



WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Pastor Barry
Liturgist: Pastor Snow
Pianist: Dr. Katie Rolf

July 20, 2025 8:30/10am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

God's Word accomplishes miraculous change. God declares that the barren womb of Sarah shall be great with child. Jesus, inseparably the Word of God, declares those once hostile and alienated to be holy and blameless. The counsels of God, once couched in mystery, now declare the glory, wisdom, and hope of Jesus. Where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, we should be still, listen, and believe God's life-changing Word.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB 904

Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word
We are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light of Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,
Praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782, vv.1, 4

Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.

Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!

Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:21-29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30)**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, whose promise to Abraham and Sarah seemed too good to be true, open the hearts and minds of those who have not truly heard the Gospel. May they join us and all the patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs in the heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, who called Martha from her distractions, move to repentance all who have strayed from the truth. Guide us to focus on You, the only thing needful.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear us, good Lord, as we pray for those near and dear to us...Visit, strengthen, comfort, and assure them of Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for repentant hearts that see our sin as we examine ourselves, for a trusting faith that believes Christ's promise to give us His forgiving body and blood in bread and wine, and for true unity as we receive His Holy Supper together. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

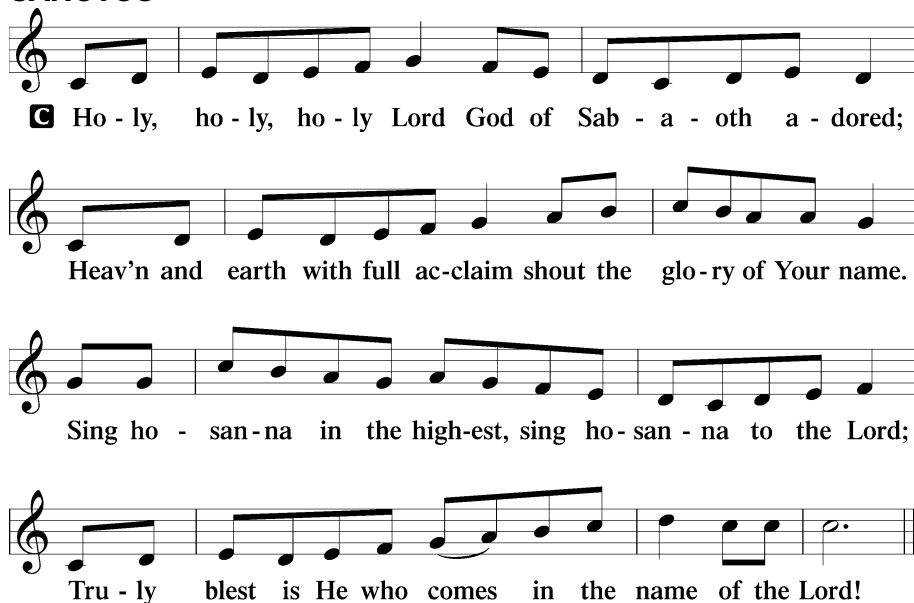
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death

and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me"

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying. "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. This we eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor or an elder. For further readings in Scripture, we suggest Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

- **Communicants will go around front rail to receive elements in a continuous fashion.**
- **Individual cups may be deposited in the wooden box on the wall.**
- **If you would like the pastor to bring communion to you, please inform an usher anytime during the service.**
- **Children of all ages may join their parents and receive a special blessing.**
- **For those who desire it, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center ring of the tray of individual cups.**

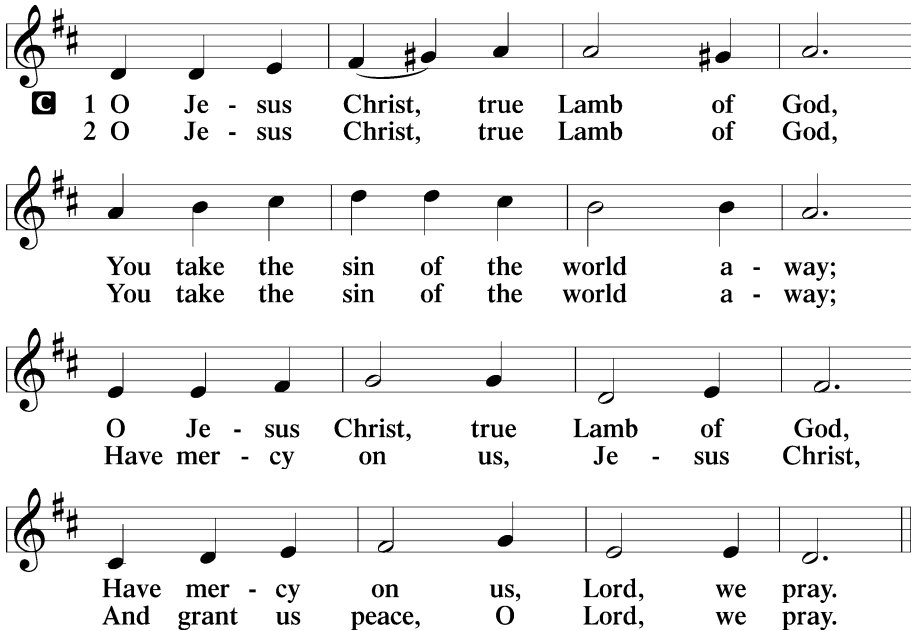
PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

LSB 641

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart, With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, The bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to You, Our praise and gratitude
That You should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. **Refrain**

Is not the cup we bless and share, The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare, Our oneness in the Lord? **Refrain**

The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain, Comes in our hearts to dwell. **Refrain**

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in Your name, In truth and charity. **Refrain**

HYMN**“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”****LSB 685**

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

HYMN**“Oh, Blest the House”****LSB 862**

Oh, blest the house, whate’er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children’s lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children’s foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav’n be lost!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

LSB 973

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,

Still You’re there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. ***Refrain***

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

And I will love You to the end. ***Refrain***

SENDING

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THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Pete Siedelman/10:00 Josh Peterson

Communion Assistants:

8:30 Chris Mundahl, Chris Hammons, Bruce Wolf

10:00 Paul Dolan, Daniel Schlueter, Ben Wiegert

Usher Team: 8:30 Jeff Rasmussen/10:00 Craig Pauling

Welcome Team: 8:30 Bonnie Schaefer/10:00 Pete Stephan

Tech Crew: 8:30 Sara Buesgens, Bennet Mcglothlin/10:00 Joelle Sihombing

UPCOMING WEEK	
Sunday – 20	Worship 8:30/10am
	New Member Reception 9:30am
	Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am
Monday – 21	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Wednesday – 23	Family Faith Night @Veteran's Park 5:30pm
Friday – 25	AA 6:30pm
Sunday – 27	Worship 8:30/10am
	Parents in the Word Bible Study 9:30am

Celebrating Birthdays

7/20

Jonathan Anderson

Harold Bartsch

Jacob O'Sell

Henrik Paulson

7/21

Noah Anderson

Wade Kranz

Richard Wrase

7/22

Alexis Roxas

7/23

Nathan Holasek

Jaheim Porte

Kaia Fischer

7/24

Sydney Huwe

Dana Mesenbring

Pat Wrase

Lulu Olson

Wendy Dare

7/25

Grace Ewing

Gabi Lainhart

JoAnn Meyer

Jacob Struble

Steve Beach

Joshua Gilmore

Celebrating Anniversaries

7/20 Travis and Kristen Siegle
7/21 Bob and Lynn Loomis
7/21 Vinny and Hannah Herelle
7/22 Troy and Angie Bachmann

7/23 Fred and Karen Poppler
7/24 Derek and Kristen Schmitz
7/26 Paul and Linda DeRocher
7/26 Nathan and Katie Messer

Expectant Moms

Hailey Busker	Jessica Lewis
Rachel Hubley	Anna Jeurissen

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Suzanne Honebrink	Loretta Folkerts	Angel Benes
Carol Severson (Cousin of Penny Eastlund)	Judy Wolff	Julie Carver
Gene Henke	Jack Boman	Kim Bergo
Carol Affeldt	Joel Landskroener	Joann Mueller
	Marilyn Lenzen	Gretchen Laubach

In Sympathy: Kyle Raether and Allison Raether on the death of their mother.

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt	Eugene Henke
John Barney	Carol Jones
Merline Bentz (Brother of Linda Knox)	Len Kallsen
Jimann Campbell	Jeanette Lieske
Julie Carver	Melinda Meuwissen
Marguerite Craighead	Lisa Neitzel – (Mother of Ashley Lenz)
Sunnie Deis	Gina Niesche
Bob DeMaris	Carol Ott
Anita Doss	Steve Pond
Sid & Merna Fjelstad	Austin Rannow
Dennis Gaarder	JoAnn Schesso
Bernie Gnan	Val Schlefsky
Pearl Gray	Larry Smith
Hilde Grev	Cliff Waller
Ruth Harms (Sister-in-Law of Marilyn Lenzen)	Deb Wold – (Mother of Misty Reisner)

Nursery Available – Preschool room 106 will be available during worship services in case you have a child that needs to move around a bit. Please remember to pick up the toys you use.

Back to School Supplies – St. John's is very blessed to have an amazing school and a very dedicated staff. To show our appreciation, Ladie's Aid is sponsoring a Back-to-School supply drive for our staff. If you would like to contribute to this effort, the following items would be very much appreciated.

- Papermate Flair Pens
- Masking tape (Scotch brand)
- Scotch tape
- Double-sided tape
- Sharpies (black, colorful, or metallic)
- Dry Erase markers

A drop box is located outside the school office on the gym level. Thank you in advance for considering supporting this effort.

National Youth Gathering - please keep the following attendees and chaperones in your prayers.

Attendees

Josh Eickhoff
Wyatt Fischer
Mya Frauendiest
Addie Gilmore
Leif Johnshoy
Lilah Johnshoy
Keegan Kelly
Kaylee Koepsell
Mason Krueger
Mallory Kulzer
Caleb Reisner

Markus Rennerfeldt
Addie Sutherland
Madalyn Tesch
Evan Tesch

Chaperones:

Kendra Gilmore
Tracy Koepsell
Sherri Krueger
Andy Tesch



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Troy and Lindsey Boysen
Regan, Wren



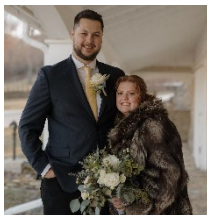
Zach and Allison Brooks
Owen, Daniel



Jeff Davenport
Hannah, Jacob



Mike and Tricia DuToit,
Rayen, Ryker



Emma Ewing



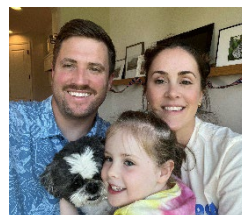
Marie Hovorka



Nathan and Karsyn Kohls



Jeremy and Katie Rolf
Becca, Mathias



Ryan and Maggie Smith
Millie



Thomas and Morgan
Stanley



Shawn and Katie Swanson
Naomi, Matthew, Lillian,
August



Holly Walters