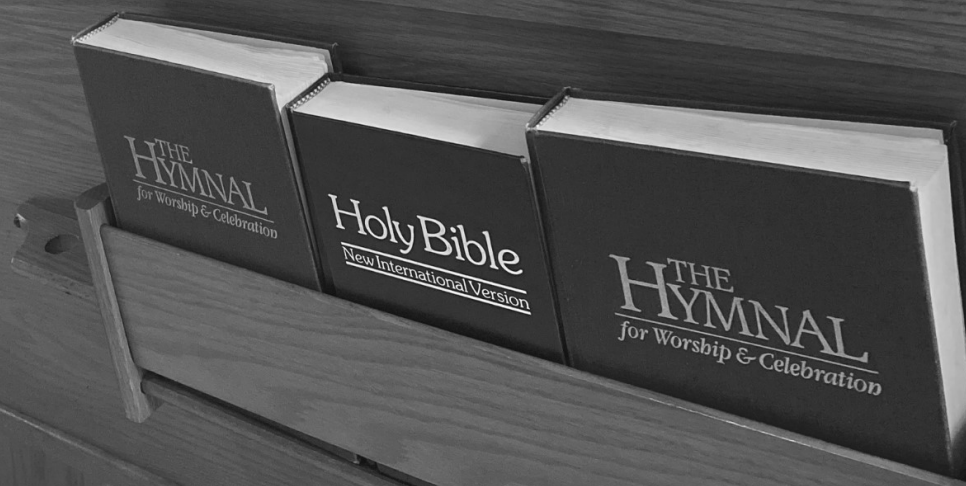


September 14, 2025 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you to fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better. Simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Nursery Care/Diaper Changing Stations

Nursery Care is offered during our 10:30AM service for children ages four months through pre-school in the Fireside Room just off the gym. Parents can register children for Nursery Care online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/nursery or by scanning the QR code to the left before checking into the nursery for the first time. Diaper changing stations are located in the office of the Director of Youth and Young Adults and in the Fireside Room. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!



Children's Busy Bags are located in the gym for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child (ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need. You just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the chapel narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Enter to Worship God in the Fellowship of Others

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." (Psalm 100:4)

Ringling of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

"To the Glory of God, and for the Calling of the Faithful to Worship." (Inscribed on the Bells)

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 103:1-6

Prelude

Jocelyn Walker, soloist

"Revelation Song"

Mike Mankowski, accompanist

"A time of centering our thoughts on our worship of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit"

† (8:00) Hymns of Praise

pg. 5, "Bless His Holy Name"

pg. 6, "Blessed Be the Name"

pg. 8-9, "What A Day That Will Be"

† (10:30) Hymns of Praise

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

"Sing to the King"

† Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

† Sermon Hymn

pg. 7, "It Is Well with My Soul"*

Sermon

"Delighting in Weakness? What?"

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

†The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

(8:00) pg. 12, "Day by Day"

(10:30) "Great Are You Lord"

† Spoken Benediction

† Benediction in Song

pg. 10-11, "Great Is the Lord"

*A favorite hymn of a member of our congregation.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 103:1-6 Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits -- ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know -- God knows. ³ And I know that this man -- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows -- ⁴ was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. ⁷ To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- Sept 14 Peaceful Sleep ----- Psalm 4
- Sept 15 An Arrival Like No Other ----- John 12:12-19
- Sept 16 Discerning God's Way ----- Ruth 1:1-18
- Sept 17 A Marketplace ----- Ruth 1:19-2:13
- Sept 18 Lovingkindness ----- Ruth 2:14-23
- Sept 19 Under His Wings ----- Ruth 3
- Sept 20 Public Witness ----- Ruth 4:1-12

Bless His Holy Name 13

Praise the Lord, O my soul. Ps. 103:22

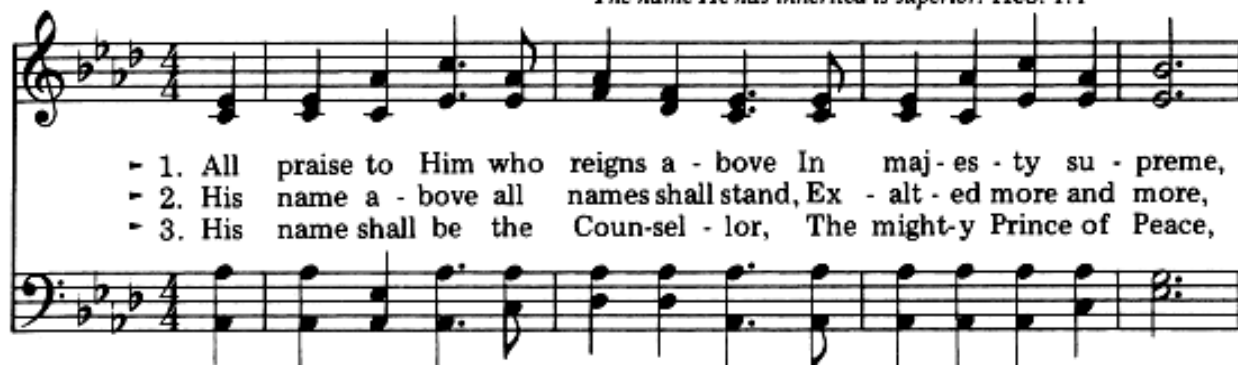
Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a repeat sign and a fermata. The lyrics are: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, Bless His

Musical notation for the second system. The treble staff includes a 'Fine' marking above a repeat sign. The lyrics are: ho - ly Name. He has done great things, He has done great

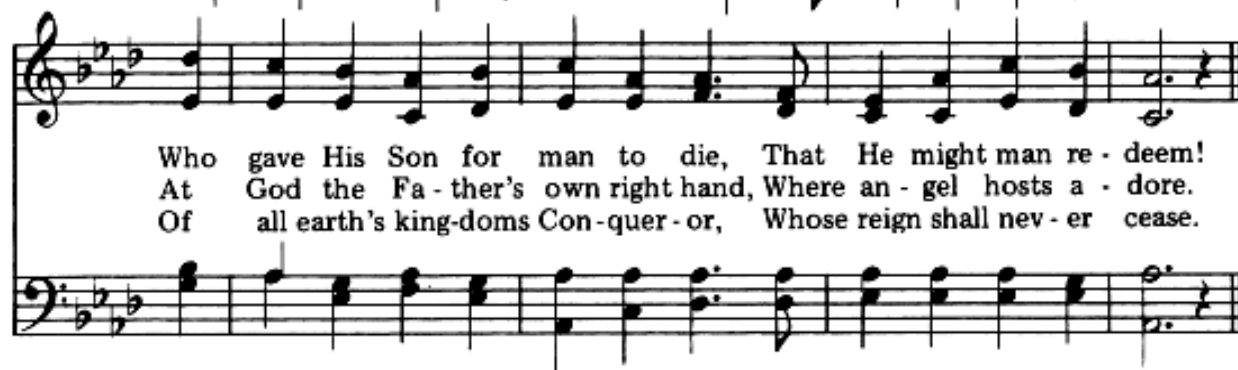
Musical notation for the third system. The treble staff includes a 'D.C. al Fine' marking above the final measure. The lyrics are: things, He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly Name.

Blessed Be the Name 103

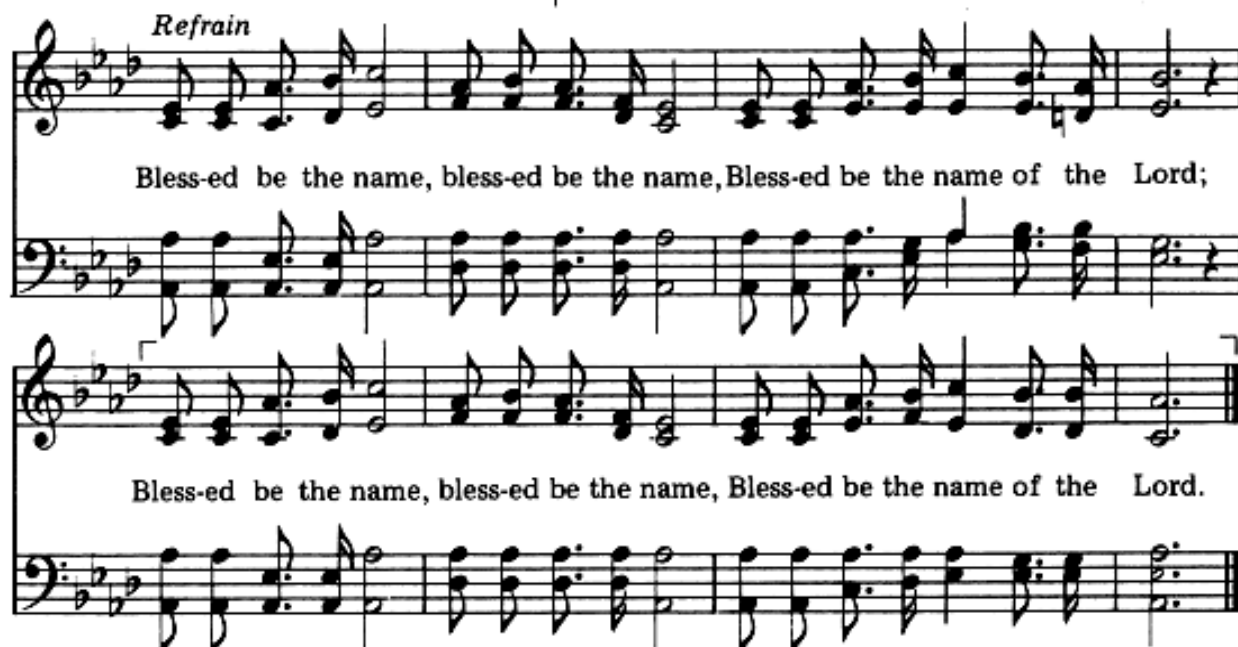
The name He has inherited is superior. Heb. 1:4



- 1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,
- 2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,
- 3. His name shall be the Coun-sel - lor, The might-y Prince of Peace,



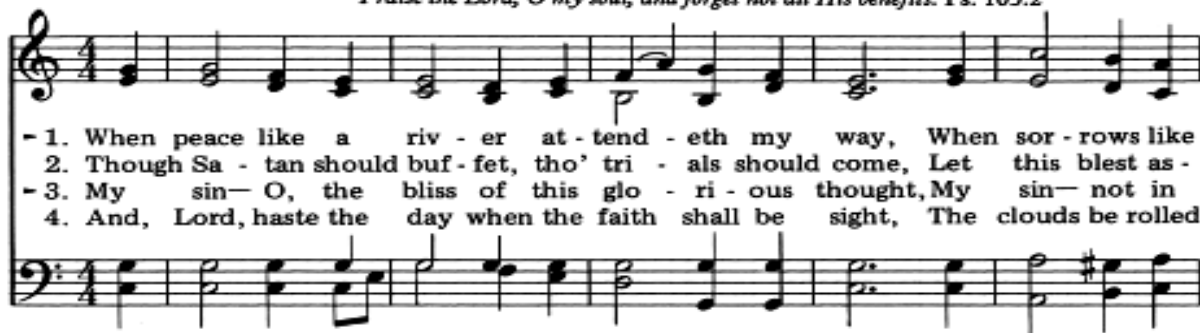
Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man re - deem!
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel hosts a - dore.
Of all earth's king-doms Con-quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.




Refrain
Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord;
Bless-ed be the name, bless-ed be the name, Bless-ed be the name of the Lord.

It Is Well with My Soul 493

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Ps. 103:2



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin— not in
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

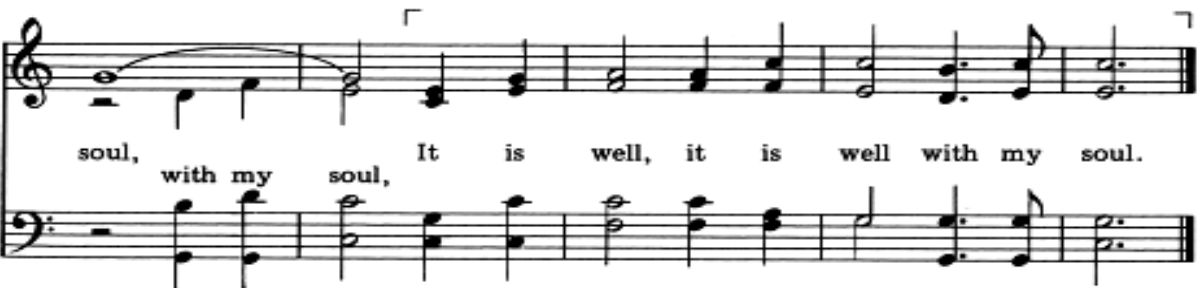


sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
 back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,



Refrain

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



soul, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

What A Day That Will Be

Words and Music by
Jim Hill

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 60$

$A\flat$

1. There is com - ing a day when no heart - aches shall come— No more
2. There'll be no sor - row there, no more bur - dens to bear, No more

clouds in the sky, no more tears to dim the eye. All is peace for - ev - er - more on that
sick - ness, no pain, no more part - ing o - ver there. And for - ev - er I will be with the

hap - py gold - en shore. What a day, glo - ri - ous day that will be! What a
One who died for me. What a day, glo - ri - ous day that will be!

CHORUS

day that will be when my Je - sus I shall see, And I look up - on His face— the One who

23

A⁺ A⁷/C D^b D^bm6 A⁺

saved me by His grace. When He takes me by the hand and leads me thro' the Prom - ised

28

E^b7 A⁺/E^b E^b7 A^b

Land; What a day, glo - ri - ous day that will be!

The image shows a musical score for two systems. The first system starts at measure 23 and ends at measure 27. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: A+, A7/C, Db, Dbm6, and A+. The lyrics are: 'saved me by His grace. When He takes me by the hand and leads me thro' the Prom - ised'. The second system starts at measure 28 and ends at measure 32. It also features a treble and bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: Eb7, A+/Eb, Eb7, and Ab. The melody has a triplet of eighth notes in measure 29. The lyrics are: 'Land; What a day, glo - ri - ous day that will be!'. The score ends with a double bar line in measure 32.

MISSION-A-MONTH - TOLEDO GOSPEL RESCUE MISSION

During the month of September the church will have the opportunity to participate personally in missions through TGRM. They provide housing, meals and assistance to the homeless in the Toledo area. You can give financially or by collecting items they need. The list includes:

- ♦ gently used blankets and sheets - particularly twin sheets
- ♦ towels and wash cloths
- ♦ personal sized body care items (hotel size)
- ♦ cleaning supplies - liquids and sponges
- ♦ gently used winter coats for men, women, and children
- ♦ clothing for infants and toddlers

Items can go in the wooden bin between the chapel and gym. Or you can bring your items on Sunday, September 28th, when someone from the mission will be here to share about the difference our contribution will make, and then take the items we collected back to Toledo. To learn more about TGRM and the many services they provide, visit tgrm.org. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this ministry. You can financially give to TGRM by marking either line 11 or 12 of your offering envelope or by selecting "TGRM" in the "Give to" drop-down menu in Breeze's online giving feature.

31 Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. Ps. 145:3

Unison

Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; By His pow-er we trust in His

love. Great is the Lord, He is faith-ful and true; By His mer-cy He

proves He is love. *Parts optional*
1, 2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry!
(D.S.) Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry!

Great is the Lord and wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now
Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of praise. Great are You, Lord; I

lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great is the
lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great are You,

3rd time to Coda 1 2 D.S. al Coda

Lord! Great is the Lord!
Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Coda Optional choral ending

Lord! Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

*Observe fermatas if choral ending is not used.

Great are You, Lord!

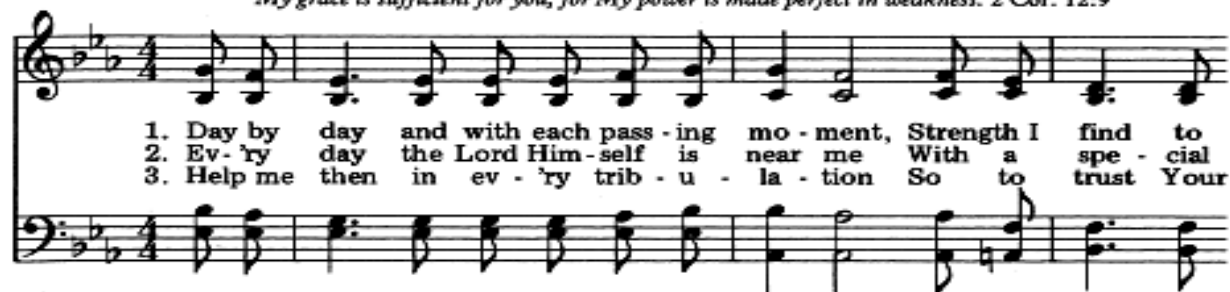
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The end of "HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME—A Brief Service in Recognition of God's Majesty and Power"

His
GRACE IS
Enough
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Day by Day 56

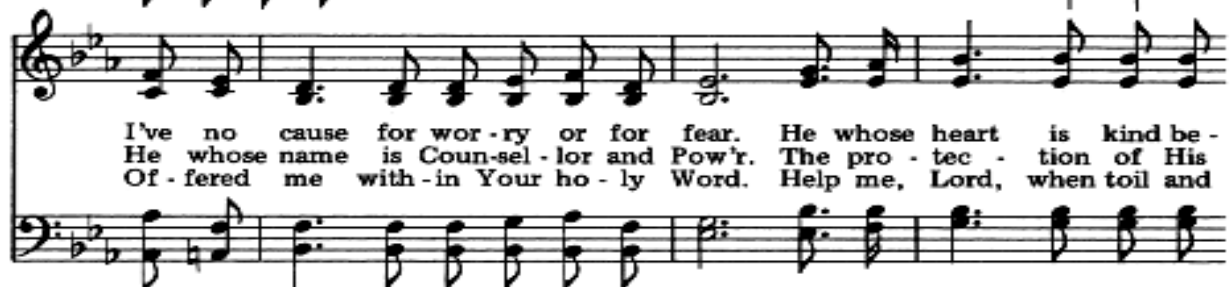
My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. 2 Cor. 12:9



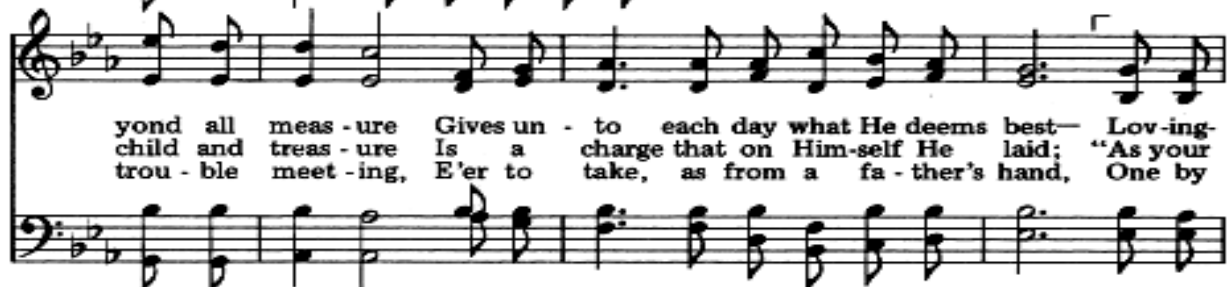
1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, Strength I find to
 2. Ev - 'ry day the Lord Him - self is near me With a spe - cial
 3. Help me then in ev - 'ry trib - u - la - tion So to trust Your



meet my tri - als here; Trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,
 mer - cy for each hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me,
 prom - is - es, O Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion



I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be -
 He whose name is Coun - sel - lor and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of His
 Of - fered me with - in Your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and



yond all meas - ure Gives un - to each day what He deems best - Lov - ing -
 child and treas - ure Is a charge that on Him - self He laid; "As your
 trou - ble meet - ing, E'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, One by



ly, its part of pain and pleas - ure, Min - gling toil with peace and rest.
 days, your strength shall be in meas - ure," This the pledge to me He made.
 one, the days, the mo - ments fleet - ing, Till I reach the prom - ised land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Wednesday Evening Registration is Open!** PreK - 12th graders can register for Wednesday evening programs, including LOGOS, JYF, and SYF online at www.stjohnsarchbold.org. Registration links will also be available the evening of September 17th at the Fall Kickoff.
- ♦ **Fall Kickoff Outdoor Bash! September 17th**, 6:00-8:00PM All PreK - 12th graders and their families are invited to a night of fun and food as we kick off the program year together! Come get registered for the '25-'26 program year, meet your teachers and advisors, have some dinner, and enjoy the bounce house, skee ball, axe throwing, s'mores and more!
- ♦ **Third Thursday Senior Luncheon - Thursday, September 18th**, 11:30AM in the gym. Come for a wonderful meal and great fellowship around the table.
- ♦ **Fall Night of Faith - September 24th**, 6:30-8:00PM Our kickoff events continue with a collaborative night between all PreK - 12th grade programs as we dive into God's Creation Celebration! We'll share in an evening message, activities, and a time of praise and prayer together as one Christian family.
- ♦ **GIF Gals** - I have nice news and sad news. I'll give you the sad news first. Summer is nearly over and it's time to start getting the long sleeve tops and socks out for the cooler evenings. The good news is that the GIF Gal's are car pooling to Bryan on **September 25th for supper at Jackie Blu's**. We want to try to arrive by 5:15PM. Please **sign up by September 22nd** so reservations can be made. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to come with you. Until we meet again, I pray you will be blessed by the Lord each day.
- ♦ **Grace in Chaos: A Bible Study for Moms** - Calling all moms of infants thru pre-teens! We'll be starting a Bible study using the resource, "Grace in Chaos: Biblical Hope for the Hard Days of Motherhood." This is a hybrid study that will be held in a private Facebook group and will meet in person several times throughout the fall and winter during the 9:15AM Sunday school hour (location TBD). If you would like to join the discussions, please contact Jocelyn in the church office.
- ♦ **Organ Recital at St. Martin's** - St. Martin's Lutheran Church opens its 2025-26 Concert Series with *Of Spirit, Strife, and Serenity*, an organ recital by Matthew Wachtman on Sunday, **September 28th at 3PM** (203 S. Defiance Street, Archbold). Admission is free, and all are invited to help us begin a new season of inspiring music at St. Martin's.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:15PM	Spiritual Council (Fireside Room)
	7:15PM	Consistory (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	10:30AM	Staff Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wed	6:00PM	Fall Kickoff Night for PreK-12 th Grades (Outside)
Thur	11:30AM	Third Thursday Senior Luncheon (Gym)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Chapel)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village / Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Parish Hall and YouTube Live)

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	Lynne Christman
Song Leader	Andrew Rohrs
Worship Leader	JoAnn Short
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp
(10:30) Easy Worship	Mark Nofziger
(10:30) Sound	James Grime
(10:30) Live Stream	Ollie MacDonald
(8:00) Usher	Shawn Stuckey
(10:30) Head Usher	Richard Spiess
(10:30) Ushers	Ryan & Devin Bernath, Ken & Cathy Laub
Nursery Assistants	Collin & Emily Walker

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jace Bernath, who has been diagnosed with Exercise Induced Vocal Cord Dysfunction and is seeing a speech therapist in Bryan until he can be seen at Cleveland Clinic in September.
- ◆ Greg and Deb Weddleman, as Greg has started chemo treatments for a cancer that is in several places throughout his body.
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, who is in the Rupp Rehab Center for a time of therapy.
- ◆ Denise and Justin Beck, grandson of Bud & Tootie, as Denise has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ◆ Braden Martinez continues to work through physical therapy in rehabbing both of his knees.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who is back at Taylor University and shared that she has gained over 15 pounds since having the surgery unrelated to her cancer. Praising God for her continued improvement, strength and weight gain as she begins classes.
- ◆ Josie Grieser, diagnosed with MS, continues to do well and continues to work every day. She goes to Cleveland Clinic every six months for scans and infusion treatment.

Care Center Residents...

- ◆ Marilyn Baron, Fulton Manor, 725 S. Shoop Ave, Wauseon 43567
- ◆ Linda Hayes, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 401, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Charlene LaFountaine, 500 Haven Drive, Apt. 108, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Mike Meyer, Fountain Park, 1391 N. Main St., Room 130, Bryan, 43506
- ◆ Dencel Miller, 407 E Lutz Road, Room 166, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Josephine Short, 407 E. Lutz Road, Room 152B, Archbold, 43502
- ◆ Alice Tedrow, 600 Haven Drive, Apt. 111, Archbold, 43502

Missions/Missionaries

- ◆ Dan & Amanda Garipey – A team coming in early October from Ohio—pray for final logistics and that the hearts of those who will hear their ministry will be open and ready; we have important ministry decisions to make this fall—pray for wisdom and clarity from the Lord; Dan will be doing devotionals at schools in September, pray for continued impact there.

Prayer Joys, Concerns, and Requests continued on back page.

BULLETIN STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Operating Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Operating Budget	\$	437,965.00
Total Donations	\$	244,389.38
Total Expenses	\$	265,008.57
Net Operating Balance	\$	(20,619.19)

Mission Fund Year to Date Report

2025 Mission Budget	\$	173,000.00
Total Donations	\$	110,105.15
Total Disbursements	\$	95,325.93
Net Mission Balance	\$	14,779.22

Imagine Your Faith Building Capital Campaign

2025 Project Budget		\$ 2,757,000.00
Fund Balance (EGR)	\$	968,993.13
Buehrer Fund Current	\$	1,744.50
Fund Balance (F&M)	\$	82,841.63
Expenses to Date	\$	1,642,032.57
Total	\$	2,695,611.83
		\$
Funds Still to be Raised	Currently	61,388.17
		\$
Funds Still to be Raised	as of 2/2/25	196,763.00
		\$
Change from 2/2/25 to 9/11/2025		135,374.83

BUILDING PROJECT STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Building Access

- ♦ The work of replacing the concrete floor and steps of the south porch, as well as the installation of the new ramp, will soon begin, possibly this week.
- ♦ Primary access to the building will be through the two east entrances and the Fireside Room entrance (railings for that entrance and the kitchen entrance are to be installed soon).

South Restrooms

- ♦ Progress continues with ductwork for ventilation and HVAC, rough plumbing and electrical has been finished, drywall is nearly finished and ceiling work has begun.

Sanctuary

- ♦ Chancel area and aisles are ready for installation of carpet to begin and carpet is on hand.
- ♦ Narthex is ready for installation of vinyl flooring to begin.
- ♦ Torrence Sound Equipment continues to work at terminating wire connections to the new monitors, cameras, and all audio and projection equipment.
- ♦ Once carpet is installed and Torrence finishes their work, there will be some training of techs on the new systems before the sanctuary will be ready for worship.

Other areas:

- ♦ Elevator – A fire alarm system panel is on order and some additional steel posts need to be added.
- ♦ HVAC – Ductwork has been installed along the east wall of the first floor, from the south most classroom into the church offices. All heating and cooling units have been set and ductwork is being connected to each unit. Refrigerant lines are being run to each unit.
- ♦ First Floor Hallway – Most of the painting was completed this past week; light islands are ready to be installed; floor tile will soon be removed.
- ♦ Parlor – Ductwork has been run, with boxing it all in soon to take place, awaiting ceiling, wall and flooring finishes.
- ♦ Nursery and Preschool Room – This room remains as the working office and storage space for the contractors, so finish work will be done last in this room.
- ♦ Part-Time Staff Office – Ready for ceiling, wall and flooring finishes.
- ♦ Second Floor Hallway and Classrooms – Carpet installation began on Thursday, ceiling work is complete in four rooms and is in process in a fifth room.

It remains the intent of the Mel Lanzer Company to complete the entire project by November.

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Missions/Missionaries continued:

- ♦ Matt & Paige Waanders – For students on campus to be open to having a conversation about Christ with a friend, or to checking out a small group Bible study or one of our weekly RealLife worship gatherings; for students who do not currently know Christ to place their faith in him this fall; for incoming Christian students to root themselves in Christian community and join in the mission of inviting their peers to know Jesus.

And those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ♦ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ♦ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Hawaii (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ♦ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ♦ Shayne Pitts, Middle East (Air Force) (Grandson-in-law of Nan Neill)

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