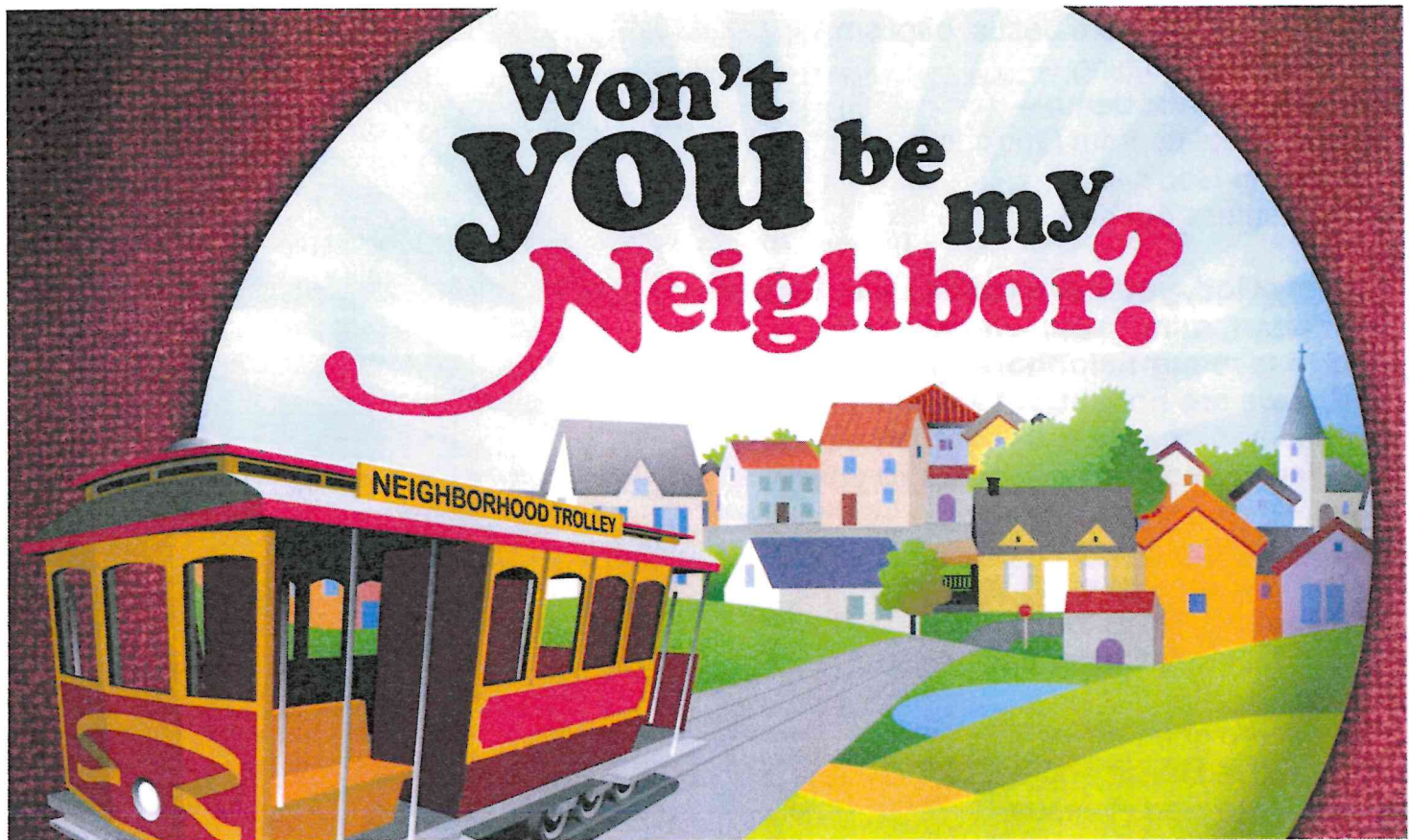


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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

PRELUDE: *"Westminster Abbey"* arr. Paul Manz
Abbot's Leigh arr. Davis Lasky

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Because we share Jesus' baptism,
we know that nothing —
not even sin and death—
can separate us from God's love.
Trusting in God's love,
let us confess our sin.

**C: Holy God, you have called us to love you
with heart, mind, soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
But, if we are honest, we know
that sometimes we hurt each other
and fail to keep our promises to you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us, day by day,
to turn away from what is wrong
and turn to you in faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Hear the good news:
We are dead to sin and evil
and alive to God in Jesus.
Now we can walk in new life!
The leader lifts water from the baptismal font. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: "God is Here" ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

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

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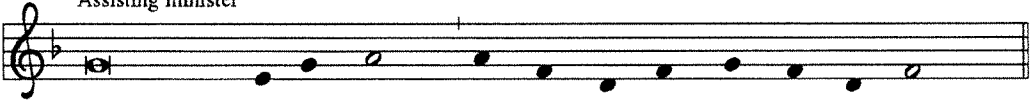
GREETING:

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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Matthew 8:5-13

L: A Reading from Matthew

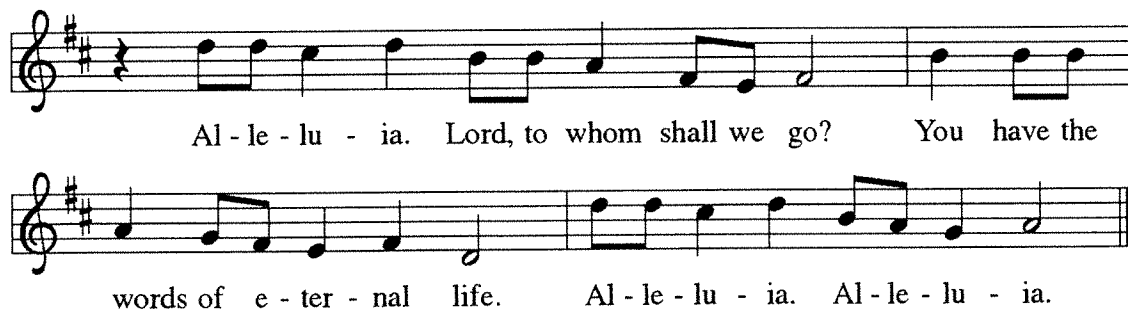
⁵When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him ⁶and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." ⁸The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me, and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and will take their places at the banquet with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Pastor Nathan Lyke

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p.142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23-32

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

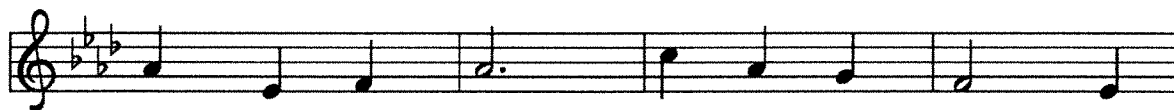
²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

P: The Word of the Lord

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

SERMON "*Neighbors Are Helpers*" Pastor Kim Kylo

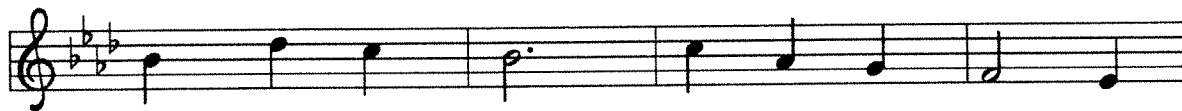
HYMN OF THE DAY: "*God's Work Our Hands*" ACS 1000



1	God's	work,	our	hands:	work - ing	to - geth	- er,
2	God's	work,	our	feet:	trav - 'ling	to - geth	- er,
3	God's	work,	our	voice:	sing - ing	to - geth	- er,
4	God	is	at	work	in and	a - round	us:



build - ing	a	fu - ture,	re - pair - ing	the	world,
fol - low - ing	Je - sus	to	plac - es	un - known,	
prais - ing,	pro - claim - ing	to	all who	will	hear,
seed - lings	are	sprout - ing	and	bread's	on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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APOSTLES CREED ELW p.105

**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) *"Build a Longer Table"* arr. Helgen
Chancel Choir

Anthem Text

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end,

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences all are welcome
here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

(10:30) *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* arr. Paul Manz

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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

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.

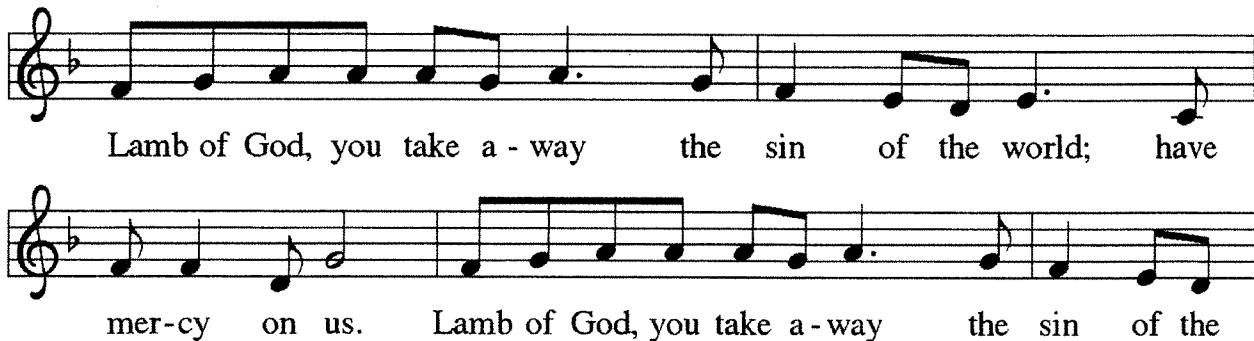
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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.

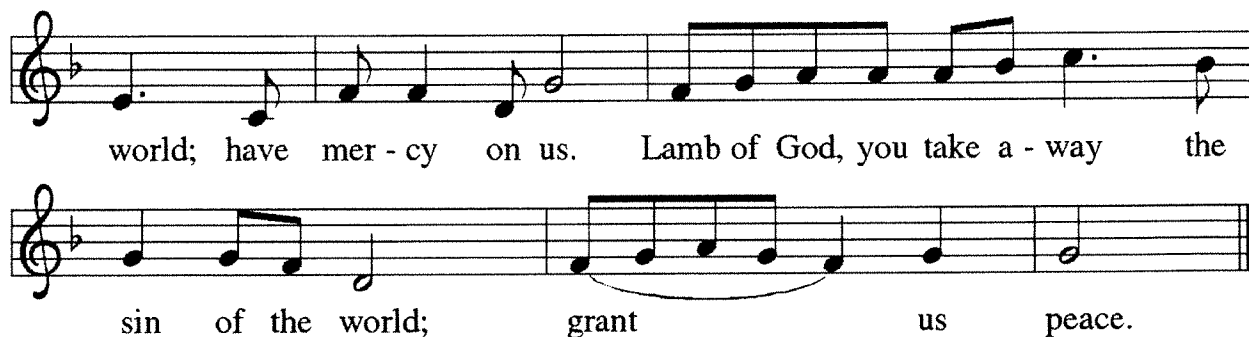
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" ELW p. 146



The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

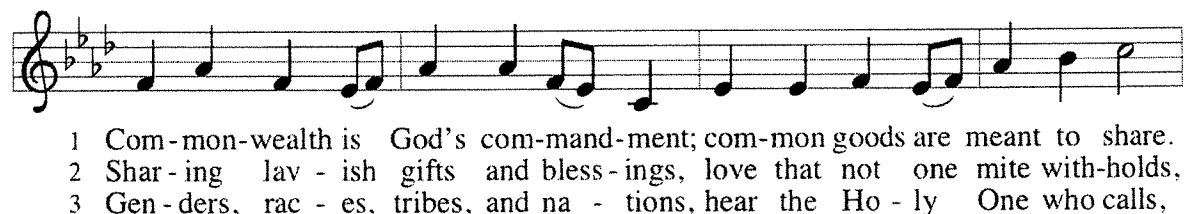
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

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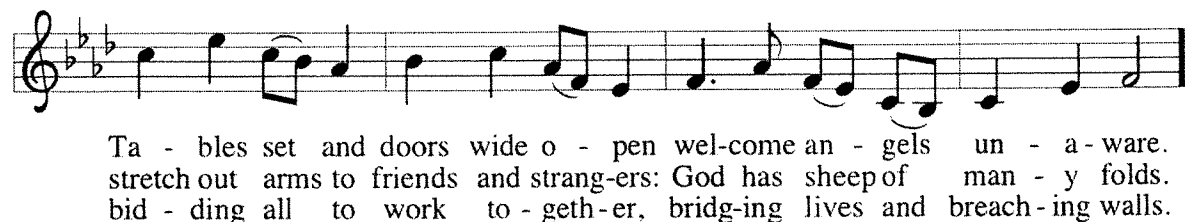


world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.

Refrain



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.

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

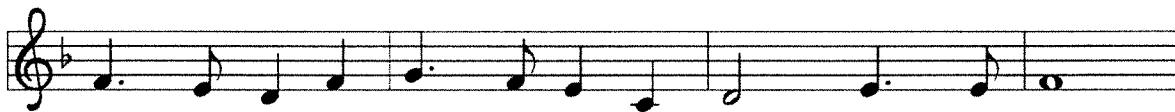
the good news of God's peace.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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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.

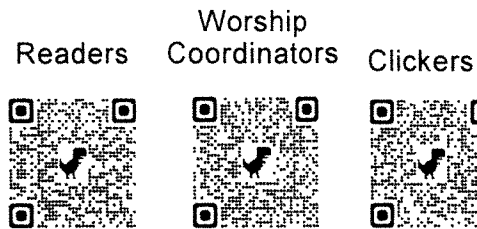
POSTLUDE: *"Trumpet Voluntary"* David Lasky

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Announcements:

1. **Altar Flowers** today are given by John & Jan Hack in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.
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. **Restorative Worship - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**
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!
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.



7. 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.



9. **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:



10. **Messiah Community Food Shelf** asks you to share the warmth this winter with their **WINTER COAT DRIVE**. We are collecting new and gently used winter coats, boots, snow pants, hats, scarves and gloves. Donations can be collected from now until October 31. You can drop them off here at church in the bin near the food shelf box.

11. **YOU are invited to St. John's Choir OPEN HOUSE**

Wednesday, September 30 at 7:15 in the Sanctuary. Come and Sing or Listen!

Ask Questions! *Treats* to follow. Please join us!

12. **Staff Leave Notice** - Starting September 21, Tyra Wiemann, Financial Analyst is taking a personal leave from this position at St. John's. During this time, any questions or concerns should be directed to Candy Nordine, Pastor Kim Kylo, or Barry Fick (Treasurer).

Get Involved Sunday

Are you looking to volunteer a bit more with our church community? Or, are you looking for a way to get to know more people and build connections? Today is "Get Involved" Sunday! During fellowship time from 9:30-10:30 am, amazing volunteers from various teams and groups will be available in the narthex and happy to chat with you about some of the many ways to get involved with St. John's! Whether you are new(er) to our congregation or you're simply looking for a new way to participate in something meaningful, there's something for you on Get Involved Sunday! Sign-ups will remain available in the narthex through Sunday, October 4.

Stop by the narthex to see how you can be a helper!

*Look for the Helpers.
You will always find
people who are helping.
- Fred Rogers*

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

Financial Information as of August 2026

General Fund Results	Month	Year to date
Budget	\$44,773	\$406,415
Revenue	\$52,406	\$418,849
Expenses	<u>\$51,758</u>	<u>\$425,799</u>
Net Income (loss)	\$648	\$ (6,950)

Mortgage Fund is on track for the year

Those Serving Today:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector Susan Pastika (8:30), Cindy Derendal (10:30)
Usher Team Leader John Hartwig (8:30) Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Acolyte..... Noah Tresselt-Warren (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer..... Elijah Mann (8:30), (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)
Sound Tech Dave Coldren (8:30), Brandon Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team..... Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Dan Nelson (8:30), Jenni Tange (10:30)
Coffee Servers Mark & Jo Knutson, Ron Keith

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Karen Olson
Lector (8:30), (10:30)
Usher Team Leaders Perry Fuerniss (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Acolyte..... (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer..... (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Marce Johnson
Communion Servers Perry Fuerniss, Linda Nielsen, Jackie Sorensen (8:30)
N/A Baptism (10:30)
Sound Tech Dave Coldren (8:30), Rich Garlock (10:30)
Clicker Team Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team Francine Capasso
Worship Coordinator Paul Johnson (8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers Judy Borchardt, Judy Nyssen

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