



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 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 and hymns 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 — Variations on “Gather Us In”

Charles Lenz

I. Peal II. Chant III. Dance IV. Meditation V. Scherzo

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 532

“Gather Us In”

*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

G And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are
humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Proverbs 25:6-7

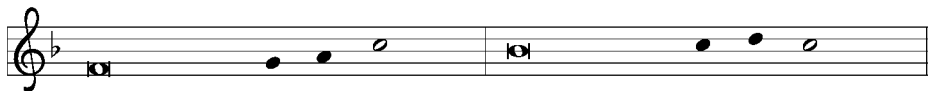
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;

⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Antiphon: Happy are they who delight in the law of God.





- ¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who ¹fear the LORD
and have great delight in ¹God's commandments!
- ²**Their descendants will be mighty ¹in the land;
the generation of the upright ¹will be blessed.**
- ³Wealth and riches will be ¹in their house,
and their righteousness will ¹last forever.
- ⁴**Light shines in the darkness ¹for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full ¹of compassion.** *Antiphon*
- ⁵It is good for them to be gener- ¹ous in lending
and to manage their af- ¹fairs with justice.
- ⁶**For they will nev- ¹er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- ¹ing remembrance.**
- ⁷They will not be afraid of any ¹evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting ¹in the LORD.
- ⁸**Their heart is established and ¹will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- ¹on their enemies.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

-  The word of the Lord.
-  **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ²Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. ⁵Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?” ⁶And they could not reply to this.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 933

“Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded”

(8:30) ***Apostles' Creed**

Front of ACS hymnal, page 17

(10:00) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Olive Mae Barvir** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Olive's parents are Amy Kraushaar and Scott Barvir, and her sponsor is Ian Sheppard.*

Presentation

☐ People of God, do you promise to support Olive
and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☑ We do.

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☑ hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"A Simple Song" from *Mass*

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude...make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude... sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise him, to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises while I live all of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the one who praises him. Lauda, Laude...and walks in his ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Laude, and walks in his ways, all of my days. —Stephen Schwartz and Leonard Bernstein

*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

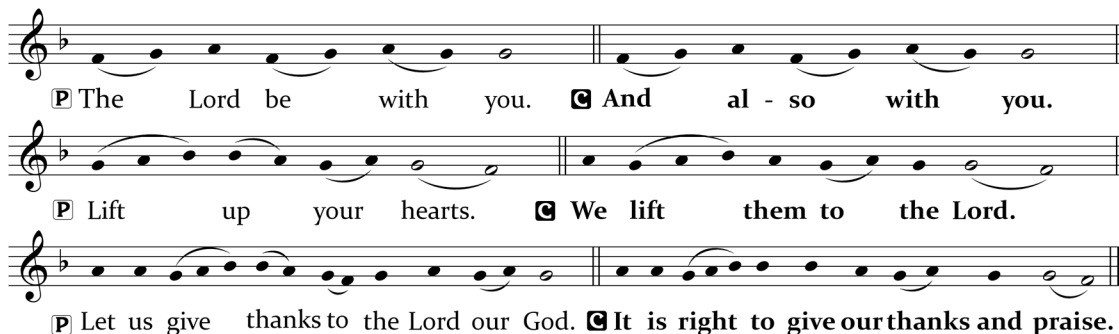
L Let us pray.

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

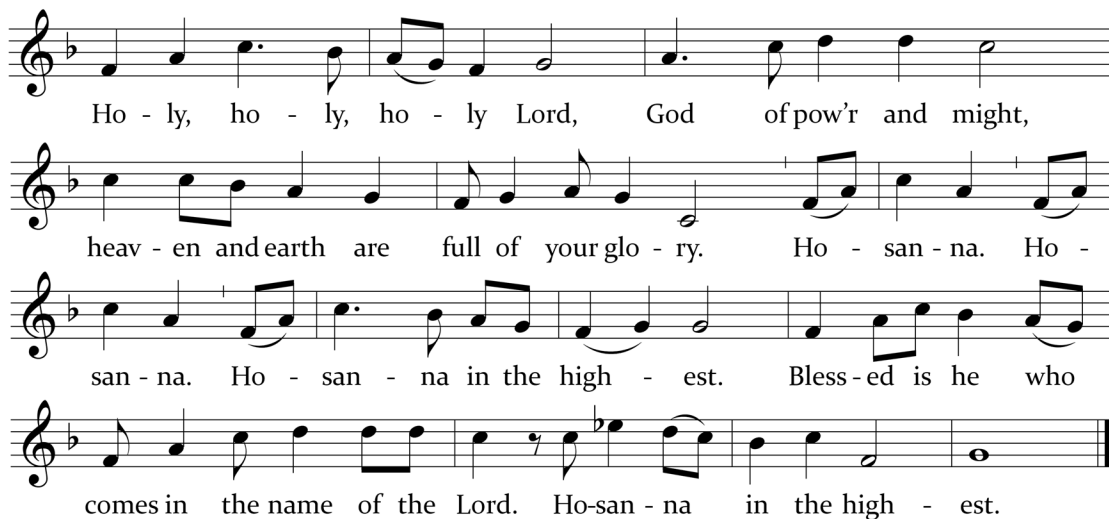


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

*On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of
anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a
specific prayer blessing from the anointer.*

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, with the first two parts ending on a whole note and the third part ending with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Solo — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

John Ferguson

Hymn — ELW No. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

***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. 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — March

F. Melius Christiansen



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	McLaughlin Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Soloist	Karen Wilkerson
Healing Prayers	Jane Rinehart, Melissa Berthelsen, Kristin Partlo
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand, Ted Peterson
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall

Children and Youth Registration

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.



Orientation for Wednesday Programs/Catechism

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00–6:25 p.m.,

Join us for a short orientation on Wednesday Afterschool programs including Catechism for grades 3–5. We hope the weather will cooperate for an outdoor gathering by Door 2, but if not, we'll meet in St. John's Hall. The first day of Wednesday Afterschool programs is September 21.

Welcomefest and the First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 18

Parents and children are invited to the first day of Sunday school. We'll have a brief Open House from 9:45–10:00 a.m. in the lower level of St. John's. Find out where you will be meeting for Sunday school and meet your Sunday school leaders. After the Open House, enjoy breakfast and fun activities—either outside (weather permitting) or in St. John's Hall.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of the baptismal anniversary of Emily Judge-Becker from her family. 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 and October 16.

Coffee and Fellowship & The Ministry Fair Today in St. John's Hall

Enjoy a beverage and a treat while socializing and checking out our various service and ministry groups, annual community events, along with the plethora of volunteer opportunities that St. John's offers! 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!

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, August 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Pathways of Faith by Northfield Retirement Center

Patio Theology will consider biblical scholarship. What can we still learn about these very old texts? Our example will be the evolving process of creating the "authorized" Greek and Hebrew texts that we draw our translations from. Who is in charge, how are new discoveries made, and what difference might they make? The article for discussion, "All the Mary's" is available at the Welcome Desk. We will gather from **6–7:30 p.m. at Pathways of Faith by Northfield Retirement Center**. Park on the west side of NRC (coming from Greenvale Ave/43) and look for the benches near the cross on the hill. Bring your own chair and beverage if you wish.

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.

Men's Bible Study to begin in September

The Adult Ministry & Education would like to announce the beginning of the Men's Bible Study on Wednesday, September 21, at 12 noon in the St. John's Library. Rev. Grant Aaseng will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew. This group will plan to meet on the third Wednesday of each month going forward. Everyone is encouraged to bring their lunch if you are joining the group over your lunch hour.

Announcements (continued)

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.

St. John's Supports Viking Terrace via the CAC

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.

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. [Sign Up for Mental Health First Aid using the link from the E-Voice.](#)

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.

Thank you to all the people who have donated baby care items over the past year and to the team of volunteers who used those items a week ago to assemble 51 baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. This ministry is one of several LWR mission projects that the Women of the ELCA at St. John's participate in.

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), Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those celebrating the baptism of

Olive Mae Barvir, daughter of Amy Kraushaar and Scott Barvir

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

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

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 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. 29	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Pathways of Faith by NRC Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop Leaders Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Aug. 30	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Meal Ministry Team Meeting, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Aug. 31		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, Sept. 1	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Sept. 2	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Sept. 3		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Sept. 4	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship, Sanctuary
Monday, Sept. 5		<i>Labor Day ~ Church Office and Building Closed</i>

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 4):

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 † Psalm 1 † Philemon 1-21 † Luke 14:25-33



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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

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