



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 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** — Three on “This Joyful Eastertide”

John Ferguson  
Matthew Corl  
Emma Lou Diemer

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 391

“This Joyful Eastertide”

## \*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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.  
Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive  
by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He

will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody — Psalm 148, “Let the Whole Creation Cry”**

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS



Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”  
Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
From the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



Heav’n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise to our al - might - y king!”  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars in God re - joice.  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
“Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!”

Psalm Paraphrase: Stopford A. Brooke, Music: Pierre de Corbeil

**\*Gospel — John 13:31-35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Second Reading — Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

 The word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 804

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

## Affirmation of Faith with New Members

### Presentation

#### \*Profession of Faith

##### 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.

### Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

#### Welcome

Response Hymn — "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" (ELW No. 814) TAKE ME AS I AM

*Sung twice.*

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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## \*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) "Just As I Am"

WOODWORTH, arr. Ron Mallory

*Rejoice Ringers*

(10:45) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Mark Sedio

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

A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed

sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther, and our

Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er

end - ing! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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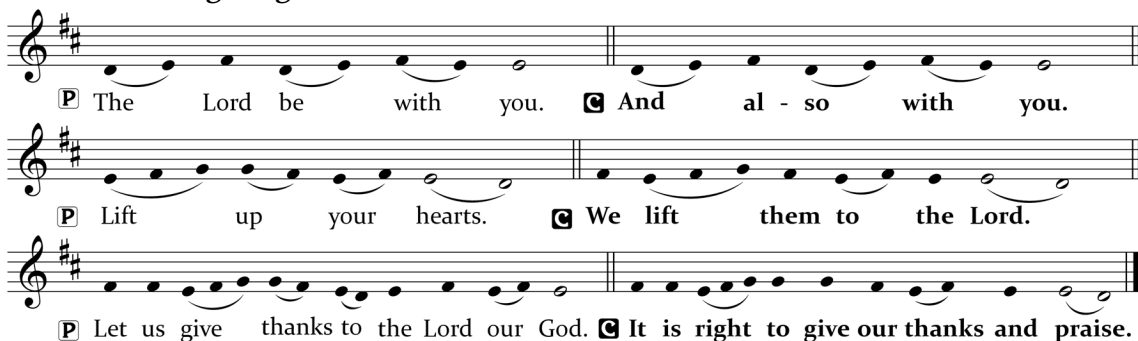
## \*Offering Prayer

**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

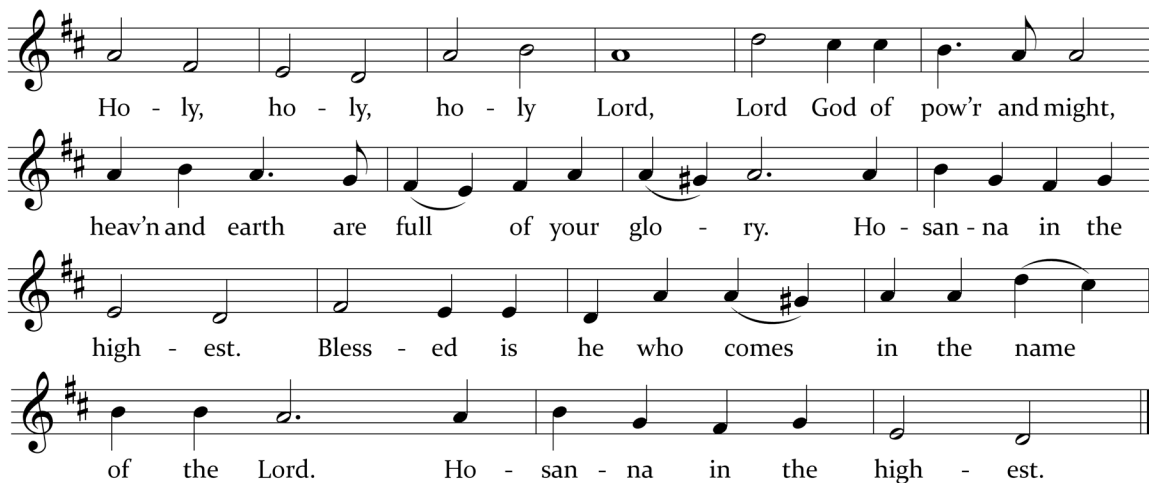


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.



## \*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**

ℒ 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.**

**(8:30) Blessing and Thanksgiving for Zachery Pelletier**

**\*Blessing**

*Response:* ☞ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 389**

**“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”**

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

ℒ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

**(8:30) Postlude — Meditation on “Beautiful Savior”**

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**(10:45) Postlude — ON TRURO**

Jonathan Reuss



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	(8:30) Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Michelle Kramer-Prevost (10:45) Kristy Harms
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt, Monica Holicky
Counters	Sue Brockman, Martha Erickson, Jerry Kipp
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Jon McBroom, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

### **Thank You Rejoice Ringers!**

Those ringing during the 2021–22 season:

Rod Christensen	Michaela Polley
Dave Zdenek	Lisa Silkey
Julie Zdenek	Judy Thompson-Reitz
Dan Dauner	Alison Kavanaugh
Carrie Dauner	Rachel Miessler
Jane Rinehart	Katie Helgen
Susan Rudser	Elizabeth Bade
Patsy Ophaug	Jennifer Sorensen
Teri Grosz	Jeanette Pelletier
Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch	Nicholas Pelletier

Zachery Pelletier, director

### **Welcome New Members:**

Grant and Ruth Bretheim-Aaseng, Ann Albert, Amil Anderson, Dave and Evelyn Brabec, David Clarke, Carrie and Dan Dauner, Ellen and Jim Ellickson, Christine and Gary Engstrom, Eric and Kari Johnsrud, Jon and Allison Kavanaugh, Gerri Licke, Michael, April, Noah, and Jacob Fitzloff Mandsager, Glen Nelson, Elaine and Scott Nesbit, Patrice Nordstrand, Maggie Odell and John Hall, Bruce and Shari Ohland, Vicki Otis, Amy and Jason Ripley, Dean and Deb Schoeb, Pippa, Nancy, and Lucy Simpson-Younger, Kathy Simpson, Jane and Gordon Turpin Moore, Gregor, Kristin, Liam, Brynn, and Emma Wilson

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Andrew and Betty Droen by Rick and Nancy Moe. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and August 7 & 21.

## **Affirmation of Baptism for New Members**

Today during both worship services, we will be introducing and recognizing the new members of our St. John's community in the Affirmation of Baptism. There will be a special treat provided for everyone in celebration in St. John's Hall during the coffee hour.

**During the 8:30 service**, we'll have the pleasure of enjoying the beautiful music of the St. John's Rejoice Ringers one last time before they take a break for the summer. We'll also formally thank retiring director of the Rejoice Ringers, Zack Pelletier, who began in the fall of 2012. We are so grateful for his many years of leadership!

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 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!

## **High School Senior Recognition**

**Next Sunday, May 22, 10:45 a.m.**

Join us as we formally recognize and congratulate St. John's High School Seniors during worship!

## **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](mailto:Laura@healthycommunityinitiative.org).

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

Please send your submissions to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) by the end of today.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Church Softball League Game**

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

***St. John's vs. Life 21***

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

## **One Usher Still Needed for the Late Service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month**

If you'd like to help with this important role, please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). No prior experience is necessary—you will receive instructions/training. This role is just one service per month, and substitutes can be contacted if needed. This is a great way to serve during worship!

## **Life in the Time of COVID. Tell us your story . . .**

In our community the first infections began in mid-March 2020, and the pandemic remains an ongoing public health crisis. In one way or another we still feel its impact on our lives. The Faith & Health Board invites St. John's members of all ages to reflect on living in the time of COVID. What have you experienced and felt? What have you lost or gained? How are you coping? How has the pandemic affected work, family, and church? Do you see a hopeful future?

- We are looking for stories from 100 to 2500 words in length. Artwork and poetry are also welcome. Submissions will close May 31, 2022.
- Please email your story to: [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). If you cannot send us your story by email, paper submissions are welcome at the St. John's office.
- Please see the link on the St. John's homepage for how families can submit for their children.

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

### **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](http://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),  
Brian Smith (son of Joe and Judy Smith)

*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*

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 22):**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:9-15 † Psalm 67 † Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 † John 14:23-29

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

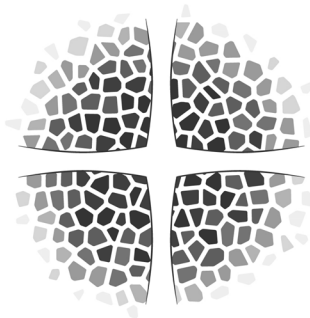
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, May 16</b>	12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Girl Scout Troop #27517
<b>Tuesday, May 17</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.  6:30 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 Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library Boy Scouts, St. John's Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, May 18</b>	9:00 a.m.	Staff Retreat, Offsite Northfield Public Schools, St. John's Hall
<b>Thursday, May 19</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Personnel Committee, Undercroft Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library Executive Committee Girl Scout Brownie Troop #27455, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, May 20</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 21</b>	11:00 a.m.	Columbarium Interment - W.C. Barney Frieseth, Courtyard
<b>Sunday, May 22</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship (High School Senior Recognition), Sanctuary



## **Summer Worship Schedule for June Begins Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend)**

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship Between Services



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Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*  
Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*  
Christy Hall-Holt, *Welcome Ministry Coordinator*  
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.