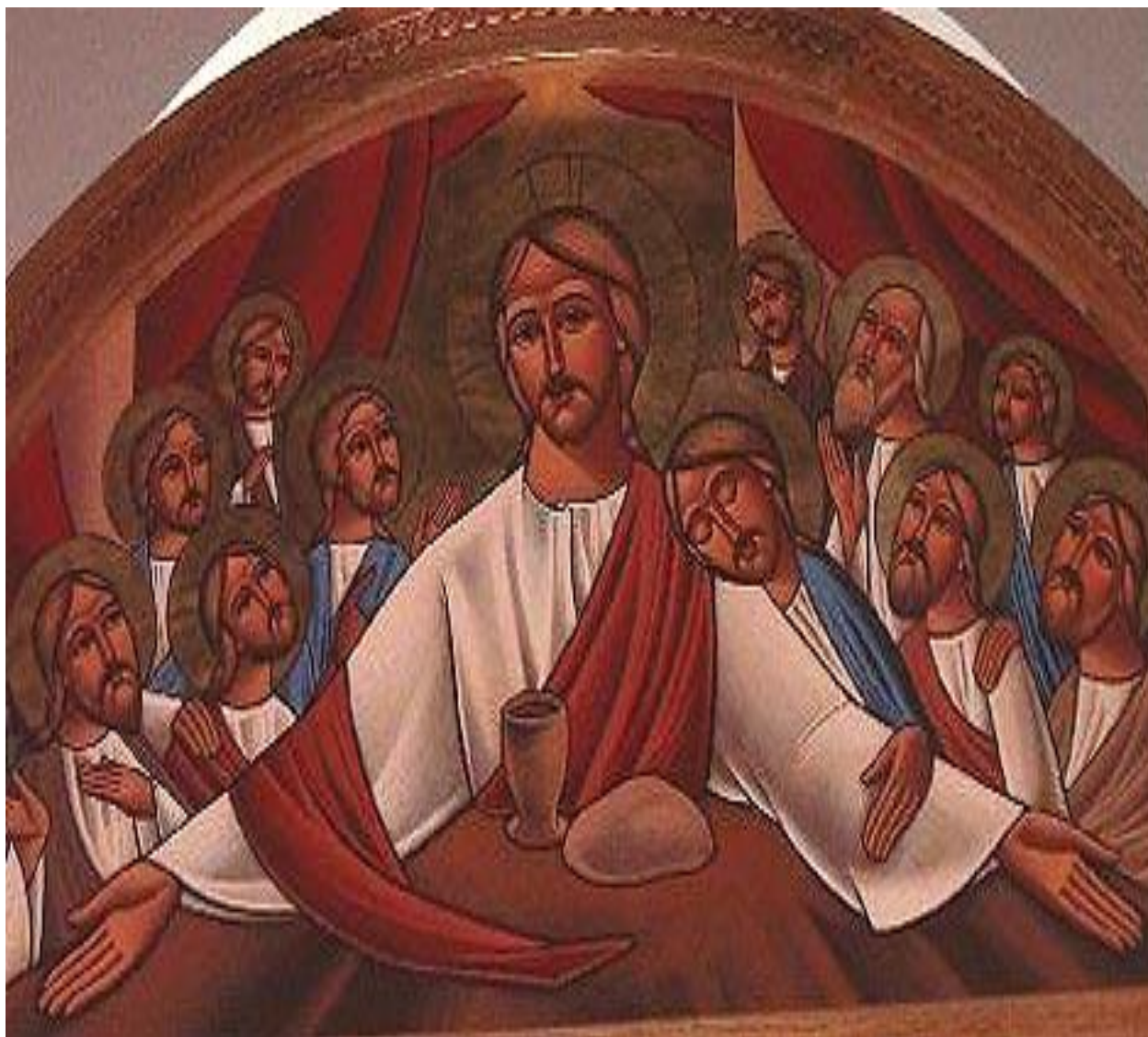


**St. John's Lutheran Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021**



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Welcome on this 13th Sunday after Pentecost. As we continue to be strengthened in faith and discipleship through this season of the sending the familiar words in Joshua - *"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"* and John – *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"* speak to us with a new challenge to be met.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

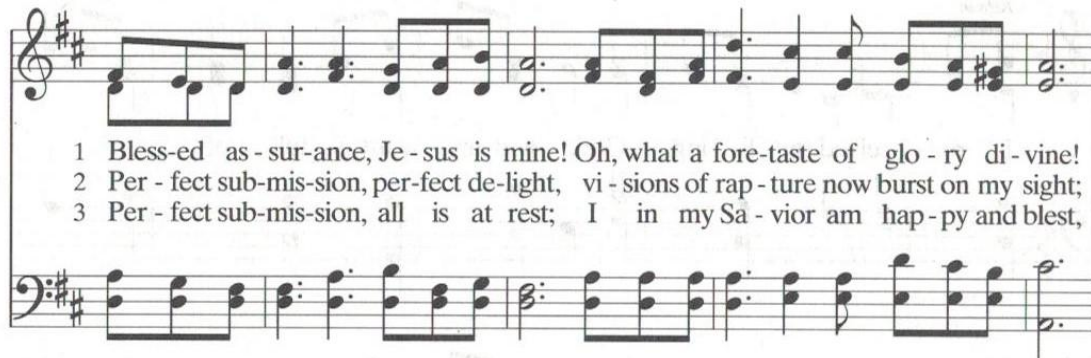
Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of the month. We would like to end the summer with a Sunday of singing our favorite hymns and learning some new Prayer songs. Please fill out the song cards in your bulletin with songs you would like to sing and we will select some favorites.

*GATHERING SONG ~ *Blessed Assurance*

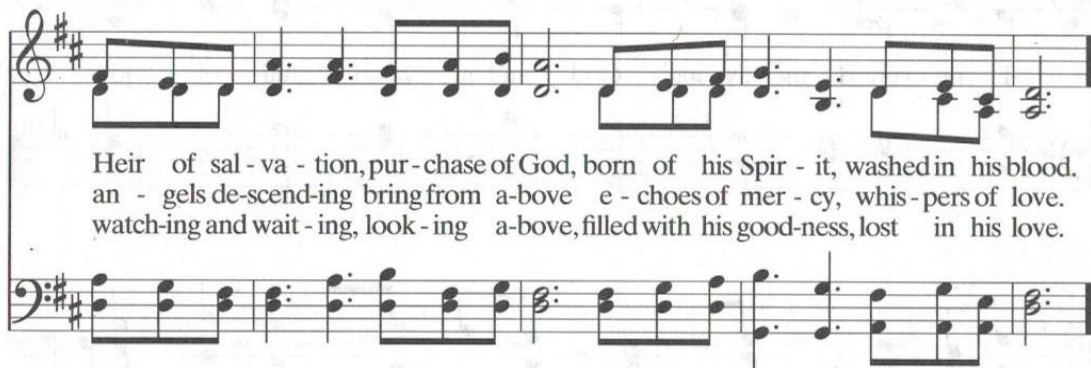
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Blessed Assurance

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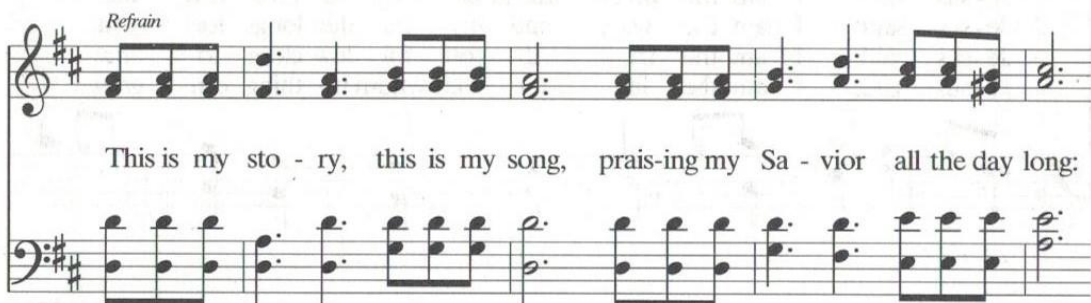


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

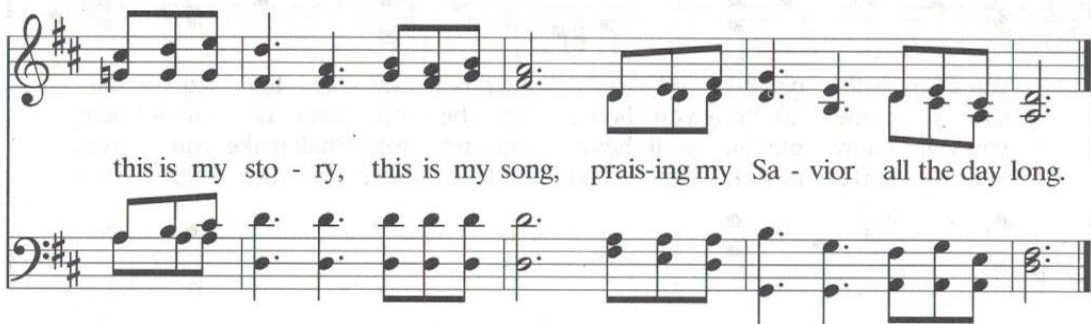


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,

C a people holy to the LORD our God.

P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

C Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P One does not live by bread alone,

C but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

***SCRIPTURE SONG**



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



I Great and won- der- ful are your deeds, O God of the u- ni- verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na- tions.



Who can fail to hon- or you, Lord, and sing the glo- ry of your name?



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.



II For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re- vealed.



☐ Sal- va- tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for- ev- er and ev - er.

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15-22 ~ *with response*

The psalm is announced, organ plays response 1x, cantor or pastor sings 1x, people join to sing response, then as psalm is read, congregation sings response at each R.

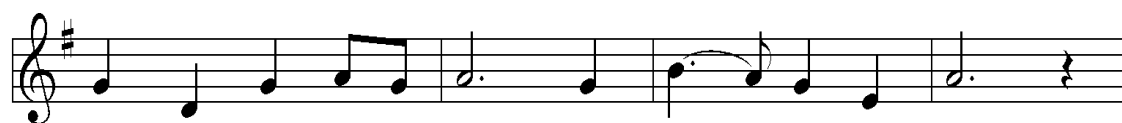
Second Lesson ~ A reading from Ephesians 6:10-20

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

*GOSPEL READING

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE ~ Where Else Can We Go

You Have the Words of Life (Peter's words in John 6:68) - by Ken Jacobsen
1x organ, 1x organ and pastor, 2x congregation

You Have The Words of Life

A

Ken Jacobsen

$\text{♩} = 90$

Part

You have the words of life - of life - where else can we

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go -? where else can we go - - Where else can we go - -

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You have the words of life - - - of Life

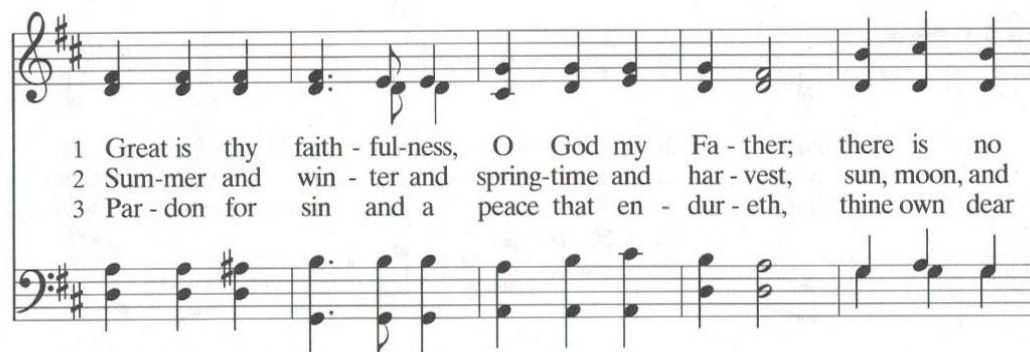
HYMN ~ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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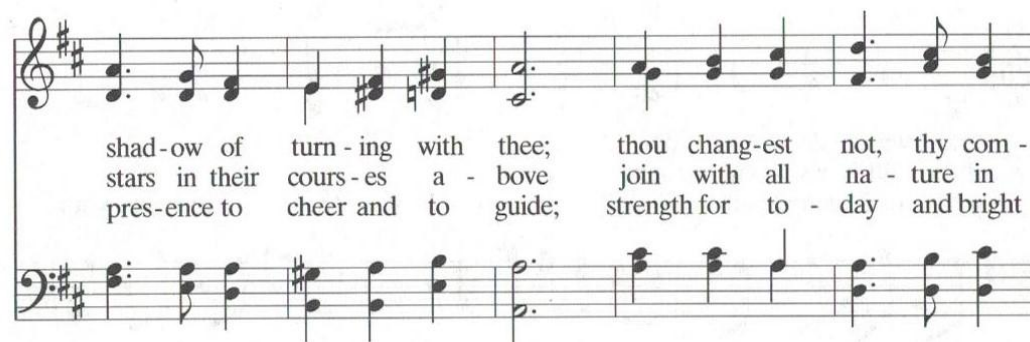
CREATION, PRESERVATION

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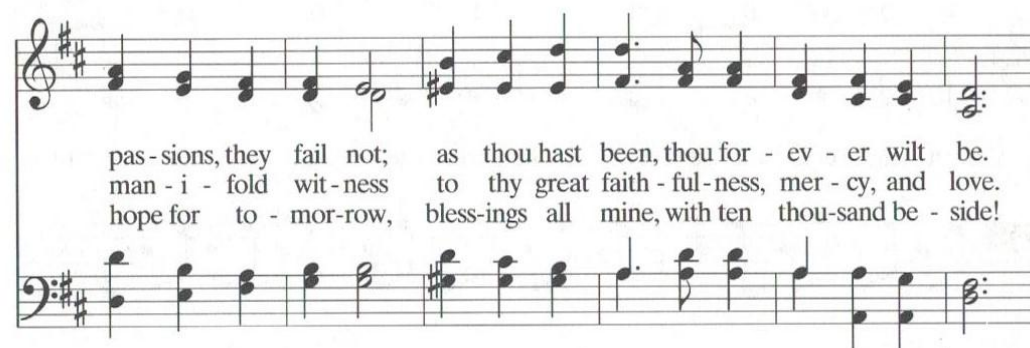
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

***RESPONSE to the WORD**

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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**

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.
Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***THE PEACE**


P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews on your way out.

***OFFERTORY**



G Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P God, our Creator,

**C you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.
With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care.
Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ *Found in Celebrate

P Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

***LORD's PRAYER**

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING SONG ~ *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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SOCIETY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 765

Refrain F C⁷

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

F Gm C⁷ F

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F Dm Dm⁷ Gm C⁷ F *Refrain*

feet, mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
 race, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet: this is the way we will live with you.

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

***POSTLUDE**

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Organist: Seulki Susie Yoo

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Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Ruth Baker in memory of her parents.

Today

Greeter: Sandra Metz; **Lay Reader:** Sandra Metz

Next Sunday, August 29

Greeter: Jami Zook; **Lay Reader:** Jami Zook

Please remember in prayer ~ Steve Weikel, Stacey Spicher, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Ohesson Manor), Vivian Plank , Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz), Don Wolfe and Carol Yoder (VVH).

FROM the PASTOR

Pastor Ela visited Pastor Tom Kramm last Sunday and played music from the concert for him. He shared smiles and tiny tears and extended his greetings and thank you for prayers to the St. Johns congregation.

The Aug 12 concert donations provided \$250 for ELCA Disaster Response and another \$250 for Presbyterian Disaster Response. Thank you to everyone who attended for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September/October service schedule to help with Sunday morning duties can be found in the narthex. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please sign-up or contact the church office if you are willing to help serve our church in this way.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels in September. Please sign-up in the narthex, if you can help provide the following desserts ~

Tuesday, September 14 ~ 5 9x12 pans of Apple Crisp

Tuesday, September 21 ~ 5 Pound Cakes

(Make your own or purchase ready made from local grocery store bakeries)

Thursday, September 23 ~ Donations to purchase pies

(Please give to Sue Lynch or drop off at the church office)

January 1 thru August 18, 2021

Last week's attendance ~ 31 Offering ~ \$ 2,250.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 105,531.29 Expense \$ 102,181.84

Net Income \$ 3,349.45

Daycare ~ Income \$ 202,498.30 Expense \$ 187,509.03

Net Income \$ 14,989.27

Singing your "favorite hymns" ~ Sunday, August 29

Please list your favorite hymns in order of preference and include your name. You may just say the name of the hymn or include # in the LBW or WOV if you have it. **Please tear off and place in one of the offering plates.**

Name(s) _____