



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 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 EARTH AND ALL STARS

David Cherwien  
Keith Kolander

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 377

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

## \*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.

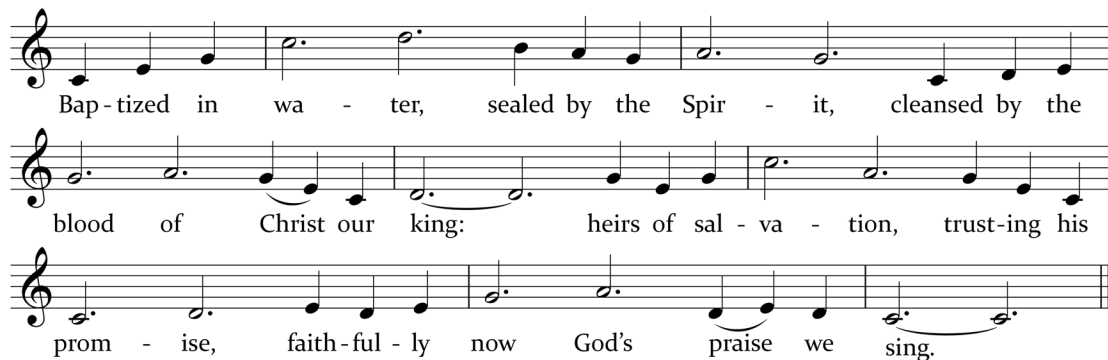
**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism . . .

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

☐ O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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** — Isaiah 45:1-7

Pew Bible, page 588

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Solo** — "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.*

*For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep.*

– Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20

*Sara Liu, soprano*

*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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

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

**\*Gospel — John 17:1-11**

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

## \*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:*

“How Can I Keep from Singing?”

arr. Arnold Sherman

*Rejoice Ringers*

\*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!**

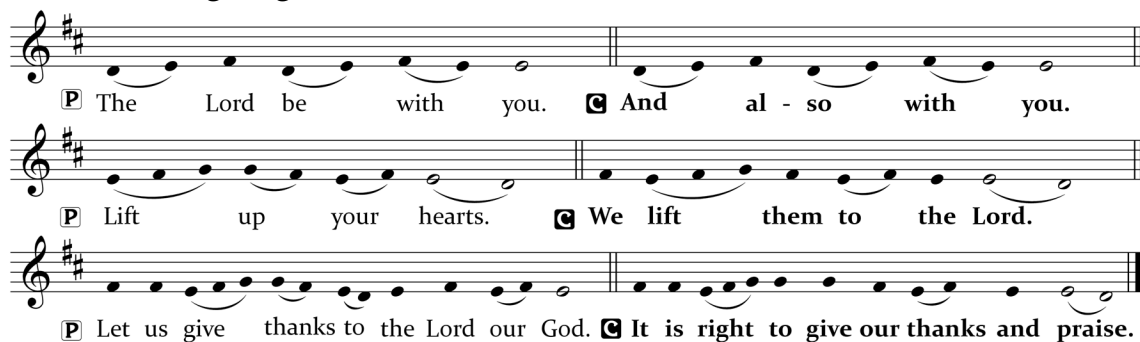
## \*Offering Prayer

**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

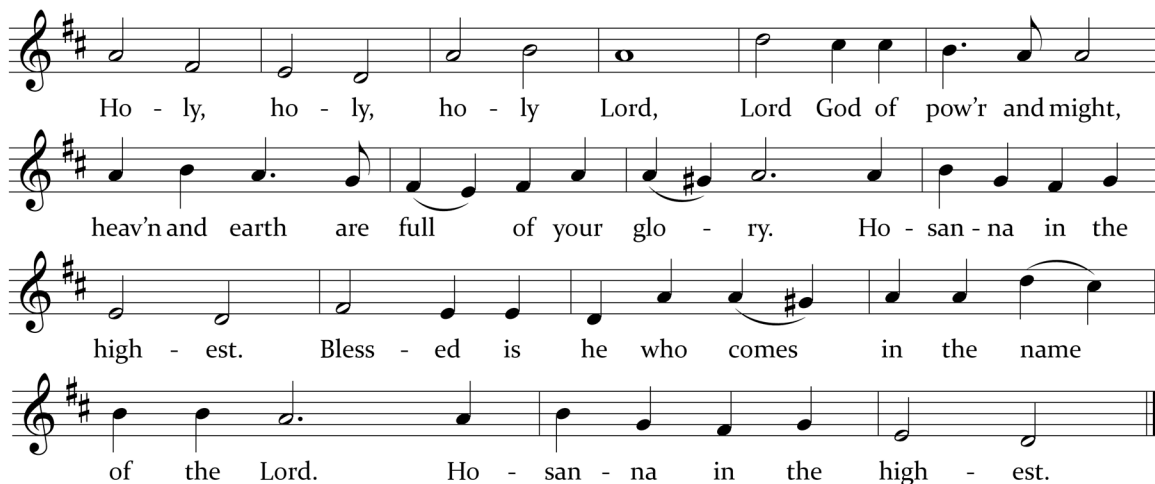


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.

**Anthem** — “Come, Let Us Eat”

arr. Cathy Moglebust

**Hymn** — ELW No. 482

“I Come with Joy”

**\*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**

### **\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

### **\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. Michael Helman



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## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Dan Dauner (10:45) Siri Lindell
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, interim director
Soloist	Sara Liu
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt, Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Jim Loe
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

## Children and Youth

**A Big Thank You to Our Sunday School Volunteers:** Sue Brockman, Brian Evenson, Jenny Nystrom, Arielle Loy, Siri Lindell, Jennifer Paulson, Amy McBroom, Melissa Pellinen, and Candace Godfrey. **And Also to Our Wednesday Crew:** Pastor Pam, Pastor Jonathan, Emmanuel, Arielle, Green, Michael, and our middle school helpers, Jonah Brownlee and Eleanor Godfrey, plus our Bus Angels, Jenn Paulson, Melissa Pellinen, Amy McBroom, and Amy Tacheny. **Also, thank you parents! We are so grateful for your support of our children's programs at St. John's and for volunteering to lend a hand. It means so much!**

### **Family Vacation Bible School Registration is 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.

### **Sunday, May 28—Senior Recognition Sunday**

We look forward to celebrating in worship with our high school seniors. A special blessing will be given during the service. Following the worship, there will be a lunch in their honor served in St. John's Hall. Seniors' families and confirmation mentors are invited to the lunch.

# **Church Music Intern Program**

The music internship program at St. John's began in 2013 with an idea of having paid singers from St. Olaf sing with the St. John's Chorale. The guiding hope was that these singers could contribute to the sound of the choir, but that the choir itself could offer hands-on vocational training to these future music educators and church musicians. The program has been steadily continuing each year. In 2016, we moved to five interns with the Chorale, and one intern with our Jubilate Choir. In the 2022–23 season we had five interns with the Chorale and one with our handbell choir, Rejoice Ringers.

While most of their work happens behind the scenes in our weekly rehearsal, or in the balcony on Sunday morning, this program has truly been life-giving to the music at St. John's. It is exciting to see these students become a part of our choir family each year. In addition to adding their voices to our Chorale, they can also experience conducting, leading sectionals, accompanying hymns and anthems and singing solos.

For more information, see the next issue of *The Voice*.

## **Thank You Rejoice Ringers!**

Those ringing during the 2022–23 season:

Rod Christensen	Michaela Polley
Dave Zdenek	Lisa Silkey
Julie Zdenek	Alison Kavanaugh
Dan Dauner	Jane Rinehart
Carrie Dauner	Susan Rudser
Patsy Ophaug	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch

Will Fecko, music intern  
David Sims, interim director

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

**This 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)

# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in by Marie Benson and family in memory of Duane Benson. 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: August 6, & 13 and September.

## **Our Worship Today**

The Hymn of the Day comes from the L'Arche Community, an international non-profit that creates a place where people with and without intellectual disabilities live together in community. L'Arche, like many other organizations, has had to face the hidden abuse done by its founder, Jean Vanier. L'Arche is currently doing the work of restorative justice, to "discard what is antithetical to L'Arche and to invest in what sustains L'Arche's people and mission today."

## **Summer Worship Schedule Begins Next 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.

**Last week the CDC ended its tracking of community levels of COVID as the public health emergency came to an end.** 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: *Are The Kids Alright? Mental Health for Children & Youth with Andy Dimick, Part 2 Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary***

We continue our conversation on the state of mental health for many of the children and youth in our community. During this talk, learn practical evidence-based ways you can support youth mental health. Join local therapist Andy Dimick for the second of a 2-part series on mental health for children and youth, where we will learn and discuss together the trends therapists are seeing in children and youth in this new COVID world we live in.

## **Designated Offerings in May**

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.

# **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.

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Tonight, 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.

## **Northfield Memorial Day Ceremony**

**Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.**

**Veteran's Memorial Park at 9<sup>th</sup> and Poplar Streets**

Participants are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Tostrud Gym at St. Olaf. Pastor Fickenscher will be participating, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will sponsor a picnic following the ceremony.

## **Oral History Update**

Available now on the St. John's website are 2019 oral history interviews with Patsy Ophaug. One interview is about her family's membership and experiences at St. John's; the second focuses on the church organizations and initiatives that she and John have been involved in at the church. 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."

## **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. Reduced registration deadline has been extended to June 15. If you can't join us in Phoenix, you can still explore the Just Love theme by participating online in worship and plenary sessions. Registration for that option is also discounted through June 15. For information and registration: [welcatg.org](http://welcatg.org) or [women.stjohns500@gmail.com](mailto:women.stjohns500@gmail.com).

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

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

## 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*

Carol Johnson, 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 28):

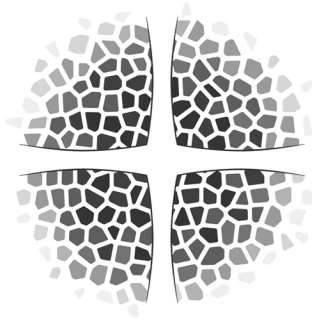
*Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21 † Psalm 104:24-34 † 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 † John 7:37-39

# **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 22</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>	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 Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Where Politics Meets Faith, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
<b>Friday, May 26</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 27</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, May 28</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
<b>Monday, May 29</b>		<i>Memorial Day - Building Closed</i>



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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.