



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 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 — on HYFRYDOL

Daniel Kallman

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) Anthem — “Praise Him, Praise Him”

Carey Bonner

Alleluia Choir

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*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.

G Amen.

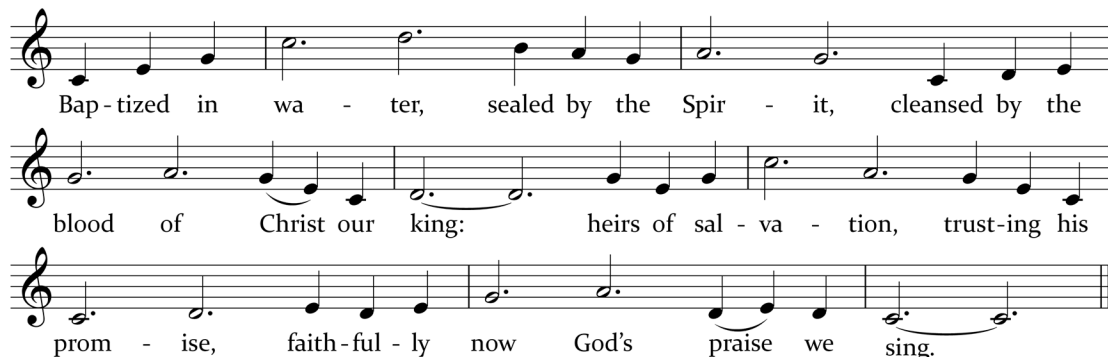
P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

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

G 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.

*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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 — 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

- ☐ 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 14:15-21

Spark Story Bible, page 450

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Rev. Lisa Kipp

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1043

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

*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) “The Lord Is the Everlasting God”

Kenneth Jennings

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary; whose understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Have you not heard? Have you not known?

– Isaiah 40:28-31

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) “The Earth Adorned”

arr. John Helgen

***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!**

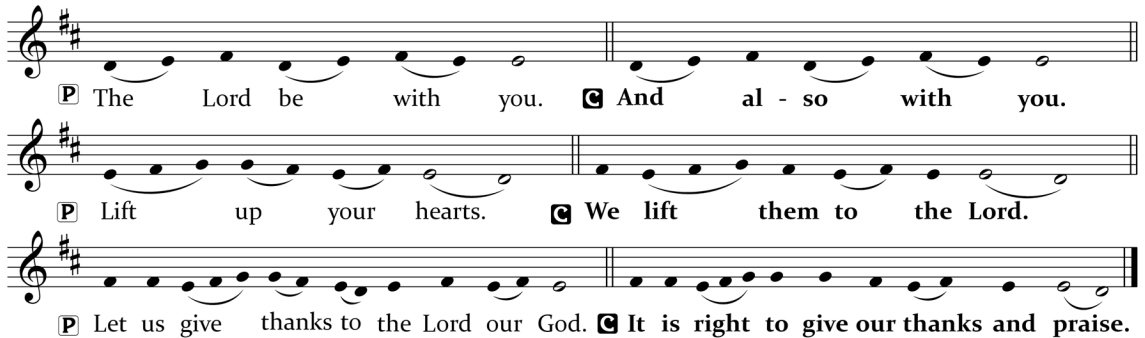
*Offering Prayer

℣ Let us pray.

☩ **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

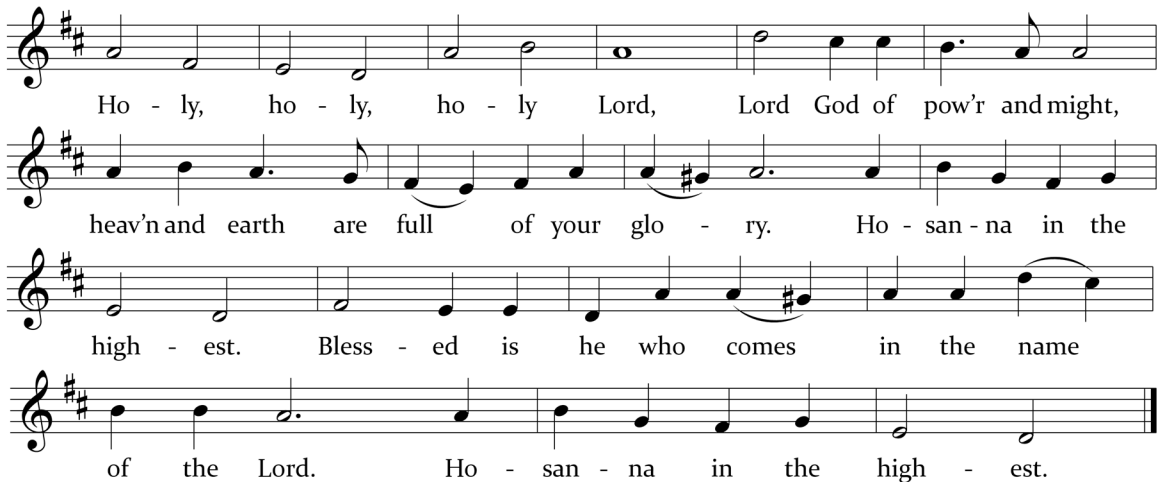


P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

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** — “The Earth Adorned” Waldemar Åhlén, ed. Kenneth Jennings

The earth adorned in verdant robe sends praises upward surging, while soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging. The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender, proclaiming summer splendor. From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now raises, to join with all the universe in voicing thankful praises. With hope and joy their songs employ a rapturous exultation in praise of God's creation. O God, amid these joys of life, creation's glory beaming, grant us the grace to keep your word and live in love redeeming. All flesh is grass, the flowers fade, and time is fleeting ever; God's word remains forever. — tr. Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings

Hymn — ELW No. 361

“The Day of Resurrection!”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ 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

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

***Blessing**

Response:

☑ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 449 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Jubilate” Roy Douglas



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Lisa Kipp
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Eden Kaiser (10:45) Shirley Keltto
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale; Nathan Proctor, director (8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring, Monica Holicky
Communion Cleanup	Monica Holicky
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Kibby Errington
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Julie Cannon, Cindy Clauson, Kibby Errington
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Joran Peterson

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (May 21)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum: Children and Youth Mental Health Part 2 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Thank You St. John's Chorale and Music Interns

Those singing during the 2022–23 season:

Sopranos

Elizabeth Bade
Sara Bright
Eleanor Coolidge
Jo Franklin
Anita Hellie
Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Ruth Legvold
Rhonda Reece
Julie Thorsheim
Kristi Wermager

Altos

Ruth Brethem-Aaseng
Ruth Smestad Anglin
Karen Appeldoorn
Sylvia Erickson
Mary Hoff
Barb Kuhlman
Janet Marti
Patsy Ophaug
Jo Ann Polley
Dawn Tommerdahl
Emily Westerback
Julie Zdenek

Tenors

Grant Aaseng
Amil Anderson
Jared Bjerga
Chuck Hellie
Erik Holleque
John Ferguson
Luther Peterson
Will Schroer

Music Interns

Sara Liu, soprano
Taylor Dirks, soprano
Abby Carter, alto
Noah Smith, tenor
Jake Olson, tenor (2022)
Ethan Jones, bass

Basses

Jerry Appeldoorn
John Bade
Paul Beck
David Bright
Jim Cederberg
David Clarke
Fletcher Coolidge
Rich Erickson
David Legvold
Rob Quanbeck
David Sims
Mark Ulmer

Children and Youth

End of Year Sunday School—Sundae on a Sunday!

Today, 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.

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.

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

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 in honor of Joe Shaw's recent 98th birthday with love from his daughters Nancy, Betsy, Margaret, and Mary and his many honorary daughters. 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: July 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.

The CDC is ending its tracking of community levels of COVID as the public health emergency comes to an end this week. St. John's will no longer be reporting the county levels or basing safety protocols on these numbers. We thank you for your patience and cooperation over these past three years. When you have a respiratory infection, please be considerate of others by staying home or wearing a mask. We respect that some people may continue to choose to wear a mask in group settings.

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

Today, 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.

Announcements (continued)

Financial Update

- Offering received through April is 27% of the \$966,500 offering budget. We would like to see that percentage a little higher: 30% is typical. This puts us roughly \$32,000 behind our target for the year.
- We used \$11,000 of the budget surplus from 2021 plus designated capital gifts to replace our failed water heater; no impact to the operating budget.
- Total expenses through April are on track at 33% of the \$1.1M total budget.

Pub Theology

Monday, May 15, 6:00–7:15 p.m., Contented Cow

This week's topic: artificial intelligence. An article is available at the Welcome Desk to prep you for the conversation.

New Knitting Group starting Wednesday, May 17, 6:00–8:00 p.m. in St. John's Library

Join Jill Enestvedt for an evening of knitting. Pick up patterns and yarn for knitting prayer shawls for St. John's, and baby sweaters, children's hats, etc. for World Vision Knit for Kids. This is a come-and-go time for knitters. Come and see. If it suits you, get started on summer vacation projects.

Thanks from the Property & Grounds Board

The Property & Grounds Board is extremely grateful to the congregation members who turned out to help on Saturday, May 6th, for the annual Spring Churchyard Cleanup. Also, we wish to give a special thank you to the individuals and family members who have "adopted" one of our fifteen gardens for the season. A hearty thanks to all for the hard work! The results are quite magnificent!

May is the month we especially encourage designated offerings to Lutheran World Relief, the global ministry of the church that provides humanitarian relief and development support to the poorest parts of the world. If you receive offering envelopes, there is one in your packet for this use. Additional special envelopes are available, or you can simply put "LWR" in the memo line of a check to St. John's.

Church Softball League Games

****Note there is not a game this evening.***

Next Sunday, May 21, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1

St. John's vs. Canvas

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

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Tom Fjelde
Family of Wallace Jurgens (father of Shari Ohland, grandfather of Alysya Toov)

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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

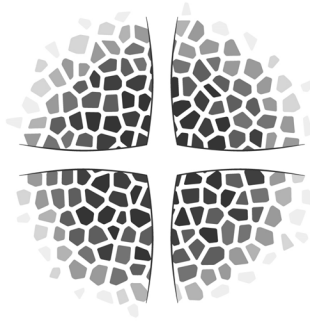
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, May 15	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Holy Land Trip Info Meeting, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Contented Cow
Tuesday, May 16	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	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 Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
		Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, May 17	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
Thursday, May 18	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, May 19	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, May 20		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, May 21	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 10)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 21):

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 45:1-7 † Psalm 21:1-7 † 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 † John 17:1-11



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