



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 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** — “Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit”  
“God Father in Heaven Above, Have Mercy on Us”

J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 807 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

## \*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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself  
all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may  
reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life  
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them

and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

“But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

### Psalmody — Psalm 51, “Have Mercy, Lord”

DUNDEE

Have mer - cy, Lord, ac - cord - ing to the mea - sure of your love;  
The fail - ings of my deeds and thoughts are ev - er in my sight;  
A clean and up - right heart, O Lord, ex - change for mine of stone;

blot out my sin, and from my heart all wick - ed - ness re - move.  
re - lease me from the path of death, and set my course a - right.  
your Ho - ly Spir - it meld with mine, and leave me not a - lone.

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

### Second Reading — 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came

into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — Luke 15:1-10

Spark Story Bible, page 374

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 502

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

### \*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*

“ . . . No darkness at all . . . ” from *A Quaker Reader*

Ned Rorem

“God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.”

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

African American spiritual

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

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

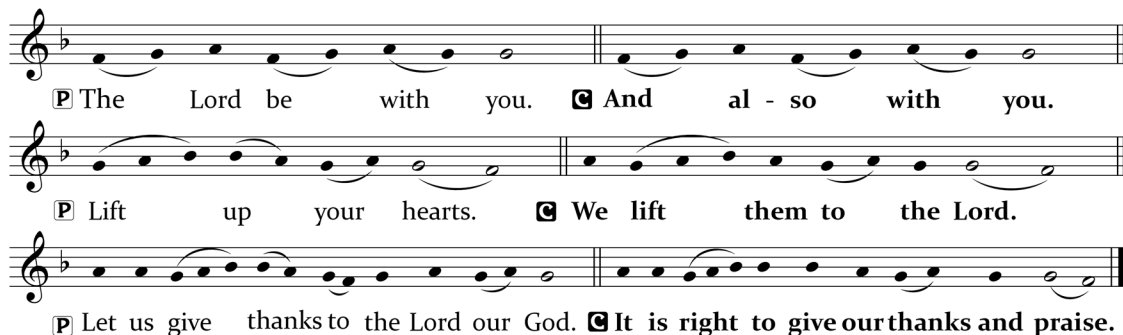
## \*Offering Prayer

☐ 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

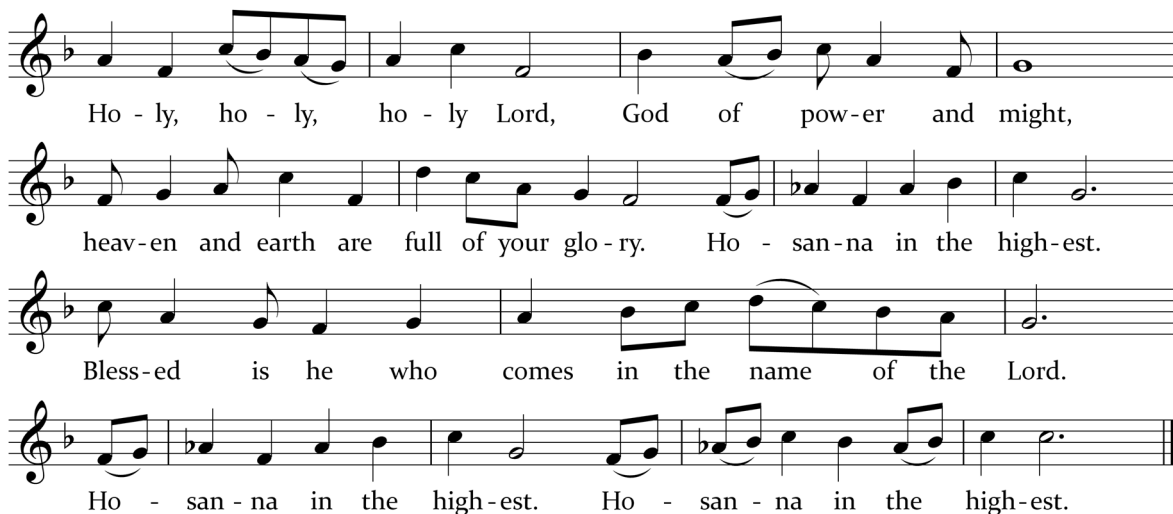


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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 for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each 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. 789

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

## \*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. 779

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

### **\*Dismissal**

- 📖 Go in peace. Serve the Lord. 📖 **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — Fantasy in G Minor

J. S. Bach



## **Our Music Today**

9/11/2001. Driving over the mountain from Ridgewood, NJ, I had a too-perfect view of the NYC skyline. The smoke was rising from the first tower. Another hill in Ridgewood: the second tower was visible. The silence in the church where I was working at the time was deafening as we tried to keep moving. Silence was deafening all week as air traffic was stopped from the busy metropolitan airports. Commuter trains run through the center of Ridgewood with pedestrian tunnels to help commuters pass under the tracks. I will never forget seeing people pour out of those walkways, covered in ash. When September 11 falls on a Sunday, the questions are stirred up and I wrestle with choosing music for worship. Yes, Bach usually “wins”! —Joanne Rodland

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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Richard Jorgensen
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Communion Service	Jane Rinehart
Greeters	TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Cindy Clauson, Arielle Loy
Counters	Shirley Keltto, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 18):**

### *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 8:4-7 + Psalm 113 + 1 Timothy 2:1-7 + Luke 16:1-13

## **Welcomefest, Ministry Fair, and the Start of Sunday School** **Next 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 loving memory of Cora (on her birthday) & Elmer Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss 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.

## **From the Stewardship Board**

The Great Minnesota Get-Together for 2022 is in the books, and Labor Day has come and gone. There is still time to attend the great St. John's Ministry Fair and revel in the last-of-summer festivities. We know that a lot of Northfield residents and St. John's members are living between 1876 and 2022 this weekend. If you're looking for a break from historic re-enactments and want to know more about the community at St. John's in 2022, you can take a walk through St. John's Hall and see what is going on, right here on our campus. Take a break, have a cup of coffee, and join us to find out how many ways you can engage at St. John's!

## **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.

## **St. John's Chorale**

### **Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Join the St. John's Chorale as they begin a new season of making music. All ability levels are welcome! Rehearsals are each Wednesday from 7:00–8:30 p.m. and we sing for Sunday worship services from September–May. Contact director Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org) with any questions.

## **Rejoice Ringers**

### **Thursday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.**

Rejoice Ringers, the adult hand bell ensemble at St. John's, is looking to add new regular ringers and on-call substitutes for the upcoming season. We hope that you will consider joining a fun, dedicated, and hard-working group that enhances the worship life of St. John's and beyond. Contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org) with any questions.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **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).

## **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.

## **Men's Bible Study to begin in September**

**Wednesday, September 21, 12:00 p.m., St. John's Library**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board would like to announce the beginning of the Men's Bible Study! Rev. Grant Aaseng will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew. This group plans to meet on the third Wednesday of each month going forward. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch if joining the group during their lunch hour.

## **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 Merilyn Calcutt, chair of the Adult Ministry & Education Board.

## **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 weekly E-Voice.*

*Printed copies of the September 8 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 mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Carol James

*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*

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lyla Arneson Paulson

*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**

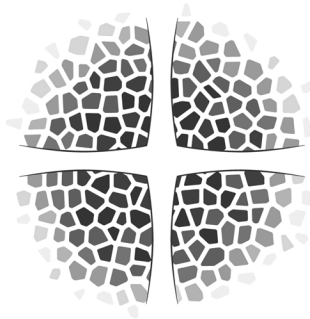
Check out St. John's website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org) where you will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2022-2023 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. Or, scan the QR code to the right. 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. 12</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Brownie Troop #27358, Undercroft Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 14</b>	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Children's Afterschool Orientation, St. John's Hall Confirmation and Youth Orientation, St. John's Hall St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, Sept. 15</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library Courageous Conversation Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Courageous Conversation via Zoom: Mental Health
<b>Friday, Sept. 16</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Laura Baker Services Association, St. John's Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Sept. 17</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, Sept. 18</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Worship (Blessing of the Backpacks), Sanctuary Welcomefest ~ Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School Open House (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room Worship (Blessing of the Backpacks), Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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