: For September-October our Pink Envelope Partner is Armful of Love. 360 Communities Armful of Love has delivered holiday joy to thousands of families over the decades. Armful of Love supports families in need with gift cards to purchase gifts and groceries during the holiday season. The support of our generous donors helps reduce financial stress for families in Dakota County. Any donations collected via pink envelopes in September and October will support Armful of Love's 2026 Holiday Campaign.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PETITION RESPONSE:

L: Hear us O God
C: **Your Mercy is Great**

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.

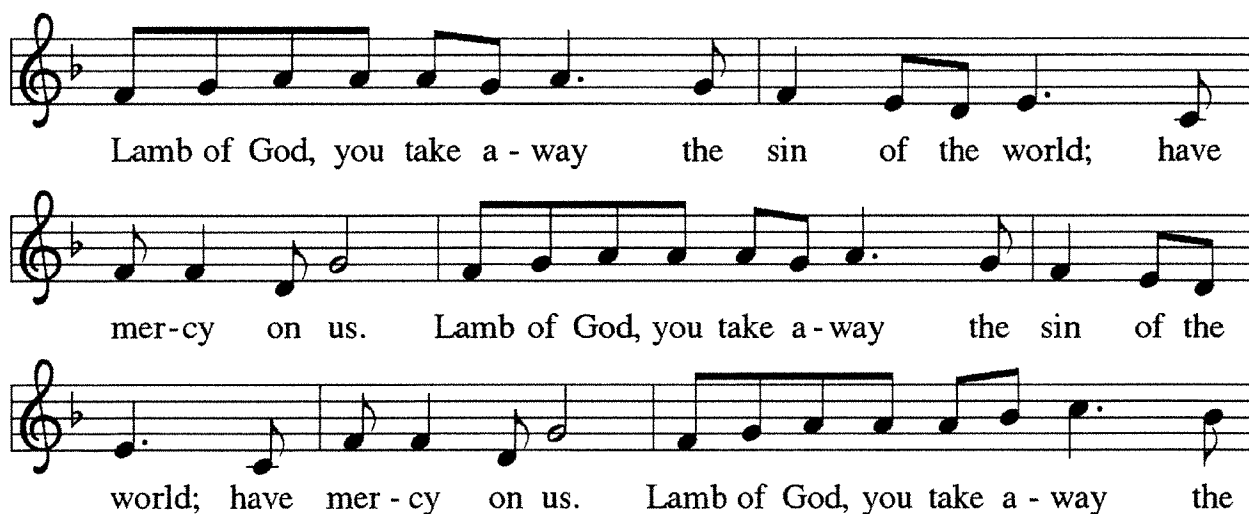
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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*".....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



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me”..... ELW 595

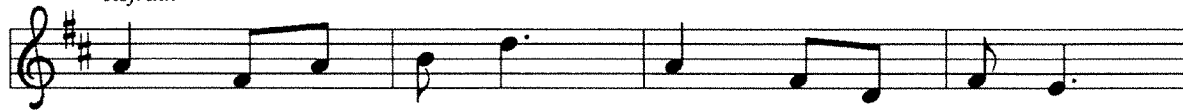


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION St. John's Summer Youth

CLOSING HYMN: "Go, Make Disciples".....ELW 540



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

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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: "Faith Begins by Letting Go"..... Jeffrey Blersch (b.1967, American)

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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

Announcements:

1. **"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.
2. **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!
3. **Get Involved Sunday**
We are the church together, and when we all use our time and talents, the church blossoms as a vibrant community of faith! On **Sunday, September 27th**, leaders of ministry groups will be available between services to answer questions and help you sign up for a wide variety of ways to get involved and serve with St. John's. There is truly something for everyone! Whether you're looking for a small commitment or something a bit more substantial, we want you to be involved. Stop by the narthex to check it out!
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**
Where: 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**.

More Than Just Lunch will be traveling back in time to the **sinking of the Titanic**. There will be over 300 artifacts along with recreation of rooms and an Immersive Voyage. This exhibit has recently arrived in Minneapolis for a stay of approximately four months. Our date is **October 21st** at 10:00. The cost is **\$24.53** which will need to be **paid by the 4th of October**. After our tour we will have lunch at the Uptown Diner. We will meet at the church at 9:15.

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.

Meets 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.



8. **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:



Summer of 2026 Recap

This summer at St. John's has been filled with fun, service, adventure, spiritual growth, and wonderful opportunities for our youth to develop as leaders! We are so grateful for the many ways St. John's supported our youth in serving and loving our neighbors, both near and far.

Our **Summer Stretch** program involved 39 upper elementary and middle school students who dedicated their time to serving at Arc Value Village, the Pan-O-Prog ice cream social, Highview Hills, and Feed My Starving Children. Beyond service, they also enjoyed exciting adventures swimming and mini-golfing at Cascade Bay!

This year's **Mission Trip** sent us to Nashville and was facilitated by Serve Boldly, a ministry of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Our group of 29, including 23 youth and 6 chaperones worked at many Nashville service organizations. The primary focus of our work was on daily food distribution, providing hot meals and groceries to those in need. Places we worked were: Inspiritus Food Pantry, Nashville Rescue Mission, BELL Garden, The Bridge Ministry, People Loving Nashville, Project CURE, Room in the Inn, Second Harvest, and Soles4Souls. In the evening we explored the Nashville downtown area, community worship and we went tubing down the Harpeth River.

Additionally, a total of 53 **Luther Crest Bible Camp** adventurers attended camp over three separate weeks, participating in eight different programs. Our younger elementary campers experienced an overnight stay with a parent, while many middle school and elementary campers who stayed for a half or full week learned exciting new ways to be brave and courageous in their faith. Our high school students even served as counselors in training, gaining valuable leadership skills.

Thank you, St. John's community, for your unwavering support of these summer program participants through your prayers and crucial financial contributions, which made all of these experiences possible.

Luther Crest

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Gracie Theel
Asher Withers
Eva Blazek
Ruby Ludden
Ingrid Jacobson

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector Jim Buckley (8:30), Jeff Winkels (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, Elisa Brown (8:30)
..... Pam Haukoos, Jennifer Milbradt, Lynn Coldren (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 Paul Johnson (8:30), Jeff Winkels (10:30)
Coffee Servers Dan & Kris Nelson

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Bryan Stave (8:30), Cindy Derendal (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30) Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers Kathy Ziller, Ginger Gustafson, Tricia Murphy (8:30)
..... Erin Boerschel, Jenni Tange, Elisa Brown (10:30)
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