

St. John's Reformed Church
Our Money Story | 1st Sunday – Remember
Communion Sunday
October 11, 2026

*(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the **bold** sections)*

Pre-Prelude

Announcements & Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum: This stewardship season, we invite you to remember, release, reimagine, and restore your money stories so that we can write the one God is begging us to live into.

*Call to Worship:

May we remember - **That God created.**

May we remember - **That God liberated.**

May we remember - **That God fed.**

May we remember

That God is still creating,

God is still liberating,

And God is still feeding us.

Let this be our story - Let this be where we begin. Let us worship our holy God.

***Hymn: #43 Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer v.1-3**

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Call and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, “Everyone for themselves,” “An eye for an eye,” and “All is fair in love and war.” And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things?

Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world's rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope we pray, Amen.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie Eleison ***“Lord have mercy upon us: Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.”***

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: Psalm 107:1-2, 8-9

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Musical Meditation

The Word of God In Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Old Testament: Exodus 16: 1-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn: #155 As He Gathered at His Table v.1-4**

***Lesson from the Gospels: Luke 22: 1-23**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

***Affirmation of Faith:**

The story of God calls us to remember—

that creation was made good, and Sabbath is necessary.

The story of God calls us to remember—

that we belong to one another, for we are bone of bone and flesh of flesh.

The story of God calls us to remember—

that reconciliation between siblings is holy, and slavery of any kind is evil.

The story of God calls us to remember—

**that the wilderness is real, and that God will be with us—
raining down manna and speaking in a still, small voice.**

The story of God calls us to remember—

that love looks like healing the sick, eating with the outcast, making room for the children, and seeing the unseen.

The story of God calls us to remember—

because if we forget, we risk making God, love, and reconciliation small.

So, as we remember, may we declare—

we believe in a God who made all things good, who stands with the suffering, walks with us in the wilderness, sees the overlooked, loves with an untamed heart, and makes room for all at God's table. Amen.

*The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we come to you today in prayer, we admit that giving is complicated. At times it is easier to remember our shame or guilt around giving, as opposed to your joy or generosity. We all have our money narratives, and they affect us in different ways. So today as we offer our gifts to you, we pray that you would re-center our narrative. Remind us that we do not give out of shame or guilt.

We do not give out of obligation. We do not give to feel worthy. And we do not give to buy your grace. We give out of a desire to participate. We give as a sign of gratitude. We give because we belong to one another. We give to build a more just and equitable world. We give because we love, and that's what love does.

So, take these gifts and remind us that we belong to one another. Remind us that all money narratives are welcome at this table. Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us will be washed away with your empathy and love.

Remind us and then help us to build that more beautiful world. In hope we pray, Amen.

The Lord's Supper with Hymns #811

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Hymn: #876 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending v.1-3*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen **"Go Now in Peace."**

*Postlude *Indicates congregation to stand if able.



