

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 26, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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.

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 — “Adagio” from Sonata in B-flat Major, K570

W. A. Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “Gather Us In”

GATHER US IN

See music insert.

*Greeting and Dialogue

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.

P Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.

C God's mercy endures forever.

P Let all God's people now declare

C God's mercy endures forever!

P The LORD is my strength and my song

C And has become my salvation.

P I shall not die but live.

C And declare the works of the LORD.

***Hymn of Praise** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

See music insert.

*Prayer of the Day

P Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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 — Acts 16:9-15

Spark Story Bible, page 532; Pew Bible, page 900

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 67

Antiphon: Carl Schalk

Antiphon: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.



- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all
the na- | tions on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. *Antiphon*

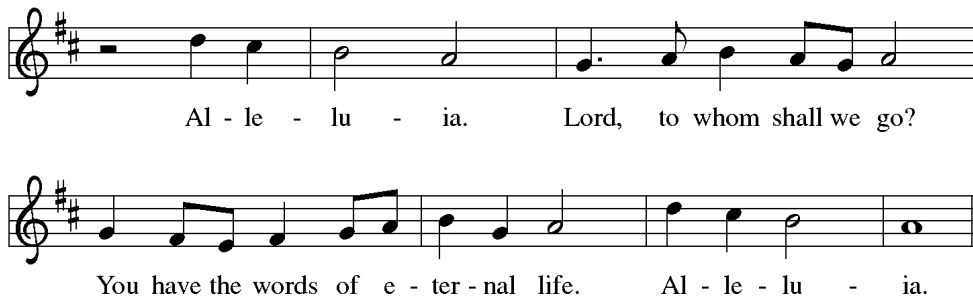
Second Reading — Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Pew Bible, page 1008

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — John 14:23-29**

Pew Bible, page 877

Before the reading:

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

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

IN BABILONE

See music insert.

***Apostles' Creed — See music insert.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Praeludium" from Partita 1

J. S. Bach

***Offering Hymn** — "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds," *stanza 4* LASST UNS

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 **Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised
us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Great Thanksgiving**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

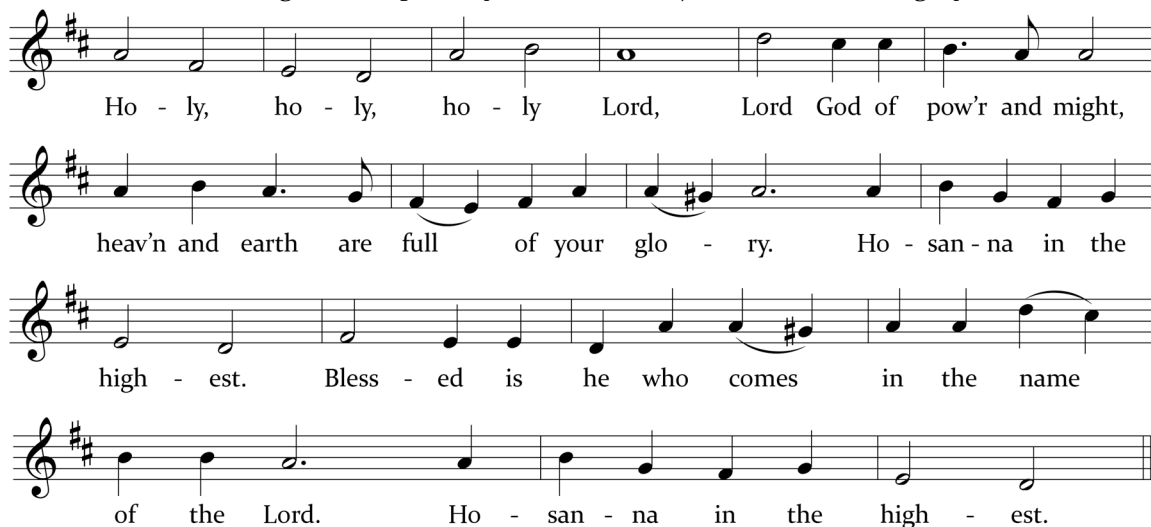
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. This morning we commune by means of **intinction** (dipping the wafer into the chalice). You will be given a wafer and offered a choice of two chalices.*

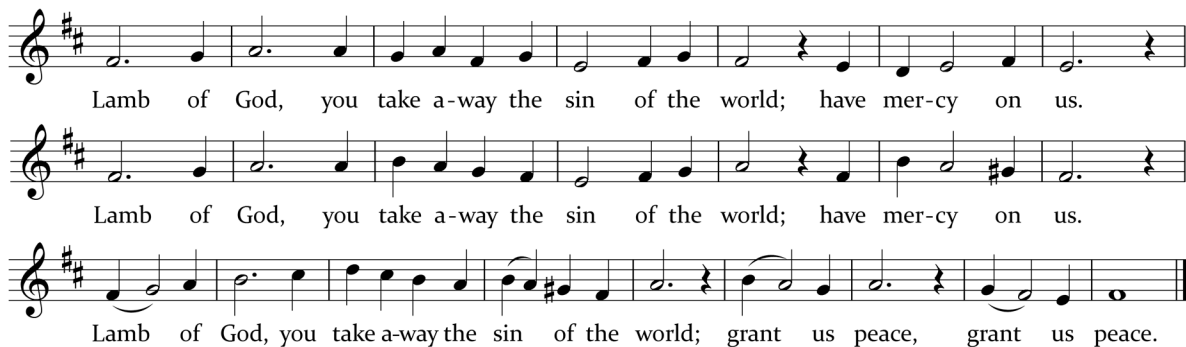
*The **wine** is red; the **grape juice** is white. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center, and there is a chalice of grape juice in the center for the gluten-free wafers only.*

If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

Music during Communion

“Lamb of God”

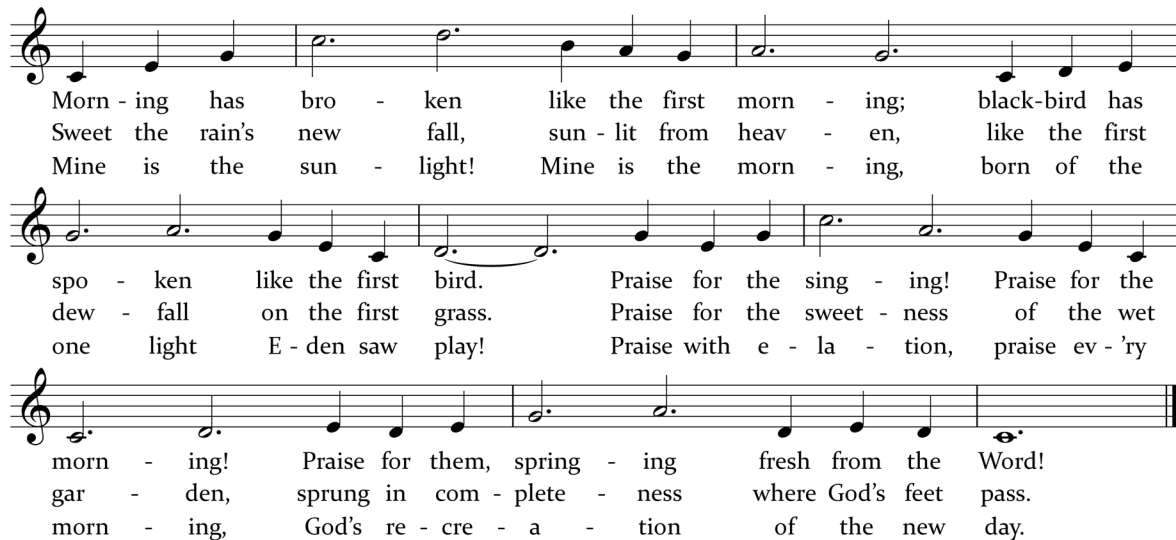


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

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.

Hymn — “Morning Has Broken”



Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the
spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry
morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day.

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℟ Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.
Risen to new life with you,
send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,
in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.
Amen

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

✠ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

See music insert.

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Gregory Hamilton



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Andrea Hoff
Piano	Nathan Proctor
Guitar	Neil Rowley
	Robin Ness
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Keith Homstad
	(10:00) Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	Marie Benson
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD
	(10:00) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Marie Benson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marilyn Jacobson
	(10:00) Sandra Nyvall
Coffee and Refreshments	Marilyn Jacobson, Vernon Koester, Debby Nitz, Kristoffer and Melissa Thorsheim
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert
	(10:00) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 2):

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11 + Psalm 97 + Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 + John 17:20-26

Shared Ministry

Sign ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, by calling 507-645-4429 or on CCB.

Summer Sundays are Coming!

In the summer, we do not have hospitality groups to serve on Sunday mornings. This means we need extra help from everyone during the summer months to fill the roles of greeting, coffee service (making coffee, serving donut holes, and cleaning up), and also preparing for and cleaning up from communion by intinction (quick and easy setup and cleanup). Could you help? Please sign up today in the Commons, online thru CCB, or contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Rhubarb Sunday is coming in June!

Sunday, June 9, Between Services in St. John's Hall

Can you aid with this special fruit Sunday? Can you bring in flowers or help with set up on Saturday, June 8? If you cannot help on Saturday, can you help on Sunday with the last minute details of making coffee, plating the desserts, serving, cleaning up, making coffee? Of course, we also need people to make the delicious desserts to serve on our special fruit Sunday, too! Sign ups are available in the Commons, online thru CCB, or by contacting Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or by calling 507-645-4429.

Children and Youth Ministries

Online Registration for the 2019-2020 Programming Year is Now Open!

Online registration is now available on our website (www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Click on Congregational Life, then Children & Youth Registration.

Summer Camp is Coming!

- VBS is June 10-13 at St. John's with the theme "To Mars and Beyond"
(Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 26-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 23-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at www.goodearthvillage.org. VBS registration forms are available in the upper or lower Commons.

Announcements

Due to worship taking place in St. John's Hall, today's worship service will not be broadcast on the radio.

Summer Worship Schedule Changes Begin Today

Beginning today, services will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. This schedule will continue through September 8, EXCEPT for the month of July, when we will again have ONE service at 9:30 a.m. for that month.

Summer Reading Group

This is an opportunity to read and discuss one novel a month on the third Wednesday. *Little Faith* by Nicholas Butler on June 19, *The Road Back to Sweet Grass* by Linda LaGarde Grover on July 17, and *Tinkers* by Paul Harding on August 21.

- If you want to order *Sweet Grass* contact Marilyn, merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com.
- To participate, contact Genevieve, davidquarberg@hotmail.com, Anita ahellie@charter.net, or Norma njgilber@gmail.com. The group will meet in the Library at St. John's at a time determined by the group.

Save the Date!!! Our Next 150th Anniversary Celebration is a Congregational Picnic!

Saturday, July 13, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Way Park

We will be having food, fun, and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Calling All Grill Masters, Bakers, and Kids at Heart!

We need help with the upcoming Congregational Picnic (see the above announcement). If you are willing to help out that Saturday by giving an hour of your time, we would appreciate it. For more details or to volunteer, please call Sue Brockman or Brian Evenson at 507-650-0814.

Tai Chi Chih

Fridays, 1:30 p.m., St. John's Library

Tai Chi Chih is a simpler version of the many forms of Tai Chi. It incorporates twenty easy to learn movements with meditation (breath). This form is referred to as "effortless effort" and is enjoyed by practitioners of all ages and physical abilities. The soft, flowing, and circular movements are designed to improve balance, concentration, flexibility, and sense of calm. No special clothing is required, however, loose fitting, comfortable attire may feel best. All are welcome. To learn more contact Cynthia Neubecker at 612-327-0169. Email: Redduncan936@gmail.com.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner.

Announcements (continued)

From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board:

Did you know that once school is out for the summer, many Northfield families become food insecure? The Northfield CAC food shelf is currently seeking cash donations, food donations, but most importantly, volunteers to help during the busy summer. Would you consider giving an hour or two of your time? You can choose to be a guide to shoppers, to stock shelves, or to pick up and/or sort produce. Contact the CAC at 507-665-3550 or email

info@communityactioncenter.org. You can also sign up online by following this link:

<https://cac-northfield.ivolunteer.com/foodshelf>. This allows you to sign up for specific times and specific tasks.

May Giving Focus: Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief works to improve the lives of small-scale farmers and people experiencing poverty in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, both in times of emergencies and for the long term. In 2018, St. John's congregation donated \$11,753 to further this important work. This month, we seek your generosity again to help people in need around the world. See the May issue of The Voice to realize the ripple effects our gifts can have on one family and one community in Africa. Use the designated envelope or donate online. Give a gift; change a life. Thank you!

Rice County Habitat for Humanity selects families based on need for housing, ability to pay a mortgage, and willingness to partner. If your income is between \$25,000 and \$64,000 AND you're ready for homeownership, then you should contact Habitat for Humanity today! For more information check out their website or call 507-323-5167 or e-mail Cheri, habitatricecec@gmail.com.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: August 15th for the Fall Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Solveig Bailey

Family of Brynhild Rowberg

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,

Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Joanne Sommers,

Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Joan Carlson

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; Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich,

ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

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.



**Church Building and Church Office
will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27,
in observance of Memorial Day.**

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

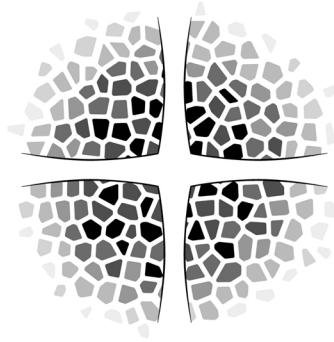
Mon., May 27		Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed
	10:00 a.m.	Funeral - Solveig Bailey, Bethel Lutheran Church
Tue., May 28	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., May 29	5:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room
Thursday, May 30		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, May 31		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, June 1		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, June 2	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

Open House in Celebration of Mary White's 101st Birthday

You are invited to join Mary
on Sunday, June 9, between 2:00-4:00 p.m.
to help her celebrate her 101st birthday.

The celebration will take place in the Parkview West Dining Room
at the Northfield Retirement Center.





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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.