



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 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** — Concertino

Giuseppe Tartini

I. Grave  
II. Allegro molto

*Jo Ann Polley, clarinet*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 660

“Lift High the Cross”

## \*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

☐ Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help,  
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify  
your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Jeremiah 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter's house,  
and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and there  
he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the pot-  
ter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>“Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just

as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** — Psalm 139

**Hymn** — ACS 1082

“O God, You Search Me”

**Second Reading** — Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me

even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — Luke 14:25-33

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Mark Rydberg

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

## \*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*

Fantasistykker

Niels W. Gade

I. Andantino con moto

### \*Offering Hymn — “Thank You, Lord”

African American spiritual

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system shows the beginning of the hymn, and the second system shows the continuation of the melody and accompaniment.

### \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

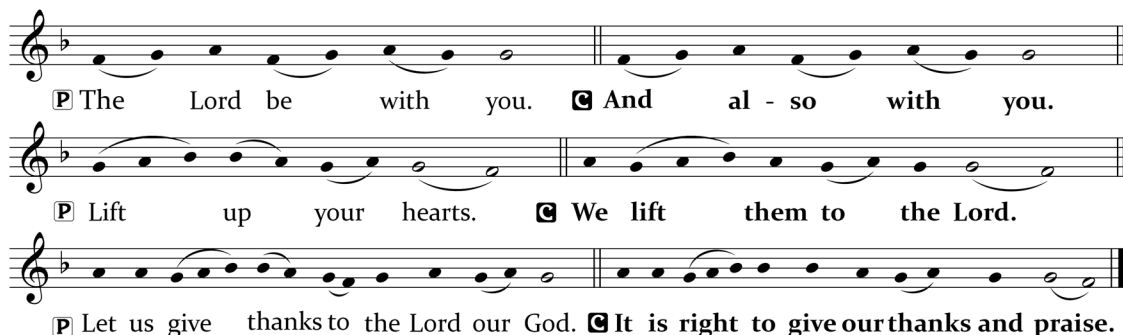
and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

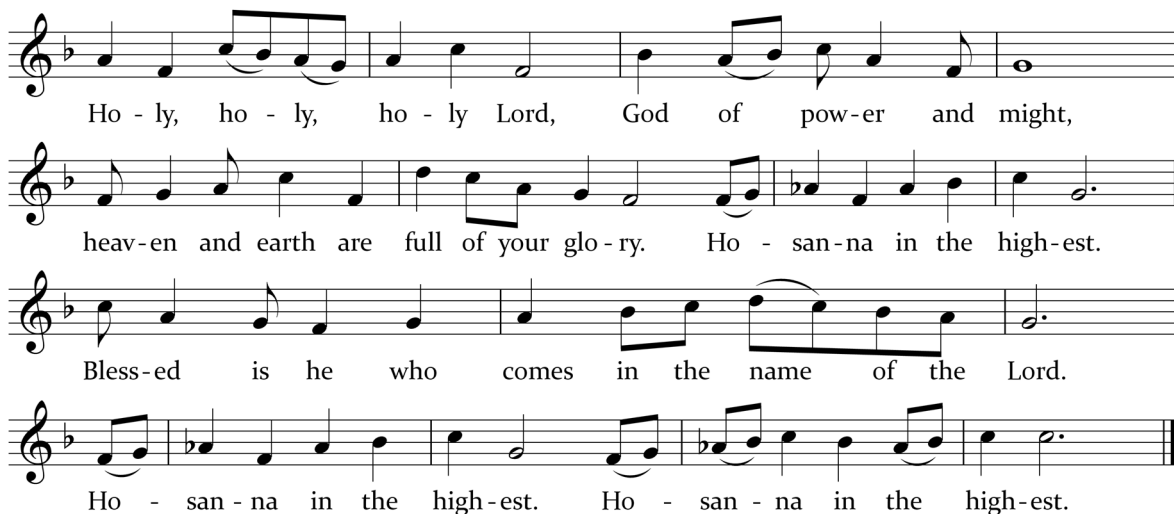


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. 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 is written on three staves in a single system. Each staff begins 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, aligned with the notes.

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 — Adagio

Heinrich Joseph Bärmann

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen.

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 757

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — Fanfare

Guy H. Eldridge



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Ellen Ellickson
Greeters	Don Sahling
Coffee and Refreshments	Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:00) Kent Rommereim, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh

### **Welcomefest, Ministry Fair, and the Start of Sunday School** **Sunday, September 18, Between Services**

Welcomefest kicks off the start of a new school year at St. John's!

- **Welcomefest Breakfast Treats and Activities outside** (weather permitting) **or in St. John's Hall between services.**
- **Ministry Fair in St. John's Hall** – Check out the various service and ministry groups, annual community events, along with volunteer opportunities that St. John's offers. Once you know about the opportunities to engage and serve, you can decide what fits your interests and strengths. 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 interest, build friendships and help make a difference!
- **First Day of Sunday School**
  - **Preschool** (age 3 by 9/1/22) – **grade 5, along with parent(s)**, begins in the lower level at 9:45 a.m. with an Open House. Check out where your classroom is and connect with your classroom leaders and friends.
  - **Youth meet in the Youth Room** with Emmanuel from 9:45-10:00 a.m. to reconnect.
  - **At 10:00 a.m., Sunday school children, youth and parents are invited to the Welcomefest breakfast and activities.**

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Gert Brosz by Wil Brosz and 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 18 and October 16.

**The church building and office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day. The church office will also be closed on Friday, September 9.**

## **We are producing a new picture directory! Sign up today!**

We are partnering with Universal Church Directories for this important project. They are providing the directory at no cost to our church. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Monday, October 17–Friday, October 21 and Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00–9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429.

## **Pub Theology Returns with the Fall Schedule Starting on Monday, September 19**

What is Pub Theology? It is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. The topic will be different each time and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and an email list. Contact the church office ([office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)) to add your name to the email list.

## **Dialogues on Race Continues this Fall**

We will complete the book, beginning with chapter 5 “Whither the Women: Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression” on Sunday, September 25. We will meet from 9:45–10:40 in the Fireside Room. Other dates for discussion are October 23 and November 20. If you didn't have the chance to join the discussion in the spring, please join us now! Books are available for \$10. Contact Marilyn Calcutt, Adult Ministry & Education Board.

## **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](https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=97). Questions? Contact Leah at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **From the Stewardship Board**

Have you wondered about Christikon, the camp that St. John's high school youth experience? Since 1951, Christikon has been a special place for spiritual growth and renewal with friends, old and new; an intentional Christian community where all are welcome, chose, cherished, loved, forgiven, redeemed, and made worthy by none other than Jesus Christ himself. The camp is located in southern Montana, just 40 miles north of Yellowstone National Park. The mission of Christikon is to awaken and nurture faith in Christ, exploring God's creation, and the adventure of life together. The camp strives to:

- Embody the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Raise Up Stewards of Creation
- Grow Leaders and Faithful Partners in Ministry

This month we will hear from a few of the 2022 campers who made the decision to engage in this wilderness experience.

## **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.

## **Courageous Conversations: Mental Health—Trauma & Resilience**

**Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Andrea Smothers, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker will lead us through steps to find resiliency and hope as we move forward from the trauma stress, loss and pain of the pandemic. Registration required: [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous).

## **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.](#)

*Additional announcements can be found in the E-Voice.*

*Printed copies of the September 1 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

## **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*

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Guenther Moesler,  
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella),  
Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

*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*

Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde

*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**

**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 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.



# **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, Sept. 5</b>		<i>Labor Day ~ Church Office and Building Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Nominating Committee, Undercroft Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Ruth Circle, Fireside Room
<b>Friday, Sept. 9</b>	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
<b>Sunday, Sept. 11</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship, Sanctuary

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 11):**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 32:7-14 † Psalm 51:1-10 † 1 Timothy 1:12-17 † Luke 15:1-10



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*

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

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