



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2022 † 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 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 settings of “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

Charles W. Ore
John Ferguson
David Schack

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 657

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

***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.

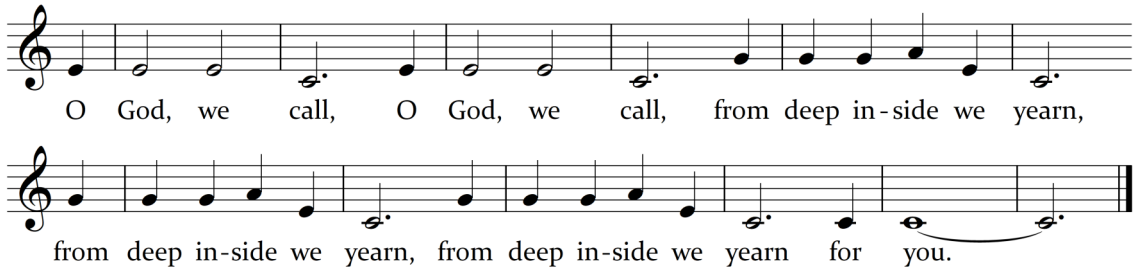
God the Son accompanies us through death and promises us new life.

God the Spirit empowers us to turn our Easter joy into service for others.

C Thanks be to God.

***Response Hymn — “O God, We Call” (ACS No. 1075)**

Linnea Good



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***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 God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed
where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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

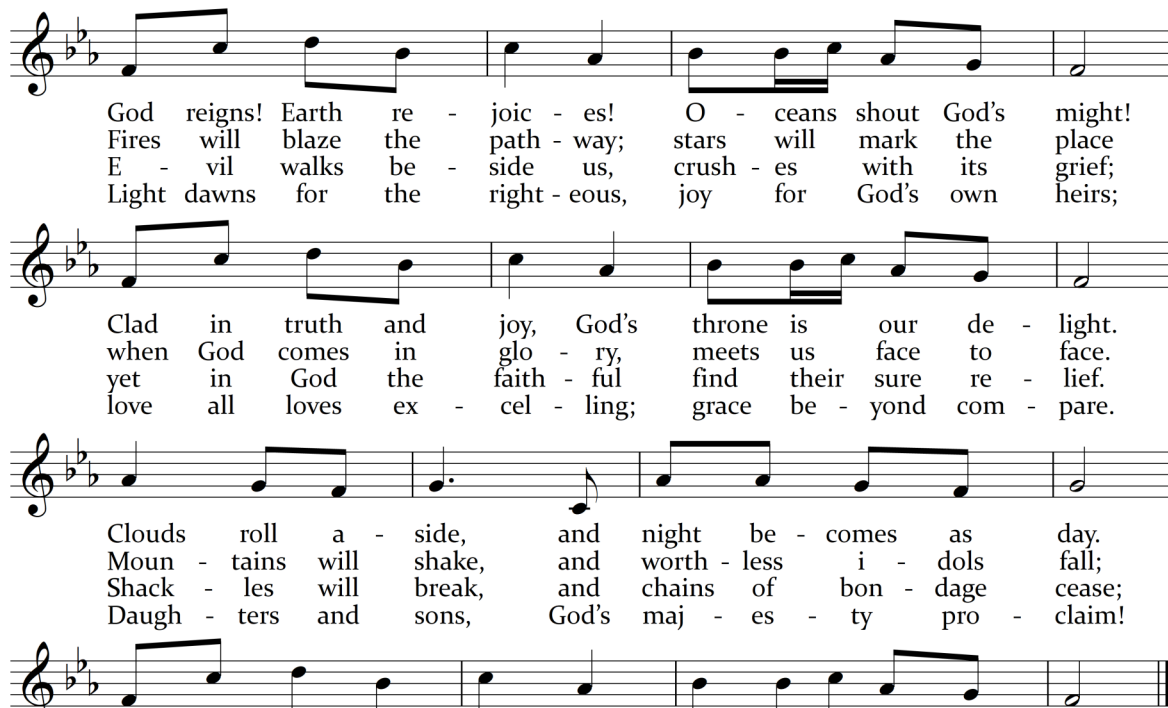
First Reading — Acts 16:16-34

After the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 97, “God Reigns! Earth Rejoices!”

NOËL NOUVELET



God reigns! Earth re - joic - es! O - ceans shout God's might!
 Fires will blaze the path - way; stars will mark the place
 E - vil walks be - side us, crush - es with its grief;
 Light dawns for the right - eous, joy for God's own heirs;

Clad in truth and joy, God's throne is our de - light.
 when God comes in glo - ry, meets us face to face.
 yet in God the faith - ful find their sure re - lief.
 love all loves ex - cel - ling; grace be - yond com - pare.

Clouds roll a - side, and night be - comes as day.
 Moun - tains will shake, and worth - less i - dols fall;
 Shack - les will break, and chains of bon - dage cease;
 Daugh - ters and sons, God's maj - es - ty pro - claim!

God will dwell a - mong us; God will show the way!
 Zi - on will re - joice, for God is Lord of all!
 for - mer lam - en - ta - tions now are songs of peace.
 Let your hearts de - clare the Lord's most ho - ly name!

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 2011 admin. Faith Alive Christian Resources; Music- French carol

Second Reading — Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work.

¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. ²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen.

Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 17:20-26

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 902

“Come Now, O God”

***The Nicene Creed** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 104*

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** 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:

"Elegy"

James Biery

***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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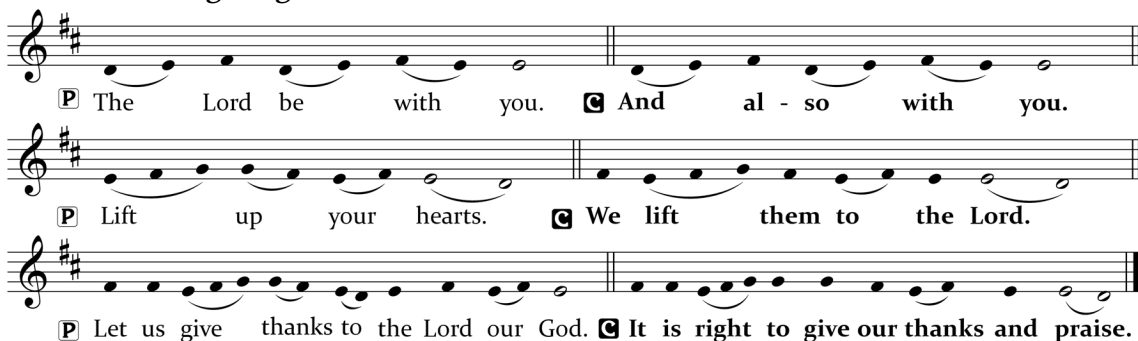
*Offering Prayer

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

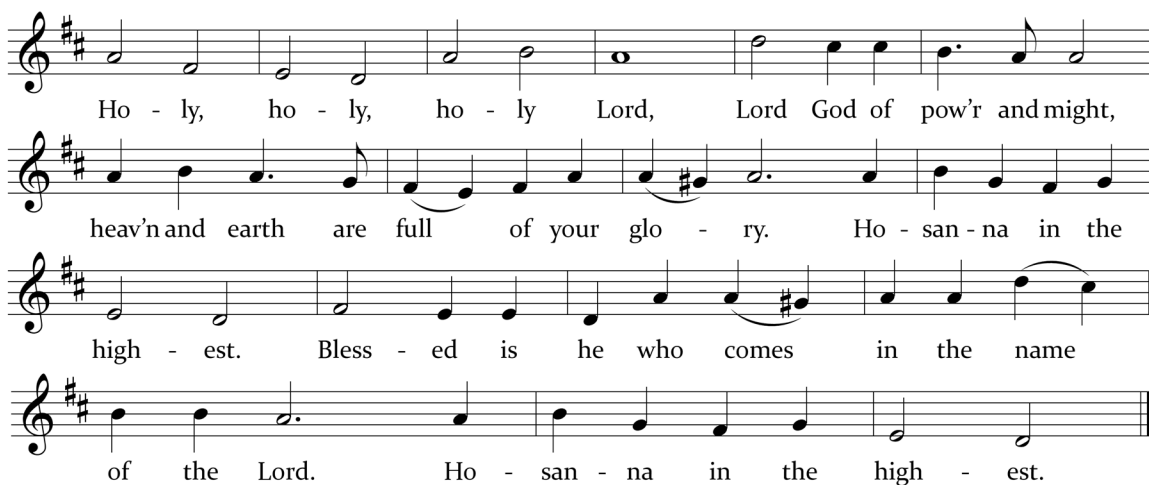


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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**

℣ 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 and Thanksgiving for Christy Hall-Holt

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 367

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

***Dismissal**

℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Jubilate”

Roy Douglas



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	David and Debbie Nitz
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring
Counters	Dan Franklin, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Dale Gehring, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh

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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.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Marlene Engstrom by Duane, Chris, Peter, and Rolf. 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. Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and August 7 & 21.

Summer Worship Schedule Changes Begin Today

Beginning this weekend, services will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. This schedule will continue through September 11, EXCEPT for the month of July, when we will again have ONE service at 9:30 a.m. for that month.

During both worship services today we will give our thanks and blessings to St. John's staff member Christy Hall-Holt who has resigned after 7 years in order to pursue a one-year residency in Hospital Chaplaincy. We are grateful for her bright spirit, relational personality, and all the ways she has used her gifts for ministry with volunteers, new members, and Wednesday Night Meals.

Church Softball League Game

Next Games Sunday, June 5, 7:20 p.m. and 8:20 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnny's and St. John's vs. Cornerstone

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

Weekly "Patio" Theology Returns

Mondays, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Beginning June 6, Location TBD

Each week will have a new topic for discussion. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge required. Just bring your thoughts, questions, and experiences. All are welcome!

- This summer we will meet at host homes. The host can choose to have the group meet indoors or outdoors, and to have masks be optional or required. The host does not need to provide any beverages or chairs—people are asked to bring their own. The host does not have to lead the discussion. If you are willing to host Patio Theology, please contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield PRIDE in the Park

Saturday, June 4, 12:00–4:00 p.m., Central Park

Join us for the 2nd Annual Northfield PRIDE in the Park. St. John's, along with many other local organizations, will have a table with cotton candy and a spin-the-wheel game. Be sure to stop by! If you are interested in volunteering for a two-hour time slot (11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm), please reach out to one of the pastors.

One Usher Still Needed for the Late Service on the 3rd 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. 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 16, from 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

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.

- 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. 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.

Memorial Service for Jim Thompson

Thursday, June 23, 1:00 p.m.

There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church with a reception to follow.

Relief for Ukraine

This month the board designated \$1,000 from St. John's funds to the Eastern European Crisis Fund of Lutheran Disaster Relief to provide aid for those affected by the war in Ukraine. Members may send their own gifts to LDR at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

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

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

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Lois Rand

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 5):

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 + Psalm 104 + Romans 8:14-17 + John 14:8-17, 25-27

This Week At-a-Glance

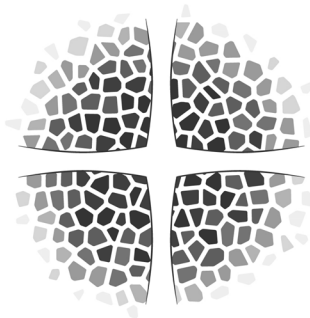
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, May 30		<i>Memorial Day - Building Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 31	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, June 1	12:00 p.m.	Northfield Area Ministerial Association, St. John's Hall
Thursday, June 2	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
Friday, June 3	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 4		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed</i>
Sunday, June 5	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship, Sanctuary



Summer Worship Schedule for June Begins Today (Memorial Day Weekend)

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



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*

Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

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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.