

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023 † 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.*



*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 — Chaconne in D Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn — “On Emmaus’ Journey”

HOLY MANNA

Stanzas 1-3 — choir/cantors

arr. John Ferguson

Please stand and sing stanzas 4 & 5.



choir Who are you who walk in sor - row down Em - ma - us' bar - ren road,
choir Who is this who joins our jour - ney, walk - ing with us stride by stride?
choir Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened in the break - ing of the bread.
all Who are we who trav - el with you on our way through life to death?
all “Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!” is the Eas - ter hymn we sing!



hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed, bent be - neath grief's
Un - known Stran - ger, can you fath - om depths of grief for
Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor, liv - ing, ris - en
Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing, wak - ened by the
Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship as the gift of



crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers, we will join you,
one who died? Then the won - der! When we told you
from the dead! Great com - pan - ion on our jour - ney,
Spir - it's breath! At the font you claim and name us,
love we bring. You have formed us all one peo - ple



we who al - so mourn our dead. We have stood by
how our dreams to dust have turned, then you o - pened
still sur - prise us with your grace! Make each day a
born of wa - ter and the Word. At the ta - ble
called from ev - 'ry land and race. Make your church your



graves un - yield - ing, eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.
wide the scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned!
new Em - ma - us; on our hearts your im - age trace!
still you feed us, host us as our ris - en Lord!
ser - vant bod - y, sent to share your heal - ing grace!

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*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C Amen.

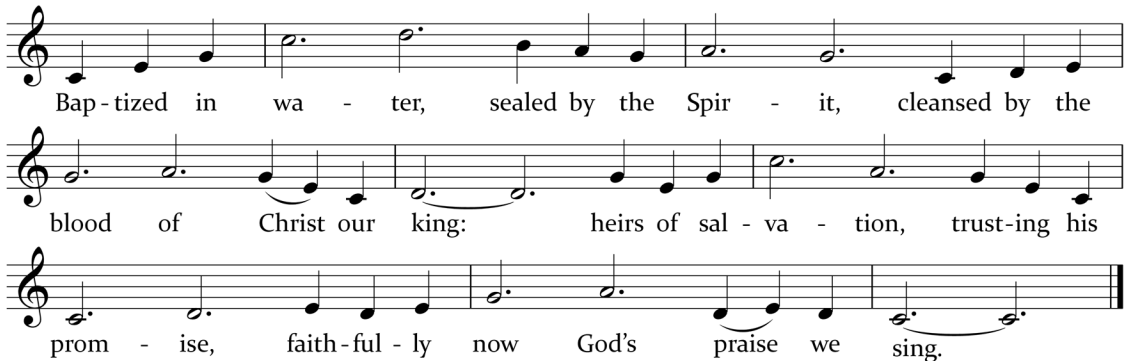
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

*Response Hymn — “Baptized in Water” stanza 1

BUNESSAN



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the
breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him
in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

***Gospel — Luke 24:13-35**

Spark Story Bible, page 488; Pew Bible, page 860

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 374

“Day of Arising”

***The Nicene Creed**

Front ELW hymnal, page 104

*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) "Stay with Us" from *Captive and Free*

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. – Luke 24:29

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "I Love It When"

Daniel Kallman

*I love it when the robin awakes me, singing her song to welcome the day;
I love it when the breezes blow gently, making the trees and green meadows
sway. Oh, cherish the earth so the bees still dance on the flowers in spring;
oh, leave me a world where all creation in harmony sings. I love it when the
river runs freely, down from the mountains and out to the sea; I love it when
the snows fall softly, covering all the world that I see. Oh, cherish the earth
so the spiders still spin in the morning dew; oh, leave me a world so my children
and their children can love it, too. I love it when the sun sets slowly, bathing the
sky in wonderful light. And when the moon shines in through my window,
I love it when God blesses the night. – Daniel Kallman*

*Offering Hymn — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

**Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Offering Prayer

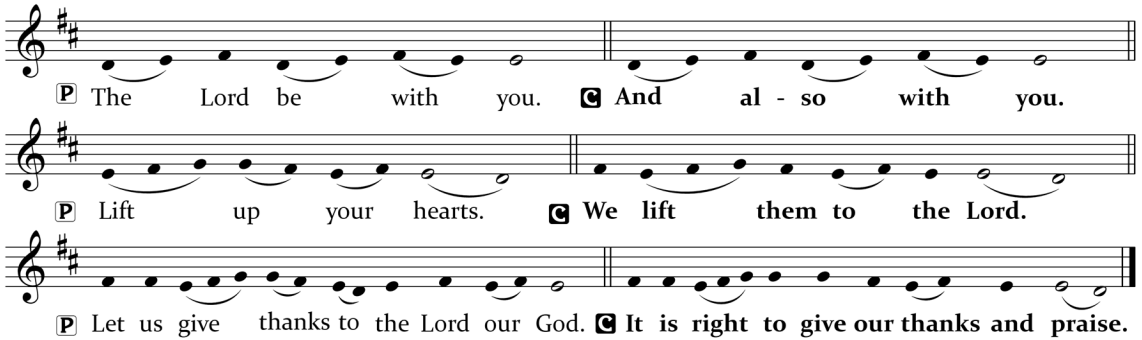
L Let us pray.

C **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.**

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

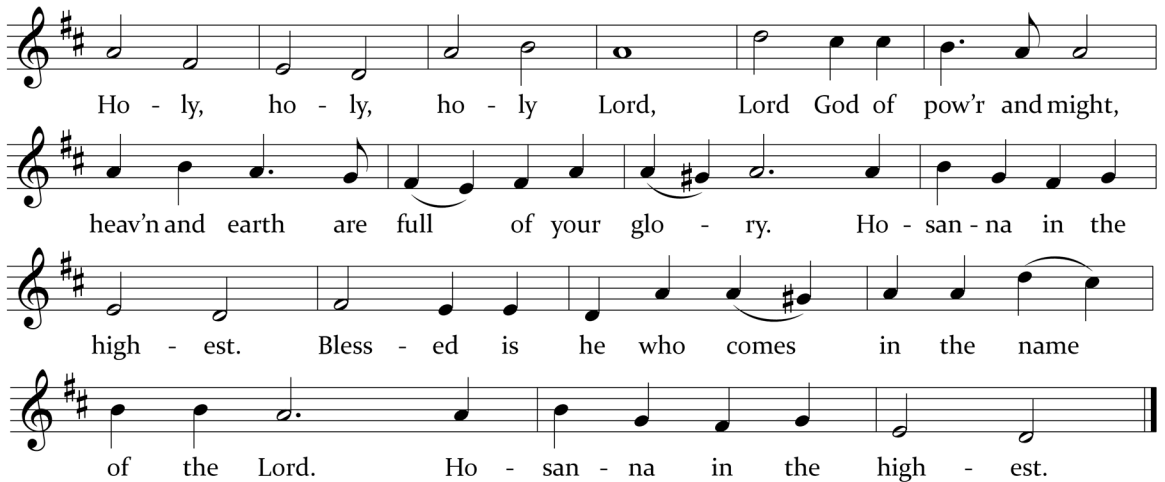


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

Music during Communion

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “I Love It When”

Daniel Kallman

For anthem text, see page 9.

Hymn — ELW No. 740

“God of the Sparrow”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Tuba Tune

Craig Seller Lang



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Arielle Loy (10:45) Susan Canon
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantors	(10:45) Kristin Partlo, David Sims
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	(8:30) Dan and Carrie Dauner, TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Martha Erickson, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 23)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)
St. John's Forum: Prof. Kiara Jorgenson and Creation Care (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Toddler Time (9:50–10:30 a.m., Preschool Class Room)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (April 30)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)
St. John's Forum: Children and Youth Mental Health Part 1 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 30):

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 34:7-15 † Psalm 100 † 1 Peter 2:19-25 † John 10:1-10

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by George and Judy Pinc in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: July 16 & 30, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 and September 3, 17 & 24.

St. John's Forum: BUGS—An Unusual Apologetic with Prof. Kiara Jorgenson
Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

In honor of Earth Day, come and learn about how Christian thought and practice are connected to the kin we often squash, spray, and swat—BUGS. We'll briefly explore the biological importance of insects on a global scale and related challenges when it comes to biodiversity. Our focus will then turn to regional concerns as we consider how insects inform and challenge our working theologies. Kiara Jorgenson is Assistant Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at St. Olaf College.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

St. John's Women take donations and build Baby Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Hospice Kits throughout the year. This year we will be preparing them all in one morning! Please consider donating supplies and joining us in person, Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m.–noon, compiling kits, as well as helping quilters and knitters. Lists are available in the Commons.

The Property & Grounds Board Adopt-A-Garden Program

In order to reduce maintenance costs each summer season, church members are asked to volunteer to maintain fifteen gardens on the grounds. As former gardeners retire from their duties, gardens become available for "adoption." For the 2023 season, there are still two relatively easy gardens needing immediate adoption by individuals or by families. If you are interested in this program and seek more information, please contact board member Jo Ann Polley at email polley@stolaf.edu.

Helping Members in Crisis

The Pastors' Discretionary Fund exists to provide the pastors with a means to provide confidential financial help to members in crisis. Due to a number of recent needs, the fund is currently quite low. If you would like to help, you can direct a gift to the "Pastors' Emergency Fund." Whenever possible, the pastors also work with the CAC to assure that recipients get comprehensive assistance with their needs.

Announcements (continued)

Annual Spring Church Yard Clean Up

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.–Noon

The Property & Grounds Board kindly requests your assistance. Many hands make less work! Bring gloves, rakes, wheelbarrows for spreading mulch, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, tip baskets, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are welcome. Thank you!

Sign up for St. John's Seraphs Summer Softball

Will you play for the St. John's Seraphs in Northfield's Summer 2023 Church Softball League? Sign up on the [St. John's Summer Softball Interest Form](#) (link available in the E-Voice). We hope that the 2023 team will be a combination of returning veterans and aspiring new talent. Recruit a friend and introduce them to St. John's through softball! As a reminder, players need to be high-school age and older. Games are played on Sunday evenings and will begin in late May. Questions? Contact Steve Taggart at staggart@northfieldschools.org, or Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

You are invited to a Holy Land Tasting and Tour Information Session

Monday, May 15, 4:00–6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Tour host, Rev. Tim Hansen, son of the late Ruth Hansen (who led 21 similar tours), will be offering an opportunity to learn about his upcoming April 2024 tour with slides, light refreshments, and informal conversation. All are welcome! This tour features visits to many ancient biblical and historical sites as well as inspirational meetings with "the living stones" who have a story to tell. Click this link to see the full itinerary: <https://shepherdstours.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Our-Savior-Lutheran-Church-P.-Tim-Hansen-2024-1.pdf>.

Oral History Update

Available now on the St. John's website is the 2019 oral history interview with Lois and Gene Bakko. They reflect on their growing up in the Red River Valley, their church life, and their involvement in environmental stewardship at St. Olaf, at St. John's, and in Northfield. You can hear their history and other interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

St. John's Forum: *Are The Kids Alright? Mental Health for Children & Youth with Andy Dimick, Part 1* Sunday, April 30, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

What is the state of mental health for many of the children and youth in our community? What are the risk and protective factors we should be paying attention to? Join local therapist Andy Dimick for the first of a 2-part series on mental health for children and youth, where we will learn and discuss together the trends therapists are seeing in children and youth in this new COVID world we live in.

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

Joanne Rodland, Don Sahling, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),
Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,
Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson,
John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

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.

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, April 26:
Cooks' Choice

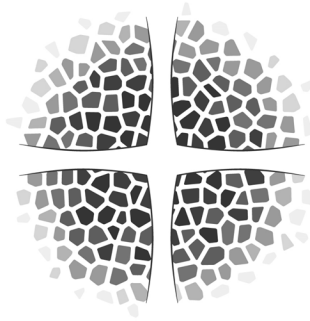
All are welcome!

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Apr. 24	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Out'n About Speaker Event, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Audit Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Apr. 25	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Undercroft S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Gloria Porter, Commons Funeral - Gloria Porter, Sanctuary Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Laura Baker - Employee Appreciation, St. John's Hall Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Apr. 26	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Apr. 27	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Apr. 28	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 29	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	WELCA Mission Morning Project, St. John's Hall Christine Kallman Piano Recital, Sanctuary / St. John's Hall
Sunday, Apr. 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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