



October 5, 2025

Dear St. Lawrence Family,

If you had to pick a favorite song, what would it be? Mine might surprise you – because you're a part of it!

Don't get me wrong: I am a diehard Beyoncé fan, I can't work out without a playlist full of 2000s hip hop, and I balance it all out with a super nerdy love of choral church music. My music taste is nothing, if not eclectic.

How about you? Music is a powerful presence in our lives, and not just while we're listening. It helps us celebrate, mourn, reflect, and feel the wonder and struggle of being alive. In short: music builds hope, culture, and community.

And that's where you come in. Communities of faith are one of the few places where neighbors sing together, and St. Lawrence is no exception, from hymns to prayers to choir anthems. But I'd go even farther: whenever we gather for worship, study, or acts of compassion, we become a kind of music, a beautiful melody that sustains and inspires.

So as much as I enjoy Beyoncé, my favorite music is the kind we make together every week. A chorus of generosity, supporting each other, our neighborhood, and God's wider world.

In the weeks ahead, our "Chorus of Generosity" stewardship team will share more about how you can invest in this extraordinary community of song and service. Acknowledging that we have been blessed in many ways, we will pursue stewardship from a perspective of time, talent, and treasure, inviting you to reflect on how God might be calling you to share your gifts with this community. And on Sunday, November 23rd, we'll celebrate with a special worship service and coffee hour to celebrate our extraordinary community.

Thank you for lifting up your voice and joining the chorus, and most of all, for making the melodies of faith part of your life and mine – for the love of God and neighbor.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin L. Saylor', written in a cursive style.

The Rev. Kristin L. Saylor, Rector

p.s. This stewardship season, you're invited to practice generosity in all kinds of ways – and not just with your bank account. The enclosed "30 Day Generosity Challenge" offers simple, daily prompts to grow in gratitude, kindness, and joy. Give it a try!



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