

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023



Season of Creation: Water

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

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



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to acknowledge and honor the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Air from Water Music*

G.F. Handel

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

Hymn# 452



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con- quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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GREETING:

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

MISSION MOMENT: Maryn Olson and Gethsemane's Land Acknowledgment

WORD

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

Having decided to let the Israelites go from Egypt, Pharaoh had second thoughts and sent his army after them (14:5-8). Though the passage through the Red Sea became a sign of salvation for the people of Israel, Pharaoh's forces drowned in the waters. As a result the Israelites believed in the Lord and in the Lord's servant Moses.

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

THE PRAYERS

AM: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

AM: ... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also, with you.

P: I invite you to share a sign of peace with those around you.
The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

OFFERTORY: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

Robert A. Hobby

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom...

P: ...The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

COMMUNION

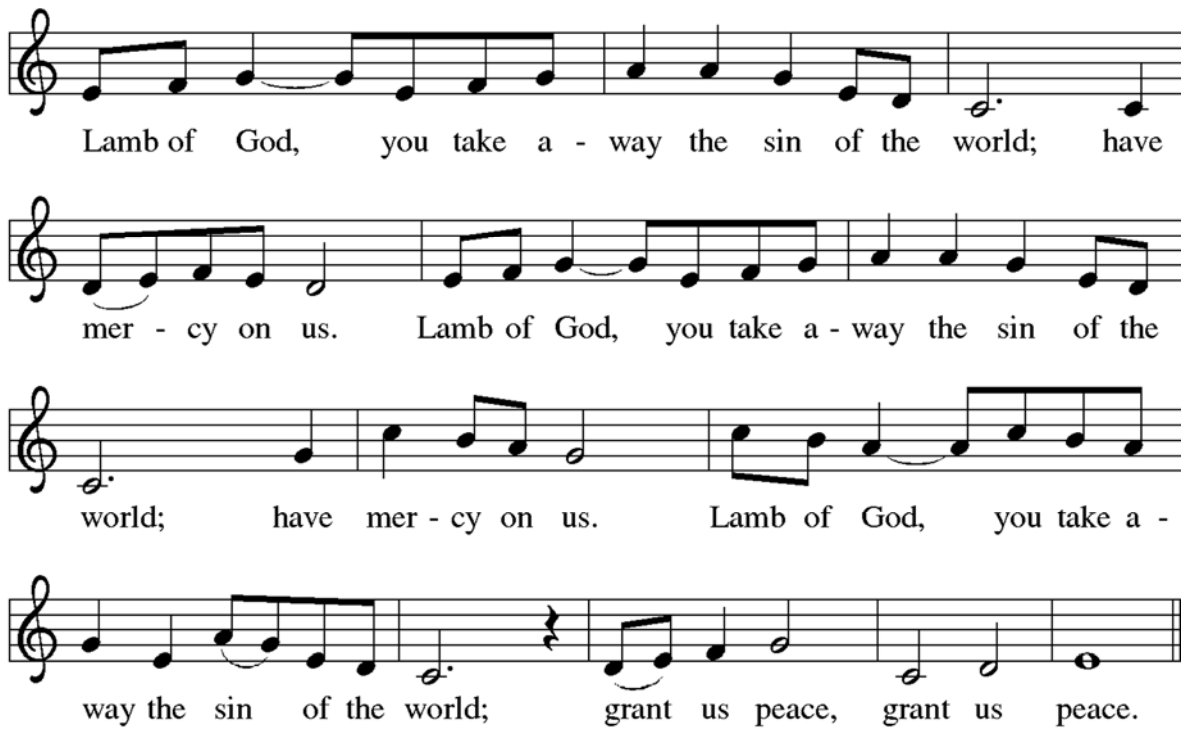
P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Hymn# 359



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt. Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842.
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In the Singing

Hymn# 466



- 1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
- 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:

Let All Things Now Living (verse one only) Hymn# 881

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

These are ways we are sharing God's Grace with our community and with the world!

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
Amen

SENDING HYMN: *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing!*

Hymn# 544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell

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**ALTAR
FLOWERS**

Today's flowers were given by Ed and Cindy Breed
in honor of Zach and Steve Penny's birthdays on September 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Car Wash: Gethsemane youth are heading to New Orleans next summer for the long-anticipated National Gathering! To help them in their journey, drop your dirty car off with them as you enter the building today and let them clean and refresh your car while you refresh your soul during worship. Donations towards their trip are much appreciated in exchange for their cleaning efforts.

Request of the Month: During September, we are again collecting diapers of all sizes for St. Anthony's Food Pantry. As a member of the St. Louis Diaper Bank, St. Anthony's receives 3000+ diapers each month, but they need to do a diaper drive each year as part of their membership. Can we collect 3000+ diapers at Gethsemane this month? The deadline to "fill the truck" is September 22, so diapers need to be **at Gethsemane by Tuesday, September 19th** to be included in the diaper drive. Thank you for helping babies have clean, dry bums!

Sunday School begins TODAY: if your child is between the ages of three-years-old through fifth grade please register them for Sunday School! The registration form can be found on Gethsemane's website. Registration is free and Sunday School is between services: 9:45am-10am with music in the Sanctuary and class from 10am-10:45am.

Adult Forum: Today we will gather in the Chapel for a brief Narcan training session. The Social Action Team will meet in the Church Library following today's training.

Next Sunday, September 24th, Michael McFarlane will discuss what it is like to live with his mother who is suffering from Alzheimer's. This is a follow-up to his amazing article in the September Messenger.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON CHANGE OF VENUE. The Women's luncheon on Monday, September 25th, has been moved to Favazza's on the Hill. They will meet at 11:30. Please call Sharon Salerno at 314.781.8477 to reserve your seat by Thursday, September 21st.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 1st at 4pm. Bring your pets and join us for a brief service to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Treats for humans and dogs will be available after the blessing. There will also be a small craft for the young – and young at heart. Animals must be on a leash or in a secure carrier for their safety.

MONTH OF GRACE + PRAYER (A Retreat in Everyday Life) Coming October 15

Go on retreat while staying at home by praying on your own each day and meeting privately with an experienced spiritual companion for one hour, once per week for four consecutive weeks. Participate either in person (meetings at church on Mondays – mornings, afternoons, or evenings) or virtually (Zoom or phone). This retreat is personalized to what you are hoping for, whether that is to make more time for prayer, to learn new ways to pray, to pray about a certain issue in your life, deepen your personal relationship with Jesus, or to receive whatever God is offering to you currently. During the weekly sessions, your spiritual companion will listen with love and affirmation, offer questions that will lead you deeper into your prayer experiences and offer prayer suggestions for the coming week. For more information visit contact Clarence Heller (clarenceheller@gmail.com; 314.258.9066). There is no registration fee, but retreatants are invited to share the costs of the retreat as they are able.

| WORSHIP LEADERS | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
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| ORGANIST | Amy Crousore | |
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| USHER | Richard Lima | Steve Hetager |
| USHER | Joe Mayhaus | Denise Buehrer |
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| CAMERA | Gretchen Jenson | |
| BREAD BAKER | The Wisch Family | |
| WINE | Sue Hackmann | |
| DONUT DRIVER | John Sandberg | |
| FELLOWSHIP HOST | The Wisch Family | |

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
September 17-24, 2023**

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| Today | 8:30 am 9:45 am 10:00 am | Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Sunday School and Fellowship Adult Forum: Narcan Training / Social Action Team Meeting |
| Youth Car Wash Fundraiser | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| During | 12:00 pm | Worship Committee Meeting |
| Worship. | 5:00 pm | Vocal Choir Rehearsal |
| 9/18 Monday | 6:00 pm | Bell Choir |
| 9/19 Tuesday | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| Diapers Due Today! | | |
| 9/20 Wednesday | 10:00 am | Staff Meeting |
| Messenger Info Due Today! | | |
| 9/21 Thursday | | Last day to reserve your spot for the Women's Luncheon |
| 9/24 Sunday | 8:30 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Sunday School and Fellowship Adult Forum: Alzheimer's Worship Service Vocal Choir Rehearsal |

Upcoming Dates to Consider

| Date | Time | Event |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday, September 25 | 11:30 am | Women's Luncheon |
| Sunday, October 1 st | 4:00 pm | Blessing of the Animals |
| Monday, October 2 nd | 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm | Red Cross Blood Drive |
| Saturday, December 10 th | 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Living Nativity |

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Viola Aronsson – strength and relief of pain

Mike Fenton – health management, patience, understanding

Neil Gustafson – successful surgery on Wednesday and healing

Barb Johnson – continued healing and strength as she navigates her return home

Kevin Kopplin – comfort and peace

Darlene McElwee – strength and courage as she adjusts to living in Des Moines to help care for her sister and mother

Nolde Family – comfort and peace upon the death of Pastor Kendra’s father

The Tatum Family

| Request for: | <i>On Behalf of:</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Pam N. (healing, strength) | Betsy Bartholomew |
| Family, friends, and parishioners of Pastor Zach Johnson upon his sudden death | Breed Family |
| Ann C. and Pam M. (healing) | Jean Chouquette |
| Mom’s recent diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease (understanding, support) | Elliott Family |
| Safe and affordable healthcare for all | Natalie Fontana |
| Carol (successful surgery 9/5, healing, strength), Kay and Lucy (healing, strength) | Barb Johnson |
| Healthy pregnancy for Sabrina | Kohlberg Family |
| Sister Denise (strength, healing), Mom (comfort, strength) | McElwee Family |
| Ginny Olson (healing); safe travels; all who mourn; those impacted by gun violence; those affected by disaster; for peace with justice in our world | Olson-Fulton Family |
| Mary’s brother Carl (healing, strength), Venie (healing) | Scanlan Family |
| Son Frank and sisters Sue, Donna, and Diane (healing), gratitude for blessings received | Kate Schejbal |
| Chris’ cousin Mary Ann Rice (in hospice) | Schmidt Family |
| Pray for all students and teachers as they return to school. | Starr-Hunter Family |
| Karen and Julie (strength, healing) | Szyman Family |
| Pat and Marlene (strength, guidance in treatment of recurring cancer) | Joan Williams |

Worship Leaders Needed: Now that we have returned to two services and are offering coffee and donuts between services, we need more help than ever. Please take a moment to consider where you and your family can help. Donuts are picked up at Donut Drive-In (where Watson and Chippewa meet) – you don’t even have to stand in line. Greeters simply open the door and welcome all who enter. We offer training for all positions and can even set you up with another person or family to shadow. Please complete the form below and return this page to an usher or scan the code for an online version. Thank you for your consideration.

Worship Leader Availability Sept - Dec 2023

Name: _____



I am interested in the following positions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Lector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bread Baker | <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Donuts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship Host | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filming Worship (8:30am or single services only) | |

I usually attend the 8:30am 11:00am service.

Dates I am **NOT** available:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Sept. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Nov. 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Sept. 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Nov. 19 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Oct. 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Dec. 24 (9:30am) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Oct. 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun., Dec. 24 (4:30pm) * |
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*Christmas Eve Service

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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