



St. Lawrence

Episcopal Church

ST. LAWRENCE DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST
August 16, 2026 at 9 AM

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Let us now our voices raise

Hymnal 237



1 Let us now our voic - es raise, wake the day with glad - ness;
2 Nev - er flinched they from the flame, from the tor - ment nev - er;
3 Up and fol - low, Chris - tians all: press through toil and sor - row;



God him - self to joy and praise turns our hu - man sad - ness;
vain the ty - rant's sharp - est aim, vain each fierce en - deav - or;
turn from fear, and heed the call to a glo - rious mor - row!



joy that mar - tyrs won their crown, o - pened hea - ven's por - tal,
for by faith they saw the land decked in all its glo - ry,
Who will ven - ture on the strife; who will first be - gin it?



when they laid the mor - tal down for the life im - mor - tal.
where tri - um - phant now they stand with the vic - tor's sto - ry.
Who will grasp the land of Life? Chris - tians, up and win it!

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your servant Lawrence triumphed over suffering and despised death: Grant that we may be steadfast in service to the poor and outcast, and may share with him in the joys of your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Daniel 3:19–27

Reader Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, "Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?" They answered the king, "True, O king." He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god." "Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126: *God has done great things for us*

All

Refrain

God has done great things for us, filled us with
laugh-ter and mu - sic; God has done great things for
us, filled us with laugh-ter and mu - sic.

Verses

1. When our God led us back to freedom,
like dreamers we beheld the promised land again;
our mouths were filled with laughter and rejoicing.
2. We proclaimed to the nations what you had done for us;
your mighty deeds of love, restoring us to life,
you lead your people home to you rejoicing.
3. Come restore our fortune, renew us in your love,
as rivers through the sand, as springs within the desert;
those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6–10

Reader

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

All children are invited to join the Gospel procession! Take an instrument from the basket and with joy & enthusiasm herald the proclamation of the Gospel!

Sequence Hymn

Give thanks for life

WLP 775

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
love not changed by time or death or dread, Al -
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The final system includes a large bracketed section for the final line of the hymn, which is repeated for emphasis.



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Holy Gospel

Luke 14:12-14

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeler Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Very Rev. Joy Rogers

Following the sermon, we will hold a short period of silence, begun and ended with the ringing of a bell. As with all things in our liturgy, we do not expect perfection and celebrate that the Holy Spirit meets us wherever we are - be it in stillness or in the joyful presence of children in our midst.

Nicene Creed

All

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Intercessor May your peace dwell among us and your love renew our hearts, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen us in faith and deepen our longing for your Kingdom, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Guide your Church in the way of Christ; through your Spirit, make her a place of
welcome and grace, Lord, we pray.
All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless the leaders of the nations with wisdom, justice, and a desire for peace,
Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen those who serve the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten, Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the prayers we carry in our hearts and for those known to God alone,
Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort all who are sick, suffering, or burdened by life's trials, and for those we now
name, Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our beloved dead, and for all who have entered the nearer presence of God;
especially those we now name, Lord, we pray.

All **God of compassion, hear our prayer.**

Presider Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and
compassion. May we be instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be
on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Je-
sus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep
you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Backpack Blessings

The children are invited, with their backpacks, to be seated in the front. Parents are welcome to accompany them.

Presider The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, source of life and love, our great teacher and savior, bless these your children as they begin the school year. You were once a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory.

All **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases and of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society.

All **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

At the name of Jesus

Hymnal 238

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line having three parts (1, 2, 3) and the subsequent lines having two parts (1, 2).

1 Bless - ed feasts of bless - ed mar - tyrs, ho - ly wo - men,
2 Faith pre - vail - ing, hope un - fail - ing, lov - ing Christ with
3 There-fore, ye that reign in glo - ry, fel - low - heirs with

ho - ly men, with af - fec - tion's re - col - lec - tions
sin - gle heart, thus they, glo - rious and vic - to - rious,
Christ on high, join to ours your sup - pli - ca - tion

greet we your re - turn a - gain. Wor - thy deeds they
brave - ly bore the mar - tyr's part, by con - tempt of
when be - fore him we draw nigh, pray - ing that, this

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Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 5

The Book of Alternative Service (Anglican Church of Canada)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We give thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder,
 and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

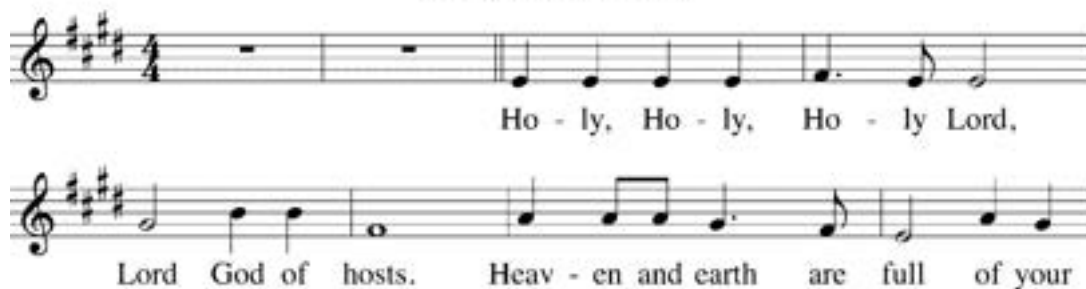
Presider You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves,
 but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us in to one
 great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your
 wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

All





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Presider We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us, you showed us how much you love us.

He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you showed us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus, in the breaking of the bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Savior taught us, let us pray,

All **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All **Give us this bread forever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Fraction Anthem



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The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Ushers will guide you to the front of the congregation, where you will have the option to receive regular or gluten-free bread.

We offer two options for receiving wine. If you wish to drink directly from the common cup, please proceed to the communion ministers holding chalices, directly next to the bread stations. If you wish to receive by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), please proceed to the external communion stations, where you will find Eucharistic ministers holding intinction bowls.

Communion Hymn

Brother, sister, let me serve you

VF 124



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each o - ther
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er
Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
of Christ's love and a gon - y.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Capo 2 play D

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The sending forth of Eucharistic Visitors

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent out the following words are used.

All In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Prayer after Communion

Presider All you works praise you, O Lord.
And you faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Harken to the anthem glorious

Descant

4. Take from him what ye will give him, of his full - ness grace for grace;

1. Hark - en to the an - them glo - rious of the mar - tyrs robed in white;
2. Liv - ing, they proclaimed sal - va - tion, heaven en - dowed with grace and power;
3. Christ, for cru - el trai - tors plead - ing, tri - umphed in his part - ing breath
4. Take from him what ye will give him, of his full - ness grace for grace;

strive to think him, speak him, live him, till you find him face to face.

they, like Christ, in death vic - to - rious dwell for ev - er in the light,
and they died in im - i - ta - tion of their Sa - vior's fi - nal hour,
o'er all mir - a - cles pre - ced - ing his in - es - ti - ma - ble death,
strive to think him, speak him, live him, till you find him face to face.

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

WELCOME!

New to St. Lawrence? Please complete the top part of the newcomers card found in the pews and either drop it in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

If you need assistance with the Hearing Aid Loop, please see an usher.

Welcome to the **Soft Space!**

This special area is for children age 5 and under a cozy place to wiggle, wonder, and worship.
Here, little ones can experience our liturgy, worship, and communion
in a comfortable and engaging way.
Here, little ones can feel at home in God's presence just as they are!

Building fellowship, one cup at a time.

Join us at our DIY Coffee Bar this Sunday! Enjoy a custom cup of coffee and a snack as you connect with our church family after service. Everyone is welcome!

Those attending a worship service at St. Lawrence are entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur on behalf of St. Lawrence. Please be aware that these images may be used for promotional purposes, including on our website or social media, without obtaining express written permission.

Community Prayers

The Universal Church, its members and its mission; The Church in Wales; and for our Companion Dioceses of Southeast Mexico and Renk

The concerns of the local community, especially those who are affected by gun violence

Those who suffer and are in any trouble and those who have requested our prayers: Sherry, Joe, Celeste, Danny, Kristine, Valorie, Jane, Evelyn, Cara, Debi, Ellen, Fred, Jack, Betsy, Melanie, Fr. John, Carl, Steve, Jennie, Ryan Li, Sharon, Robin, Duke, Phyliss, Ruth, Dirimar, Danielys, Wilquer, Jeff, Mary, Alan, Scott, Maureen, Maverick, Robert, Lydia, Tony, Benjamin, Willis family, Beth, Allyson

We pray for those who are incarcerated, especially: Karlondo, Jermain, Christino, Maurice, Rickie, Apolinar

We pray for those preparing for marriage, especially: Allyson and Taylor, Makayla and Bryce, Jenny and Jerry

We pray for those awaiting children, especially: Diana and Shane, Claire and Kyle, Molly and Kyle

We pray for those who have died

We pray for those who have lost loved ones, especially: the Smith family, the Frank family, the Karnstedt family, the Cooper family, the Schrum and Jones family

We pray for our beloved animal companions, especially: Millie

We pray for peace and healing in our nation and the world

We pray that peace and justice may come soon in places of war and conflict, and for all whose life of service puts them at risk; and for all victims of religious, racial and gender oppression throughout the world.

If you have a loved one you would like mentioned in the Prayers of the People list, please write their first name on the clipboard located at the rear of the church. You may also visit www.stlawrencechurch.org and click on "worship" and look for "Online Prayer Group". Names are checked and updated weekly and refreshed every month.



TODAY—Backpack Blessings

As the new school year approaches, we invite students, families, and educators to join us for Backpack Blessings during the worship service.

This special time of prayer, encouragement, and support will include a blessing of backpacks, reminding our students that they are loved and surrounded by a caring church family.

Let's come together to inspire confidence, peace, and success in our students as they begin a new academic year!

Dear friends,

As Kristin's sabbatical draws to a close, we would like to thank everyone who kept the vibrancy of our parish alive in so many ways. From the Garden Parties, to the Bishop's visit, and everything in between, we accomplished so much. Summer 2026 highlighted the faithfulness and joy of this remarkable parish community, reminding us that St. Lawrence is not defined by any one person, program, or season. It is a community of faithful people who show up for one another, worship together, serve generously, welcome neighbors, and trust God's presence in every circumstance. During this time of sabbatical, you continued to embody Christ's love with dedication and grace.

We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this summer so special. Also, we'd like to give special thanks to Susie Brock, who was the glue that kept us whole and functioning. We give thanks to God for each of you and for the many ways the Holy Spirit has been at work among us.

With profound gratitude,

Brian Coninx and Andrea Larson, Wardens

Join the St. Lawrence
YOUNG EPISCOPAL SENIORS -YES
Brown Bag Lunch
Third Tuesday of the Month
August 18, 2026
Noon in the Library
Bring your lunch and a small dish to pass.
Coffee/Tea/Water provided
Contact Ann Leffler for more information, 847-918-9697



SABBATICAL 2026



Let's joyfully welcome Kristin back!

We are delighted to celebrate Kristin's return from sabbatical on Sunday, August 23.

Please join us for worship at 9 AM, followed by a joyful reception.

2026 Little Zippy 5k Fun Run

This event celebrates the life and spirit of an extraordinary little girl named Kyra.

Among the many things Kyra loved, one of her favorites was riding her bike. She was one of those kids who simply got on and started pedaling. Just a week after learning to ride, we went on a family bike ride. We told her to let us know when she wanted to turn around. She never did. Mile after mile, she kept going until we finally decided it was time to head back. By the end of the day, she had ridden almost 11 miles on her little bike.

That determination earned her the nickname "Little Zippy." It was a name that perfectly captured who she was—full of energy, fearless, determined, and always moving forward.

When Kyra was diagnosed with an inoperable brain stem tumor at just nine years old, she faced challenges that no child should ever have to endure. Yet through it all, she continued to show the same courage, strength, and spirit that made her "Little Zippy."

We honor Kyra by carrying that spirit forward. Every step we take, every mile we run, and every dollar we raise helps support families facing childhood cancer and advances the search for better treatments and, ultimately, a cure for rare pediatric brain tumors.

Thank you for supporting this cause, and for helping us ensure that Kyra's legacy continues to make a difference in the lives of children and families everywhere.

Now, let's get moving—for Kyra.



5K Fun Run
Sunday, October 4 9 AM
Old School Forest Preserve Shelter C

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Opening Doors to a Brighter Future

During Sabbatical 2026, we have a wonderful opportunity to serve our neighbors by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Together, we'll support an organization that brings people together, strengthens communities, and helps more families have access to safe, affordable housing.

If you'd like to spend a meaningful day giving back and working alongside others, we'd love for you to consider joining us.

Please scan the QR code and complete the survey to let us know if you're interested in a Habitat for Humanity fall project. Respond by August 17 so we can choose the best date for Team St. Lawrence.



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Come Support the Chicago Bears Wheelchair Football Team

Join us in cheering on the Chicago Bears Wheelchair Football Team as part of the USA Wheelchair Football League.

Andrew Dacey, who has been visiting our church from Leicester, England, is working with the team and warmly invites the congregation to attend a game and show their support.

Location: Wintrust Financial Campus, 9701 West Higgins Road, Rosemont

Saturday, August 22: Games begin at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, with additional games throughout the day until 5:00 PM.

Sunday, August 23: Games begin at 10:00 AM.

On the STL calendar (*see the entire calendar on the STL website, stlawrencechurch.org*)

Sunday, August 16 - Backpack Blessing, 9 AM service

Tuesday, August 18 - Young Episcopal Seniors (YES) Group, Library, Noon; Vestry Meeting, Fireside Room, 7 PM

Friday, August 21 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 5-6 PM

Saturday, August 22 - Hope Food Pantry, Narthex, 8-10 AM

Sunday, August 23 - Welcome Back Kristin

Monday, September 7 - Church offices closed

Tuesday, September 8 - StoryPoint service, Libertyville, 2 PM



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