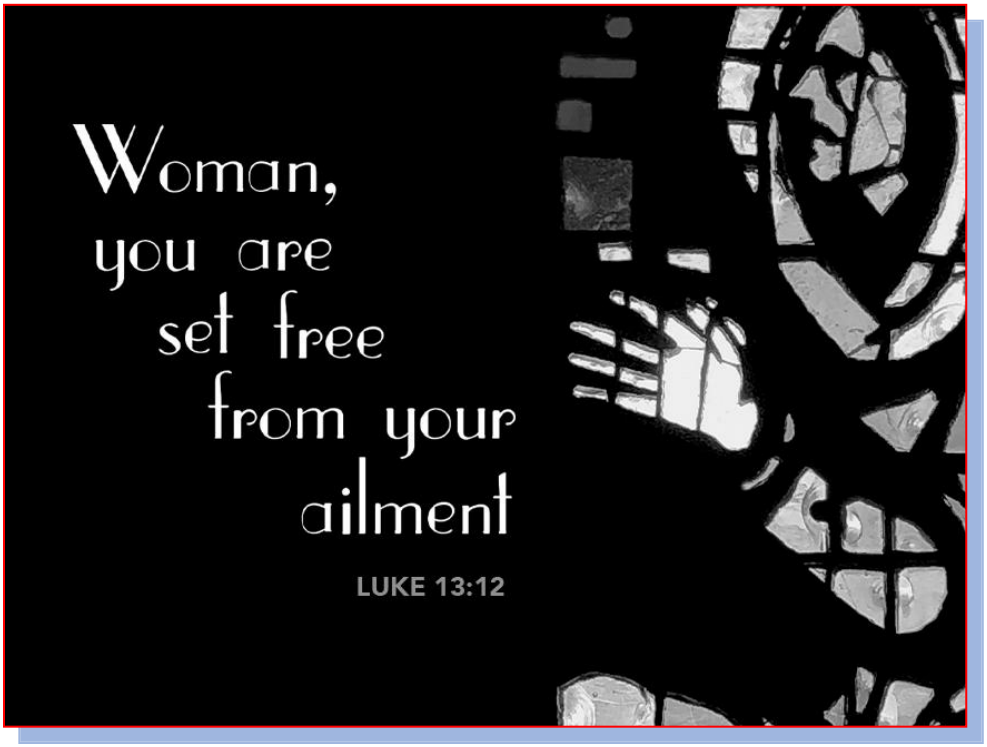

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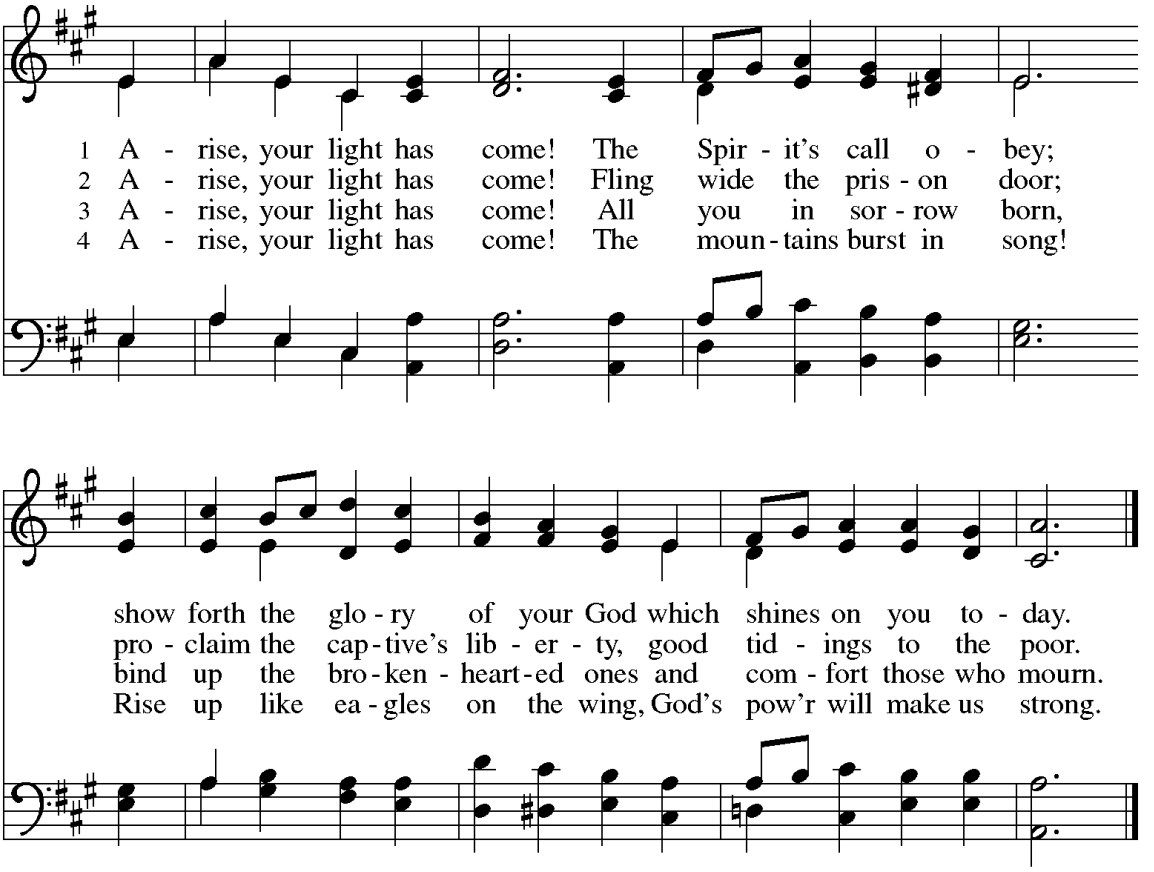
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

(Verse 2 – Women and High Voices only; Verse 3 – Men and Low Voices only)



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *AUGUST 9, 2026*

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **"MOTHERING GOD, YOU GAVE ME BIRTH"**
-David Cherwien

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **BASED ON PSALM 71**

[1]In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
[2]**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

[3]Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
[4]**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from of the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

[5]For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. [6]I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

OPENING HYMN** ***"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." 7 But the LORD said to me,
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy,'
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
8 Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD."
9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Second Reading — Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to a place like Mount Sinai that can be seen and touched. There is no flaming fire or dark cloud or storm or trumpet sound. The people of Israel heard a voice speak. But they begged it to stop, because they could not obey its commands. They were even told to kill any animal that touched the mountain. The sight was so frightening that Moses said he shook with fear.

You have now come to Mount Zion and to the heavenly Jerusalem. This is the city of the living God, where thousands and thousands of angels have come to celebrate. Here you will find all of God's dearest children, whose names are written in heaven. And you will find God himself, who judges everyone. Here also are the spirits of those good people who have been made perfect. And Jesus is here! He is the one who makes God's new agreement with us, and his sprinkled blood says much better things than the blood of Abel.

Make sure that you obey the one who speaks to you. The people did not escape, when they refused to obey the one who spoke to them at Mount Sinai. Do you think you can possibly escape, if you refuse to obey the one who speaks to you from heaven? When God spoke the first time, he voices shook only the earth. This time he has promised to

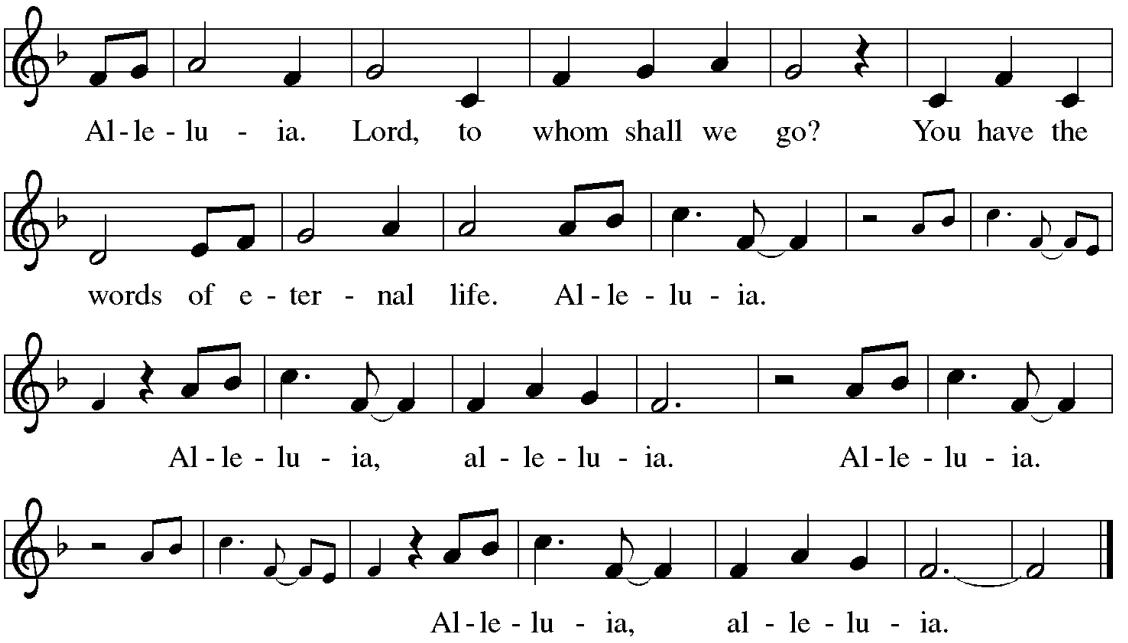
shake the earth once again, and heaven too.

The words “once again” mean that these created things will someday be shaken and removed. Then what cannot be shaken will last. We should be grateful that we were given a kingdom that cannot be shaken. And in this kingdom we please God by worshipping him and by showing him great honor and respect. Our God is like a destructive fire!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL — Luke 13:10-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there
appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent
over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over
and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her,
immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the
synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd,
"There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured,

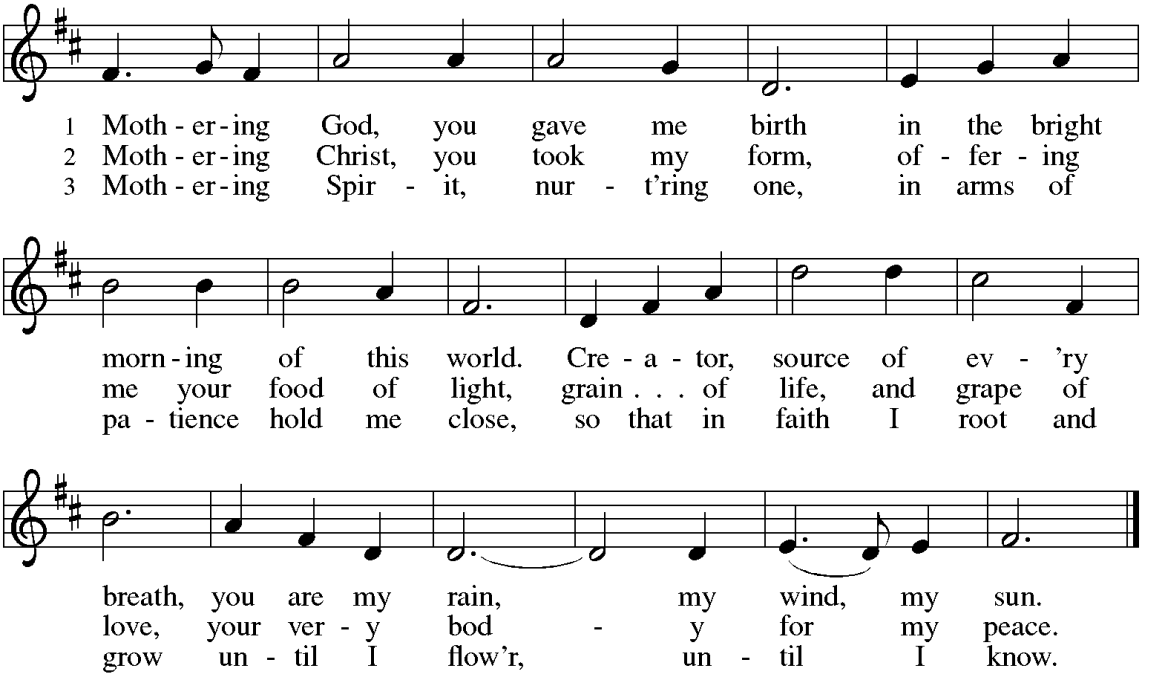
and not on the sabbath day." [15]But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? [16]And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" [17]When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE ***PASTOR Kurt Hutchens***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"



*PROFESSION OF FAITH – *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 into hell.
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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

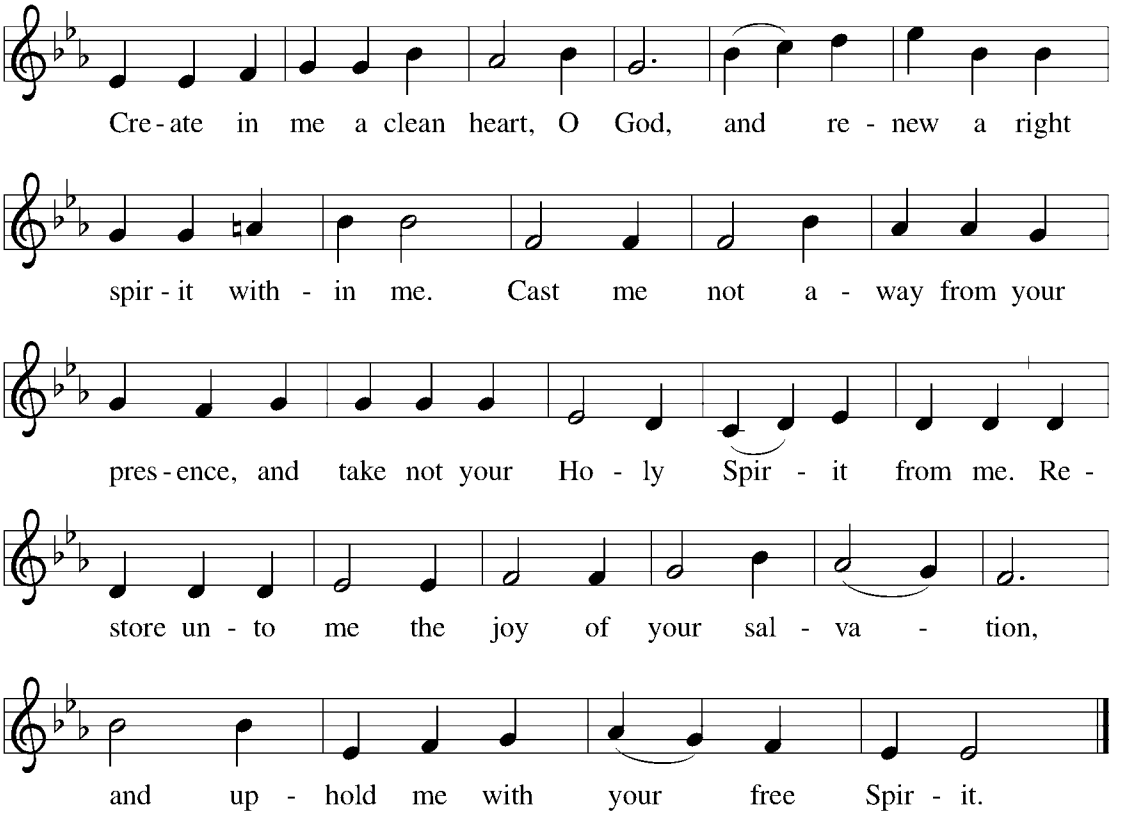
MUSICAL OFFERING — *"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"*

- Jay Althouse

Lord I stretch my hands to You no other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone,
where, then, shall I go?
Oh, Lord. Lord I give my soul to You I seek Your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from You above.
Lord, I ask You Give me faith and help me understand
And Lord when I this life shall leave, just hold me in Your hand.
Lord I stretch my hands to You no other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Oh, Lord, I stretch my hands to You.

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" *(Psalm 51)*



*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends…

Lord, in your mercy…**hear our prayer.**

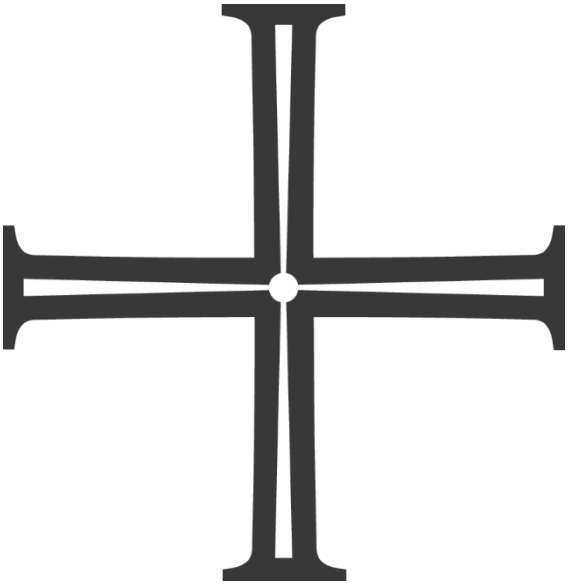
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

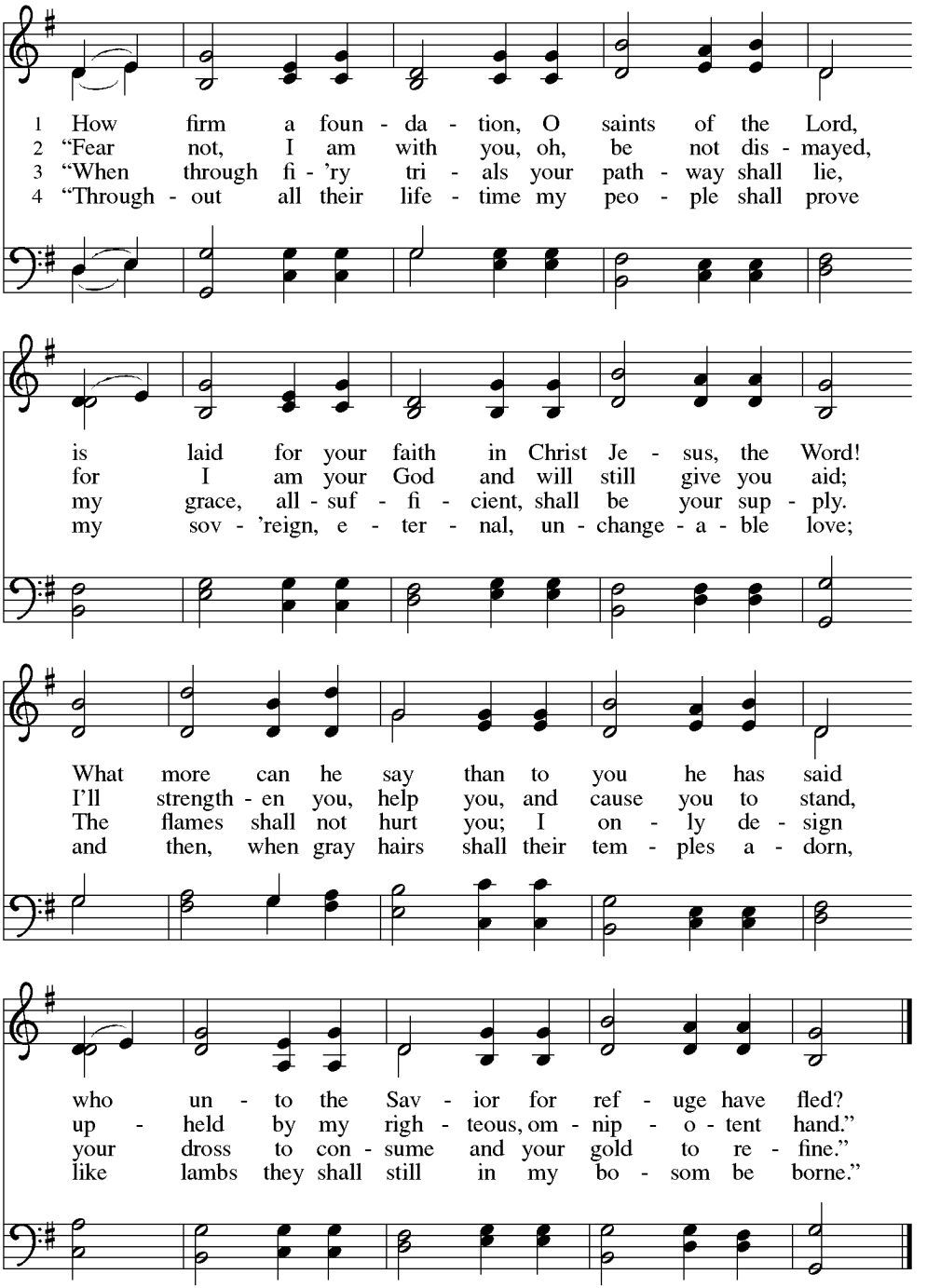
WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



*CLOSING HYMN *"How Firm a Foundation"*

(Please Verse 4 in Unison)

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Flute	-Caitlyn Schmidt
Vocals	-Deb Schmidt, Caitlyn Schmidt, Rana Schmidt, Aaron Schmidt, Andrew Schmidt, Alex Schmidt, Stan Schmidt
Usher Team Leader	-Aaron Short
Sound System	-Cameron Thompson
Altar Guild	-Robin Trudel & Jan Delaney
Offering Counters	-Jan Delaney & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

We are looking for several people who would be interested in being part of an usher team. Each team only ushers every five months and usually once or twice during that month. If you would be interested in considering doing this or have any questions, please reach out to Jim or Janet Wyse.

Today we welcome Pastor Kurt Hutchens from Zion Lutheran, Chelsea, MI, sharing the ministry of Food for the Poor.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – August 9
Worship, 9am – Food for the Poor

Tuesday – August 11
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Sewing, 9am

Wednesday- August 12
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- August 13
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Church Council, 7pm

Next Sunday – August 16
Worship, 9am

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .
Week of 8/2/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$3,912.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$2,612.64		
Total Income	$6,524.64	**AS OF 7/31/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$238,068.81
		YTD Operating Expenses	($239,461.89)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	90/23/113	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(1,393.08)

CHECK THOSE SCHOOL SALES AND GARAGE SALES . . .

We are collecting items for School, Baby Care and Personal Care Kits for Rally Day. Since school supply sales begin earlier and earlier, here is the list of supplies needed for each kit. Also be watching garage sales for baby care kit items. When you see good sales, take advantage of them and bring the supplies to the Fellowship Hall beginning now! We will pack them on **Rally Day, September 13.**

Item's Needed:

School Kits . . .

199-70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10
155-30" ruler
230-blunt scissors (ex: safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
834- black or blue ballpoint pen
40-box of 24 Crayola crayons
92-2½" "pink" eraser

Personal Care Kits . . .

60-light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
45-bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

Baby Care Kits(104) . . .

3-sleepers with no feet
9-lightweight cotton t shirt
8-jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
32-bars of gentle soap
16 -hand towels

Want to help financially instead? You can help with shipping. St. Martin's does not pay for shipping, but Lutheran World Relief does when they ship the kits and comforters to their destinations all over the world. Mark your offering envelope "LWR Shipping" and drop it in the Offering plate.

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

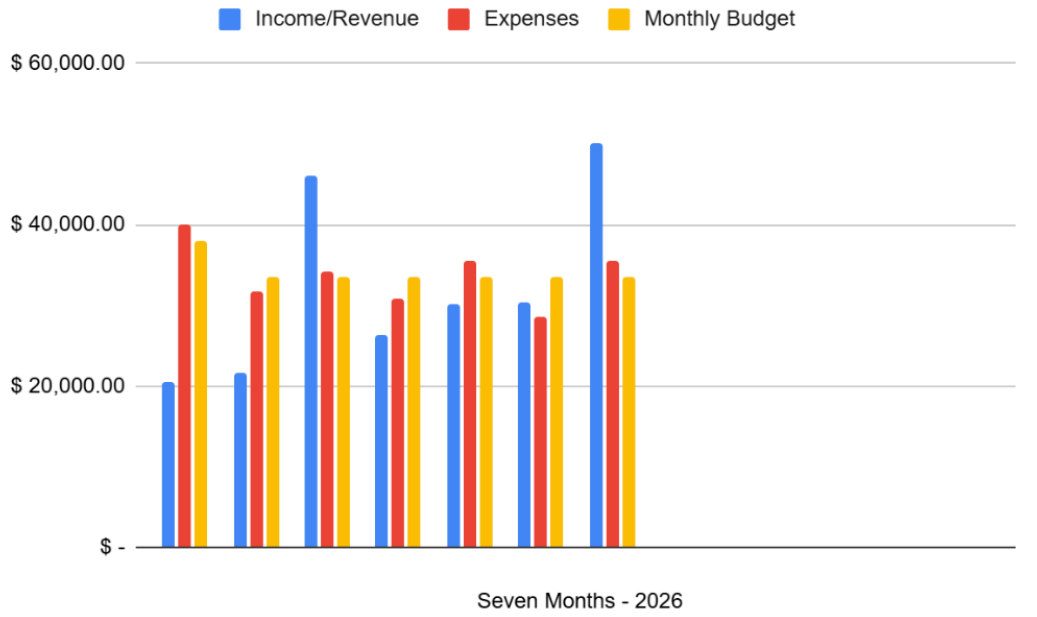
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, surgery
Jodi Downey, sister of Mark Weaver, health concerns
Laurie Fetzer, Greg Rupp's niece
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bill Knause, Jess Short's father, health issues
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Chuck Rupp
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse

Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org **We include a person's name and details only with their permission.**

Revenue/Expense Comparison

Month	*Income/Revenue*	*Expenses*	*Monthly Budget*
January 2026	*$ 20,468.94*	*$ 39,966.16*	*$ 37,979.95*
February 2026	*$21,693.43*	*$31,833.73*	*$33,565.99*
March 2026	*$46,114.52*	*$34,144.80*	*$33,565.99*
April 2026	*$26,409.80*	*$30,782.48*	*$33,565.99*
May 2026	*$30,102.70*	*$35,519.72*	*$33,565.99*
June 2026	*$30,349.58*	*$28,645.54*	*$33,565.99*
July 2026	*$50,166.52*	*$35,450.27*	*$33,565.99*
August 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
September 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
October 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
November 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*
December 2026	*$0.00*	*$0.00*	*$0.00*