



*“[P]roclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.”*

*~2 Timothy 4:2*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 25, 2022  
Installation of Pastor Katie McNeal**

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*We are delighted to have you worship with us as we celebrate the installation of Pastor Katie.*

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please stand when there is an \* and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**.*

*All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.*

*During the time of Peace, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace.*

*We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

*At the time of Offering, you are invited to share a gift as you are comfortable. You may also place any prayer requests for the pastor in the offering plates.*

***Today's collection will be directed to Mars Home for Youth Family Services,  
St. John's current local mission emphasis.***

***Information about this organization may be found in the Greeting Area through the doors  
at the front of the sanctuary.***

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*GATHERING SONG *Come All You People* (ELW 819)**

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
The fountain of living water,  
The rock who gave us birth,  
Our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
And by your Word you created the world,  
Calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word, you claim us as your beloved children,  
Making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
And above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
And renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table* (ELW 522)**



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

**\*GREETING**

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**

We join our voices together in prayer:

**Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and called them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that all may come to rest through your mercy in your eternal glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*(continued)*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10**

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains  
 are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
 who brings good news,  
 who announces salvation,  
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
 together they sing for joy;  
 for in plain sight they see  
 the return of the LORD to Zion.

<sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing,  
 you ruins of Jerusalem;  
 for the LORD has comforted his people,  
 he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD has bared his holy arm  
 before the eyes of all the nations;  
 and all the ends of the earth shall see  
 the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 96:1-4, 6-9**



**1. Sing to the Lord new songs of praise;  
Let all the earth sing to the Lord.  
Sing out and praise God's holy Name;  
Proclaim good news with one accord.**

**3. Magnificent God's presence here,  
With splendid courts in glorious light;  
Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues;  
Ascribe to God all power and might.**

**2. Declare God's glory far and wide,  
God's wondrous acts and holy law;  
For God is greatly to be praised And  
then beheld with greatest awe.**

**4. Ascribe all honor to the Lord; Bring  
gifts into the holy place.  
In holy beauty worship God,  
And let us bow before God's face.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:1-5**

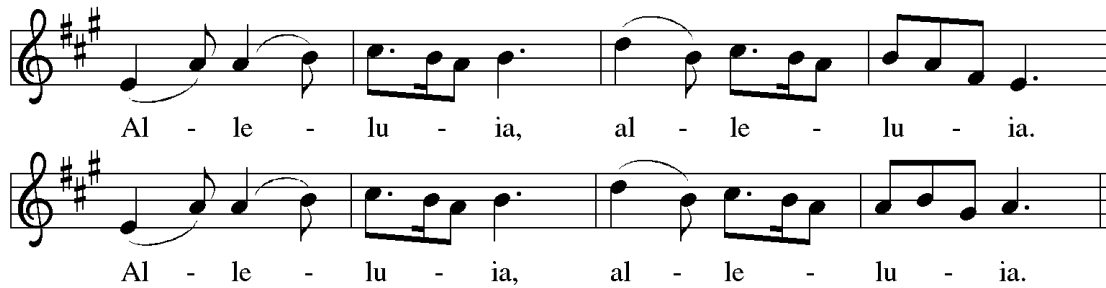
A reading from the book of 2 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, repetitive phrase: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, a quarter note G. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and also ends with a double bar line.

## \*GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:1-9

The holy gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

## \*SUNG RESPONSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is identical to the Gospel Acclamation, consisting of two staves in G major and 4/4 time with the same melody and lyrics.

## SERMON

by Pastor Brian Hauser (Mars United Presbyterian Church)



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** *Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579)*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**RITE OF INSTALLATION**

**\*PRESENTATION**

*Pastor Brian Bennett:* Having been authorized by the church to install Katie McNeal, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*Kelly Greb (Call Committee Chair):* After prayerful deliberation, we, St. John Lutheran Church, have called Katie McNeal as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

*Kelly Greb presents the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.*

## ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

*Pastor Bennett:* A reading from John: Jesus said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (*John 20:21-23*)

*Pastor Peter Asplin:* A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

*Pastor Bennett:* A reading from First Timothy: “Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

*Pastor Asplin:* Katie, in the presence of this assembly  
will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility,  
in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?  
*I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*Pastor Bennett:* Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures  
and with the confessions of the Lutheran church?  
Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?  
*I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*Pastor Asplin:* Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures  
and in your use of the means of grace?  
Will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people,  
nourish them with the word and sacraments,  
and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?  
*I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

*Pastor Bennett:* Will you give faithful witness in the world,  
that God’s love may be known in all that you do?  
*I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things,  
graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. *Amen.*

*\*the assembly stands.*

*Pastor Asplin:* People of God,  
will you receive Katie as a messenger of Jesus Christ  
sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?  
Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?  
**We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Pastor Bennett:* Will you pray for her,  
help and honor her for her work's sake,  
and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?  
**We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Katie, the office of pastor is now committed to you  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
*Amen.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,  
working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Pastor Bennett escorts Pastor Katie to the place of baptism.*  
You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the meal.*  
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*They proceed to the place of the word.*  
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

People of God, I present to you, Katie, your pastor.  
Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*

For the holy catholic church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness. For all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives. For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of grace

**hear our prayer.**

For all pastors, deaconesses, diaconal ministers, and associates in ministry; for Elizabeth and Kurt, our bishops, that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your gifts. For the leaders of the world and all public servants, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For Pastor Katie, that with patience and understanding she may love and care for your people in this congregation and beyond these walls, that the Spirit would continue to guide her. For the congregation of St. John, that they may continue to grow in faith and in fervent love toward you, showing your love in the ministry of their lives: God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected. For all the saints who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, that their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **\*SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* (ELW 512)

*Sing three times*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

*\*Please stand*

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

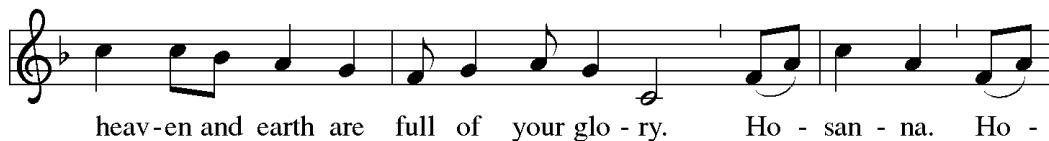
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles  
to preach the gospel and teach all nations,  
and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.  
And so, with the glorious company of the apostles,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;  
within each cell; with every breath.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day;  
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**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**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come for all is now ready.

*Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

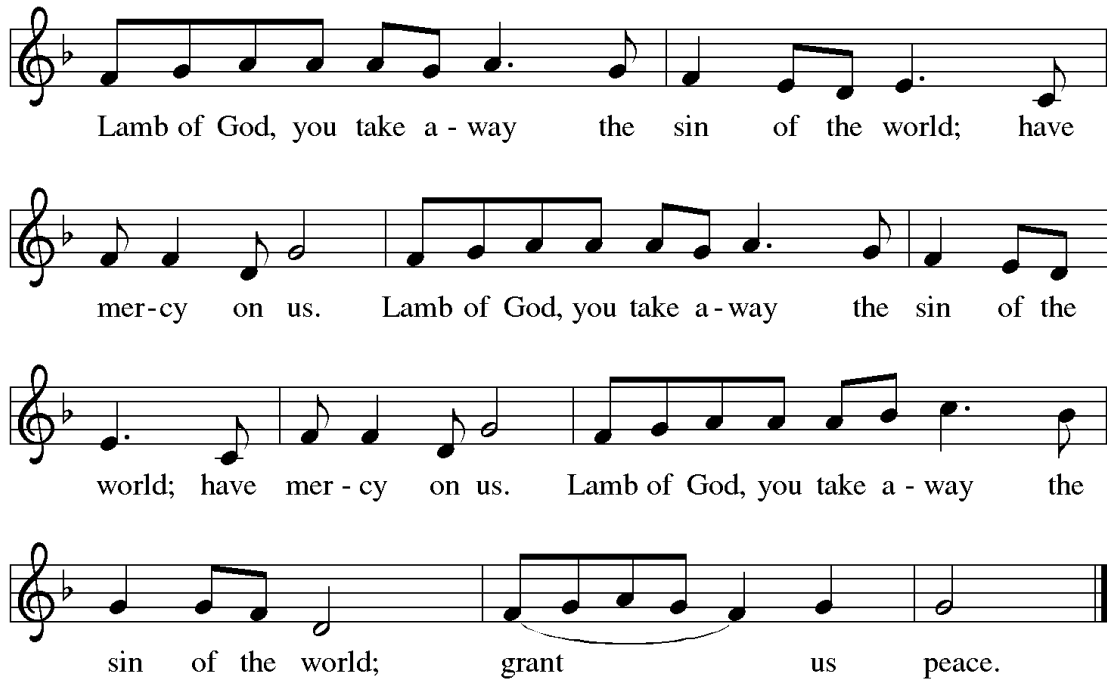
*Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.*

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**





## COMMUNION SONG *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.

## COMMUNION HYMN *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* (ELW 492)

### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast of the bread of life and cup of salvation. Now send us forth enlivened by your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **\*BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Take My Life* (ELW 583)**

**\*DISMISSAL**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Assisting in worship today:**

**Worship Leaders: The Rev. Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop**

**The Rev. Brian Bennett, Conference Dean**

**The Rev. Katie McNeal, Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church**

**Assisting Minister: Valerie Cardinal**

**Preacher: Pastor Brian Hauser, Mars United Presbyterian Church**

**Organist: Maizy Fisher, Director of Music Ministries at St. John Lutheran Church**

**Acolyte: Emma Nicklewicz**

**Offering: Ava Nicklewicz and Ella Nicklewicz**

**Call Committee Members: Kelly Greb (Chair), Matt Claus, Sherry Davidson,  
Sally Foster, Emily Greb, Janet Senka, Amy Werner**

**Today's Music**

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*As We Gather at Your Table*. Text: Carl P. Daw Jr, b. 1944 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Roentgen, 1855-1932.

*Psalm 96*. Text: *The New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber, © 2008. Music: *PUER NOBIS*, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version, Public Domain.

*Alleluia*. Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*. Text and Music: Handt Hanson, b. 1950, © 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing, Changing Church, Inc.

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