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KIM KYLLO AND NATHAN LYKE, PASTORS
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PRELUDE: *Partita on "O God Our Help in Ages Past"* .....Paul Manz

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, here we are named saints in God's great and diverse family. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God,
C: for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. When we did not know the way, you sent your son, Jesus to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the endless water of life.

P: We praise you for your gift of salvation through the waters of love. Wash us in your forgiveness, grace, and mercy.
C: We rejoice that in love, you freely choose to call us your beloved children, and claim us forever as your saints. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *"Lord of Light"* .....ELW 688
Please sing Stanza's 1, 3 & 4



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you
C: And also with you

P: Let us pray together:
C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FIRST READING: Psalm 90:1-8,12

L: A Reading from Psalms

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

L: The Word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

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



GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

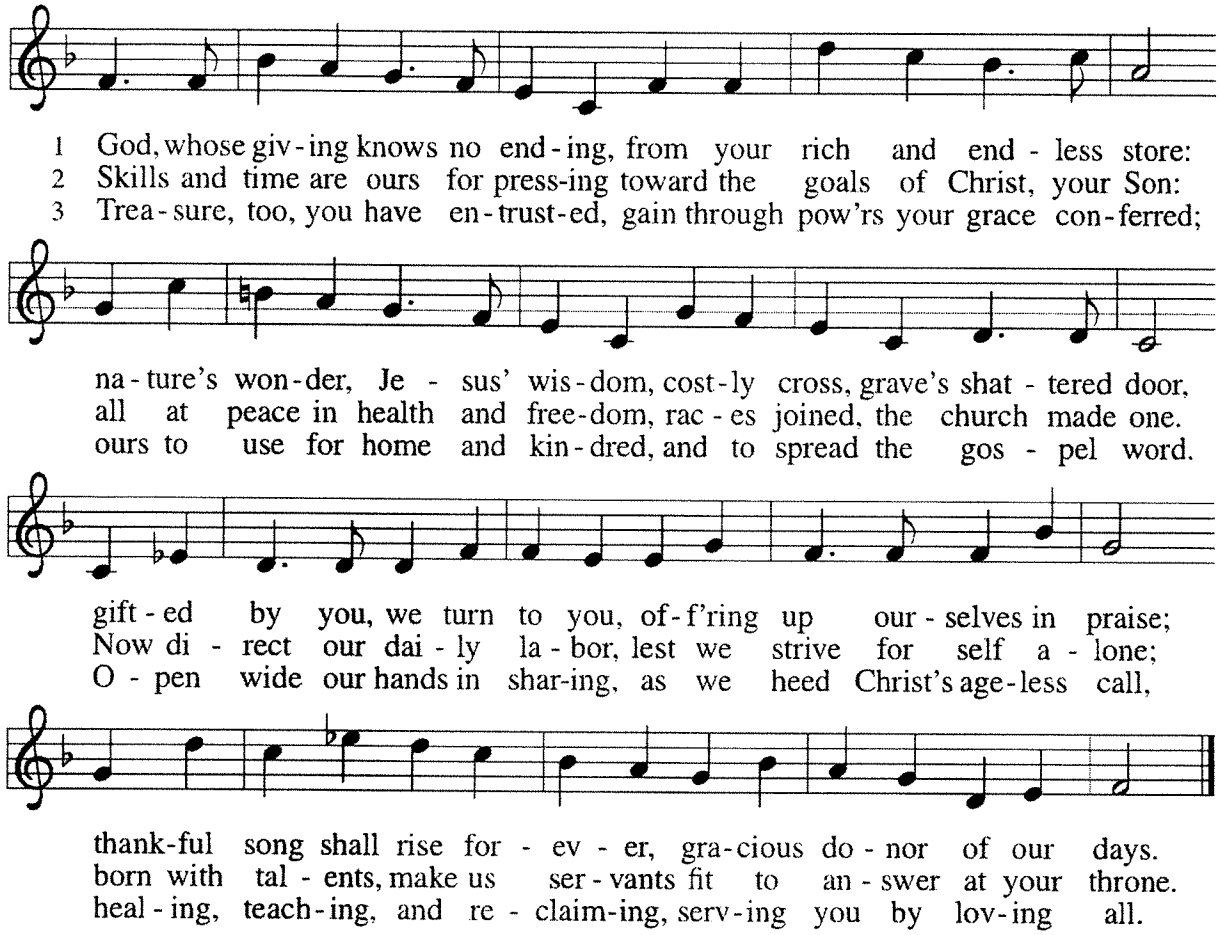
P: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew
C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P: The Word of the Lord
C: Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON .....Pastor Kim Kyllo

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* ..... ELW 678



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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) *"Pastorale"* ..... Antonio Vivaldi
(10:30) *"O Worship the King"* ..... arr. M. Shepperd
Chancel Choir

Anthem Text:

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
our shield and defender the ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to your praise;

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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

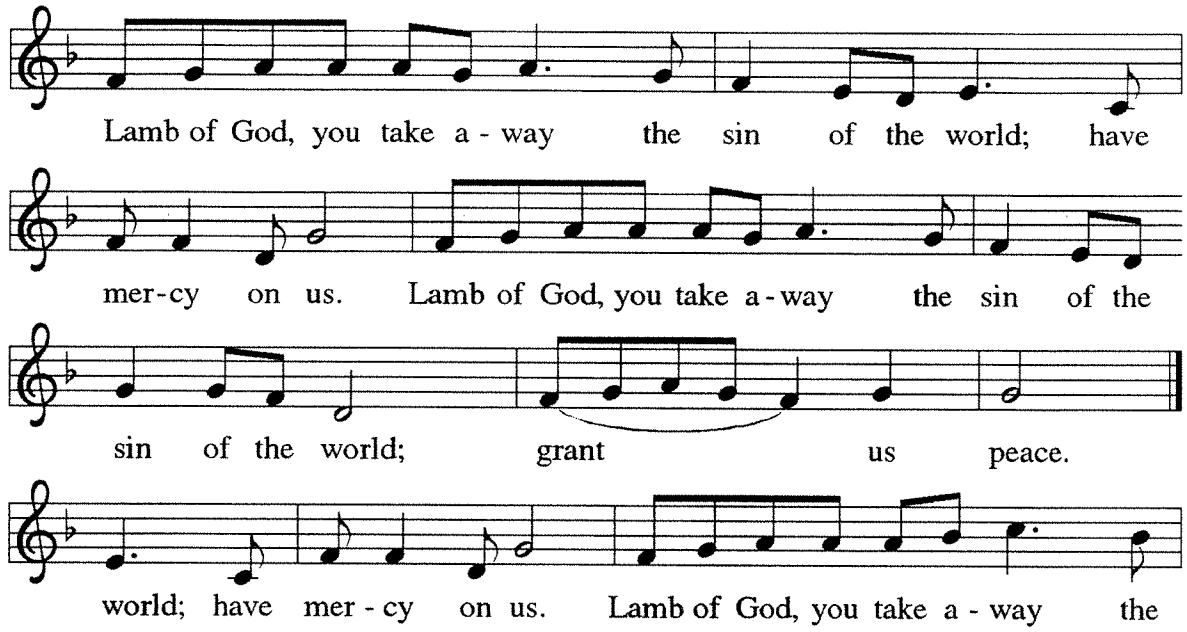
P: The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,
to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.
Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations.
There is great joy here.
No one is turned away for God is the host!

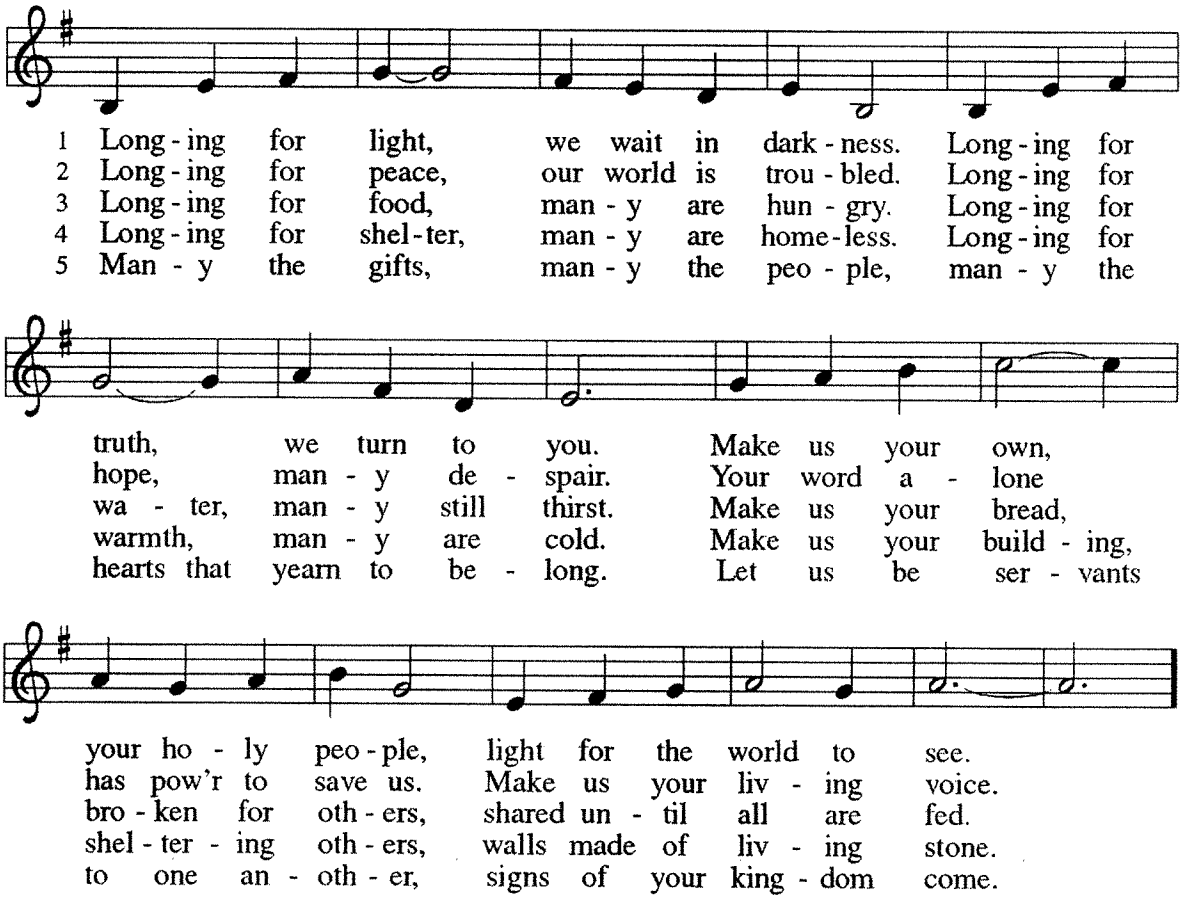
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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



DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *"Christ Be Our Light"* ..... ELW 715



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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Tender, transforming God, you have gathered at this table,
To taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.
Time and time again you've offered your grace,
Even as we have stepped away,
You continue to call us to be your people.
You have never left us.
We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.
C: We give thanks for this time of celebration.
For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*.....ELW 674





bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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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: *"Light of the Living God"* ..... David Paxton

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Announcements:

1. **Fall Welcome Lunch: November 15th, 11:45 am**
   All prospective new members: as you're getting connected with the rest of the church community, we invite you participate in two upcoming events: to connect with others who are new to St. John's and learn more about the ministry of this community! Sunday, November 22nd - Welcome Sunday - where new individuals and families will be named and prayed for at both 8:30 and 10:30 am worship services.

2. **Restorative Worship - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**
   Join us for Restorative Worship 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
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 next December 1**
Where: Cracker Barrel, Lakeville

5. **Hannah Women's Study Small Group**
Facilitator: Ruth Weber
Meets next December 2. Contact Ruth for details.
Where: St. John's
Topic: A bible study and discussion of the book of Romans led by Pastor Kim, 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 Kyllo & Colleen Dupree (of Highview Hills)
Meets: Once/month, 10:00am on the 2nd Thursday of the month we **meet next on December 10**
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. **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. **Grief Support Event:** In November, St. John's will be hosting a grief support event. Scan the QR code to register. Open to anyone; feel free to invite family members or friends to participate along with you.

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.

10. **Muhanga Student Scholarship Giving Opportunities**
As you may be aware, St. John's congregation provides a significant number of student scholarships for our companion congregation in Muhanga Tanzania. With this assistance, many eager children are able to continue their education. These scholarships are vital to the adolescents of Muhanga in helping them reach their full educational potential. If you are interested in providing scholarship assistance, please contact any member of the Church Staff or Global Missions Committee, or simply place your donation in the offering plate in an envelope with both your check & the envelope clearly marked MUHANGA SCHOLARSHIP. A single scholarship for 2027 is $400 and provides for a full year of education. However, any fractional amount is perfectly acceptable and very much appreciated.

11. More Than Just Lunch will be returning to the **History Theatre** for another wonderful performance. Beyond the Rainbow is from the early years of Judy Garland in Minnesota to her musical career starting in 1961. We will be attending it on the **3rd of December at 10:00**. The cost is **$35 which needs to be paid by the 4th of November** to insure our reservation. After the performance we will have lunch at McGovern's Pub. We will meet at church at 8:45.
A note from Ginger Gustafson:
After four years it is time for me to turn the planning over to someone else. As of January, Sandy Johnson will be doing the planning, and, she will be open to suggestions from anyone as time goes by. Thank you to those who have participated. **Thank you Ginger** for launching this group and keeping it going from the start.

12. **Save the Date!** Veritas is coming back on **Sunday December 6th!** They will join us in worship on Sunday morning and then will present a **holiday concert at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. ***Veritas*** a nationally known *a Capella* group is coming to share their special sound with us. This Concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken at the concert to help offset the significant cost of hosting such a group. Invite your friends for a fun evening of musical enjoyment.



13. All Saints Catholic Church, Hosanna Church, Mercy Road Church at the Crossroads and St. John's Lutheran

Church invite you to the Lakeville Area Thanksgiving Prayer Service on **Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00pm**. The service will be held at Mercy Road Church. Reflection will be led by Father Zachary Ochsenbauer. Family, friends, neighbors and guests are welcome.

14. Save the date for **Thursday, November 19, 6-8pm**
Curious about traveling with St. John's to Tanzania? Come hear about potential itineraries, ministry opportunities, cultural experiences, travel logistics, and costs. Questions are encouraged.

15. **Decorate for Advent** - Join the Worship Arts Ministry (WAM) Team on Sunday, November 22nd at 11:30 am to help decorate the sanctuary (and a bit of the narthex) for Advent! The decor will focus on this year's theme "Heaven and Nature Sing" as we explore the season of Advent anew, accompanied by the poetry of Wendell Berry. No sign up - just show up! *Do you have a dogwood? We would love to be able to get some branches for our decorating this year! Please drop them off in the office.*

Sustain St. John's Expanding, Creative Ministry

It's a good time to be St. John's. We have lots of opportunities for connection, involvement, and community. Whether it's our vibrant Wednesday nights—when all generations gather for a delicious community meal, children and adults make music in choirs, and youth and adults come together in Sunday School Highlights, Ablaze, Affirm and Youth Group—or our Sunday mornings, when the sanctuary fills with long-time members and new visitors eager to hear the Good News of Jesus and put God's love into action, ministry thrives at St. John's.



Submit your pledge card!
Let's Burst the Barn today!

There are extra cards on the table in the Narthex
or use this QR code for the online form.

Poinsettia Sale

Order your Gerten's 8" Poinsettia today to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season!



Choose from red or white. Each plant is $25 and must be paid for at the time of order. **Deadline is Sunday, November 15**! Please plan to pick up your plant no sooner than Christmas Eve after the 6pm service.

Place your order, along with check, in the offering plate or drop off in the church office or mail to St. John's, 20165 Heath Ave, Lakeville MN 55044. You can also order online with the QR code here. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Online order link

Poinsettias, $25.00. Deadline SUNDAY, November 15	
Name:	Choose Color:
In Honor of:	RED
In Memory of:	WHITE

Those Serving Today:

Organist	Priscilla Thoreen
Lector	Barry Fick (8:30), Erin Boerschel (10:30)
Usher Team Leaders	Lisa Horn (8:30), Kay Halvorson (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up	Marce Johnson
Communion Servers	Tricia Murphy, Christie Wright, Barry Fick (8:30)
	Erin Boerschel, Jenni Tange, Pam Haukoos (10:30)
Sound Tech	Dave Coldren (8:30), Thomas Milbradt (10:30)
Clicker Team	Katie Henning (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team	Randy Franzen
Worship Coordinator	Dan Nelson (8:30), Peter and Pam Haukoos (10:30)
Coffee Servers	Boerschel Family

Those Serving Next Week:

Organist	Karen Olson
Lector	Edythe Long (8:30), (10:30)
Usher Team Leader	Paul Johnson (8:30) Lowell Grimm (10:30)
Acolyte	Elijah Mann (8:30), (10:30)
Crucifer	Noah Tresselt Warren (8:30), (10:30)
Communion Set Up & Clean Up	Kathy Ziller
Communion Servers	Kathy Ziller, Marv Larson, Jeanne Hartwig (8:30)
	Lynn Coldren, Dave Coldren, Carolyn Metcalf (10:30)
Sound Tech	Danny Barth (8:30), Ryan Wright (10:30)
Clicker Team	Nancy Martin (8:30), (10:30)
Livestream Team	Randy Franzen
Worship Coordinator	(8:30), (10:30)
Coffee Servers	John & Jeanne Hartwig

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