



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 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 — Allegretto from *Concerto in E-flat Major* J. C. Bach and W. A. Mozart
Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” Les Garrett
Preschoolers–2nd graders

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 502 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Stanza 1 — all
Stanza 2 — treble voices
Stanza 3 — bass voices
Stanza 4–6 — all

*Eastertide Lament

P We assemble, praising the God of creation, rejoicing in the promise of the resurrection, and renewed in the gift of baptism.

Yet we stand with those who suffer throughout the world:
victims of war, both soldiers and civilians; refugees fleeing violence;
those forced into the loss of freedoms; the oppressed seeking justice
and social acceptance; those sick with the coronavirus;
the millions mourning their dead; the hungry and the homeless.

Hear us, O God.

C Hear us, O God.

P Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

C Keep us in the joy of the resurrection.

P Sustain us to serve all in need.

C Sustain us to serve all in need.

P Give us your life.

C Give us your life.

Hear these words and receive their power:
God the Father, in wondrous mystery, daily sustains the whole earth.
God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.
God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

☑ Thanks be to God.

***Response Hymn — “All of Us Go Down to the Dust”**

Mark Mummert

All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we make our song:
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Mark Mummert, © 2003 Augsburg Fortress

***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 God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

(8:30) Anthem — “The Lamb”

John Ferguson

*Little Lamb who made thee, Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life and bid thee feed. By the stream and over the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb dost thou know who made thee; Little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek, he is mild, he became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.*

—William Blake

St. John's Chorale

Second Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day

and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 10:22-30

Pew Bible, page 873

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1020

“Let My Spirit Always Sing”

(10:45) **Installation of Stephen Ministers**

***The Nicene Creed** — *Front of 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) "How Can I Keep from Singing"

arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing? —Robert Lowry

(10:45) "How Can I Keep from Singing"

Jeremy Young

***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!**

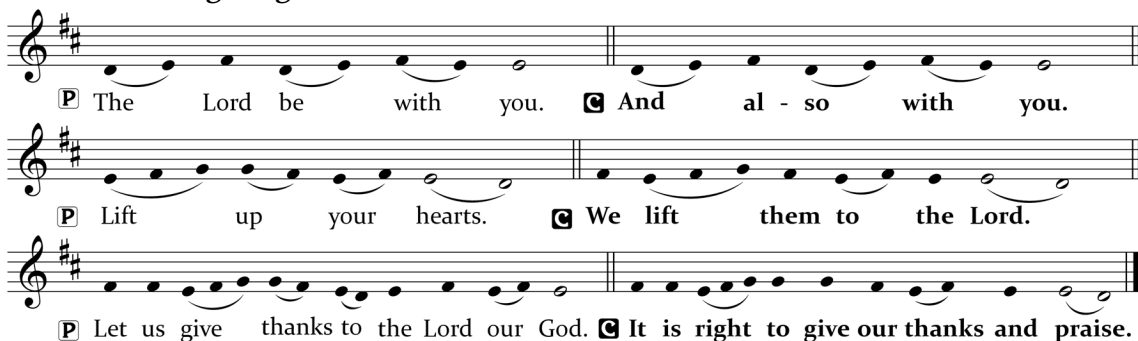
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

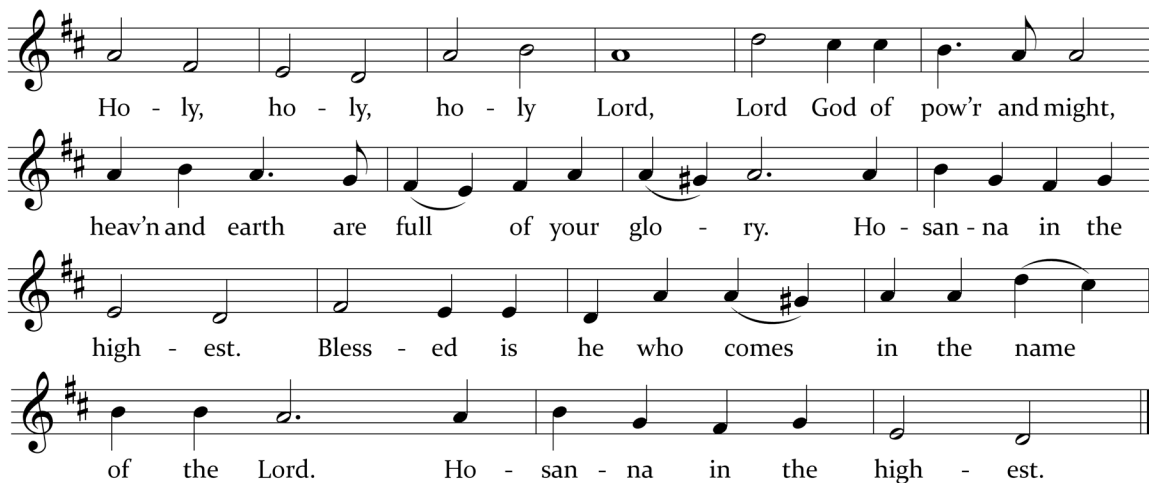


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ Great is the mystery of faith.
- ☑ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*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** — “Sing Gently”

Eric Whitacre

*May we sing together, always. May our voice be soft. May our singing be music
for others and may it keep others aloft. Sing, gently, always. May we stand
together, always, may our voice be strong, may we hear the singing and may
we always sing along. Sing as one.*

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- ☞ **Amen.**

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

***Dismissal**

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☞ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God!**

(8:30) **Choral Benediction** — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin

(10:45) **Postlude** — ON GELOBT SEI GOTT

Healey Willan



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruth Smestad Anglin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Anthem Accompanists	John Ferguson, Jane Turpin Moore, David Sims
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale; Nathan Proctor, director (10:45) Preschool–2nd grade singers; Arielle Loy, director
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Violin	(8:30) Nathaniel Johnson
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

Thank You St. John's Chorale and Music Interns

Those singing at some point during the 2021–22 season:

Sopranos

Elizabeth Bade
Eleanor Coolidge
Jo Franklin
Anita Hellie
Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Ruth Legvold
Kristi Wermager

Altos

Ruth Bretheim-Aaseng
Ruth Smestad Anglin
Karen Appeldoorn
Mary Hoff
Carol Hollen
Barb Kuhlman
Patsy Ophaug
Jo Ann Polley
Dawn Tommerdahl
Emily Westerback
Julie Zdenek

Tenors

Grant Aaseng
Amil Anderson
Terry Gilbertson
Chuck Hellie
Erik Holleque
John Ferguson
Will Schroeer

Music Interns

Maren Hrivnak, soprano
Courtney Talken, alto
Sammy Rivera, tenor
Ethan Jones, tenor
Eugene Sandel, bass

Basses

Jerry Appeldoorn
John Bade
Paul Beck
Jim Cederberg
David Clarke
Fletcher Coolidge
David Legvold
Don Niehaus
Rob Quanbeck
David Sims
Mark Ulmer

Stephen Ministers being commissioned this morning:

Barry Becker, Erik Holleque, Mary Holleque,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Carol Breimhorst

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Marlene Engstrom, Lillian Engstrom, and Cora Hustad from Chris, Peter, and Rolf Engstrom. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and July 24 & 31.

A Speed Mixer

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

No, it's not a new kitchen appliance! It's a quick way to meet a variety of St. John's people in a structured, fun way. We are a different congregation than we were 2 years ago, so EVERYONE is encouraged to take part in this mixer to get re-acquainted!

Last Wednesday Meal of the School Year

This Wednesday, May 11, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

On the menu is pulled-turkey sandwiches with a vegetarian option, chips, coleslaw, baby carrots, freezies for the young at heart, and bars for all!

Affirmation of Baptism for New Members

Next Sunday, May 15, During Both Worship Services

We warmly invite new members to attend either the 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. service and be joyfully recognized by the congregation! There will be a special treat provided for everyone in celebration in St. John's Hall during the coffee hour.

St. John's Forum

Next Sunday, May 15, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Author and St. John's member, Joe Shaw, will present. Dr. Shaw was a professor of Religion at St. Olaf from 1957–1991, and has published books and works on topics including Christian Humanism and the history of St. Olaf and its leaders. The St. Olaf Center for college history is named the Shaw-Olson Center in his honor for good reason. Come and meet him and hear his stories!

Mental Health First Aid Course Offered at St. John's

Monday, May 23, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Come learn about signs, symptoms, and how to respond to others with mental health concerns in this FREE training! Adult Mental Health First Aid has information and skills that everyone in our community should know about. People need others to be prepared to listen and to be aware of the resources available, especially in this ever-changing COVID time. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time! For information on how to register, go to the St. John's website. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy during the break as the break is not long enough to go out to lunch. Questions? Email Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org.

Announcements (continued)

Next Edition of *The Voice* is the June/July Edition

Please send your submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org by Sunday, May 15.

May Special Offering

Every year St. John's encourages members to make a special gift in May for Lutheran World Relief. Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States, Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

Church Softball League Game

Next Sunday, May 15, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 2

St. John's vs. Life 21

Children and Youth Ministries

This Wednesday, May 11, is our last Wednesday for After School Programs

For a special treat, we'll be walking to "The Blast" for ice cream! We'll start our walk at 4:00 p.m. St. John's is treating, so no need to send along \$\$\$. Let Julie Brehmer know if any parents would like to walk along!

3rd Grade Baptism Retreat

Saturday, May 14, 9:30–11:00 a.m., down by the Cannon River

Parents are invited too! We'll meet by the Cannon River across from the Village on the Cannon on 7th Street W. Please let Julie know if you are unable to attend.

Vacation Bible School is Coming

An outdoor Family VBS provided by Bethel, St. John's, St. Peter's, and Emmaus.

When: Wednesdays, June 15 & 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Where: Outdoors at Bethel (We will move indoors if raining.)

Who: Designed for Kids up through Elementary

Cost: \$20 per family

Register Online: <https://forms.gle/kWGJ6vxZo4qMdB6W6>

Open Door Preschool is taking registrations for the 2022–2023 school year!

Open Door Preschool provides a safe, gentle, and inclusive learning environment that allows your child to grow socially, emotionally, creatively, and academically. To learn more go to their website at www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org.

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

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Paul Peterson,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo)

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, 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.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (May 8):

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 Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

Speed Mixer (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Dialogues on Race (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room and via Zoom)

Next Week (May 15):

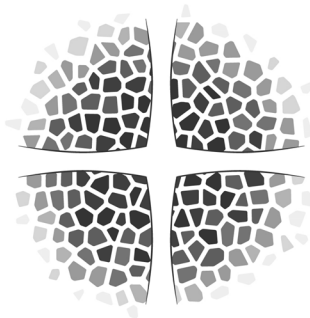
Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

St. John's Forum with Joe Shaw (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

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 9	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's New Board Orientation, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, May 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Northfield Grief Coalition, Fellowship Hall Brownie Troop #27358, Undercroft Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall Boy Scouts, Undercroft
Wednesday, May 11	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 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
Thursday, May 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	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 13	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 14	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
Sunday, May 15	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship (Affirmation of Baptism), Sanctuary <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 14)</i> Worship (Affirmation of Baptism), Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*
Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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