



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 19, 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.*

☞ Pastor, **☞** Leader (Assisting Minister), **☞** 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 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Rhett Barnwell

Elinor Niemisto, harp

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 807

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***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**

☐ Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace
to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression.
Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery
and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to
use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere,
to the glory of your holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

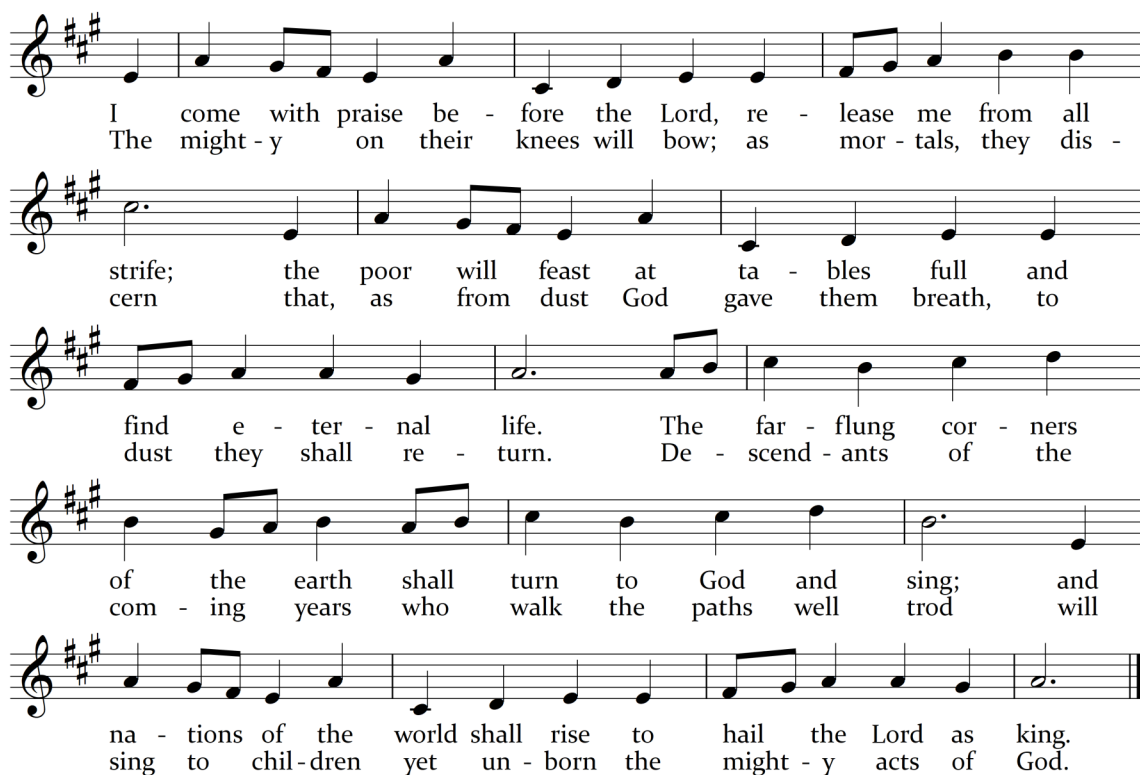
HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

(10:00) **Blessing and Sending for the Lichti/Hendrickson Family**

Psalmody — Psalm 22, “I Come with Praise Before the Lord”

ELLACOMBE



I come with praise be - fore the Lord, re - lease me from all
The might - y on their knees will bow; as mor - tals, they dis -
strife; the poor will feast at ta - bles full and
cern that, as from dust God gave them breath, to
find e - ter - nal life. The far - flung cor - ners
dust they shall re - turn. De - scend - ants of the
of the earth shall turn to God and sing; and
com - ing years who walk to the paths well trod will
na - tions of the world shall rise to hail the Lord as king.
sing to chil - dren yet un - born the might - y acts of God.

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: German melody, 18th cent. adapt.

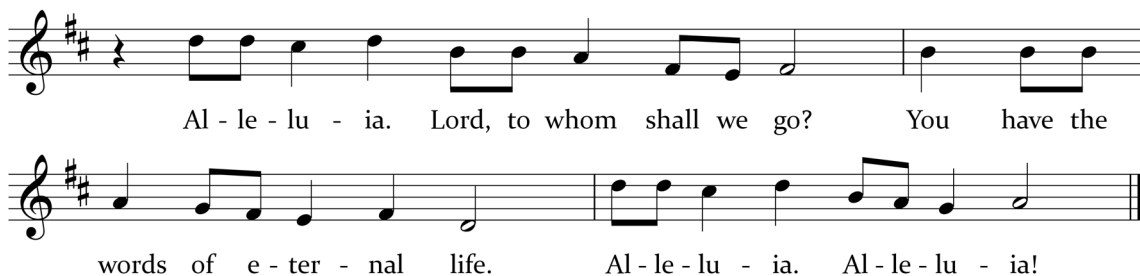
First Reading — Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.

³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1016

“Cast Out, O Christ”

***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.**

***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:

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET, arr. Daniel Burton

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

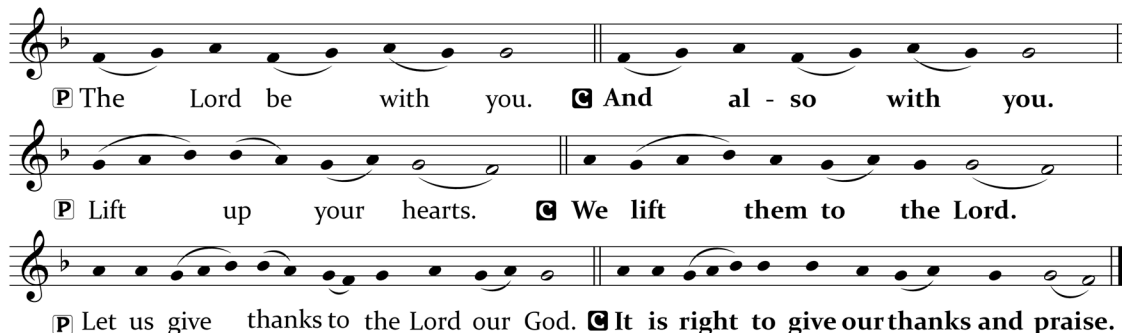
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

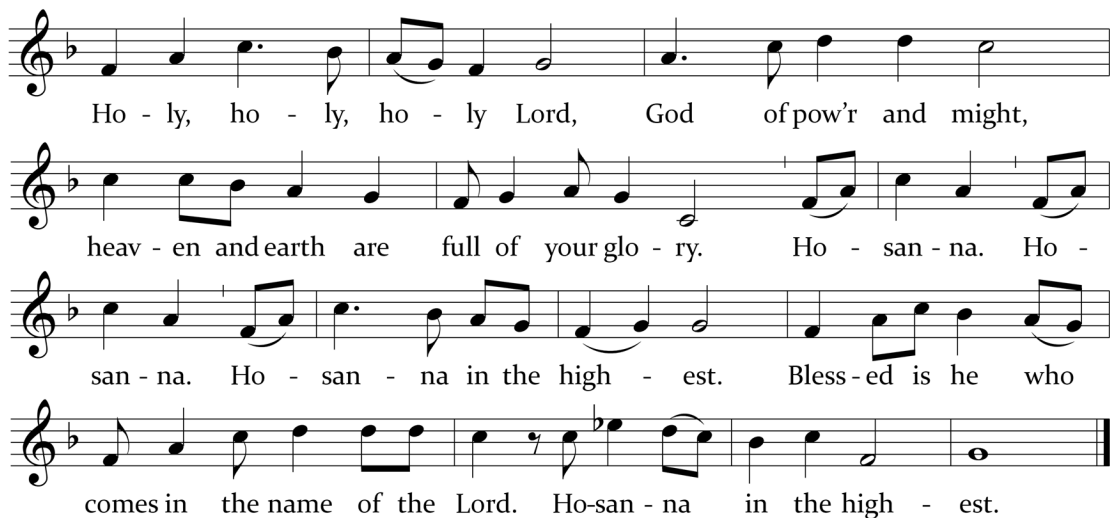


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts on three staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first two staves end with a period, while the third staff ends with a double bar line. A slur is placed over the final two notes of the third staff, "grant us peace".

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.

Solo — "The Lord's My Shepherd"

CRIMOND, arr. Daniel Burton

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☩ Amen.

(10:00) ***Blessing and Sending for Camp Amnicon Participants**

***Blessing**

Response: ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 841**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “A Solemn Recessional”

Robert A. Harris



AMNICON Participants

Our middle school youth head to South Range, WI, for canoeing and camping along the beautiful Namekagon River. They return home on Friday, June 24.

Anna Bash, Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee, Alarya Rose Cook,
Tegan DeGrego, Michaela Gummow, William McLaughlin, Ella Skoglund

Chaperones: Elisha DeGrego and Emmanuel Kaghondi

Blessings as they embark on this adventure in the great outdoors of God’s creation!

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Kristin Partlo
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Harp	Elinor Niemisto
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring, Bob and Pat Tabery
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

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Children and Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School

An outdoor Family VBS provided by Bethel, St. John's, St. Peter's, and Emmaus.

When: Wednesday, June 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>

“SonShine” is back this Summer!

Three of our ELCA Churches (St. Peter's, St. John's, & Bethel) have prepared some great youth events! Mark your calendar for:

- June 29 — The Scavenger Hunt: Downtown Northfield
- July 27 — A Movie Night: Outdoors or in the St. John's Theatre
- August 17 — Romans & Christians: At St. John's

....And more summer opportunities are still to come!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Jim Bierman by family and friends. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: June 26 and August 7 & 21.

St. John's Nursery Reopens This Summer

St. John's Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. worship service in June and August and during the 9:30 a.m. service in July. The Nursery is open for ages 6 and younger.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 2

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.

Patio Theology—Why Do We Suffer? No Pain, No Gain?

Tomorrow, Monday, June 20, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Pastor Jonathan Davis

Topic: Is suffering part of the journey to human flourishing?

Many think that God created the world perfect—a sort of “perpetual Caribbean vacation” in the garden of Eden—before human sin ruined it. But what if that's not God's view of the perfect world? Perhaps God wanted a world where humans could grow to freely choose to respond to God's love for us and for each other. Is it a better world if we are made perfect in the beginning or a world where we can grow in love and compassion and oneness with God (which will inevitably include pain and suffering)? You have heard the phrase “no pain, no gain.” That is one response to the problem of why evil and suffering exist in the world. What do you think? Does that answer the question of why we suffer and soothe our fears? Join us for Patio Theology, as we continue to engage with how faithful people have responded to the problem of evil and suffering. Bring a chair and your beverage of choice.

Event at Valley Grove Church

Tuesday, June 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to an ice cream social at Valley Grove Church. Jeff Sauve will talk about the history of the buildings, the cemetery, and the congregation's connections with the Lutheran churches in the area. Gary Wagenbach will introduce participants to the 50 acres of natural area surrounding the building site and cemetery. Celebrate the longest day of the year with other St. John's members at Valley Grove Church!

Announcements (continued)

St. John's is Hiring this Summer!

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving as our Facility Manager? Maybe someone who could be a children's choir director or handbell director? St. John's [employment link](#) on our website is the place to send them as we seek new partners in ministry.

Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

One of St. John's WELCA stewardship projects is Baby Care Kits which are shipped to LWR for distribution to places experiencing disaster and poverty. LWR prescribes the items that go into each kit. If you would like to donate something for the kits, the items most needed now are:

- sleepers or sleep sets (without feet), sizes 18-24 months
- light weight t-shirts (no onesies), sizes 18-24 months
- hooded jackets, sizes 6-24 months
- NEW hand towels in dark colors

Donations may be left in the Baby Care Kit basket under the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Cash gifts are welcome and will be used to buy supplies or help pay for the shipping. Checks should be made out to St. John's WELCA with Baby Care Kits in the memo line. Questions? Contact Barbara Eaves at pbeaves@hotmail.com.

Gloria Porter 90th Birthday Party

Wednesday, June 29, 2:00–4:00 p.m., The Benediction Home (2030 North Ave.)

Please join Gloria's family in celebrating her birthday. If you would like to send a card, please contact the church office for Gloria's address.

Life in the Time of COVID

The Faith & Health Board thanks those who submitted a personal story or reflection. You are invited to read these stories on the website at <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/about/history/life-in-the-time-of-covid/>. Stories are still welcome and can be sent to office@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Shared Ministry

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!

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, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,
Audrey Moe, Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Duane Kringen

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde

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 26):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 † Psalm 16 † Galatians 5:1, 13-25 † Luke 9:51-62

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, June 20	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Undercroft
	7:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Pastor Jonathan Davis
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 21	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	4:30 p.m.	Laura Baker Services Association, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Valley Grove Church Event, Valley Grove Church
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, June 22	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Family VBS, Bethel Lutheran Church
Thursday, June 23	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	12:00 p.m.	Visitation - Jim Thompson, Commons
	1:00 p.m.	Memorial Service - Jim Thompson, Sanctuary
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
		Executive Committee via Zoom
Friday, June 24	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 25	12:00 p.m.	Memorial Service - Gertrude Swanlund, Sanctuary
Sunday, June 26	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.