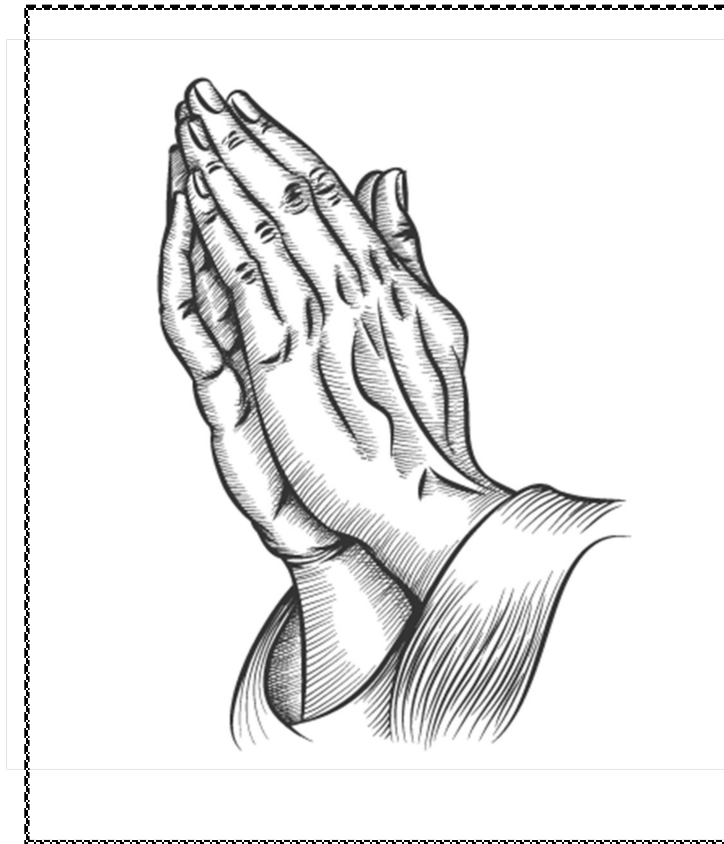


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**Prelude:** *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* - arr. Chris Rice  
*Lois Theesfield, piano*

## Welcome

Dear Friends in Christ, Oct. 7 marks one year of war, filled with tragedy, death, and destruction for Jews, Palestinians, and countless others. October 7, 2023 was a painful turning point in the long struggle between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people. In horror, the world has witnessed the bitter ends of hatred and violence. Yet, wherever such careless disregard for the intrinsic value of life is seen, Christians are called to remember and lament, confess and repent, and thus renew our efforts toward building just and sustainable societies where all may live in peace.

At the most recent ELCA Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly (May 17-18, 2024), a resolution was passed urging all congregations and ministries within the synod to use this day's worship for lamentation over all that has been lost, but also for proclamation of the hope that is ours through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We, along with other congregations in our synod, will be utilizing parts of a worship service that was created for this purpose.

Let us turn our hearts to worship. We begin in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**  
**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**  
**The cravings at war within us**  
**cause conflicts and disputes.**  
**In our desire to be first**  
**we make distinctions among ourselves.**  
**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**  
**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**  
**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**  
**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**  
**our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song: "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" - ELW #835,**  
**verses 1-4**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of the nations, you created spaces for every kind of thing and set each in its place to thrive. Grant us your wisdom and discernment, that we may also make a place in our world for every people, culture, and nation. Help us to overcome all those divisive spirits which hinder our coming into the beloved kingdom of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### **First Reading: Job 28:12-13, 23-28**

"But where shall wisdom be found?  
And where is the place of understanding?

<sup>13</sup>Mortals do not know the way to it,  
and it is not found in the land of the living.

<sup>23</sup>"God understands the way to it,  
and he knows its place.

<sup>24</sup>For he looks to the ends of the earth  
and sees everything under the heavens.  
<sup>25</sup>When he gave to the wind its weight  
and apportioned out the waters by measure,  
<sup>26</sup>when he made a decree for the rain,  
and a way for the thunderbolt,  
<sup>27</sup>then he saw it and declared it;  
he established it and searched it out.  
<sup>28</sup>And he said to humankind,  
'Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;  
and to depart from evil is understanding.' "

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 7:14-25**

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God[b] through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am enslaved to the law of God, but with my flesh I am enslaved to the law of sin.

## **Children at Heart Sermon**

## Gospel Acclamation

*All sing twice through*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of lyrics corresponding to the first staff and the second line to the second staff. The lyrics are: A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

The Gospel according to Mark

**Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup>An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.[a] “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with

compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **Sermon**

*Provided by Bishop Amy Current*

## **Hymn of the Day: "Bring Peace to Earth Again" - ELW #700**

*The words to this hymn were written by Herman Stuempfle Jr. in response to the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995. We use these words to lift our cries to God today.*

## **Apostles Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Offering**

**Music Voluntary:** Fantasy on “*All Creatures of Our God and King*” - arr.  
Sandra Eithun  
*Memorial Handbell Choir*

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through 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.**

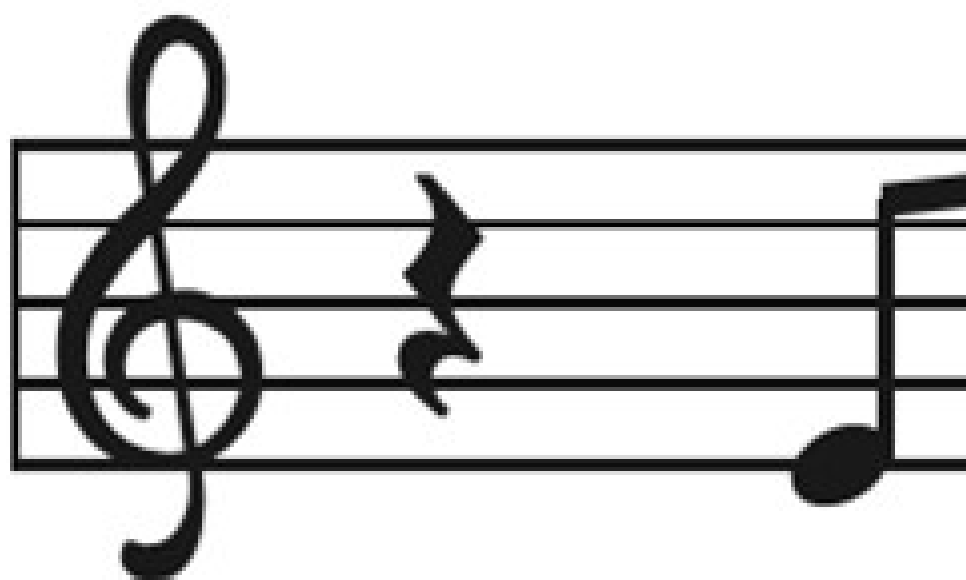
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy  
*ACS Setting 11*



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## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

### **Hymns during Communion**

*"Lamb of God" - ACS Setting 11*

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"- ELW #656*

# Lamb of God ACS Setting 11

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -  
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.  
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

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so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.  
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.  
Grant us your peace. A - men.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
+ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: "All Creatures Worship God Most High" - ELW #835,  
stanzas 5-6**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"The King of Creation"* - arr. Jason Krug  
*Memorial Handbell Choir*

## Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email [pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org) or [emily@mlcnevada.org](mailto:emily@mlcnevada.org), or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

*Please keep Tom Kirkhart, Joe Kirkhart, Kara and Orson Nady, and the entire family in your prayers following the death of their wife and mother, +Pam Kirkhart*

*Please keep Bernie Mens and family in your prayers following the death of his wife, +Lois Mens*

*Please keep Bert Ann Ray and family in your prayers following the death of her husband, +Chuck Ray*

Evelyn Onstot	Kati Stieler	Jean Smith
Marty Schuler	<i>sister-in-law of Dan Stieler</i>	Janet Jacques
Daniel Everitt	Johann Thiel	Easton Farrington
<i>prayers for healing</i>	Mike Neal	Janice Hartz
<i>nephew of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Christina King	Jackie Byers
Judy Johnson	Sherry Kluever	<i>daughter of Shellie Black</i>
Katy Beno	Kim Elliott	Donna See
<i>sister of Sandy Christian</i>	Marsha Kane	Norma Dannan
Kathy Larsen	Pr. Marcia Kisner	<i>friend of Betty Runge</i>
Eric Forsyth	Marlene Waddell	Fred Samuelson
Ardith Forsyth	<i>friend of Virginia Palmisano-Goettsch</i>	Jaylee Bartleson
Crystal Vines	John Bass	George Forsyth
Katie Bass	<i>son-in-law of Ron &amp; Gloria Jacobson</i>	Janeen Driscoll
<i>niece of Judy Coverdale</i>	Carol Vincent	Julie Sutherland
Wayne Johnson	Cassie Harrell	Jan Cook
Troy Vincent		

***Hospitalizations:*** *If you are in the hospital or are going to be in the hospital and want us to be aware of it, please call the church office or have someone call on your behalf. Unless directed otherwise, your name will be placed on the prayer list and included in electronic notifications.*

## Announcements

### TODAY: Nevada's CROP Hunger Walk

Join us this afternoon in the fight against hunger locally and globally. This year's CROP Hunger Walk will include live music and walking tacos at Evergreen Lane as we walk to SCORE Park and back. Whether you join in the walk or come out and support the walkers, grab your family and/or a friend to join in the fight against hunger!



- ♦ 12:00 - Walking tacos and live music begin at Evergreen Lane
- ♦ 1:00 - Walk send-off

Want to walk with us? Visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/nevadaia> using the QR code to join team "Memorial Lutheran Church - Nevada, IA", register as an individual, start your own team, or make a donation.

### MLC Member Survey

Earlier this year our congregation council set a goal to reach out to Memorial's membership in the hopes of listening well to the needs and hopes of our congregation. A subcommittee was formed to create a survey that would help in identifying what needs are being met, as well as what needs are not currently being met. The council needs everyone's honest feedback in order to identify how we can best serve and love as Memorial Lutheran Church. Thank you in advance for your time and your thoughts. Your participation will help us to grow and abide together in Christ for the sake of the world.



### Help for Hurricane Victims

Please see the following from Lutheran Disaster Response. Let's do what we can to help those effected by Hurricane Helene:

*Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a devastating Category 4 hurricane and moved inland as a tropical storm through the southeastern United States. Millions continue to be without power and remain isolated and cut off due to substantial damage in their communities.*

*Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to expand to all impacted areas. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you enable the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.*

*Support the response today: <https://bit.ly/4eue92v>*

## **Do you have musical gifts to share?**

Our Faith Formation Team is looking for a flexible volunteer or a team of flexible volunteers to teach and lead simple Christian songs and music activities with students in preschool - 6th grade during Wednesday Night Live. Wednesday Night Live meets on Wednesday evenings during the school year from 6:30 - 7:30 pm with some exceptions. If you would be willing to either help or lead in any way please contact Pastor Kathleen at [Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org](mailto:Pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org). Thank you for considering!

## **A Special Note Regarding Tithe.ly Fees**

We so appreciate all that give using the online/mobile giving platform Tithe.ly! If you haven't already, please consider including Tithe.ly processing fees as part of your one-time and recurring gifts. To do this, simply check the "Cover Fees" box when setting up your gift. If you have already set up a recurring gift and would like to start including the fees, you'll need to delete this gift and set it up again with "Cover Fees" checked.

## **Online Giving with Tithe.ly**

Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you would like to support our ministries, online gifts can be made using <http://tithe.ly> give or by scanning the QR code. ***Did you know? In Tithe.ly, you can select to give to the General Fund, Capital Improvement (for upcoming building projects), A Welcoming Space = A Welcoming Place (heating and cooling project), and more!***



## Stay Connected with Memorial

Keep up-to-date with Memorial and community events, prayer requests, volunteer opportunities, and more; sign up to receive emails and/or periodic texts at [bit.ly/memorialconnect](https://bit.ly/memorialconnect) or by using



### Save the Date

#### **TODAY: Nevada CROP Hunger Walk**

When: Sunday, October 6, 12:00 PM: walking tacos & entertainment

1:00 PM: Walk send-off

Where: Evergreen Lane

#### **MLC Volunteers Needed at Harmony Clothing Closet**

When: Monday, October 7, 4:00—7:00 PM (any amount of time you can help would be greatly appreciated!)

#### **Lutheran World Relief Work Day**

When: Wednesday, October 9, 1:00—3:00 PM

#### **Trunk-or-Treat at Memorial**

When: Sunday, October 27

#### **Spending Plan Forum**

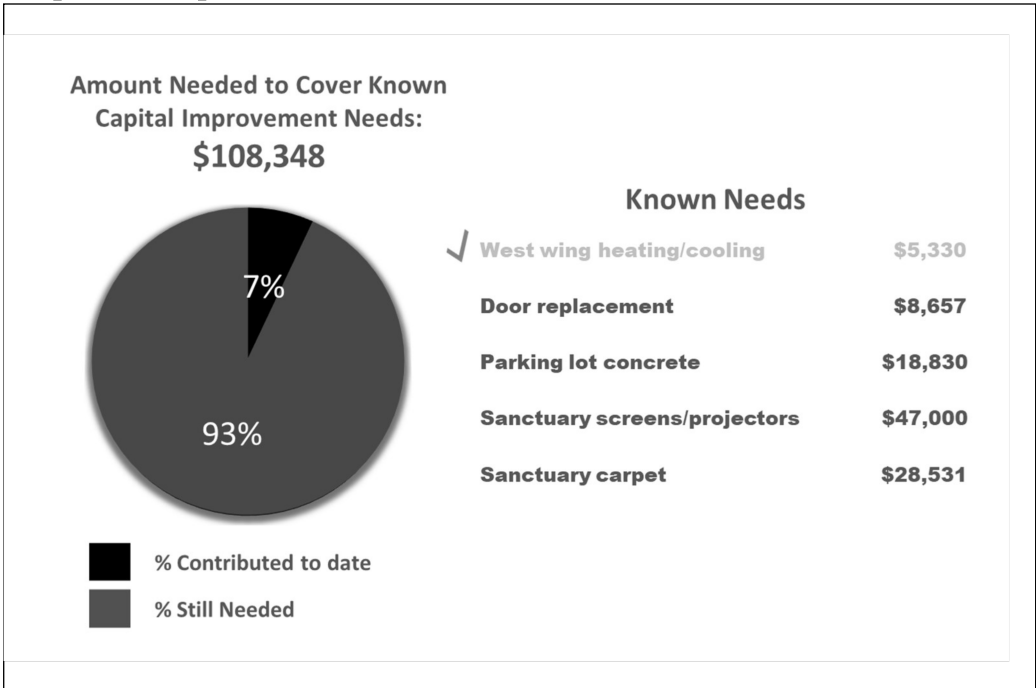
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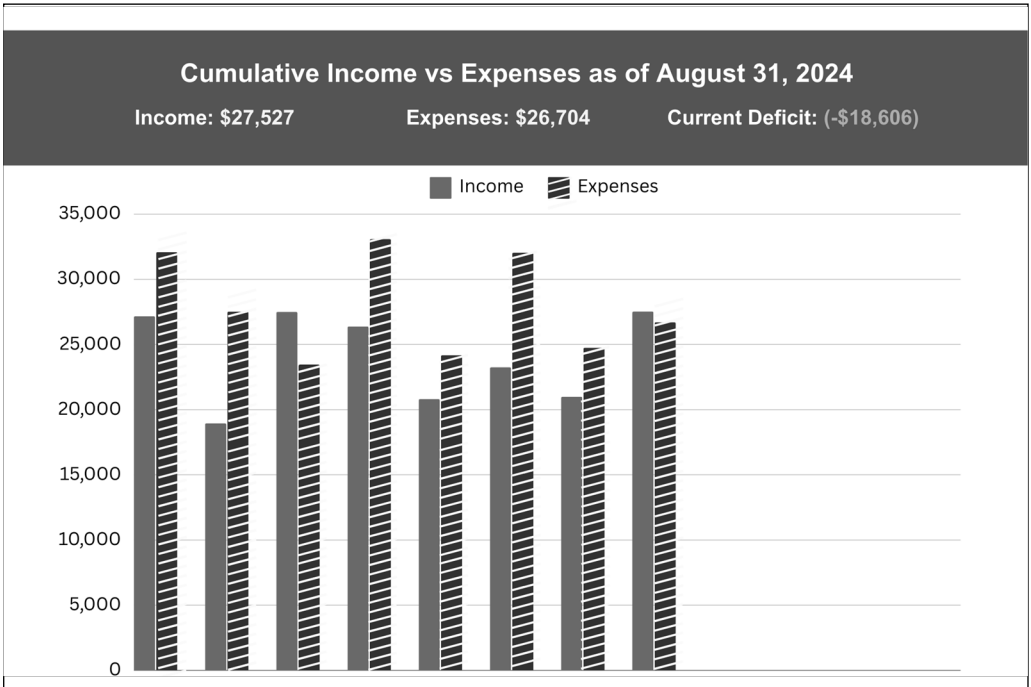
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# Capital Improvement Needs



# General Fund Giving







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