



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 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.*

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 and hymns 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 — Three on “This Joyful Eastertide”

John Ferguson
Matthew Corl
Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

*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.

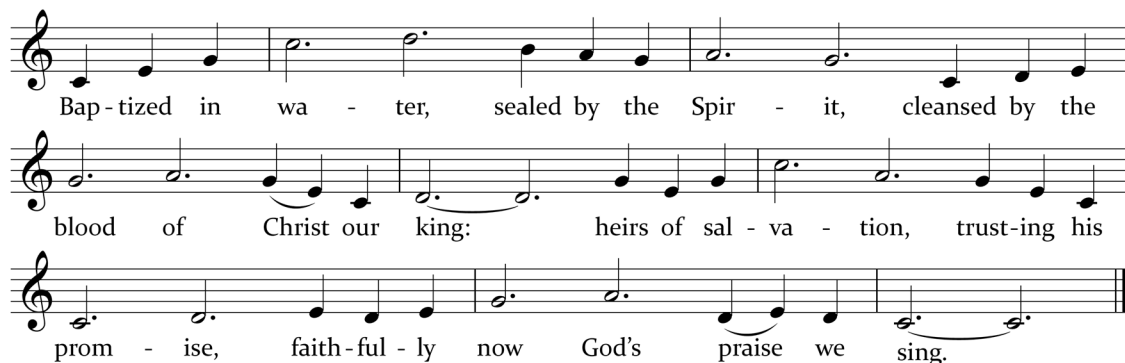
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

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

- ☐ 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

- ☐ Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Just Over That Hill”

Michael Morris

Just over that hill is the land of plenty. Just over that hill we will be home. Just over that hill we will find our way home. Just over that hill is milk and honey. Just over that hill; our home sweet home. We are marching to the song. Holy Spirit, can you hear it? Hallelujah, sing along! Just over that hill we will see Jesus. Just over that hill we will be home. Just over that hill is love and mercy. Just over that hill we will find home.

Jubilate Choir

Children's Message

First Reading — Proverbs 4:10-18

¹⁰Hear, my child, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered; and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I will keep it to the end.



¹⁰With my whole | heart I seek you;
let me not stray from | your commandments.

**¹¹I treasure your promise | in my heart,
that I may not | sin against you.**

¹²Blessed are | you, O LORD;
instruct me | in your statutes.

**¹³With my lips | I recite
all the judgments | of your mouth.**

¹⁴I take greater delight in the way of | your decrees
than in all man- | ner of riches.

**¹⁵I will meditate on | your commandments
and give attention | to your ways.**

¹⁶My delight is | in your statutes;
I will not for- | get your word. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

☐ 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 — John 14:1-14**

Spark Story Bible, page 448

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 816

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

*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) “O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee
back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy,
that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-
bow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

– George Matheson

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) Andante con moto

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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!**

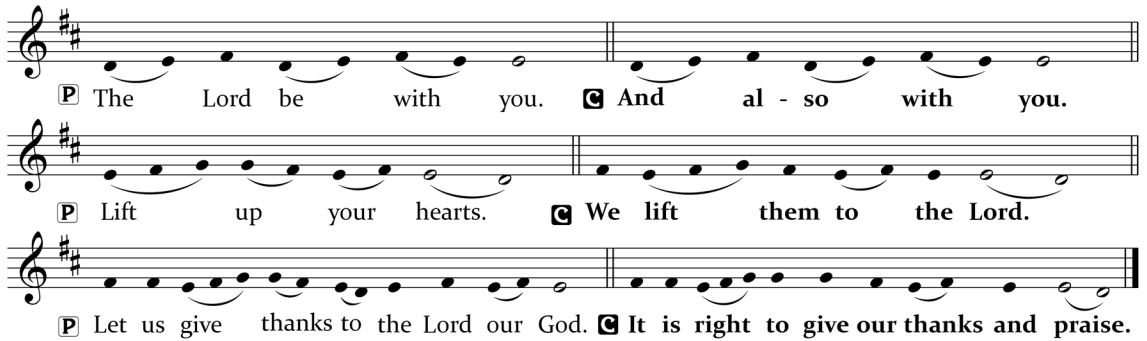
*Offering Prayer

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

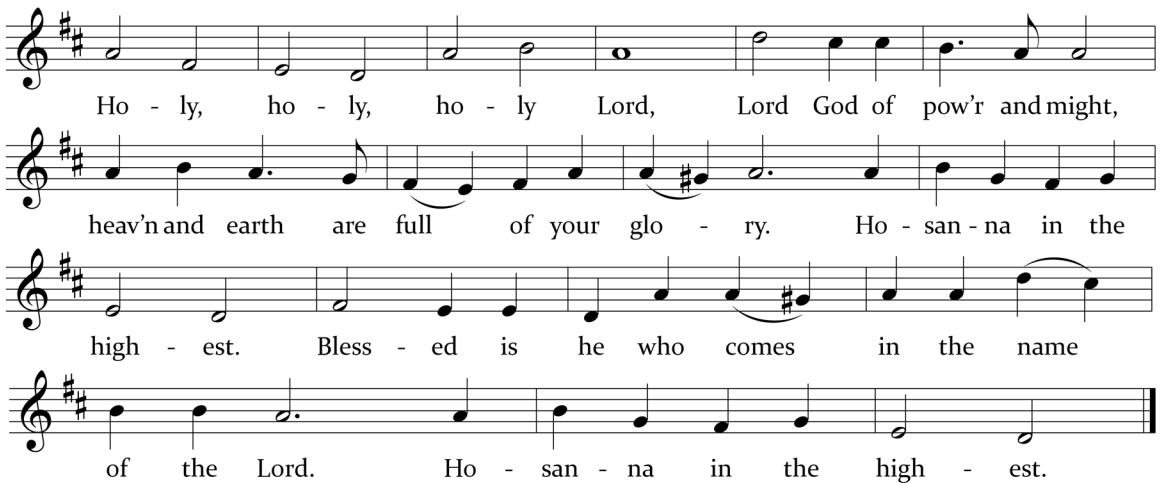


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “I Would Be True”

Undine Smith Moore

I would be true, for there are those who trust me; I would be pure, for there are those who care; I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave, for there is much to dare! I would be friend of all, the foe, the friendless; I would be giving, and forget the gift; I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up and laugh and love and lift! — Howard A. Walter

Hymn — ELW No. 758

“You Are the Way”

***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. 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Processional in D Major

David N. Johnson



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Michaela Polley
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Piano	(8:30) David Sims
Guitar	(10:45) Michael Morris
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Counters	Bill Rizzo, Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (May 7)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
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)

Next Week (May 14)

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: Rev. Lisa Kipp and Lutheran World Relief (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 14):

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ezekiel 4:1-7a † Psalm 115 † 1 Peter 3:13-22 † John 14:15-21

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 Mark and Terry Rydberg in memory of Melvin Rydberg and Paul Tollefson whose birthdays were May 4 and May 7. 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 & 27.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins Sunday May 28

This summer from Memorial Day, May 28, through Defeat of Jesse James Days, September 10, we will have one service at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship following the service.

St. John's Forum: Rev. Lisa Kipp and Lutheran World Relief

Next Sunday, May 14, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Lisa Kipp is the director of Congregational Engagement at Lutheran World Relief. She has been on the front lines in organizing support and care for areas around the globe experiencing natural disasters, like the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. She will give us an update on Lutheran World Relief and the ongoing ministries that congregations like St. John's support throughout the year.

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>.

The Voice: Articles are due by Monday, May 15

The next edition of *The Voice* will be a June / July edition. Please send submissions via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org by Monday, May 15. Thank you.

A heartfelt thank you to the donors and the many participants in Mission Morning last Saturday! We packed 75 personal care kits and 50 baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief, and 60 hospice kits along with 100 rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries. Quilters finished 6 more quilts and gave sewing and cutting demonstrations. In addition, women learned about the knitting ministry for prayer shawls and baby sweaters. A new evening knitting group may be starting for those who cannot meet during the day. Stay tuned for more information.

Announcements (continued)

Church Softball League Games Start Today

Tonight, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2

St. John's vs. Trinity Blue

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention

September 21–24, 2023

Join other St. John's women who are traveling to Phoenix this September for the life-changing three-day convention. Lodging at an Airbnb. Registration deadline: May 31. For information and registration: welcatg.org or women.stjohns500@gmail.com.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- The Voice (June / July 2023 Edition): Due by May 15

Oral History Update

You can hear the interviews by clicking on the “About” tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to “Oral Histories.”

Children and Youth

End of Year Sunday School—Sundae on a Sunday!

Sunday, May 14, 9:45–10:30 a.m.

We will be celebrating the last day of Sunday school with an ice cream Sundae Bar in Fellowship Hall! Also, we'll be making special gifts for mom/grandma or another “someone special” to your child. Kids begin the morning in their classrooms before heading to Fellowship Hall. If anyone would like to help with activities, please let Julie Brehmer know. Thank you!

Family Vacation Bible School Registration is now Open

Wednesdays, June 14 and 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

St. John's, along with Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's, brings two fun family nights of VBS. Please click below for additional information and to register as soon as you can. Children preschool through elementary will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, and songs! Please let Julie Brehmer know if you have questions. You can register online via the St. John's website.

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

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Joanne Rodland, 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

Elouise Quinnell, Rose Youngquist, Lester Gunderson

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, May 10:
*French Toast Casserole
with Sausage and Fruit*

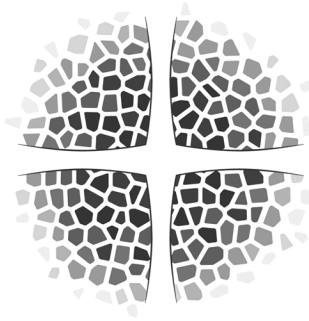
All are welcome!

*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, May 8	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Fireside Room Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 9	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, May 10	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall 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 Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19 Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation Group, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, May 11	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, May 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Gerhardt Knutson, Commons Funeral - Gerhardt Knutson, Sanctuary Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 13	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, May 14	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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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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