



SERVICE OF THE WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021 † 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 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'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 about Sheep*

I. "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow"

Spiritual, arr. David Sims

II. "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Emma Lou Diemer

III. "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Jeffrey Blersch

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" (#782)

RESIGNATION

My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly
When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence
The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is your name. In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -
is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives
all my days; oh, may your house be my a - bode and

side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it
all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my
all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled

back when I for - sake your ways, and lead me,
foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with
rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a

for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

*A Prayer of Lament and Thanksgiving

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that our congregation has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship, our communal song,
our sharing of bread and cup, our greetings of peace;
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
the celebrations of the church year;
the moments of care for one another each Sunday;
and we mourn members, family, and friends who have died of COVID-19.
O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

C Restore us, gracious God.

P Yet today, O God, Fountain of life,
we rejoice as we gather in new and familiar ways as a congregation.
We praise you for Sunday worship in word and song;
for creative ways we've found to be together;
for communal singing, fellowship, and Bible studies;
for visitors new to this congregation; for service to the wider community.
O God, we rejoice at this new gathering for baptismal life together.

C Empower our church, faithful God.

P O God, we pray for a world made whole, for mourners consoled,
for sustenance shared, for sorrow turned to joy.

C Renew the whole world, merciful God. Amen.

*Response Hymn — “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” *stanza 3* SURGE ECCLESIA

Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Spir - it, grace by whom we live.

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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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people,
faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a
whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

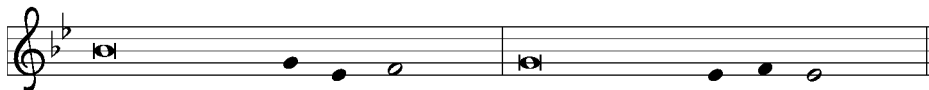
First Reading — Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shep-
herd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and
you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the
LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have
driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multi-
ply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear
any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵The days are surely
coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall
reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In
his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which
he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Antiphon: If Jesus himself shall be our leader,
we shall walk through the valley in peace.*



¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.**

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for¹ your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever. *Antiphon***

Second Reading — Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

UNSER HERRSCHER



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel — Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” (ACS #1017)

AUSTIN

“Come to me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; come to
 “Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 “Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 “Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - ’ler; rest in
 me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den’s light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke me and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is
 bur - dened; come to me and find your rest.”
 fore you; do not run from me in fright.”
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.”
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care.”

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*The 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

☒ 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:

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

Robert Hobby

Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a garment compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart. Above all, before all, let love be your raiment that binds into one every dissonant part. Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart’s chamber, beloved and holy, let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

—Susan Palo Cherwien

*Thanksgiving for the Word

☒ Holy God, our Maker, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth,

☒ **we thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in Christ,

☒ **we thank you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with the world. For your Word in our lives,

☒ **we thank you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.


☒ **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.

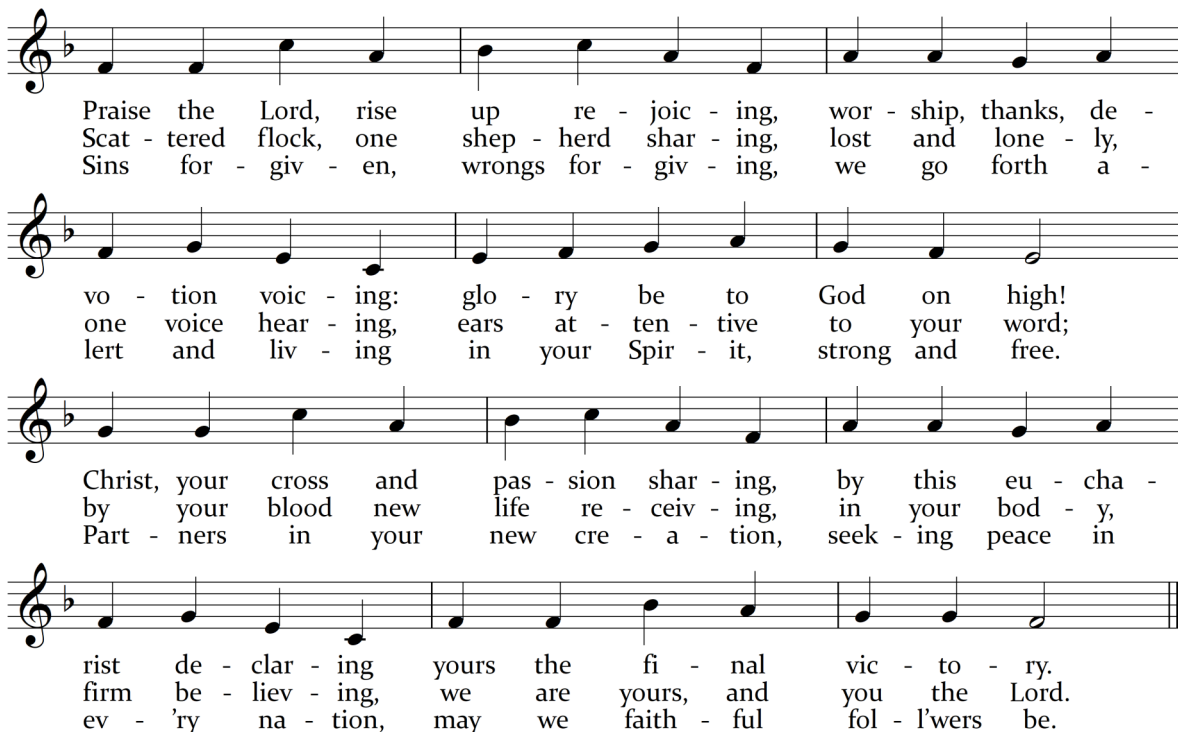
DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:  Amen.

*Hymn — "Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing" (#544)

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN



Praise the Lord, rise up re-joic-ing, wor-ship, thanks, de-
Scat-tered flock, one shep-herd shar-ing, lost and lone-ly,
Sins for-giv-en, wrongs for-giv-ing, we go forth a-
vo-tion voic-ing: glo-ry be to God on high!
one voice hear-ing, ears at-ten-tive to your word;
lert and liv-ing in your Spir-it, strong and free.
Christ, your cross and pas-sion shar-ing, by this eu-cha-
by your blood and new life re-ceiv-ing, in your bod-y,
Part-ners in your new cre-a-tion, seek-ing peace in
rist de-clar-ing yours the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
firm be-liev-ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev-'ry na-tion, may we we faith-ful fol-l'wers be.

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***Dismissal**

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🗉 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	David Norman and Shirley Keltto
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Julie Zdenek
Ushers	Angie Gehring, Rick Hillard, Monica Holicky

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell on his birthday by his family. 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 or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1 and September 26. 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.

For Those Who Will Remain Home

When St. John's returns to having Holy Communion indoors this summer, we are mindful that some people will be continuing to worship with us from a distance for health reasons. If that describes you, we want to make you aware of an option for receiving Holy Communion in conjunction with the assembly on Sundays: Communion sent from the assembly. St. John's will be training individuals to deliver Holy Communion from our Sunday worship to those who must remain home. This is not a pastoral visit, but a way for you to receive Communion even though you are worshipping with us via radio or livestream. If you are interested in receiving the Eucharist this way on a temporary or long-term basis, please contact one of the pastors.

Ushers Needed for Worship

We are still in need of ushers for first and second services (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) for July and August. No prior experience is necessary. Printed instructions are located at the Welcome Desk. Note: Usher tasks are simpler for July, since Holy Communion and passing the collection plate during services will not resume until August. You can sign up online or on the paper sign-up form hanging on the bulletin board by the church office. If you have any questions contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.com, or call the church office 507-645-4429.

Volunteers Needed for Communion Prep and Clean-Up

Including Holy Communion in our Sunday worship services will require assistance each weekend with the set-up and clean-up of the individual glass cups for the wine and juice. We are currently in need of volunteers to help prepare or clean up on Sundays August 29, and September 5 & 12. Set-up can be accomplished a few minutes before the first service, or ahead of time on Saturday if preferred. Clean-up happens right after the second service, or on Monday if preferred. Sign ups are available online or contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or call the church office. No prior experience is necessary. We are happy to show you how it's done.

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a biblical discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Announcements (continued)

“Patio Theology” (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Monday, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of David and Debby Nitz

We gather together outside for community and conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Presents “Beauty in the Midst of Chaos”

Wednesday, July 21, 12:15 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church (419 Washington St.)

All are invited to attend free organ recitals that will take place weekly at various Northfield churches through August 4. Some recitals will include a free-will offering to defray publicity expenses. Please bring a mask.

MS/HS Youth Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, July 23, 8:00-11:00 p.m., St. John’s Parking Lot

We will be screening the social justice documentary, *13th*, a film on inequities within the U.S. justice system. In addition to watching the movie, rising senior and St. John’s Youth Member Elle Hall-Holt will be moderating a discussion on the topic. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring an outdoor chair to sit on. There will be a few extras if you don’t have one. In case of rain, we will move the screening indoors to St. John’s Hall.

Quilting at St. John’s

Quilters are now meeting every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. We love having new people join our group! You don’t need to sew to participate and you don’t need to commit to coming each week, just when it fits into your schedule. For more information, contact Jane Rinehart at 612-840-6450 (phone or text) or janesrinehart@gmail.com.

Baby Care Kits

We are ready to receive donations once again. We invite you to take a printed list of requested items located at the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Donations may be left in the Baby Care Kit basket there as well. Questions? Contact Barb Eaves at pbeaves@hotmail.com or 507-645-4172.

International Travel Opportunity to Germany: Next Summer, July 6-16, 2022

Next July, new St. John’s members Pastor Grant and Ruth Bretheim Aaseng will be leading a tour of Lutheran heritage sites, as well as the COVID-19 re-scheduled performance of *In the Steps of Martin Luther and the Passion Play of Oberammergau*, flying from Minneapolis. The cost is \$4,717 per person. Contact Grant or Ruth Aaseng for more information or to express interest in signing up for this trip at: glbaaseng@charter.net.

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

Andy and Izzie Nelson, Paul Peterson, Scott Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 25):

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44 † Psalm 145:10-18 † Ephesians 3:14-21 † John 6:1-21

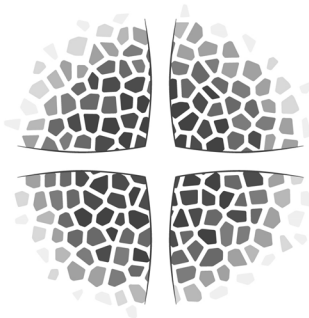
This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, July 19	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of David and Debby Nitz
Tuesday, July 20	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers via Zoom Stewardship Board, Fireside Room
Wednesday, July 21		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, July 22	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, July 23	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 24		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, July 25	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary

Church Office Hours

During the summer, the office will be staffed Monday thru 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.



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Angie Gehring, Shared Ministry Coordinator

Christy Hall-Holt, Welcome Ministry Coordinator

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse

Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir

Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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