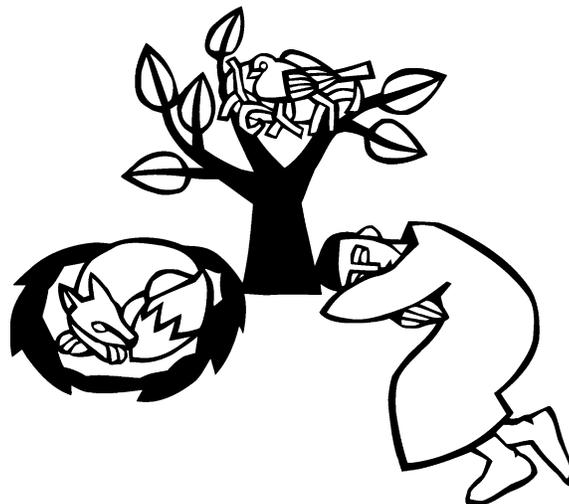


# SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 26, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church

Helena, Montana



*(Please respond with the words in **bold print** and stand, as you are able, at the places marked with an \*)*

**Prelude.....Favorite Hymn Sing**

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## **\*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.**

## SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Ernest Sands

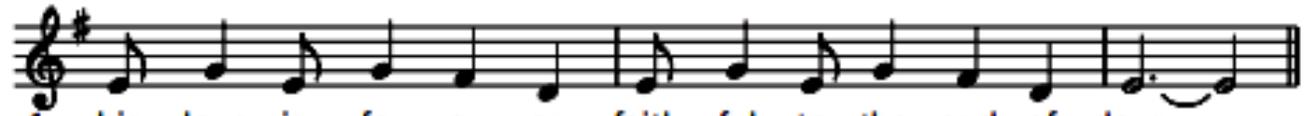
Verses



1. Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,  
2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,  
3. Cour-age in our dark-ness, com - fort in our sor - row,  
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



1. come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,  
2. ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,  
3. Spir - it of our God most high; so - lace for the wear - y,  
4. praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,



1. his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.  
2. one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.  
3. par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.  
4. praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.

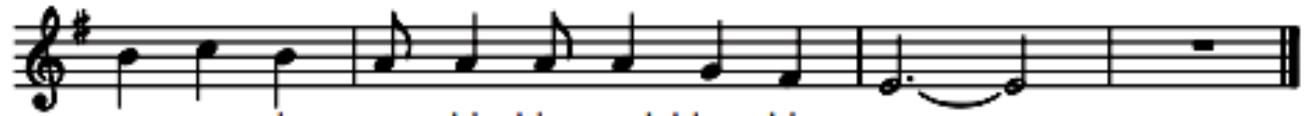
Refrain



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, mel - o - dies



of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with



your mu - sic, wor - ship him and bless his name.

### \*Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

15Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 16**

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**2All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

5O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**8I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

1For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 13For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**\*Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter beginning with the 51st verse.

**Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

51When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village.57As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Time**

**Hymn of the Day .....“Will You Come and Follow Me” ELW #798 verses 1-3**

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
  
“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray’r in you and you in me?  
  
“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris’ners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

**Sermon: “The Challenge of Discipleship” .....John Mundinger, LPA**

Hymn of the Day .....*"Will You Come and Follow Me"* ELW #798 verses 4-5

*"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

*Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949*

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**\*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**

Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

**\*Prayer Response**

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

*(...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19))*

As Christ welcomed everyone, let us open our hearts and lives and be like Christ to everyone we meet. The peace of the Lord be with you,  
**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn....."O Jesus, I Have Promised" ELW #810

*O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.*

*I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.*

*Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.*

*My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.*

*Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.*

*Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.*

*O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.*

*And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

*Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.*

**\*Offering Prayer**

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

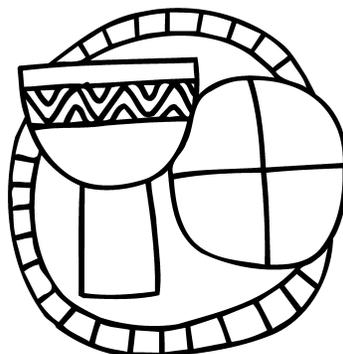
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

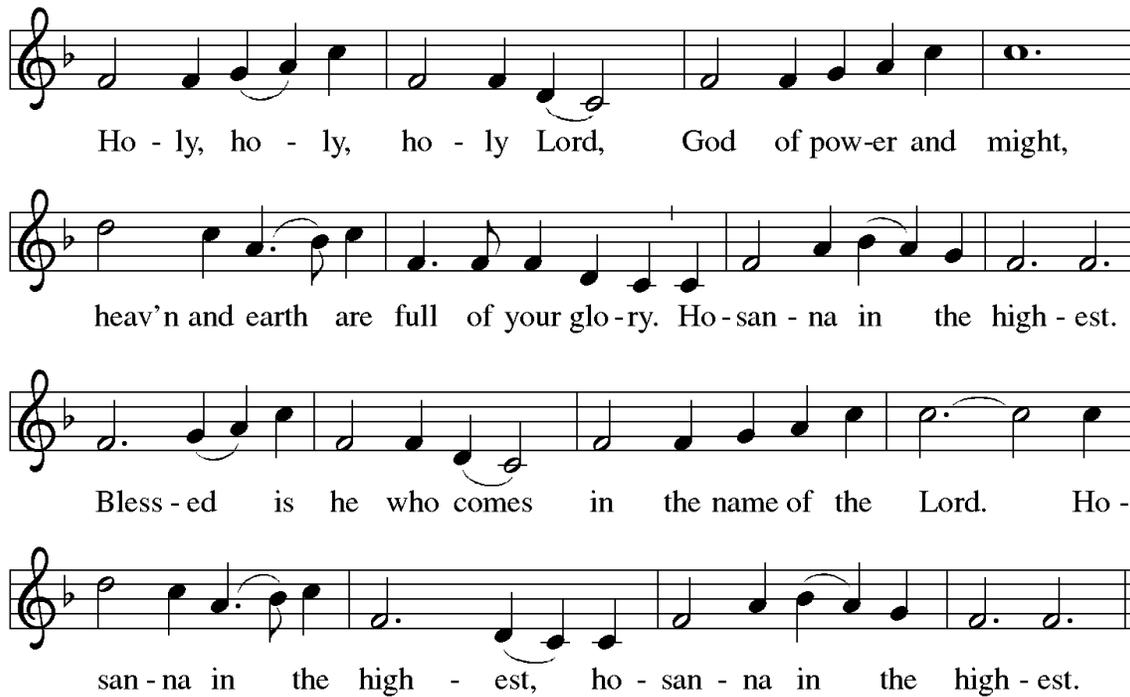
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



**\*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lords 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.**

**\*Invitation**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*We celebrate open communion and all who are baptized are welcome to receive the forgiving and gracious presence of Christ in communion. Those who prefer not to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.)*

**Lamb of God**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Communion Hymn.....“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup” ELW #492**

*Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup.*

*Taste and see the goodness of God.*

*Bread of life, cup of love,  
we rejoice in your presence.*

*I will bless the Lord at all times,*

*praise with heart and voice;*

*in my God I glory forever:*

*listen and rejoice! (Refrain)*

*Look upon the Lord, be radiant,*

*never turn away.*

*God will save in ev'ry affliction,*

*hear us when we pray. (Refrain)*

*Angels fold their wings around us,*

*guard through good and ill.*

*Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing;*

*taste, and have your fill. (Refrain)*

*Saints of God, bow down and worship,*

*bless the holy name.*

*Rise to tell God's greatness forever,*

*wondrous deeds proclaim! (Refrain)*

*Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; With One Voice, stanzas, based on Ps. 34*

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**Prayer After Communion**

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**Sending of Communion**

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn.....“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” ELW #767

*Lord, take my hand and lead me  
upon life's way;  
direct, protect, and feed me  
from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
so take my hand, O Savior,  
and lead the way.*

*Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear;  
for you, the Rock of Ages,  
are always near.  
Close by your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
for when your hand is guiding,  
in peace I go.*

*Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen  
my steps toward home,  
then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me  
unto the end.*

*Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825-1901; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship  
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\*Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

## MINISTERING IN WORSHIP TODAY

John Munding-LPA, Preaching & Presiding  
Gretchen Munding, Organ  
K'Lynn Sloan Harris, Technology and Sound

Mait Board, Lector  
Linda Wollitz, Teresa Kinley  
Ramey Rogness, Evelyn Bourassa  
Communion Servers  
Paula Blessinger  
Judy Kembel  
Altar Guild

*John Munding, a Lay Pastoral Associate, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.*

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**In our prayers:** for the community and ministry at St. John's as we begin the process to call our next pastor, for the communities experiencing gun violence, for peace in war zones including Ukraine, for the safety of missionaries at home and abroad, Marge Jacobson, Meg Biggs and family, Pepper Peterson, Karl Kallin, Scott Muir, Harvey Welnel, Betty Dotson, Susan DeBree, Karrie Dolezol, Tom Morrow, Karen Sturm, Erma Polich, Robert Brinton, Tyler Vennes, Bill Mattfeldt, SSGT Andrea Jones, Payan Teeters, Dale Twingley, Cathy Christopherson, Richard Bomar, Brooklyn Skinner, Bruce Gottwig, Mary Lou Hadley, Tom Morrow, Rueben, Vickie Alpiner, Emma Rose Plute, Jeff Shirley, Jeremy Stockstad, Rosita Moe, Tatiana Ceaicovschi, Chris Gibbs, Randy Holmes, Lester Anderson, the children at Intermountain, for those who are alone, for those who suffer from depression, for the homeless in our community, and for all who seek health and wholeness

**For those who have died and now rest in God's merciful care:**

Addy Selvig, Georgine Larsen, Karen Kallin, Kathy Hintz, Rose Van Voast, Andrew Bickler, Glenda Truesdell, and all the Saints in heaven

**For those in residential living centers, extended care or homebound:**

Mike Kieckbusch, Hazel Aasved, Esther Fuehrer, Marge Mihelish, Bob Wirth, Julie Wolff, Susan DeBree, Bill Mattfeldt, Carl Mattfeldt, Marge Jacobson, Troy & Jimmie McGee, Mary Gardinier

**Missionaries:** Willie, Anne, and Micah Langdji in Cameroon  
Missionaries around the world

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Lorrie Vennes, LPA is on call June 27th-July 3rd and preaching on July 3rd.

Gretchen at FLBC June 26-July 1

Office Closed Monday, July 4th

Tuesday, July 5th: Property Committee Meeting at 10:00 am

Caring Friends at Noon

Wednesday, July 6-Friday July 8th: Christmas in July Sale set-up 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, July 9th: Christmas in July Sale 9:00 am-1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

*\*\*The Deadline for the weekly bulletin is Wednesday at noon. The deadline for the August Herald is Wednesday, July 20th. Thank you!*

### MEET YOUR TRANSITION MINISTRY TEAM

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful ministry team who will help lead us during our time of transition until we install our new pastor. Each week a different Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) or minister will provide pastoral services for the week and preach and lead worship. Whoever is scheduled to preach that week (please check your Herald calendar) will be on call the Monday through Sunday they are scheduled to preach. Numbers and emails are listed below for our team.

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### GEORGINE LARSEN

Georgine Larsen joined our faith community when she moved from Missouri to reside in Helena at Touchmark. Prior to the pandemic, Georgine regularly worshiped with us and was a faithful participant in Senior Saints, the weekly Bible study at Touchmark. Georgine passed this life on June 7. The celebration of Georgine's life will take place in Missouri and scheduled to include all of her family. Georgine's life was filled with music. The family suggests memorials to the St. John's organ fund.

## **VBS/DAY CAMP SUCCESS!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS/DAY Camp with FLBC a success this year. We are delighted that 31 kiddos spend the week with us learning about God's boundless love. This endeavor would never be possible without your support. We especially want to thank those who provided food for the counselors (Lorrie Vennes, Dawn Field, Jennifer Wintersteen, Betty Olaf, Ron & Deanne Stegmann, Pr. Kendra Wilde), those who helped clean up our Sunday School room (Kari Ceaicovschi, Deby McNally, Betty Olaf), those who applied for Thrivent grants (Jennifer Wintersteen, John & Gwynn Munding), our team who prepped and provided food for the final BBQ (Greg Field and John Munding) and our junior counselors and volunteer teachers (Betty Olaf, Bella Twoteeth, EB Slocum, Kate Lee, Lauren Eckdahl, Kayla Forseth, Liam Farrell, Corriisa Baker, Ayla Munding-Adsay, and Sydney McNally.) This is our 7th year providing VBS/Day Camp with FLBC in our community and it truly is the best way to kick off summer. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Sunday, September 11, we are going to host outdoor worship at 9:30, a community potluck at 11:00, and a school supply drive for Lutheran World Relief. Look for details in the Herald.

## **THRIVENT GRANTS NEEDED**

Thrivent members: we are looking for two Thrivent Members who have not yet submitted Action Team grants in 2022 to submit them for our outdoor worship, community picnic, and school kit drive on Sunday, September 11. We will help you write the grants. Please contact Kendra Wilde at 465-8590. Thanks!

## **CHRISTMAS IN JULY SALE**

Carl and Bill Mattfeldt donated Jeannette Mattfeldt's holiday collection to the church in the hopes that we could sell the items and the proceeds would go to support a local ministry. On Saturday, July 9th we will have a Christmas In July Sale from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in the Fellowship hall with 100% of the proceeds going to support Good Samaritan Ministries. We will need help setting up the sale July 6th-8th from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and we need donations of plastic bags and newspaper. Questions? Please contact Christina Tielking.

## **LUTHER LEAGUE SOFTBALL GAME**

Join us for an afternoon of fun with our friends at Our Redeemer's on Sunday, July 17th at 1:00 pm at Bob Ryan Baseball Field. We need two teams of 10-12. Sign up in the narthex today.

## **VISIT FROM OUR MISSIONARIES**

Join us in welcoming Anne and Willie Langdji, ELCA regional representatives for West Africa, and their missionary work in health and sustainable development in Cameroon to worship on July 31.

## **WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED**

We welcome help from our church community each week to help with our weekly worship. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to greet, read, and serve communion; please speak with Cliff Roessner to help usher; please speak with Laura Nachtsheim to bring treats for coffee hour.

## **PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Even though we do not currently have a called pastor, our ministry team continues to utilize the pastor's discretionary fund to assist those who are in need in the congregation and to support the ministry of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan is a vital ministry partner for us as we refer people who have immediate needs to them. Thank you to all who give to this special fund.

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY OFFERING FOR JUNE-GOD'S LOVE**

*"...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I need clothes and you clothed me...."*

There is an every growing need in our community to help our neighbor. St. John's is committed to supporting local agencies whose work can help someone towards a path of health, wholeness, and safety. God's Love, founded in 1981, provides shelter for those who would otherwise be sleeping on the street, meals served three times a day, clothing and hygiene products, financial assistance, and family transitional care. Our VBS/Day Camp campers will assemble hygiene kits this month for the shelter. All offerings can be mailed to the office with "Social Ministry" in the memo or placed in pew offering envelopes and check the social ministry box.