



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 21, 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.*

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 — “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Spiritual, arr. Lynette Maynard

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

*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

- ☐ O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light
shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you
continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and
you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your
ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you re-

frain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

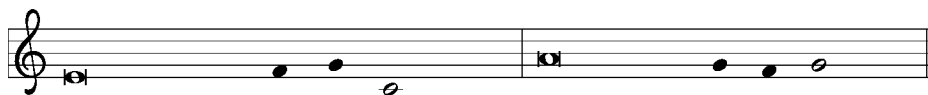
L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 103:1-8

Antiphon: Dan Kallman

Antiphon: LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.



¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

**²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

4who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; *Antiphon*

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.

**⁶O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ¹ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- ¹dren of Israel.

8LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,

and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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 13:10-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?”

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

***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:

L Lord, in your mercy,

C 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

"Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer"

arr. John Carter

Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer, fill me with your Gift of Love. Holy Spirit, Guide, Revealer, come and bless me from above. Tune my heart to your intention. Light my mind with Heaven's Flame. Holy Spirit, Dove of Heaven, claim my heart in Jesus' name. Holy Spirit, Truth and Treasure, help me follow where you lead. Holy Spirit, mark and measure every work and thought and deed. Call my hands to selfless service. Raise me up on wings of grace. Holy Spirit, Well of Wisdom, hold me fast in your embrace. Holy Spirit, Wind that woos me, blow the seeds of doubt away. Flame of Faith, inspire, infuse me with assurance, come what may. Breathe your Breath of Life and Living deep into my very soul. Holy Spirit, All Forgiving, melt me, mold me, make me whole. —Mary Kay Beall

*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

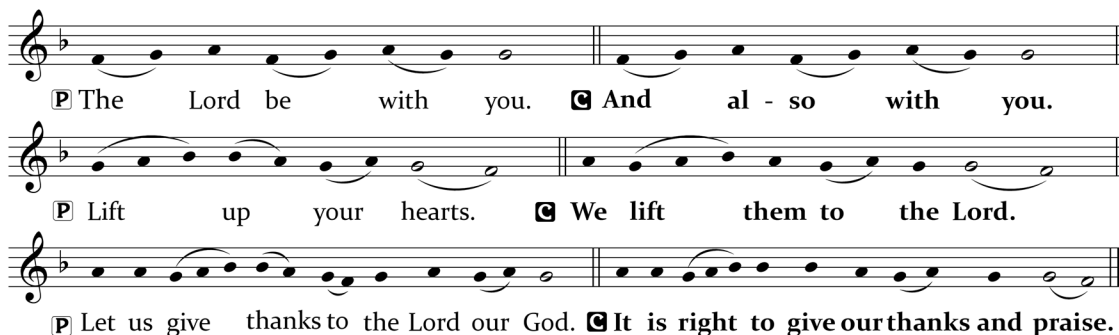
L Let us pray.

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

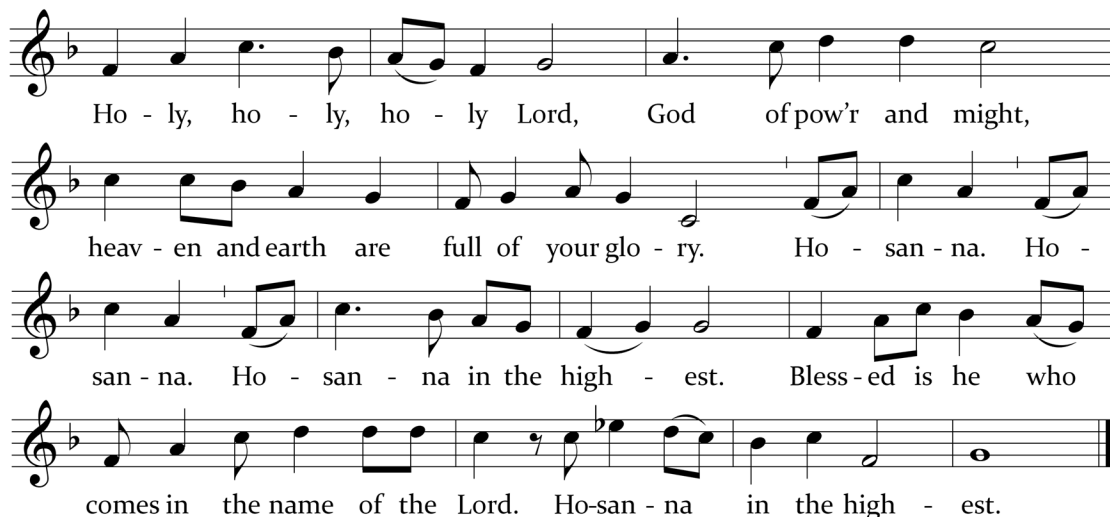


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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"



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. 614

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*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. 537

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — Festival Piece No. 1

Dagfinn Moe



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Ralph Yernberg (10:00) McBroom Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Kristy Harms
Offering Ensemble	Kristy Harms, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch, David Sims
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Coffee and Refreshments	Cindy Clauson, Herb and Pat Fick
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:00) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

From the Stewardship Board

We can all feel it. This week a friend said that it feels like it's back to school and fair time. Add one more event to your calendar, because the St. John's Ministry Fair is coming!

- Sunday, August 28, between services
- Sunday, September 18, between services, along with Welcome Fest

What is a ministry fair? Ministry fairs are an opportunity to find out what is going on here at St. John's. Once you know about all of the opportunities to engage and serve, you can decide what fits your interests and your strengths.

New to St. John's? A long-timer at St. John's? Somewhere in between? We're all getting back in the swing of being together after practicing remote socializing. The ministry fair is a chance to find out all of the ways to use your skills and interests, build friendships, and help make a difference!

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 28):

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7 † Psalm 112 † Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 † Luke 14:1, 7-14

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Elouise Quinnell and family in memory of Milo Quinnell on his birthday August 25. 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: September 18.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of Ruth Hansen's 99th birthday on August 19.

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 in the Commons, online thru CCB at 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.

Update Meeting on Viking Terrace

Today at 2:00 p.m., Emmaus Church

Mar Valdecantos, Gina Washburn, the newly formed Resident Association Board, led by Jorge Zuccolotto, and other committee members will give us an update on the current status of the situation at Viking Terrace.

- St. John's has an opportunity to match up to \$2,000 for the CAC's Viking Terrace Initiative. The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board is looking to St. John's members for donations to the church with a specific designation for the initiative. A gift will go to the CAC once the \$2,000 match amount is reached. Thank you to all who have already supported this initiative on an individual basis. The need is great as well as urgent.

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, August 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Susan Canon and Mike Bull (7752 Goodrich Trl.)

Topic: *"Music, Hear and Tell"* (Discussion led by Pastor Pam Fickenscher)

Many people would say that music and their spiritual lives are closely linked. You're invited to bring a short (2 minutes or less) excerpt of a piece that has been important to you, whether it qualifies as "sacred" music or not. What makes it sacred to you? Bring it on a bluetooth-enabled device, or send Pastor Pam a link to pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up

Sign up soon and sign up often! That is the best way to get your preferred dates and routes for Meals on Wheels delivery. We begin our annual commitment on Sunday, September 11, and continue 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. Questions? Contact Leah at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, August 24, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

Organist: Nathan Proctor

Join St. John's Organist, Nathan Proctor, for a unique recital celebrating the organ works of F. Melius Christiansen. Christiansen, who is best known as the first conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, served as organist at St. John's in the 1920's. All of the music in the recital comes from a new edition of his music edited by Nathan and published by Augsburg Fortress this past spring. Come hear music that would have first been heard in our Sanctuary a century ago.

Have you ever wished for improvement of the acoustics of St. John's Hall?

For over a year, the Church Council and boards have been working on plans to improve the hearing environment in St. John's Hall. An Acoustic Improvement Committee confirmed the need to tame the excessive reverberation in the Hall, which makes talking and listening very challenging. An acoustic engineering firm has provided specifications for taming the reverberation. Of two project bids, we are focusing on the proposal of Twin Cities Acoustics. The wall treatment will cost \$44,000, and ceiling baffles, if needed, may add another \$24,000 to the project. The church can use some of the balance of Grace Overflowing Capital Funds. But the project will likely move ahead only if the church can identify additional sources of funding. If you are interested in knowing more about the project, and possibly making a contribution to this initiative, please contact Pastor Pam or congregation president Rod Christensen. Ideally, we will be hoping to identify interest by the end of August.

Save the Date: Mental Health First Aid Course

Monday and Tuesday, September 19 & 20, 4:00–8:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Come learn about signs, symptoms, and how to respond to others with mental health concerns in this FREE training! This training is sponsored by St. John's Faith & Health Board and provided by HCI (Healthy Community Initiative). Adult Mental Health First Aid has information and skills that everyone in our community should know about. People need others to be prepared to listen and to be aware of the resources available. It will be a worthwhile investment of your time! A training manual is provided free of charge and is yours to keep after the training. Attendance at both four-hour sessions is required for the full training. Registration information will be forthcoming and required as spaces are limited!

St. John's Annual LWR School Kits Collection

Donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief's School Kits can be placed in the school bus box in the Commons. Lists of needed supplies are at the collection box and at the St. John's Women bulletin board. Donations are welcome through Labor Day.

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

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich

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.

Shared Ministry

Summer Sunday Hospitality

Sunday hospitality includes communion prep and/or cleanup, coffee service and/or treats, and greeting. If you would like to help, please click here to sign up online or contact the church office or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Needs for next Sunday, August 28:

- Greeters at both the Commons Doors and the Southwest Door for both services.
It's easy - simply be a welcoming presence for our members or visitors before worship by smiling, saying "good morning" or "good to see you", and answer basic questions if needed.

Needs beginning September 4:

- Coffee Service & Treat Donation – Basic help and instructions are provided for serving.
- Communion Prep & Clean-Up – Instructions are provided.
- Greeters at both the Commons Doors and the Southwest Doors.

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Aug. 22	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Susan Canon and Mike Bull
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Bridge Chamber Music Festival Concert, Sanctuary
Tuesday, Aug. 23	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Aug. 24	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	12:15 p.m.	Northfield Noontime Organ Recital, Sanctuary
Thursday, Aug. 25	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
Friday, Aug. 26	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	High School Lock-In, St. John's
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 27		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 28	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Ministry Fair, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Baptism - Olive Mae Barvir), Sanctuary

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 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 7 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.



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Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

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.