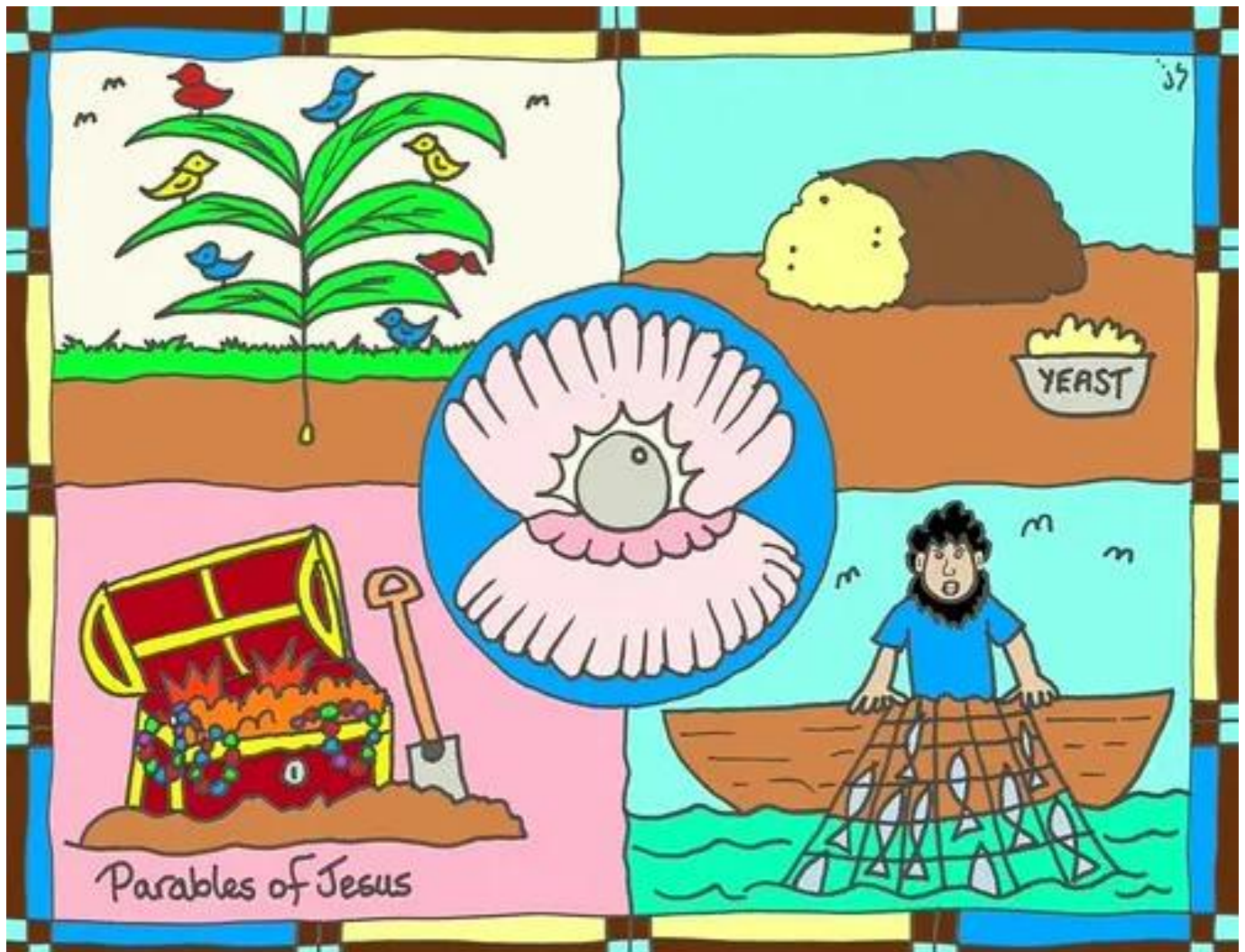


9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26th, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton ~ St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.** Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. Please follow along with the **Worship Guide** in your pew rack (or ask an usher), and the readings in the insert.

♪ ♪ ♪ **TODAY'S MUSIC** *♪ ♪ ♪*

Prelude: *Come Away to the Skies*, Charles Wesley, Arr. Thomas Keesecker
Gathering Hymn: *Come Away to the Skies (See insert)*
Hymn of the Day: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure (HYMN# 775)*
Musical Offering: *Handbell Choir*
Communion Hymn I: *Seek Ye First (See insert)*
Communion Hymn II: *All My Hope on God is Founded (HYMN# 757)*
Sending Hymn: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit (See Insert)*
Postlude: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, African American Spiritual, Arr. Kurt Kaiser



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Susan, Rick, Jane and Rob Newell in memory of our father,
Howard Watson's birthday.



Last week's flowers were given by Mary Scanlan in honor of Adam and Peggy Scanlan's
Wedding Anniversary (24 years)

WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Pastor Cheryl
GREETER	Norm Hopfer
USHERS	Nancy Luebke, Rob Schainker
ASSISTING MINISTER	Chris Schmidt
LECTOR	Elizabeth Penny
CANTOR	Maryn Olson
SPECIAL MUSIC	Handbell Choir
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Mary Wolfsberger
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Vickie Gaines and Grace Tullock
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Schaller
CAMERA	Gary Borkowski
WINE SPONSOR	Barb Johnson

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

- **Summer bulletins** are here! Please use the Worship Guide (leave in your pew rack) and follow along with the readings in the insert and the hymns in the bulletin or on the Hymn board. These bulletins save time and paper, allowing work on other church projects and staff vacations. The new bulletins address feedback from last Summer's bulletins.

- **Support Collins' Cause!** Join Nick and Sabrina Kohlberg in honoring the memory of their daughter, Collins, through a fundraiser benefiting Catherine Cares. Your generosity helps provide comfort, encouragement, and support to families navigating serious illnesses. To learn more and make a donation, scan the QR code on the flyers displayed throughout the church.
- **Isaiah 58's annual school supplies** drive is here! We committed to collecting **450 pocket folders by Sept 8**. Isaiah 58 collects school supplies a year in advance so donors can take advantage of sales tax-free holidays and volunteers have time to load up and distribute backpacks during the summer. (This year's Missouri Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday is August 8-9.)
- Do you have an **adult-sized bicycle** you no longer use? One of our neighbors, Ronnie, is looking for a free/cheap bicycle to help him with transportation. Contact the office if you have a lead on a used bike!
- **The July Big Ask** is toilet paper and dish soap. The **August Big Ask** is bar soap, deodorant and paper towels. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.
- **The Messenger has a digital format!** If you have any items to include for the August newsletter, please send them to Gretchen at connect@gethsemanestl.org by July 23.

More announcements in the weekly enews! Check the box on your attendance sheet to subscribe

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed: strength, patience and confidence **Fred Lenhart:** comfort and peace
Mike Fenton: recovering from surgery **Margaret Lenhart:** comfort and peace
Kate Hartz: courage and trust **Elizabeth Penny:** blessings on her new job
Barb Johnson: in rehab **Sharon Salerno:** healing and strength

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer)	<i>Breed/Penny family</i>
Lisa McL. (healing); Beth, RJ and Sara (comfort); Karen Z. (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Dad (healing); Melissa (employment); City of St. Louis, Farmers of the World	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, South Sudan, Myanmar, and Venezuela; Pat Fulton (strength); Ginny Olson (strength); Jojo (healing, energy); those who do not feel safe in their communities; all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
Toby, Ronnie, Dale, Rob, Chase, Charlie, Allen, Nicole and Steve (housing, employment, food, health and hope.) The family and friends of Susan Smith (Toby Smith's mother), mourning her death.	<i>Social Action</i>

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar July 26 – August 2, 2026

7/26 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am 11 – noon	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade NO Music Fundamentals Class
7/27 Monday	11:30 am 6:00 pm	Women's Lunch at Favazza's on the Hill. RSVP to Dawn Riske NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7/28 Tuesday	10 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study Council Meeting
7/29 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
8/2 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
CURRENT until Tues, Aug 4		EARLY VOTING is open now!
Mon, Aug 10	1-5 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sun, Aug 16	9:30 am 10:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship Third Sunday Committee Meetings
Mon, Aug 24	11:30 am 6:30 am	Gethsemane Women's Luncheon NorthHampton Neighbors meeting at Gethsemane

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"Give your servant an understanding heart...
to distinguish right from wrong."