



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HOLY TRINITY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 30, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!*

*As we enter a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow CDC guidelines for public gatherings. We feel the different impacts of this time on our community and long for a time when we will be able to safely share in Holy Communion indoors, and to socialize without concern for public health. Whether this morning finds you in the sanctuary or joining in worship from home, please know that this is not our “new normal,” but a time of gradually learning how to be together in-person while we wait for more vaccinations and fewer COVID infections in our community.*

*Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.*



*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 for Holy Trinity*

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Franklin Ashdown

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

David Cherwien

*Marty Hodel, trumpet*

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

Rick Seaton

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Gathering Hymn — “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!” (#413)

NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber; Music: John B. Dykes

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C Amen.**

**P** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live. We turn to our own  
understanding rather than trusting in you.  
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?  
Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C Amen.**

## **\*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** God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

## First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

**Psalmody** — Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Refrain from (#574) “Here I Am, Lord”

*All singing: Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*



- Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- <sup>11</sup>**O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. Refrain: all singing**

## Second Reading — Romans 8:11-17

<sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. <sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (#172)

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, joyful tune. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## \*Gospel — John 3:1-17

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of

what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

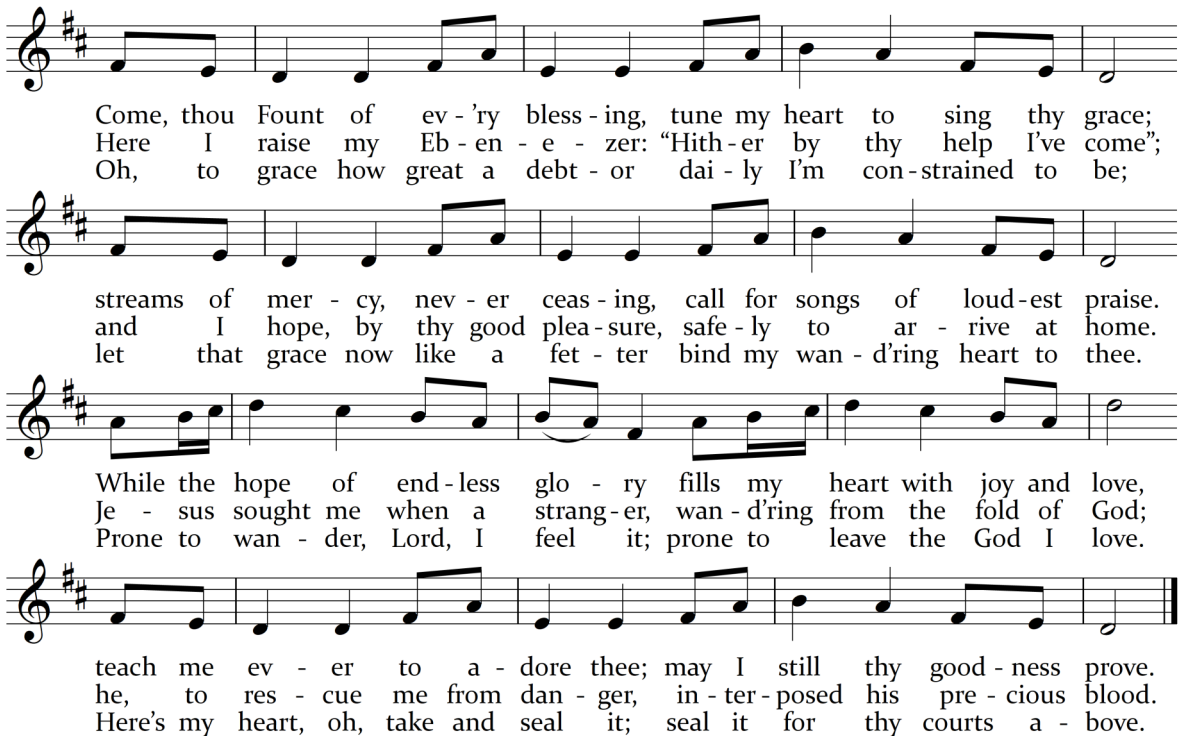
Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#807)

NETTLETON



Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813  
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## **\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

- ☪ Lord, in your mercy,**
- ☩ hear our prayer.**



## **\*Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**G** And also with you.

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

## **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*

“Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn”

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
the Father from eternity,  
sprung from his heart,  
as it stands written:  
He is the morning star,  
who makes his radiance shine far  
beyond all other stars.*

—Elisabeth Kreuziger, 1524

## **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

**P** Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word: making and mending all things, evoking the cosmic hymn of praise, and singing a love-song for your beloved—your vineyard, your flock, your people. Clothe us in your loving Spirit, flowing from the Crucified and Risen One, and keep us awake to your presence in the people and places you call us to serve. Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## **\*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.**

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

## \*Blessing

*Response:*

 Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (#414)

GROSSER GOTT



Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!”  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth; Music: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774

## **\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.  
Ushers will dismiss you by rows.*



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Elliot Davis
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Trumpet	Marty Hodel

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Shirley Falck to celebrate the graduation of granddaughter Alaina Falck from St. Olaf College yesterday. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8 & 15. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Beginning next Sunday, June 6, we are excited to announce that TWO services of in-person worship will be open to all at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. throughout the summer.**

No sign-ups will be required. We will continue to wear face masks during worship through the month of June as we get used to gathering together again. Overflow space will be available in St. John's Hall. Livestream and KYMN broadcast will continue to be at 9:00 a.m. More information about our safety protocols and plans can be found in the FAQ on our website.

## **Outdoor Worship Service**

**Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m., Goodtree Farm**

All are welcome! Masks will be optional. This service will include Holy Communion. The farm allows a large number of people to gather, but RSVPs are needed to plan for sufficient parking space. Directions to the farm are included in the sign-up form which can be found on the church website.

## **Church Office Hours**

The church building will re-open Tuesday, June 1, for summer office hours. The office will be staffed Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Phones will be answered until 5:00 p.m. The building will be accessible outside of office hours by appointment or if you have a scheduled meeting. Groups may schedule events in the church building, following current CDC guidelines, which recommends masks for all unvaccinated persons.

## **Outdoor Coffee and Communion**

**Wednesdays, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and June 16 and 30 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will host outdoor coffee and communion under the canopy in front of the Commons doors. Masks are only optional since this event is outdoors. Chairs will be provided. Please bring your own coffee or beverage. After catching up and socializing, Pastor Pam or Pastor Jonathan will lead communion. If you plan to attend, your RSVP is appreciated for set-up planning. Sign ups can be found on the church website.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Race Matters in Health Care**

**Tuesday, June 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Topic: *Why Do Black Americans Have Poorer Health Outcomes?*

Dr. Rod Christensen will be presenting. This is a repeat presentation of his WELCA talk in February, and is being co-sponsored by the First United Church of Christ, Bethel Lutheran Church ARLA, and St. John's Lutheran Church WELCA. You can register for this session at: <https://tinyurl.com/racemattersinhealthcare>

## **14<sup>th</sup> Annual NRC Golf Classic**

**Thursday, June 3**

Participating in this golfing event supports the addition of a pergola at Pathways of Faith Park, an on-campus park that provides a special place for NRC family and community to gather, relax, restore, and renew. **St. John's Lutheran Church is a co-sponsor of this event, so St. John's members can register for \$100 (a discount).** Register on the NRC website.

## **Lutheran World Relief May Fund Appeal**

Needs around the world continue even as the pandemic abates in some areas. Lutheran World Relief is spreading help and hope. Here is one story of need:

- Elsa was just a child when her entire village in Honduras was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Today Elsa is 30 and has three young daughters. When back-to-back storms Eta and Iota swept through her village last fall, they brought a level of devastation that Elsa and her neighbors had hoped they'd never see again. With the impact of COVID-19 on top of the hurricanes' destruction, families have no idea how they'll feed their children or pay their bills.

Elsa's story is one among many. With a donation to Lutheran World Relief, we can help. Please consider an online donation or use the special offering envelope provided. Thank you.

## **Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps**

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## **Recordings of WELCA's Courageous Conversations**

*Resisting Racism* can be found on the St. John's Women Home page in the Programs section. Recordings include *Race Matters in Health Care* and *Race Matters in Education*. We invite and encourage you to listen to these powerful, insightful discussions.

See: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/women/programs/>

## **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*

Marilyn Boschee, Andy and Izzie Nelson, Susan Rudser,  
Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner), Matt Larson (Assistant to the Bishop, SE MN Synod)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,  
Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,  
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

*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

### **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 (June 6):**

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

**Genesis 3:8-15   †   Psalm 130   †   2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1   †   Mark 3:20-35**

## **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 31</b>		Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, June 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, June 2</b>	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
	2:00 p.m.	Outdoor Coffee and Communion, Outside Commons Doors
	6:30 p.m.	Outdoor Coffee and Communion, Outside Commons Doors
<b>Thursday, June 3</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, June 4</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, June 5</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, June 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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*Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir*

*Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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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.