



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 31, 2022 † 9:30 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 hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal  
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,  
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

***Children are welcome*** to participate throughout our  
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion  
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

***Children's Bibles and activity bags***  
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.  
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

*Large print bulletins are available for worship services.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace  
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as  
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,  
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or  
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,  
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,  
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

## Prelude

*Kentucky Baroque Trumpets*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

## \*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

☐ Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.  
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you,  
and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** — Psalm 49, “Hear This, All Folk Together”

MERLE’S TUNE

Hear this, all folk to - geth - er, of low and high de - gree;  
All life in time must per - ish, the grave be - comes its bed;  
The glim - mer of our treas - ure will not sal - va - tion win,  
both rich and poor, speak wis - dom, and pon - der faith - ful - ly  
false pride and vain am - bi - tion de - cay a - mong the dead.  
for God shall judge our glo - ry by light that shines with - in.  
how God a - lone the ran - som for mor - tal life can pay,  
How fool - ish they whose for - tunes in earth - ly molds are cast;  
The joy we hold suf - fi - cient is slight be - fore God's eyes,  
how mor - tal wealth, like shad - ows, fades with the dy - ing day.  
while hu - man love dies with them, the love of God will last.  
for naught on earth can cap - ture the taste of Par - a - dise.

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## Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*Gospel — Luke 12:13-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is

being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**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 — ELW No. 705**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

### **\*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*

*Kentucky Baroque Trumpets*

### \*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

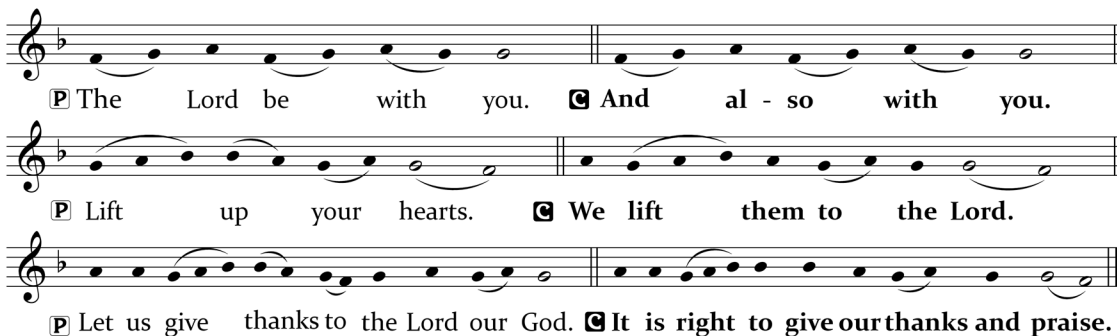
**L** Let us pray.

**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

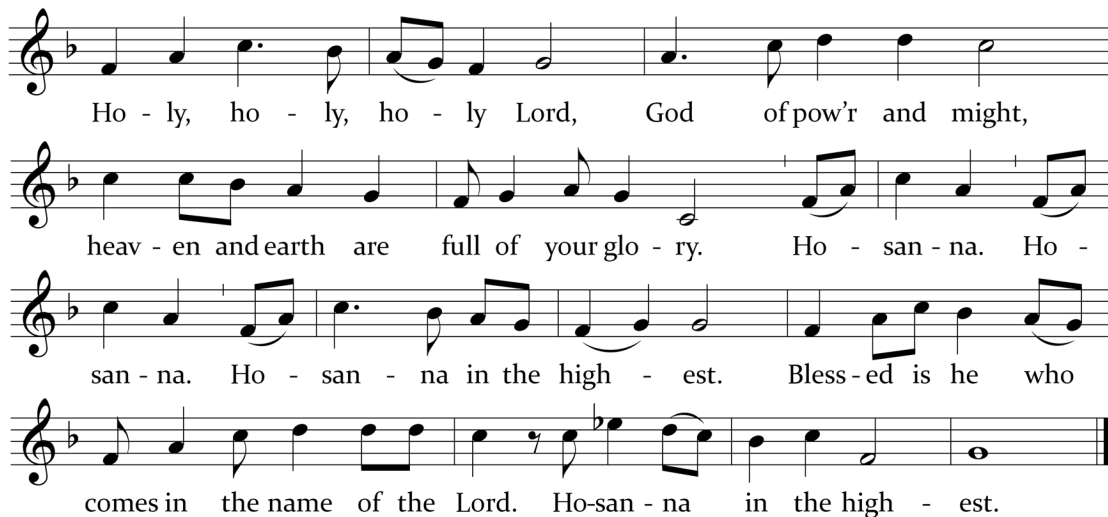


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

## \*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.

### **\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

### **\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

### **Postlude**

*Kentucky Baroque Trumpets*



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

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	McBroom Family
Organist	John Ferguson
Brass	Kentucky Baroque Trumpets; Don Johnson, director
Communion Service	Judy Smith
Coffee and Refreshments	Merilyn Calcutt, Cindy Clauson, Ted and Tricia Peterson, Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl
Nursery	Julie Brehmer, Arielle Loy
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug O'Leary

### **From the Stewardship Board**

Summer is in full swing. That means farmers markets with the bounty of summer produce, warm afternoons on the golf course, tennis courts, or pickle ball courts. Trips away for family events or just to explore. And while we're all making the most of this glorious season, or staying inside to avoid the heat or allergens, St. John's is humming with activity, too.

Night to Unite is a national event that occurs every year on the first Tuesday in August. St. John's welcomes those in the surrounding neighborhood and community to come and enjoy food and fun for all ages. It is a great opportunity to socialize with people that you may not see on Sunday morning.

What does this have to do with stewardship? Well, we're glad you wondered! The event is an opportunity to share a meal and share some pleasant, neighborly engagement. It's part of the plan to manage the resources and treasures that are hiding in plain site at 500 Third Street in Northfield.

If you've attended the event at St. John's in the past, thank you. If you want to attend this year, put the date on your calendar and come ready to enjoy dinner and socialize. If you want to volunteer to help, contact Leah Garlie to let her know.

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 7):**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 15:1-6 + Psalm 33:12-22 + Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 + Luke 12:32-40

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Chuck and Anita Hellie in memory of siblings Greg and John Hellie and Ron Svard. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in July. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 645-4429. Available Dates: August 7, September 18, and October 16.

## **Summer Sunday Hospitality**

Sunday hospitality includes communion prep and/or cleanup, coffee service and/or treats, and greeting. If you would like to help, you can sign up at [https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=136](https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=136) or contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or email Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Church Softball League Game**

**Tonight, July 31, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 2**

***St. John's vs. Emmaus***

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

## **Patio Theology**

**Tomorrow, Monday, August 1, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Rod and Deb Christensen**

We will be telling stories about our faith this week and the next, so you can prepare by thinking about how (and whether) your faith has changed over the years. Were there specific events or people that led to changes, or was it all gradual? Did changes happen deliberately, or did they sneak up on you? When you look back, are there things you believe differently than you did in the past? Are beliefs and faith even the same thing? Let's share our experiences and have a great conversation. Please come around to the back yard. If it is convenient, bring a lawn chair and whatever you'd like to drink. If the weather is bad, we will send an email and meet in the St. John's Library.

## **Night to Unite**

**Tuesday, August 2, 5:00–7:00 p.m.**

St. John's will again be hosting this annual event which is part of a national program that encourages neighbors to come together in order to strengthen connection and increase safety in our neighborhoods. The celebration includes a picnic-style meal along with kid-friendly games and activities, and a chance to see emergency vehicles up close in our church parking lot! To make this night run smoothly we need helpers! Please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can provide help with one of the following:

- Help set up tables, chairs, and other needed items outside beginning around 3:30 p.m.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Pool Party at Northfield Memorial Pool**

**Wednesday, August 3, 5:00–7:00 p.m., 801 7<sup>th</sup> St. E., Northfield**

All are invited to come to the pool for an evening of swimming, FREE food, and fun! The Knights of Columbus will be serving hot dogs, grilled cheese, chips, and drinks. Families pay the entrance fee.

## **St. John's Family Pizza Night at the Red Barn**

**Wednesday, August 10, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Red Barn (10063 110<sup>th</sup> St. E., Northfield)**

Join us at the lovely grounds of the Red Barn for delicious freshly baked pizza made with locally grown organic ingredients, and share social time with fellow friends and members. The 10-acre farm is yours to explore, with horses, chickens, farm cats, and gardens to enjoy. Bring your own napkins and eating utensils, and any side dishes, desserts, and beverages you wish to have. Bring your own seating (chairs or blankets).

## **Memorial Service for Rae Pearson**

**Thursday, August 11, 11:00 a.m.**

The Pearson family invites the St. John's community to a memorial service in thanksgiving for the life of Rae Pearson on Thursday, August 11, at 11:00 a.m., with a reception to follow. There will be an hour of visitation at St. John's at 10:00 a.m.

## **Next Summer Supper**

**Sunday, August 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

Summer Suppers provide a fun, casual way to connect with members of our church community with a family-friendly opportunity to share a meal and conversation in the home or backyard of a member. Interested in attending or hosting the next Summer Supper? Hosts will receive a list with their guest names' and contact info, and will delegate the dishes for their guests to bring. Sign up in the Commons to attend or host by August 7.

## **Meals on Wheels Sign Up**

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 11, through Saturday, October 8. Many volunteers are needed for this important ministry of care for elderly and disabled members of our community. Sign up online at [https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group\\_id=97](https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=97). For further information contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

**Wednesday, August 3, 12:15–12:45 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church (419 Washington St.)**

**Organists: Lawrence Archbold and Bill Peterson**

See the Community bulletin board in the Commons for the full recital schedule.

## **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, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,  
Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella)

*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*

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Children and Youth Registration for 2022-2023**

**Registration for 2022-2023 School Year for Children and Youth Programming is Open**

Check out St. John's website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org) where you will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2022-2023 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. Or, scan the QR code to the right. We appreciate registrations turned in by September 4 for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Emmanuel Kaghondi at 507-645-4429 if you have questions regarding programming.



# **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, Aug. 1</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Rod and Deb Christensen
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 2</b>	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
	5:00 p.m.	Night to Unite, St. John's
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 3</b>	5:00 p.m.	Pool Party at Northfield Memorial Pool, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Aug. 4</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, Aug. 5</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Aug. 6</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, Aug. 7</b>	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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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

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

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