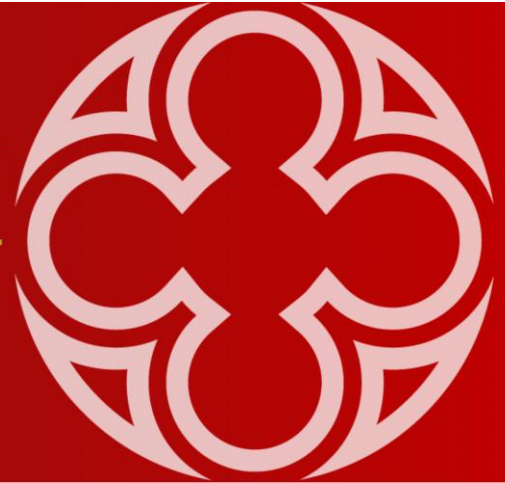


Dedication Sunday

May 17, 2026 | 8:00 · 9:30 · 10:45 am

St. John's Lutheran Church & School
Chaska, MN



Please stand as you are able and turn to face the Processional Cross.

EXHORTATION

Brothers and sisters: We have come together to re-dedicate this church for the worship of Almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward, let this sacred space be a place for the gathering of God's holy people, a place for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as a place where the sacraments are rightly administered and forgiveness is freely given for generations to come.

PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful God, though You are not contained in houses built by human hands, we pray that You will be pleased to dwell with us here as You reveal Yourself to us through the Means of Grace. Send Your Holy Spirit to be our Comforter as baptized children, washed in the blood of the Lamb. Give us eyes to see that You are truly present in this place as we gather to commune together and receive Your forgiveness: in, with, and under the bread and wine. Graciously hear the prayers we will offer to You; bless the marriages to be celebrated; comfort those who will mourn; and let us be a beacon of Your Light that shines through the darkness. We thank You for the generations who have come before us. May we be as bold in our witness as we share the truth of Your Word with the generations to follow. And finally, unite us with all the saints when You come again in glory, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837, vv. 1-4

Choir sings verse 3.

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign, The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

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Please be seated.

PSALM 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;

Praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; Praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; Praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals; Praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Machemer, McDonald

Choir sings verses 1-4, congregation sings verse 5.

5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!
Let all re - jice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:
Al - le - lu - ia!

DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders designed, built, and installed our new organ comprised of 2 manuals, 26 ranks, 31 stops, and 1,552 pipes. Former Director of Parish Music Julie Pallas was instrumental in guiding St. John's through the process of selecting the new organ. The primary goals of the organ are to lead and inspire congregational song, perform a myriad of organ and choral repertoire, enable the creation of new music and improvisation, and provide a quality instrument that will far outlive us all, ensuring proper stewardship for generations to come.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of rejoicing. With this new organ we will be encouraged to “sing to the Lord and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.” (*Psalm 96:2*) It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord.

PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this organ for use in the services of His house.

Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord"

Dale Grotenhuis

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As God's people, we have not always received His blessings with joy, we have not always used wisely our talents and gifts, and we have at times deliberately sinned against our God. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please be seated.

DEDICATION OF THE LECTERN

The lectern was designed by YHR Partners and built by R.K. Wolfgang. Because the lectern is not considered one of the three primary liturgical furnishings in the Lutheran Church, it was intentionally designed on a smaller scale. Its front panel incorporates Gothic arches and quatrefoils that reflect architectural details found throughout the sanctuary.

In the reading of the Holy Scriptures we hear God speaking His Word of salvation to us. This Word is "a lamp to [our] feet and a light to [our] path." (*Psalms 119:105*)

PRAYER

Almighty God, purify the lips of those who read the Scriptures here, and bless this lectern, that from it we may hear Your gracious Word of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the souls distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

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Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

"Built on the Rock"

LSB 645, vv. 1, 3-5
Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

"Living Stones"

Pastor Snow

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

O Lord, honor and praise be to Your name for guiding and directing us as we dedicate this building for Your divine purpose. Let all that is done here be true to Your Holy Word so that the pure Gospel of Your Son Jesus Christ might nurture us and bring salvation to all people of the world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that You have guided us in wisdom and given us courage and the resources for construction and dedication of this place of worship, teaching, and fellowship. With gratitude we remember our years of planning and Your perfect timing. We remember those whom You inspired with this vision and those who contributed their knowledge and gifts. We remember those who prayed for this day but now have been taken into Your heavenly care. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You are the Chief Cornerstone on which You build our lives of faith. Grant us Your grace that all who enter into this place may know Your blessings of life, strength, healing, and forgiveness in Your name. These petitions we bring before You knowing that You hear us and You bless us according to Your perfect will. **Amen.**

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.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

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.

DEDICATION OF COMMUNION VESSELS

Our new communion ware was handmade by artisans at the Molina company in Madrid, Spain. The arch design along the base of the chalices(wine) and ciboria(host) are silverplated metal with the interior lined with gold. They were chosen to reflect the arches in our sanctuary architecture. Arches serve a structural purpose in our church, but they also draw our eyes upward toward heaven. Our original individual cup trays were sent to Koley's in Omaha, NE, for restoration and silver-replating. The original altar candlesticks and candelabras were also sent to Koley's for restoration and replated with brass. All glory be to God!

In perfect love for us Jesus Christ our God and Lord became incarnate, died and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER

Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless these vessels for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD'S 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."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LSB 163

AGNUS DEI

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□ 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.

Please be seated.

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 receive elements in a continuous fashion, called *"Kneel and Replace".**
- **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.**

***KNEEL AND REPLACE**

Beginning this week, we will use a new pattern for receiving Holy Communion called "Kneel and Replace." When invited forward, communicants are asked to come to the communion rail and kneel to receive the Lord's Supper. After you have received the Body and Blood of Christ, in with and under the bread and the wine:

1. Pause briefly in reverence and thanksgiving.
 2. Rise and return to your seat.
 3. As you leave the rail, those waiting behind you may then come forward and take your place.
- This allows all communicants to receive the Sacrament prayerfully, reverently, and in good order.

If kneeling is difficult for you, you are welcome to stand at the rail instead.

DISTRIBUTION

The Communion Rail was designed by YHR Partners, with the woodwork crafted by Olson Cabinets. The rails are removable to allow for a more open space at the front of the Sanctuary for special services and events, such as children's Christmas services. The ironwork was designed to match the new balcony rail extension while maintaining an open and welcoming appearance.

HYMN**“The Church’s One Foundation”****LSB 644**

The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation By water and the Word.
 From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
 O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ, our head and cornerstone,
 Chosen of the Lord and precious,
 Binding all the Church in one;
 Holy Zion’s help forever
 And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,
 Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
 Come with all Your loving-kindness,
 Hear Your people as they pray;
 And Your fullest benediction
 Shed within these walls today.

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Grant, we pray, to all Your faithful
 All the gifts they ask to gain;
 What they gain from You, forever
 With the blessed to retain;
 And hereafter in Your glory
 Evermore with You to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father,
 Praise and honor to the Son,
 Praise and honor to the Spirit,
 Ever three and ever one:
 One in might and one in glory
 While unending ages run!

HYMN**“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”****LSB 809**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
 Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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HYMN**“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”****LSB 811**

Oh, that I had a thousand voices
 To praise my God with thousand tongues!
 My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
 Would then proclaim in grateful songs
 To all, wherever I might be,
 What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted,
 Arise, keep silence now no more;
 Put forth the strength that God has granted!
 Your noblest work is to adore.
 O soul and body, join to raise
 With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

You forest leaves so green and tender
 That dance for joy in summer air,
 You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
 You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
 You live to show God's praise alone.
 Join me to make His glory known.

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All creatures that have breath and motion,
 That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
 Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
 Help me to sing God's praises high.
 My utmost pow'rs can never quite
 Declare the wonders of His might.

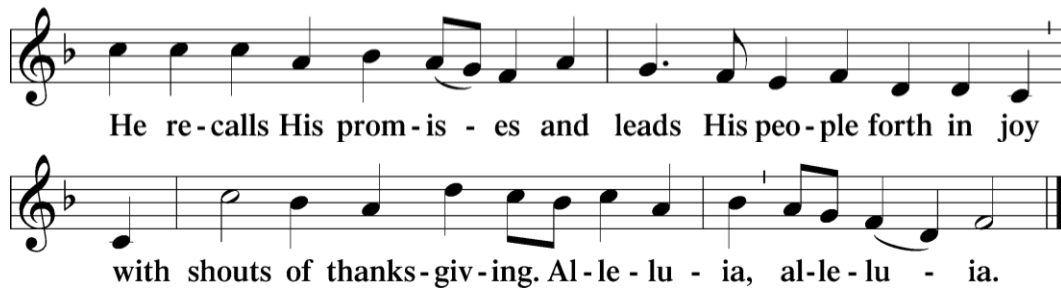
Creator, humbly I implore You
 To listen to my earthly song
 Until that day when I adore You,
 Together with the angel throng
 And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
 Eternal anthems to my King.

*Please stand as you are able.***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE****“Thank the Lord”****LSB 164**

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680, vv. 1-4

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow, *Senior Pastor*

Liturgist: Pastor Barry, *Associate Pastor*

Reader: Justin Weber, *Director of Christian Education*

Organist: Kristin Johnson, *Head Organist*

Choir: Messengers of Praise, directed by Dr. Katie Rolf, *Director of Parish Music*

Trumpet: Seth Vang

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Zoey Lewis/9:30 August Zabel/10:45 Aliyah Messer

Elder: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Lyle Hilke, Pete Siedelman/10:45 Brian Honebrink

Communion Asst: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Chris Mundahl, Marcus Simpson

9:30 Paul Dolan, Thomas Leier, Pete Stephan

10:45 Nathan Messer, Josh Peterson, Ben Wiegert

Usher Team: 8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Mark Young/10:45 Dave Hagen

Welcome Team 8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber/9:30 Troy and Julie Herrmann

10:45 Jana Beckendorf, Christine Ries

Tech Crew: 8:00 Zach Brooks, Jerry Hanson, Hunter Krueger, Jon Mierow

9:30 Bennett McGlothlin/10:45 Julie Bruce

Refreshments: Welcome Team and Sandvig Family

Altar Flowers: In memory of Gordon Thomas and Julie Pallas, and In Thanksgiving to the renovation committee members.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Jason Beussman

Angeline Rannow

Brody Lenz

Rog Forner

Rick Ellingson

Matt Weber

David Burfield

Emily Pagelkopf

Stephen Wetzel

Brody Miller

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt

John Barney

Merlin Bentz

Jack Boman

Jimann Campbell

Julie Carver

Marguerite Craighead

Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss

Sid & Merna Fjelstad

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