

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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.

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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Trumpet Tune in D Major”

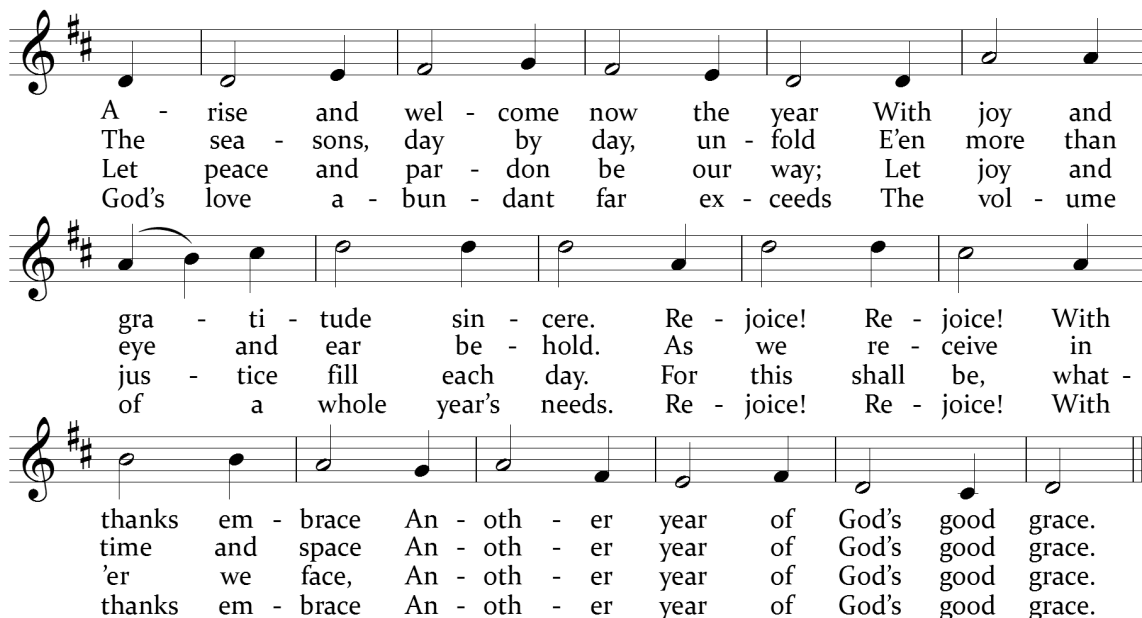
David N. Johnson

Marty Hodel, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Arise and Welcome Now the Year”

PUER NOBIS



A - rise and wel - come now the year With joy and
The sea - sons, day by day, un - fold E'en more than
Let peace and par - don be our way; Let joy and
God's love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The vol - ume
gra - ti - tude sin - cere. Re - joice! Re - joice! With
eye and ear be - hold. As we re - ceive in
jus - tice fill each day. For this shall be, what -
of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re - joice! With
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
time and space An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
'er we face, An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of God's good grace.

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*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

- P** O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible, page 594

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — James 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 981

After the reading:

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

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and the lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes.

***Gospel** — Mark 8:27-38

Spark Story Bible, page 322; Pew Bible, page 820

Before the reading:

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

ELLACOMBE



O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for-give,
 Though some would make their great-ness felt and lord it o - ver all,
 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re - nown;



What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose praise the church would sing?
 to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that we might rise and live.
 you said the first must be the last and ser - vice be our call.
 you died for us up - on a cross with thorns your on - ly crown.



As - pir - ing not to glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame,
 To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:
 O Christ, in work-place, church, and home, let none to pow - er cling;
 But still, be - yond the span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring,



you walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 a dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 for still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 for now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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Children's Message and Blessing of Learning

Response — "Blessed Be God, Who Chose You"

Music: Anne Krentz Organ

Sing two times.



Bless-ed be God, who chose you in Christ. Live in love as Christ loved us.

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

***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:

(8:30) "God You Made All Things for Singing"

John Ferguson

God, you made all things for singing, even canyons carved from stone.

Thunder sets the hard rock ringing with the hymn the skies intone. Alleluia!

Yours the praise and yours alone. As the clap and roll of thunder give the rocks their

note to start, Spirit, free the songs of wonder waiting in the thankful heart. Alleluia!

Help each voice to sing its part. Join with us, in all our singing. Make our music,

Lord, your own. Be the bass note deeply ringing. Be the highest overtone. Alleluia!

Yours the praise and yours alone.

- Thomas H. Troeger

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" from BWV 147

J. S. Bach

***Offering Hymn** — "For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the tending, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

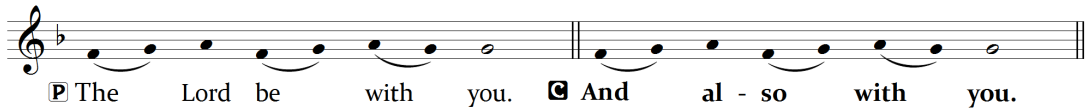
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

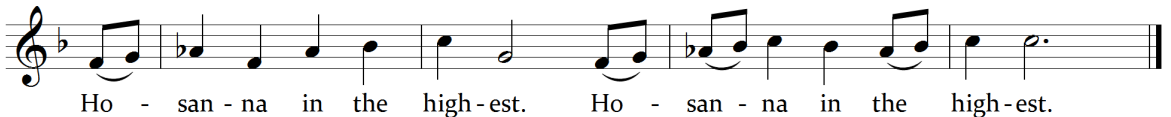
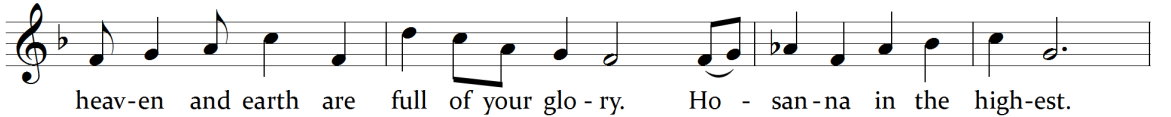
A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***Words of Institution**

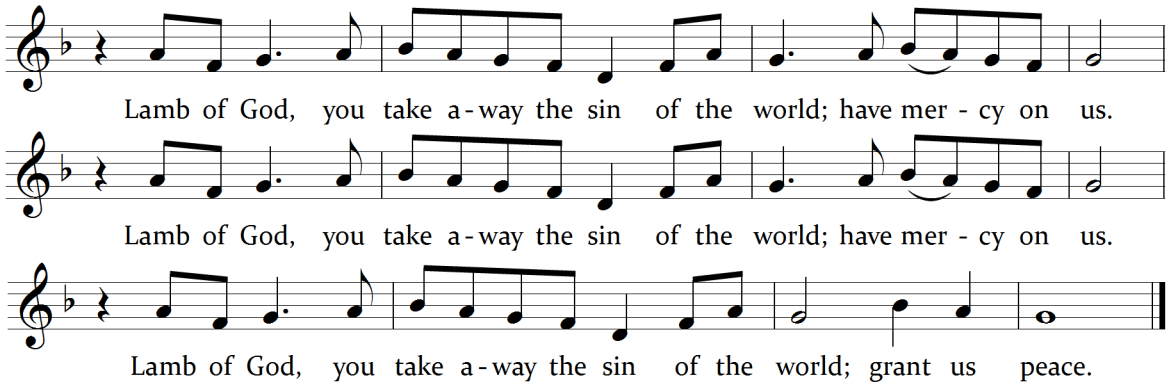
***The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Thee We Adore” arr. Ralph Johnson

Solo — “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” from BWV 147 J. S. Bach

Hymn — No. 798 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray.

All Holy God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 548

“Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

Stanzas 1 and 4

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Tuba Tune in D Major”

Craig Seller Lang



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Marcia Yernberg
Trumpet	Marty Hodel
Acolytes	(8:30) William Becker, Thomas Weber (10:45) Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen
Communion Servers	(8:30) Chris Weber (10:45) TBD
Communion Prep	David and Susan Rudser
Communion Clean Up	John and Barbara Walters
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Brent Bash and Trish Goodrich, Erik and Mary Holleque, LaVerne Reitz
Coffee Service	John and Gordeen Gorder, Jon Kerr, Genevieve Quarberg
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Jerry Kipp, Brent Mueller, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Liturgy: *ELW Holy Communion, Setting Two*

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, September 19:
Hot Dog Bar

All are welcome!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (September 16):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Intergenerational Gathering (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (September 23):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: Beginnings (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
St. John's Forum: Manna & Mercy Video Discussion Group (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

Children and Youth Ministries

"Rock", Reaching Out to Christ's Kids Begins this Week (Grades K-5)

Wednesday, September 19

St. John's will be providing bussing for children from Greenvale, Bridgewater, and Sibley Schools and from the Middle School for Prairie Creek students who are interested in participating in our Wednesday afterschool programs.

Confirmation and High School Youth Group Begin this Week

Wednesday, September 19, 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation for youth in 6th grade will meet in the Undercroft and 7th and 8th grades will meet in Fellowship Hall. The High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) will meet in the Youth Room.

Remember to Register your Children and Youth Prior to the Start of Programming!

Online registration is available on St. John's website. You will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2018-2019 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs.

Children and Youth Ministries Need You!

*An ambitious array of children and youth activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John's members - parents, grandparents, anyone! Please consider volunteering with programming on a Sunday Morning or Wednesday afternoon/evening. We need volunteers to teach and/or help with a variety of activities. Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or check out the volunteer opportunities in the registration packet. **P.S.: High School students** - talk with Julie how you can connect with our younger kids on Sundays and Wednesdays!*

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Mary White. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: September 23 and October 14, 21 & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Intergenerational Gathering

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

As we kick off the start of our program year, it is always good to get reconnected with each other and to meet new people. Every year, many of the adults at St. John's say that their favorite gatherings were the ones where they got to meet new people at St. John's. Today between services, join us in St. John's Hall for fellowship time, an introduction to Adult Education this Fall, and an intentional intergenerational mixer with our children and youth.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, September 17

6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms

Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

Accompany Sponsor Information Session

Wednesday, September 19, 5:30-6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Accompany is St. John's welcoming process for newcomers. You are invited to "Accompany" them during their welcoming process. Please join us to find out more at an information session. For more information please contact one of the Pastors or Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429.

Creative Arts Group: "Karaoke & Sing-Along Night"

Wednesday, September 19, 6:00-6:45 p.m., St. John's Library

The next Creative Arts Group will be a Karaoke and Sing-A-Long Night this Wednesday after the Wednesday Night Meal. Come ready to sing, play instruments, and make music as a group. No music or karaoke experience is needed to participate. Just come willing to meet new people and make music together! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can contact LBSA's music therapist at jenny@laurabaker.org, or by phoning Laura Baker and leaving a message: 645-8866, ext. 144.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod will be Electing a New Bishop in May 2019

As part of the process of discernment, each conference has a focused conversation scheduled in the next few weeks. The conversation will be facilitated and contribute to a ministry profile for the synod. Our conference is gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran in Faribault on **Sunday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.** Child care will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

Announcements (continued)

Meals on Wheels Help Needed

We are still in need of help with Meals on Wheels...we are down to 14 spots. Any help you give us is truly appreciated! Signups will be available today and next Sunday in the Commons. You can also sign up online (there is link on our website).

St. John's is Searching for a Kitchen and Hospitality Coordinator

This position is 10-15 hours a week, coordinating St. John's hospitality on Sundays, at funerals, and in other special events, with special attention to roles that require kitchen use. This position will replace Mary Kelvie's now that she has moved. Applications are due September 30. A position description may be found at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

From the Peace & Justice Group...

Each week from now until Election Day, St. John's Peace & Justice Group will offer you the chance to reflect on an issue highlighted in the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Poverty Progress Report. Look for handouts at the Welcome Desk and outside the back of the Sanctuary. Check the news blasts for the topic of the week. For more information on each topic, visit jrlc.org. This week's topic is "Create Pathways Out of Homelessness."

Upcoming Adult Education Options This Fall

Manna and Mercy Sundays Begins Next Week!

Sundays, September 23 & 29, and October 7 & 14, from 9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Want to learn more about the Bible? Want to learn more about theology - how we think and talk about God? You are invited to join this discussion group where a short video will be shared followed by small group discussion. South African pastor and justice activist Alan Storey has created a video series that asks and invites questions of faith on how to read scripture, think about a particular Bible story, or how to think about God. The beauty of this time is that each video stands on its own and there is no experience necessary for each week - just show up on the Sundays that you can make it.

"Beginnings: A St. John's Forum Speaker Series" Starts Next Week!

Sunday, September 23, 9:45-10:30 am., Sanctuary

The Bible begins with the book of Genesis, which includes the stories of how creation began and the beginning stories of God's relationship with God's people, including Noah and the ark, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers. Join us for this forum on everything you need to know about the Book of Genesis, led by St. Olaf Religion Professor, Jim Hanson.

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 with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Bette Quinnell, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 23):

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 † Psalm 54 † James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a † Mark 9:30-37

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

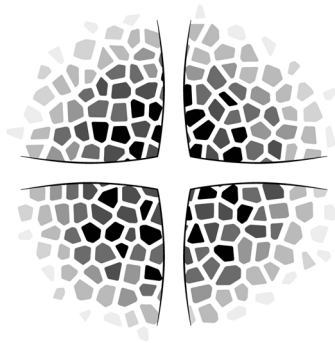
News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: September 17th for the October Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sep. 17	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Pack LWR School Kits, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 18	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Capstone Gathering, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Sep. 19	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		"DOG" - Discovering Our Gifts (Grades 3-5), Undercroft
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal Cleanup Crew Training, Kitchen
	4:45 p.m.	Kid's Club (Grades K-2), Fellowship Hall
		Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
		Homework Café (Grade 5), Resource Room
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	Accompany Sponsor Information Session, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Group, Library
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
		"An Evening on the Farm" with Dave Legvold, Offsite
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sep. 20	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sep. 21	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 22	8:00 a.m.	10 th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Offsite
Sunday, Sep. 23	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	5:00 p.m.	Accompany Kickoff Dinner, Fireside Room



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.