

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 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: *Sonatina*, Arr. by Jiri Antonin Benda
Gathering Hymn: *Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus (see insert)*
Hymn of the Day: *As Colors in the Sky (see insert)*
Musical Offering: *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*, by Ken Medema,
Arr. by Jack Schrader
Comm. Hymn I: *Now the Feast and Celebration (HYMN #167)*
Comm. Hymn II: *Just As I Am, Without One Plea (HYMN# 592)*
Sending Hymn: *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak (HYMN# 676)*
Postlude: *Closing Voluntary*, by Antoine Edouard Batiste



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Denise Buehrer



WORSHIP LEADERS	
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie
GREETER	Carleen Reinhardt
USHERS	Adam Rentchler and family
ASSISTING MINISTER	Becky Rentchler
LECTOR	Mike Schmidt
CANTOR	Maryn Olson
CHILDREN'S SERMON	Pastor Cheryl
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Wolfsberger Family
ALTAR GUILD	Missy DeVore
CAMERA	Jaryd Wolfsberger
WINE SPONSOR	Kate Hartz

*****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.
- **Single Sunday Service Survey Results!** The results are in we will proceed with having one Worship Service at 10 am for a trial period starting September 13 through the end of the year. Thanks to all who voted and submitted comments and suggestions.
- **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. We will continue collecting diapers through **September** for St. Anthony's diaper drive!
- **God's Work, Our Hands** Sunday is TODAY. There will be indoor (quilt projects for all skill levels) and outdoor projects (park cleanup) available between 11 am – 2 pm. **Please stay even if you haven't signed up!**
- **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 31.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kate Hartz: courage and trust

Sharon Salerno: healing and strength

Barb Johnson: continued healing at home

Mary Scanlan: recovering after stroke

Margaret Lenhart: comfort and peace

The family and friends of **Fred Lenhart:** comfort and peace as they mourn his death

Comfort and Peace to the family and friends of Donna Fitzwater (**Kate Schejbal's** sister) as they mourn her death.

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Finley Bartholomew, Betsy's Granddaughter - healing and speedy recovery	<i>Betsy Bartholomew</i>
Lisa McL. (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Thanks for healing for husband Barry after eye surgery	<i>Suzanne Hirth</i>
Celebrating mother, Patty Horn's 72 nd birthday on Aug. 25. Prayers for health and joy in years ahead	<i>Horn Family</i>
Marc, Malakai (health)	<i>Jung Family</i>
Kids starting school, teachers and staff; Dana and Kelsey (healthy pregnancies); guidance during decisions; gratitude for the chaos	<i>Kohlberg Family</i>
Parents (health and happiness); Susan; Flood Victims in Indiana, Farmers of the World	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
Vassar family (comfort and peace)	<i>Cayce Morice</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>
Comfort and peace to the family of Donna Fitzwater, sister of Kate Schejbal	<i>Kate Schejbal</i>
Toby, Ronnie, Dale, Rob, Chase, Judy, Allen, Nicole and Steve (housing, food, health and hope.)	<i>Social Action</i>

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar

August 30-September 6, 2026

8/30 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am 11 am – 2 pm	Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade God's Work, Our Hands!
8/31 Monday	6:00 pm	NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal (resumes 9/14)
9/1 Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study
9/2 Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00 pm 6:30 – 8 pm	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Choir Rehearsals Resume! Meet in Sanctuary
9/6 Sunday	9:30 am 10:45 am	Last Sunday of 9:30 am Worship: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship: Cookies and Lemonade

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Wed, Sept 2	6:30-8 pm	Choir Rehearsals Resume
Mon, Sept 7		Labor Day Holiday
Sun, Sept 13	9:00 am 10:00 am	Rally Day for Sunday School New Fellowship Time begins – Coffee and Donuts! New Sunday Worship Time begins
Mon, Sept 14	6 – 7 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal Resumes!
Sun, Sept 20	9:00 am	Sunday School Resumes
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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"The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"