



SERVICE OF THE WORD

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 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 — *Sonata III*

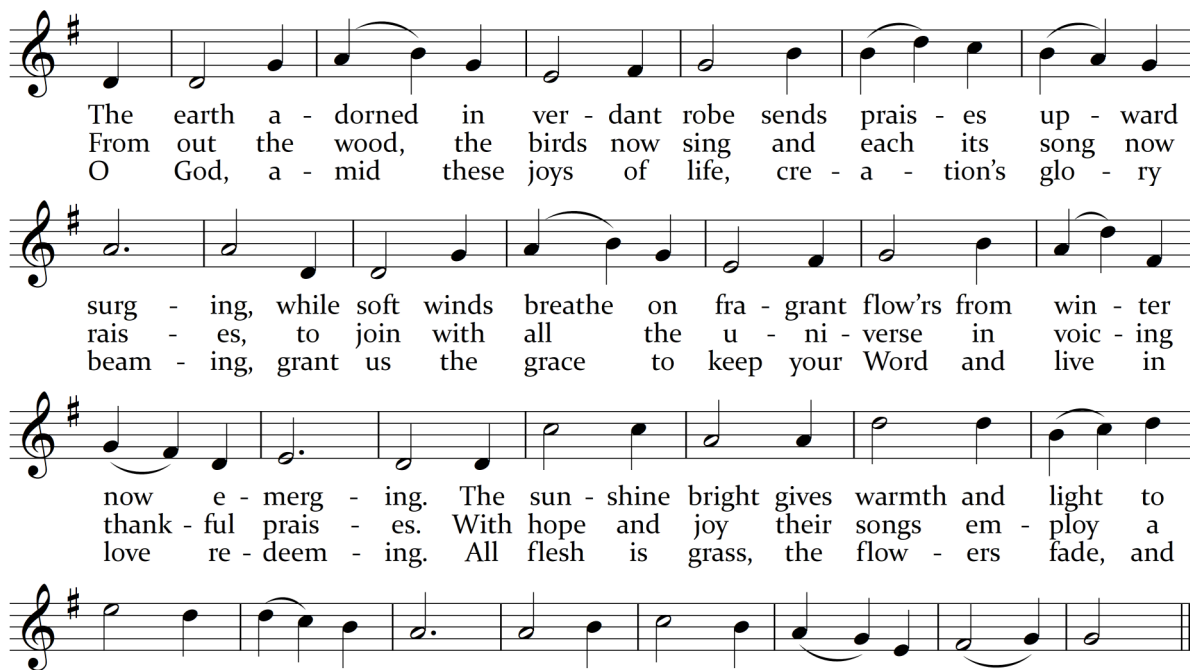
Felix Mendelssohn

II. Andante Tranquillo

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn — “The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe” (ACS #1068)

SOMMARPSALM



The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es up - ward
From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its song now
O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's glo - ry

surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant flow'rs from win - ter
rais - es, to join with all the u - ni - verse in voic - ing
beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your Word and live in

now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine bright gives warmth and light to
thank - ful prais - es. With hope and joy their songs em - ploy a
love re - deem - ing. All flesh is grass, the flow - ers fade, and

bud - ding blos - soms ten - der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.
rap - turous ex - ul - ta - tion in praise of God's cre - a - tion.
time is fleet - ing ev - er; God's Word re - mains for - ev - er.

Text: Carl David Wirsén; tr. Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings; Music: Waldemar Åhlén © 1934, 1974 A. B. Nordiska Musikforlaget, admin. Walton Music.

*A Prayer of Lament and Thanksgiving

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

☩ 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

☐ 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

☐ Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children
a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may
know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with
all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of all the earth.



¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; it endures through- | out all ages.
You are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works. *Antiphon***

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works. *Antiphon***

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

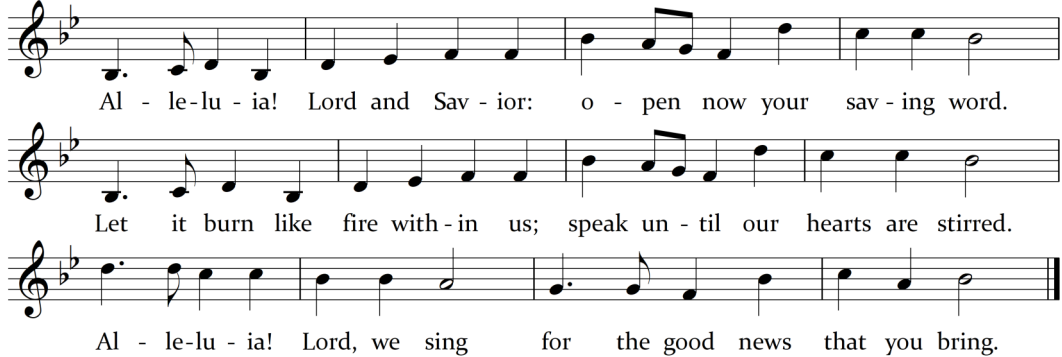
²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 — John 6:1-21

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Beloved, God’s Chosen” (#648)

ANDREW’S SONG



Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment com - pas - sion, for -
 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly; let peace rule your
 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment com - pas - sion, for -



give - ness, and good - ness of heart. A - bove all, be - fore all, let
 hearts and that peace be of Christ. And from the heart's cham - ber, be -
 give - ness, and good - ness of heart. A - bove all, be - fore all, let



love be your rai - ment that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
 lov - ed and ho - ly, let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
 love be your rai - ment that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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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:

“The Feast Is Ready”

Aaron David Miller

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin.

—ELW Hymn 531, Graham Kendrick

*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 and Godspeed for David Sims

***Blessing**

Response:

☒ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “Blessed Assurance” (#638)**

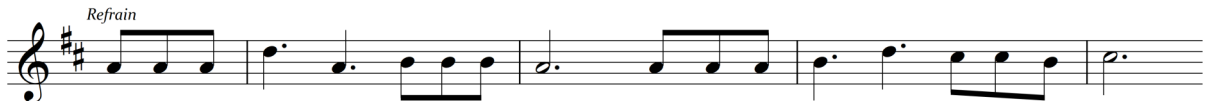
ASSURANCE



Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny Crosby; Music: Phoebe Knapp

*Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Rondeau

Josef Hector Fiocco



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Kristin Partlo
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Ushers	(9:00) Elizabeth Bade, Mary Ellen North (10:30) Bob Nyvall, Mark Rydberg

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Chuck and Anita Hellie's parents - Joe & Ruby Hellie and Walter & Pearl Svard. 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 October 10, 17, 24 & 31. 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.

Adopt a Garden Sign-ups

"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks" - John Muir

St. John's is fortunate to have beautiful landscaping. But these beds need maintenance, and your help is needed. The grounds have been divided into 14 beds. The bed you sign up for will be yours to maintain during the growing season. Minimal, regular maintenance is all that's needed; no special landscaping skills are required...if you can pull weeds, you're qualified! There will be a sign-up table in the Commons after each service today or contact Gene Bakko at 507-645-4833. Thanks in advance for helping our lovely grounds look their best. - Properties & Grounds Board

St. John's Annual Night to Unite Picnic

Tuesday, August 3, 5:00–7:00 p.m., St. John's Parking Lot

All are invited to our annual Night to Unite picnic. We will have outdoor games for all ages, emergency vehicles to explore, and a picnic with BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and freezies. **Would you like to be part of this event?** Call or email Christy Hall-Holt with how you would like to participate at 507-581-1508 or connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Here are some ways to support Night to Unite:

- take flyers around to neighbors
- set up tables, chairs, and serving area outside
- set up and serve food
- put away chairs, tables, and clean up picnic

It will be more fun if **you** are a part of the festivities!

Announcements (continued)

Worship and Ecology

The last gatherings for our Worship and Ecology group will take place **August 11 and August 14**. Wednesday, August 11, at Noon we will gather via Zoom with the author of *A Watered Garden*, Dr. Ben Stewart. Saturday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m. we will meet at Prairie Oaks Memorial Gardens for a walk and an introduction to a local green burial project. New participants are welcome to these discussions. Contact Pastor Fickenscher for more information.

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.

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

“Patio Theology” (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Monday, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt

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 28, 12:15 p.m., First UCC (300 Union 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.

School Supply Donations for LWR School Kits

This fall, St. John’s will again have an intergenerational forum to pack school kits. Except for last year during the pandemic, up to 220 kits have been packed at this event. Please consider donating supplies. Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard School Bus in the Commons. School supplies are on sale now through Labor Day. If you prefer, cash donations are also appreciated. Make checks to St. John’s WELCA, write school kits on the memo line, and mail to Jennifer Edwins (106 Nevada St., Northfield, 55057), or leave in the church office. Thank you.

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide-ruled or college-ruled paper, 8” x 10 1/2”; no loose-leaf notebook paper
- 30 centimeter rulers, or rulers with cm on one side and 12 inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- blunt Fiskar scissors (Fiskar brand preferred, as the other ones break easily)
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 2 1/2” eraser

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,
Roger Baske (father of Lauren Baske Davis)

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

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

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 (August 1):

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 † Psalm 78:23-29 † Ephesians 4:1-16 † John 6:24-35

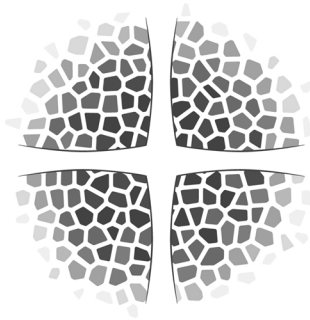
This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, July 26	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Location TBD Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 27	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 Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, July 28	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Audit Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, July 29	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 30	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 31		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Aug. 1	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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Carol Benson, *Director of Jubilate Choir*

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Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*

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.