

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th, 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: *Kum Ba Yah*, Adolphus Hailstork
Gathering Hymn: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (HYMN# 886)*
Hymn of the Day: *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (HYMN# 716)*
Musical Offering: *Amarilli, mia bella*, by Guilio Cavcivini, Arr. John Glenn Patton,
guest soloist Kaylee Dyer
Communion Hymn I: *Let Justice Flow like Streams (HYMN #717)*
Communion Hymn II: *Earth and All Stars! (HYMN# 731)*
Sending Hymn: *For All the Faithful Women (see insert)*
Postlude: *Postlude*, Gustave Tritant



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Elizabeth, Steve, and Zach Penny and Melissa, Green, and Xyla Breed-Parks for the 40th Ordination Anniversaries of Rev. Cindy Ford Breed and Rev. Dr. T. Edwards Breed.

WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
GREETER	Mary Scanlan
USHERS	Ted Yemm, Lily Yemm
ASSISTING MINISTER	Megan Yemm
LECTOR	Debbie Schaller
CANTOR	Angie Fulton
SOLOIST	Kaylee Dyer
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Lindsay Schuessler
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Moe Family and Natalie Traylor Fontana
ALTAR GUILD	Missy DeVore
CAMERA	Natalie Traylor Fontana
WINE SPONSOR	Kate Hartz

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

- **Church Office hours** will vary this week as Gretchen and Eve help move their kids to college. Please call first if you need access to the building.
- **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.

- **Single Sunday Service Survey.** Please complete and return the survey on the pink bulletin insert if you have not filled one out yet. This is the last week to complete a survey. For accurate results, we are trusting all to please only complete the form once.
- **Today! The Social Action Committee** will meet in the library after worship.
- **Support Collins' Cause!** Join Nick and Sabrina Kohlberg in honoring the memory of their daughter, Collins, through a fundraiser benefiting Catherine Cares. To learn more and make a donation, scan the QR code on the flyers displayed throughout the church.
- The **August Big Ask** is **pocket folders** and **diapers**, to support both Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's diaper and school supplies drives.
- **God's Work, Our Hands** Sunday is August 30. There will be indoor and outdoor projects available between 11 am – 2 pm. **Please sign up** using the link in the enews if you can put your hands to work on this special day! A limited number and sizes of GWOH t-shirts are available for those who sign up early! If you would like to lead a project, please contact Leah Morrell.
- **The Messenger has a digital format!** If you have any items to include for the September newsletter, please send them to Gretchen at connect@gethsemanestl.org by August 25.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Cindy Breed: strength, patience and confidence **Margaret Lenhart:** comfort and peace
Kate Hartz: courage and trust **Sharon Salerno:** healing and strength
Barb Johnson: continued healing at home

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Bev, good friend, (fighting cancer)	<i>Breed/Penny family</i>
Lisa McL. (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Friend, Lisa and her mom, Vicki (comfort, love, peace)	<i>Natalie T. Fontana</i>
Husband Barry (healing from eye surgery)	<i>Suzanne Hirth</i>
Jimmy (healing from surgery); Craig (health); Melissa (healing and employment); Dad (health and healing)	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Katie, sister-in-law (postpartum healing)	<i>Morrell Family</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>
Our family as we prepare for a new baby girl, and especially Andi as she prepares to deliver!	<i>Terrell Family</i>
Toby, Ronnie, Dale, Rob, Chase, Judy, Allen, Nicole and Steve (housing, employment, food, health and hope.)	<i>Social Action</i>

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar

August 16 - 23, 2026

8/16 Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube, Blessing of the Backpacks
	10:45 am	Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade
	10:45 am	Third Sunday Committee Meetings
	11:00 am	VBS Recap Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8/17 Monday	6:00 pm	NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal
8/18 Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
8/19 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
8/23 Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube
	10:45 am	Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Mon, Aug 24	11:30 am	Gethsemane Women's Luncheon at Three Kings on Lindberg. RSVP to Debbie Schaller
	6:30 pm	NorthHampton Neighbors meeting at Gethsemane
Sun, Aug 30	11 am – 2 pm	God's Work, Our Hands Sunday!
Sat/Sun, Sept 26/27	Various	Lutherans for Love and Pride booth at Tower Grove Pride Festival (sign up in the enews)

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"So shall your way be known upon the earth;
among all nations, your salvation."



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