

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2nd, 2026

Service Music: ELW, Setting 8 (ELW, page 184)

Year A, Lectionary 18 (ELW, page 43)



In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give

ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

WELCOME!

Guests, we are glad you have joined us today! If you would like to receive contact from the pastor or welcoming committee following this worship service, please fill out a card from the pew slot and put it in the offering plate.

Children's Church takes place during our worship service. The children are dismissed after *Blessing the Children* and brought back to their families after the *Prayers of Intercession*.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP – 8:55 a.m.

PRELUDE

The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the Presiding Minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin to God and look to God for mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God, **C: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. **C: Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ELW Page 187 (Not hymn number)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

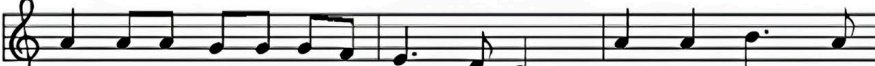


hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

- Refrain -



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

- Refrain -

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: Christ is in our midst. **C: He is and ever shall be.**

The assembly is seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

This Little Light of Mine

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

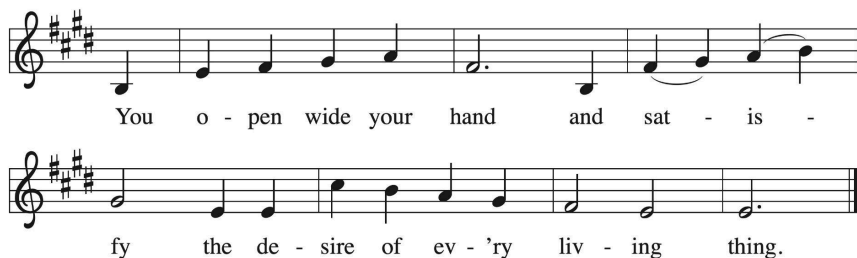
FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations

that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (*read responsively*)



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works. [R]**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works. [R]**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever. [R]**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to **St. Matthew 14:13-21**

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

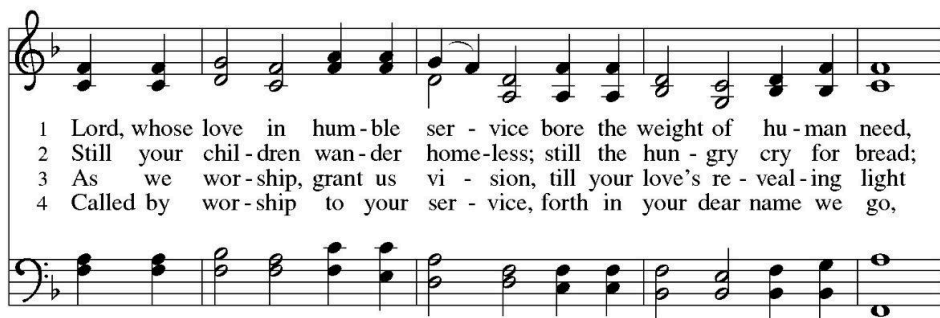
P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

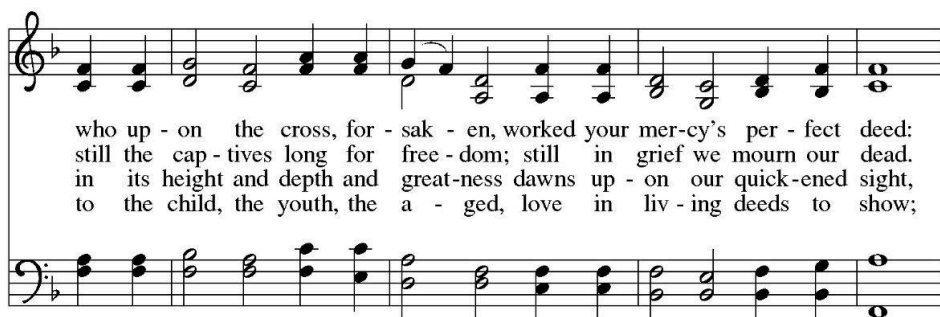
SERMON

The assembly rises in body or spirit to sing the Hymn of the Day.

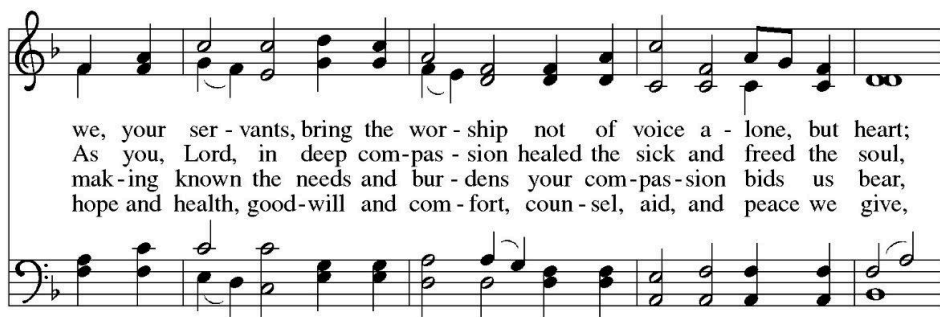
HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 712 *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*



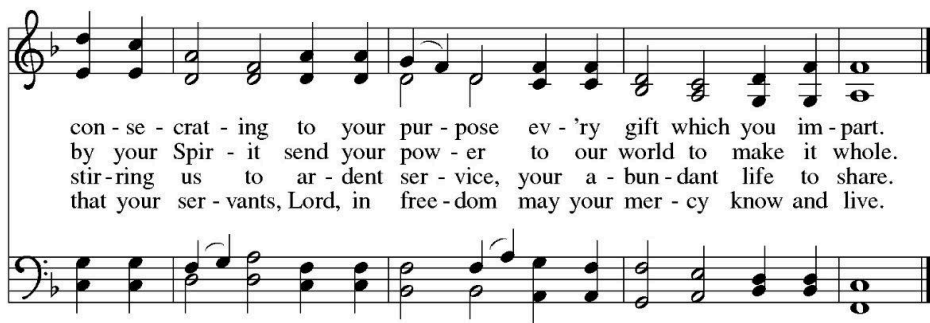
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed;
 still the cap-tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



APOSTLES' CREED

A: In prayer and devotion, we confess our faith with the whole church.

C: 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.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace of Christ with one another by shaking hands or with a word or sign of Christ's peace.

The assembly is seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Bring peace in war-torn areas, especially **Ukraine, Venezuela, Iran and the surrounding region.** Keep safe those whose duty it is to protect others, especially **Anthony, Chris, Eli, Nathan, and Tyler.** Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for those in our congregation*. We also pray for friends and family of our congregation, especially **Amanda, Annette & Rick, Brenda, Donna, Drew, Elliot, Emmett, Hattie, Jane, Jason, Karen, Larry, Lylah, Mark, Michelle, Pat, Phil, Stacy, Steve, and Wally.** Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, especially **Maxine Duhm**, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. We thank you for **Domonic**, whom we commemorate** this week. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**See page 23 for congregational members.*

***See page 20 for commemorations.*

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Your offering may be placed in the plate as it is passed. We thank all who support God's ministry here and in the world.

Stand as the offering is presented at the rail.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: ELW 185 Create in Me

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory when you healed the sick and through the feeding of the multitude. We praise you for your provision. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **C: Amen.**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 COMMUNION

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome here. **C: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Come, for Christ invites you. Communion today will be distributed at the altar rail (please stand or kneel, as you are comfortable), the ushers will direct you forward to receive the bread (which is gluten-free) and cup either wine (red) or grape juice (white).

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 515 *Break Now the Bread of Life*

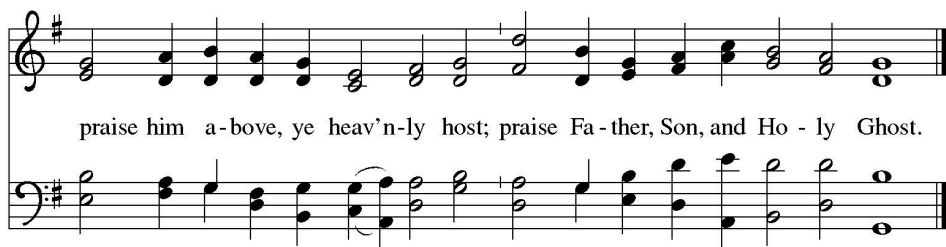
1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 884 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;



The assembly rises in body or spirit at the invitation of the presiding minister.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **C: Amen**

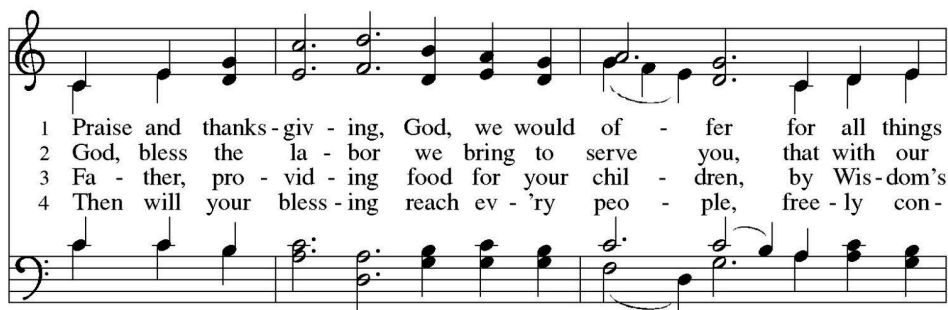
SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

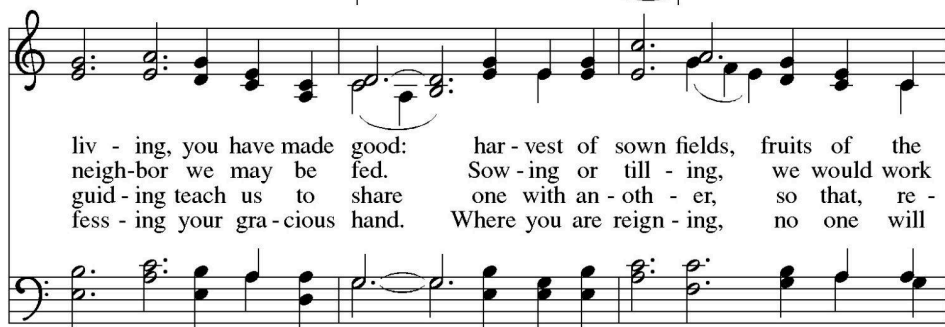
SENDING BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **C: Amen.**

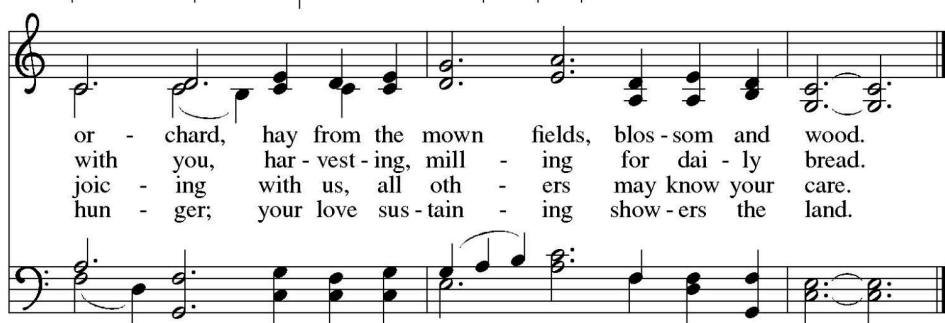
SENDING HYMN: ELW 689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education - The Christian Education Committee is looking for fun, caring volunteers to help with planning extracurricular activities around the church for youths and adults! Please contact Justina Pessein if you're interested in getting involved at 563-940-3782. August 11th is the next meeting - we'd love for you to attend!

Directories - The St. James Directories are available to pick up in the Narthex!

8/3 Funeral for Maxine Duhm

The funeral service for Maxine will begin at 11:00 a.m. with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Luncheon will follow the service in the Lower Level.

8/30 Save the date! - Following the Sunday morning service, the Christian Education Committee invites all St. James members to a conversation about formation in the Christian faith for the children in our congregation. More information will follow. There will not be a Saturday service on 8/29 to encourage participation in this event.

Attendance last week:

Saturday: 25 Sunday: 64 YouTube: 6 Total: 95

Year to Date Financial Summary:

Contributions: \$96,480 Spending: \$86,329.15 Balance: \$10,150.98

Birthdays this week: There are no birthdays this week.

Anniversaries this week: 8/5 Chuck & Tammi Meyer

Flowers this week: The flowers today are given by Audrey Lovell.

**We livestream our services on YouTube each week to help
us worship together and stay connected even when we are
not at full health or out of town!**

YouTube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzjnqGF4g_QWtn_I2SqpL5Q

COMMEMORATIONS:

**Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans),
died 1221. Saturday, August 8, 2026**

Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

Worship Assistants**August 2**

Presider
Assisting Minister
Reader
Acolyte
Organist
Ushers
Altar Guild

9:00 AM Worship

Vicar Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Shirley Richlen
Pat Larson
Dex Hewlett
Linda Gross
Ryan Martin & Ellen Hogbin
Marilyn Pieart & Diana Worley

August 9

Presider
Assisting Minister
Reader
Acolyte
Music Minister
Ushers
Altar Guild

9:00 AM Worship

Vicar Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Tom Sladky
Judie Brooks
Jude Hewlett
Steve Abel
Jerry & Yvonne Nichols
Ellen Hogbin & Audrey Lovell

August 16

Presider
Assisting Minister
Reader
Acolyte
Music Minister
Ushers
Altar Guild

9:00 AM Worship

Vicar Bryce Hewlett, SAM
Jason Forari
Amanda Southwell
Edi Southwell
Steve Abel
Melissa Forari & Anna Forari
Ellen Hogbin & Audrey Lovell

The Fourth Quarter of Life

An Adult Education Study

This fall we will be studying a book called *The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing what Matters Most* written by Allen Hunt & Matthew Kelly.

If you're interested in participating, please sign up in the Narthex or contact the office at (563) 355-4161.

Participants will need to purchase the book.



The Fourth Quarter of Your Life: Embracing what Matters Most

Scan the QR code to purchase the book online.

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. STARTING SEPTEMBER 9TH

September 9	September 16	September 23
September 30	October 7	October 14
October 21	October 28	November 4
November 11		

NOTES

Prayers for Healing and Support

Congregational Members

Ed Arp, **Bev** Chappen, **Sandy** Henry,
Frieda Houldsworth, **Jeryl** Krumbholz, **Jim** Krumbholz,
LaVonne Mienke, **Shirley** Niewald

Family and Friends

Amanda (friend of Melissa), **Annette & Rick** (Steve & Sue Miller & Pat Sorenson's sister & brother-in-law), **Brenda** (Friend of Janene Anderson), **Donna** (Ed Arp's sister), **Drew** (Pat Larson's friend), **Elliot** (Gary and Eunice Grell's great grandson), **Emmett** (friend of Diana Worley), **Hattie** (Frieda's sister), **Jane** (friend of Deb Crooks),
Jason (Sherry Germanio's son),
Karen (Shirley's Aunt), **Larry** (family of Doug Larson),
Lylah (friend of Noa), **Mark** (friend of Jason Forari),
Michelle (friend of Joleen & Erik Bakken),
Pat (Judy Larson's Sister-in-Law),
Phil (Steve Miller and Pat Sorensen's brother),
Stacy (Fritz' son's cousin), **Steve** (friend of Pat Larson),
Wally (Frieda's nephew)

Those Whose Duty it is to Protect Others

Anthony Karasek (Judy Larson's great nephew)
LT. Chris Tribble USN (Erik & Joleen Bakken's friend).
CPT Eli Smith (Jerry and Myrna Mattly's grandson)
Nathan Pearson USAF (Jenna & Kane Schmidt's friend)
Tyler McLaughlin, First Responder (Family of Pat Larson)

In Memoriam

Maxine Duhm

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9AM Worship	Maxine Duhm 10AM Visitation 11AM Funeral 4PM Social Ministry Mtg.		6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11AM Service at BHCC		8AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 5PM Worship
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9AM Worship 10AM Coffee & Convo. 10AM Finance Mtg.			6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 2:30PM BINGO @ BETT Health Care Center 6-8PM Summer Kid's Club		5PM Worship
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9AM Worship 10AM Council Mtg.	6:30PM Christian Ed. Zoom Mtg.	1PM Sarah Circle	6-8PM Food Pantry	9-11AM Food Pantry 11:30AM GANG 11AM Service at BHCC		5PM Worship
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9AM Worship		12-4PM Quilting	6-8PM Food Pantry			5PM Worship