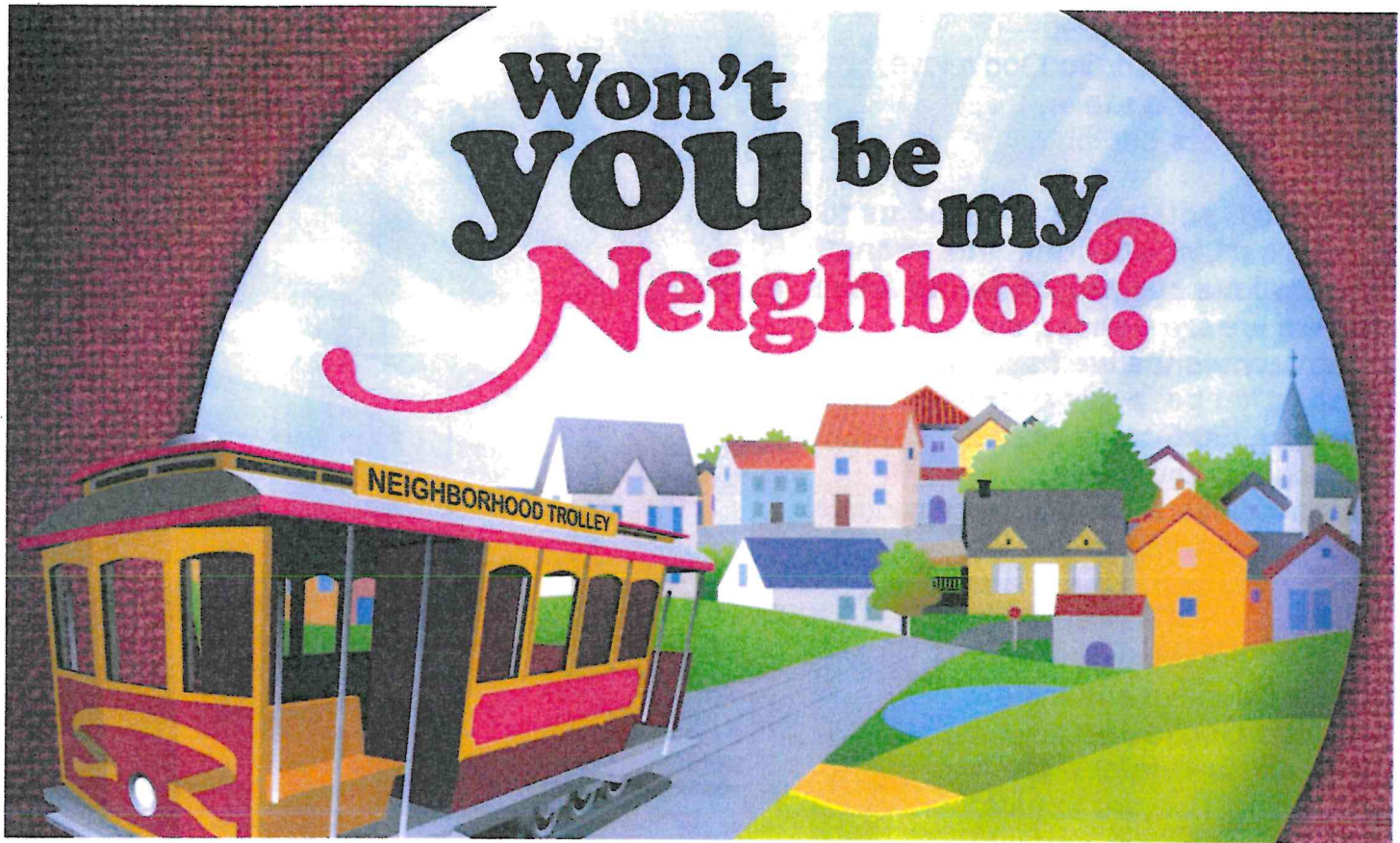


ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, OCTOBER 4, 2026

PRELUDE: *"This Little Light of Mine"* Calvin Taylor (20thc. African American)

WELCOME

(8:30) 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!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *"Welcome Table"* ACS 969
Stanza 1—Choir Only, Stanzas 2-3—All



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.



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

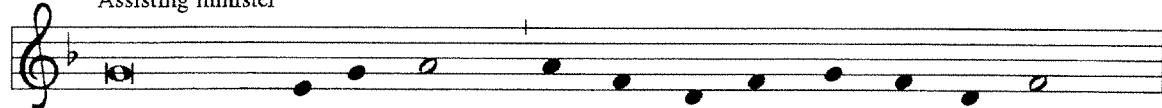
GREETING:

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.

Hymn cont. on next pg. 3

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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST READING: Luke 10:25-37

L: A Reading from Luke

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will

live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

(10:30) CHOIR ANTEM: “*God is Here Today*” arr. Tom Trenny
In Loving Memory of Fred M. Rogers
JAM and Chancel Choir
First time-JAM, Second time-all

Anthem Text

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing, you'll hear my song.
(repeat)

God is love, and when we love each other,
God lives in us, abides with us,
when we love our neighbor

Refrain:

All:

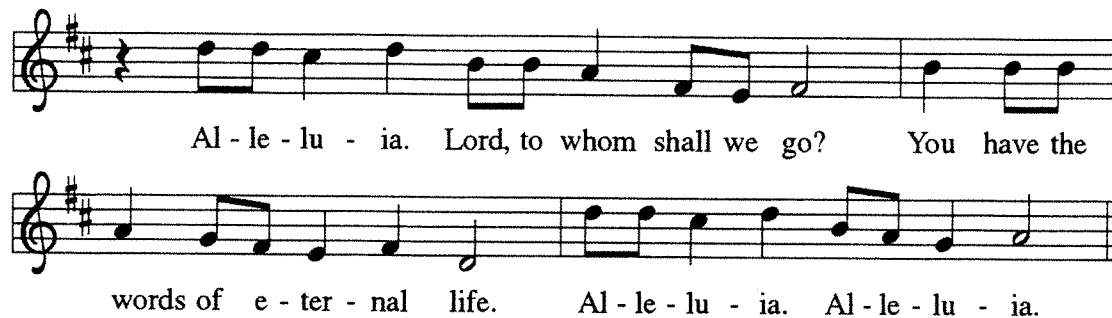
The musical notation is for a three-part setting of the refrain. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

God is here to - day; as cer-tain as the air I
breathc,- as cer-tain as the morn-ing sun that
ris - es, as cer-tain when I sing, you'll hear my song.

Choir: God is love.

PRESCHOOL BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:.....ELW p.142



GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46

P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

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

³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Word of the Lord

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

SERMON "Neighbors Take Care of Each Other"..... Pastor Kim Kylo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Commonwealth is God's Command".....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,



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.



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.

(10:30) SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(8:30) 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) "*Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*", Variation VI
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750, German)

(10:30) "*Build a Longer Table*"..... 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.

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Pink Envelope Partner for October: For 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 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

(8:30) 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.

(8:30) 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.

(8:30) 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.

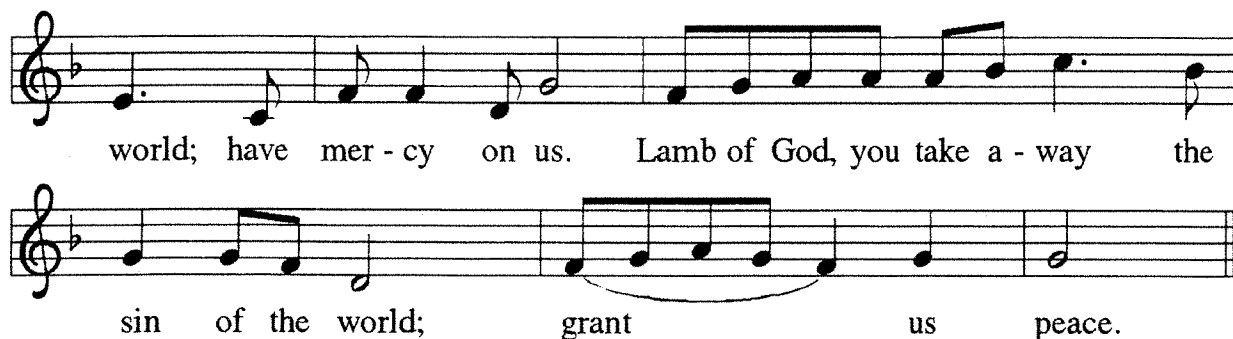
(8:30) DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" ELW p. 146



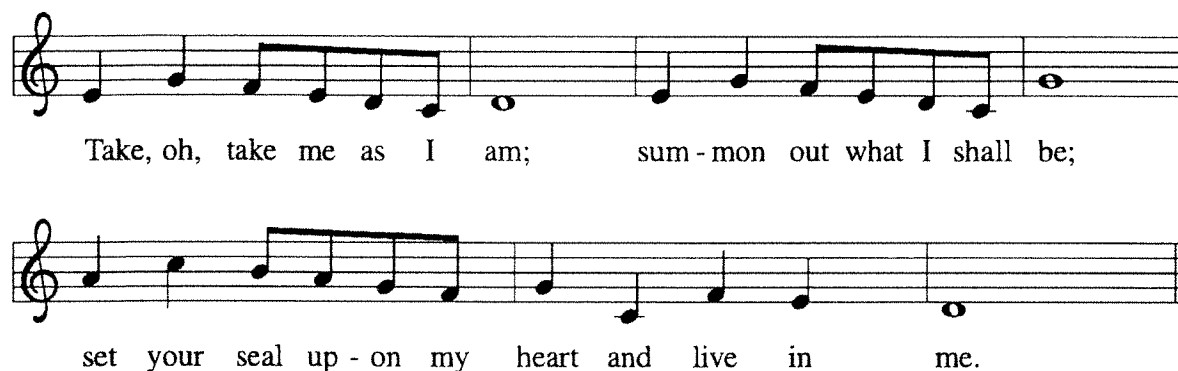
The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Hymn cont. on next pg. 9



(8:30) DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Take, O Take Me as I Am"ELW 814
Sing through 3 times



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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(8:30) 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: *"This Little Light of Mine"* ELW 677

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, 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: *"Welcome Table"* Matthew Cori (b. 1965, American)

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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**

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. **Thursday Morning Small Groups:**

Paper Crafters Small Group - 1st Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm

Quilters Small Group - 2nd & 3rd Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm (Will NOT Meet on Oct 8)

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 October 6**

Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**

Facilitator: Ruth Weber

Meets next October 7. 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. **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

7. 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



8. 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.

9. **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.



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. **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.



12. **Get Involved Sunday 2.0** 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? During fellowship time from 9:30-10:30 am, sign-up sheets for various teams and groups are available in the narthex. Volunteers would be 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! Stop by the narthex to see how you can be a helper!

13. **Grief Support Events:** In October and November, St. John's will be hosting two grief support events. Scan the QR code (s) to register for each event individually. These are open to anyone; feel free to invite family members or friends to participate along with you.

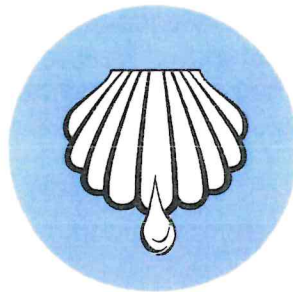
Loss of Spouse Event - Tuesday, October 20th, 6:30-8 pm

The loss of a spouse turns your world upside down. You have begun a journey you did not want. Our desire is to help you process your grief and think about what life after the loss of your spouse might look like. Life will never be the same, but we pray the Loss of a Spouse seminar can enable you to face the future with a measure of hope.



Surviving the Holidays Event - Monday, November 23rd, 6:30-8 pm

The holidays can be an especially tender time in grief. Join us to help prepare for a holiday season without your loved one, learn some strategies for navigating the holiday time with grief, and be in community with others who get it. We hope you find support, understanding, and feel less alone.



Baptized today at the 10:30 service is:

William Joseph Marso

Son of Andy and Rachel Marso

William's sponsors are:

Daniel Marso and Mary Zimmerman

Welcome, William to the family of God

Butter Braids. Please support our summer programs by buying a Butter Braid! They will be delivered right before the holiday season! Your support of our youth mission trips and camps is very much appreciated! Thank you!

Start Date: Oct. 4
End Date: Oct. 25
Delivery: Nov. 11, 2027



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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..... Karen Olson
Lector Marce Spies-Johnson (8:30), Jim Buckley (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 Spies-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), Jim Buckley (10:30)
Coffee Servers Ginger Gustafson, Kathy Ziller

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist..... Priscilla Thoreen
Lector (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Usher Team Leader Lisa Horn (8:30) Lowell Grimm (10:30)
Acolyte Louis Mann (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer..... Noah Tresselt-Warren (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up Laurie Barth
Communion Servers Tom Lardy, Sandy Johnson, Tricia Murphy (8:30)
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