



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — *Psalm Preludes Set 1*, No. 2

Herbert Howells

"But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace."

—Psalm 37:11

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 835

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

*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

☐ O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred,
we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair,
hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand,
and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message — **Blessing of the Lutheran World Relief Quilts**

First Reading — Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or

angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 37, "Commit Your Way to God the Lord"

TALLIS' CANON



Com - mit your way to God the Lord— your
Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and
Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the
Com - mit your way to God the Lord, to
cause will shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
do not fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
faith - ful know their help is sure; to heav - en all our
peace and truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be
ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
your re - ward, God's prom - is - es your heart's de - sire.

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Perry © 1989 The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing; Music: Thomas Tallis

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

© Thanks be to God.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

☪ Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward

will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1062

“Build a Longer Table”

*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

After each petition:

- 📖 Lord, in your mercy,
- 🔊 hear our prayer.

*Peace

- 📖 The peace of Christ be with you always.
- 🔊 And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) "I Will Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills" (Psalm 121)

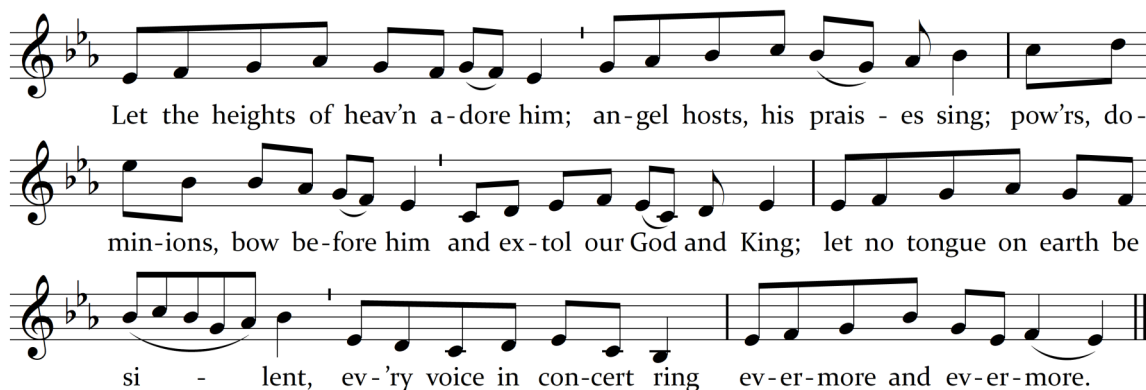
Cathy Moglebust

Rejoice Ringers

(10:45) "All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

Lyle Neff

*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais - es sing; pow'rs, do-
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
si - lent, ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

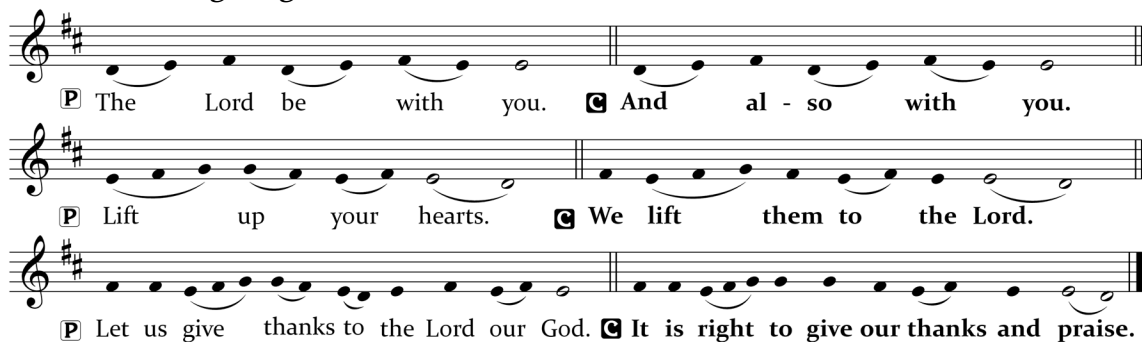
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the
grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of
your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORDS SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

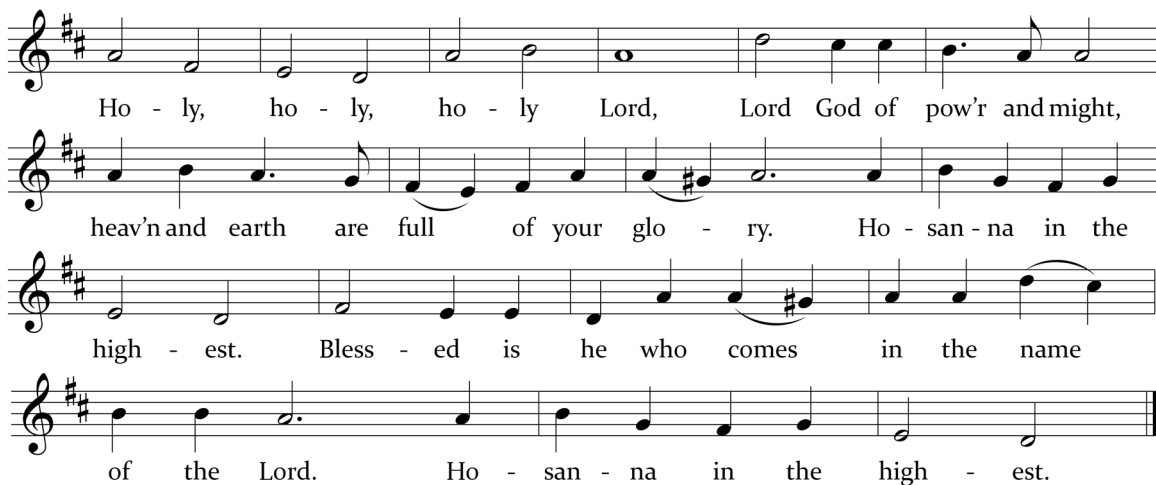


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,
and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"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, grant us peace.

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

☐ O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, and every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

☑ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: ☑ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

PUER NOBIS

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three staves of music.

O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O
Teach us to love with all our might; drive
As dawn speeds on a - cross the sky; true
All glo - ry be to God Most High; to

liv - ing Spring of light from light: come, ver - y Sun of
en - vy out, re - move all spite; turn to the good each
Dawn, with haste come from on high. O Word, through whom light
God the Son let prais - es rise; the Spir - it blest let

truth and love; come with your ra - diance from a - bove.
trou - bling care, and give us grace your name to bear.
came to be, come in your pow'r and set us free.
us a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

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*Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Andrea Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Doug O'Leary

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 20):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Youth Gathering: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Jim Bierman by Patsy and John Ophaug. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Dates available: March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 24.

Sunday Service Livestream and Video

St. John's offers a livestream of the Sunday 8:30 a.m. service, available on the main page of the St. John's website and on the St. John's Facebook page. We aim to have a copy of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service posted in the "Service Videos" section of the website by 10:45 a.m. The video recording is also available on-demand on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. An audio recording of the Sunday sermon is available on the St. John's website on Monday.

Coffee Hour Will Resume Today in St. John's Hall

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - March" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Today is Quilt Sunday

Lutheran World Relief distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today these quilts continue to be highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. An average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year. In 2021, St. John's Quilters gave 70 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, 46 quilts to Global Health Ministries, and 84 quilts to Operation Joy in Northfield. Most of the 90 quilts in church today will be given to Lutheran World Relief. Several will go to the local Habitat for Humanity families. Thank you to the many people who contribute to this quilt ministry. We appreciate the donation of fabrics, sheets, and money for purchasing batting, quilt supplies, and donations to the LWR shipping fund. We appreciate those who sew quilts at home and those who quilt at church on Thursday mornings. **If you would like to donate, please put a gift in the special basket by the front or back entry to the Sanctuary.**

Open Door Preschool Open House

Tuesday, February 22, 5:00–7:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Open Door Preschool provides a safe, gentle, and inclusive learning environment that allows your child to grow socially emotionally, creatively, and academically. We have been providing play-based and environmental learning experiences to growing Northfield families for over thirty years!

Announcements (continued)

Midland University Choir Concert

Saturday, March 5, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Midland University Choir, under the direction of Joel Johnson, will present a free concert in the Sanctuary at St. John's. The choir is the flagship vocal ensemble of Midland University, a liberal arts college with campuses in Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska. They will share music from sacred and secular traditions including pieces that are inclusive and socially-conscious. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

Thrivent Members

You can give St. John's an extra boost at no cost to you by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2021 funds need to be designated by March 31, 2022. This year the Church Council is designating a significant portion of these gifts toward funding our beloved tradition of Advent Fair. Go to thrivent.com to designate your funds.

Pub Theology via Zoom

Monday, February 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Topic: *Can Baptisms Be Invalid? Or Can a Pastor's Error Prevent Your Salvation?*

For additional information, check the E-Voice sent out this past Thursday. To be added to the email list contact Pastor Jonathan Davis at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth Ministries

Tomorrow is a No School Day

Grades K-5, it's decided - sledding on the hill by Spring Creek Elementary. Come sled, enjoy hot cocoa, and treats from 10:00–11:00 am. Feel free to bring friends!

Summer Camp for Grades 2-5

St. John's is offering summer camp this year at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN for kids in grades 2-5. St. John's helps with camp costs! Check out GEV's website for more information: <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. Register by April 17 and receive a free summer theme t-shirt, no code needed. Siblings can save 25% with code SIBLING22.

Youth Summer Trips

If you haven't, please register now to secure your slot for the summer trip. If you have any questions regarding the trips please contact Emmanuel Kaghondi.

- **High School Summer Trip (21–22 school year): Christikon Trip from July 9–15**
The cost for the trip is \$400 (full and partial scholarships are available).
- **Middle School Youth trip (21–22 school year): Amnicon Trip from June 19–24**
The cost for the trip is \$300 (full and partial scholarships are available).

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Sigrid Johnson, Dick Kleber,
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Sarah Rinehart, Kristi Wermager

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Howard Thorsheim

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 27):

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 † Psalm 99 † 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 † Luke 9:28-36

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Feb. 21	10:00 a.m.	Sledding Morning (Kindergarten-Grade 5), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 22	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
		Southeastern MN Synod Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 23	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Three Links, Offsite
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
Friday, Feb. 25	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Visitation - Howard Thorsheim, Commons
Saturday, Feb. 26	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Howard Thorsheim, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Howard Thorsheim, Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb. 27	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Parent Gathering, Fireside Room
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.