ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost | WELCA THANKOFFERING SERVICE | 11/8/2026

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: # 439

#GREETING

L: 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.***

L: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, who calls, equips, and sends God's people into the world. ***C: We give thanks for all who have borne witness to God's love through acts of faith, courage, and service.***

L: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we come together today grateful for your presence for the many gifts you've placed in our lives. ***C: You've created each of us with purpose, strength, and abilities that reflect your goodness.***

L: Fill this gathering with your joy. Help us slow down enough to feel your nearness and appreciate those who surround and support us in faith. ***C: Guide us as we continue to serve you and shine your light in the world. Amen***

#PRAYER OF THE DAY: ***Holy Lord, the sound of many voices gathered together in prayer must be as pleasing to you as it is to me. Thank you for that sound. Whether a murmur or a shout, speech or song, rejoicing or lamenting, that sound is holy. Amen.***

READINGS: First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-8 | Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
#Gospel Matthew 5: 43-48

GUEST SPEAKER: Anna Weepie, Adonai International Ministries Mission Trip

HYMN OF THE DAY: **# 244**

SPECIAL READING

APOSTLES' CREED // OFFERING // OFFERTORY HYMN (Create in Me, p. 75)

NOISY OFFERING

#-Please stand as you are able

#OFFERTORY PRAYER: L: Let us pray. Generous God, we thank you for those who have cared for us and for the gifts we are free to share with others. C: Bless these offerings, that through them the needs of the world may be met. Amen.

#PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: ***See Insert***

#LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING SONG: #546

L: In our wilderness, God gives us water from the rock. May you find hope and healing in God's promise of new life. ***C: Amen.***

L: Christ Jesus is the Messiah, the redeemer of the world. May you be refreshed by his life-giving water and Word. **C: Amen.**

L: The Holy Spirit renews the face of the earth. May you be transformed by God's great love and grace. ***C: Amen.***

L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. ***C: Amen.***

DISMISSAL: L: Renewed and refreshed, let us go forth in peace to share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God and have fun doing it.

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