

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

Sicilienne BWV 1031

J. S. Bach

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation may stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together
with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your
hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING 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 HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from First Kings.

⁸ The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation sings the refrain and the verses in bold.

Psalm Refrain



Psalm 146:8

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Psalm Tone



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- ¹ Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

Refrain

- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
hunger.
The Lord sets the | captive free.
- ⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who |**
are bowed down;
the Lord | loves the righteous.

Refrain

- ⁹ The Lord cares | for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.
- ¹⁰ **The Lord shall | reign forever,**
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Refrain

READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation may stand.



GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

The gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

The congregation may be seated.

Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

The congregation may stand.
Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us (ELW 707)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. You may assume a posture of prayer through standing, sitting or kneeling.

A brief silence.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders (*local church leaders may be named*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, and all in the Near East and Ukraine, that all might pursue peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

People of God, for what else do we pray for this day? You may share your prayers aloud or in the silence of your heart... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



“Songs of Gladness Will I Sing Thee“ Op. 99 No. 5

Dvořák

OFFERTORY VERSE

The congregation may stand



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

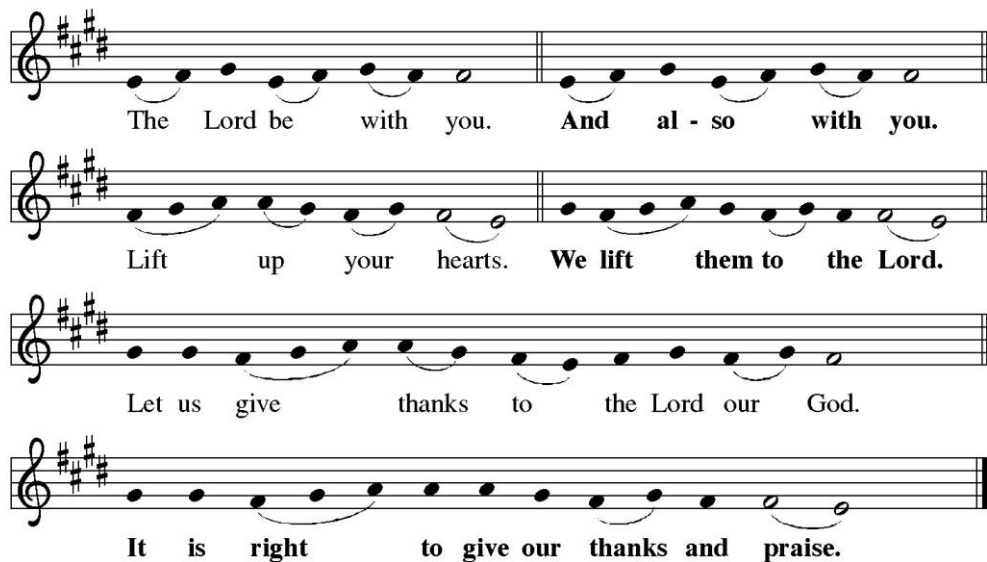
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name.
Amen.**

DIALOGUE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

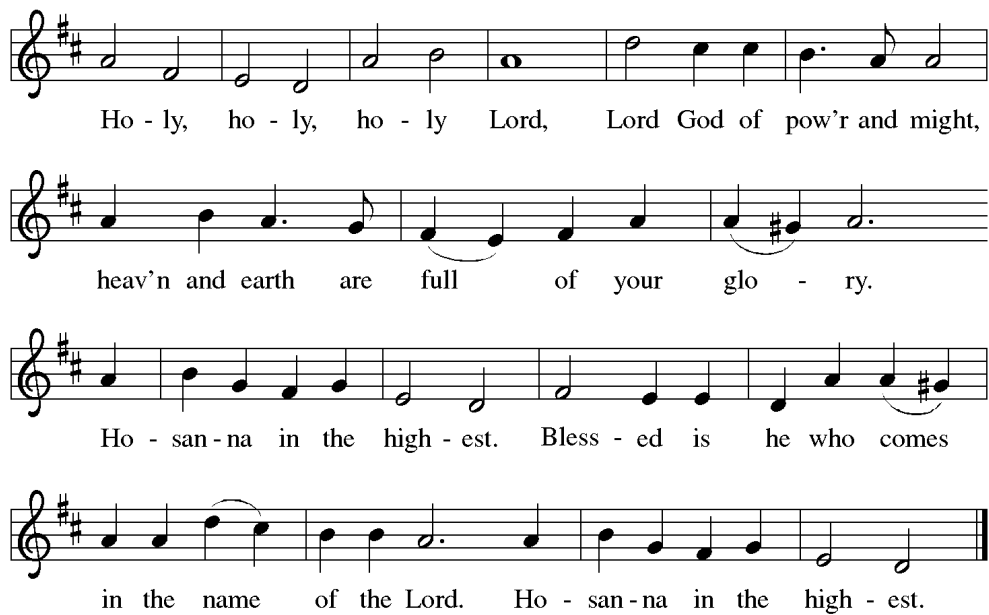
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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... to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

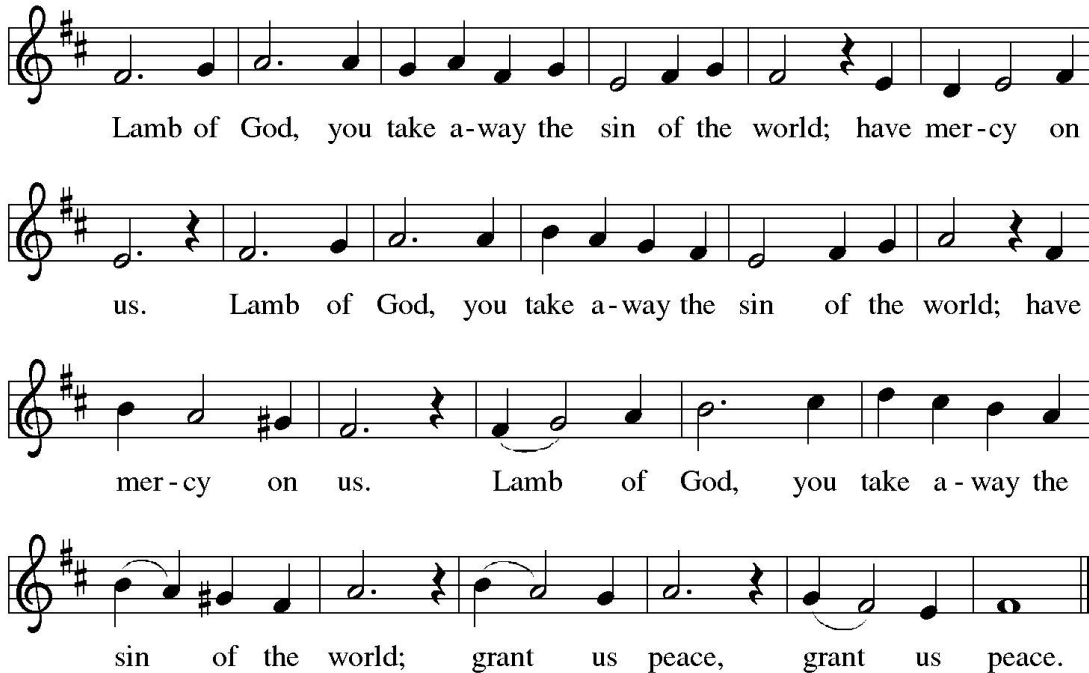
**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The congregation may be seated.

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The congregation may stand.

Let us pray together.

Faithful God,

**you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
 in the body and blood of your Son.**

**Now send us out to labor with you,
 in service to the world you have made,
 and among the people you have made your home,
 in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

+ Sending +

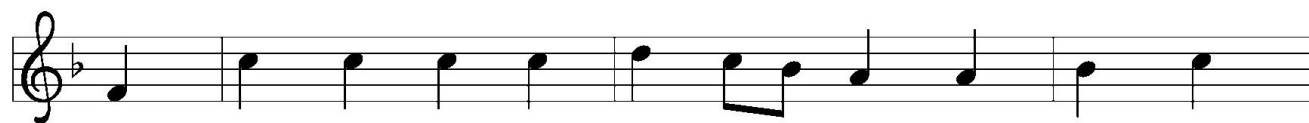
BENEDICTION

The Ancient One, enthroned,
 the Crucified One, now risen,
 the Indwelling One, poured out,
 ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

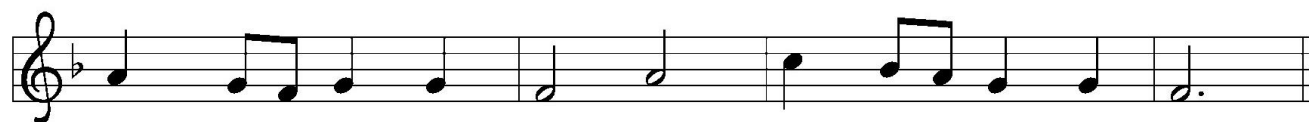
Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand (ELW 441)



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
 2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
 3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and
 4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
 self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which
 love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. composite
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561
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DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fuge from Toccata in E minor BWV 914

J. S. Bach

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SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
<i>Interim Director of Music:</i>	Leo Radosavljevic
<i>Director of Youth & Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Cantor:</i>	Angela De Venuto
<i>Worship Assistant:</i>	Jan Wendel
<i>Reader:</i>	Chris Magloci
<i>Usher:</i>	Finny Magloci
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cindi Rachowicz, Jan Wendel, Lila Shuttters
<i>Livestream Camera:</i>	Kristen Daniels

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VALUES WE SHARE INSPIRE OUR GENEROSITY FOR OTHERS

Psalm 9:9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

In these challenging times, we often find ourselves looking for a place where we feel a sense of belonging. A community where we can share our values and fellowship, spend quality time with cherished neighbors and friends, and experience ways to joyfully express and experience our faith through acts of kindness, generosity and compassion. Love is indeed here at St. John's! And we are so glad that you are here. Each Sunday, and all the days in-between, we all benefit from your presence and participation in the life of St. John's and our service to support everyone inside and outside of our congregation.

This Sunday we will launch our Stewardship campaign. On November 24, 2024 we will celebrate Generosity Sunday by presenting our pledges and commitments during the worship service.

Thank you for being part of the community of St. John's and thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Your presence, love, and prayers are a gift to our church and community. Thank you for being part of the rich love that is here at St. John's.

Pastor Transition

The Synod has shared a "notice of intent" with St. John's and St. Paul's in Evanston to explore a possible shared pastor scenario. Our Council has voted to approve this notice. Now, St. Paul's is discerning whether a shared pastor will work for their congregation and hopes to have an answer to the Synod in early February. If both congregations decide to move forward, representatives from each church will work together under the guidance of a pastor from our synod. This would involve a series of meetings to map out the details of a shared pastor partnership. Discernment is an ongoing process for all involved and we thank you for your patience.

Please share your questions with Chad and Mylene so all your thoughts, aspirations, hopes and concerns can be heard.

St. John's Financial Update

Year to date we are doing better than budget and we have a surplus of \$27,487.

Why? Our expected pledges have come in faster than expected and we have spent less than expected on our pastor and music director year to date. We budgeted \$8,000 from GoodFest and have about \$9,200 for St. John's after all expenses and Family Promise donation.

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Offerings	179,048	165,370
Other Revenue/Rent	<u>92,561</u>	<u>70,467</u>
Total Revenue	271,609	235,837
Total Expenses	<u>244,122</u>	<u>256,623</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	27,487	(20,786)

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Marlene Leonard, recovering from throat cancer, 9/25/24
- Friend and business partner of Mylene Pollock, who lives in Buncombe County, North Carolina, and everyone who has been affected by the hurricane
- Art Wise, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Family and friends of Rena Leinberger, wife of Karl and mother of Shayna, Brandon and Jordon, who passed away 4/26/24
- Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who passed away 3/6/24
- Buckley Crist
- Family & friends of Don Clay, who passed away 3/15/24
- Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who passed away 1/13/24
- Family & friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Braun, recovering from spinal cord injury