



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 † 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 red books at the end of the pews.
Please pass them down 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.*

***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.

The following **4th Graders** will be receiving their Catechisms today
at the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

**Sam Froehle, Kayla Kelvie, Kailee Jo Little,
John Malecha, Austin Mathre, Tristan Mattson,
Clara Nelson, Osiris Perez, Will Redetzke,
Kate Sand, Bailey Strese**

Please pick up your Catechism book on the bridge before the service.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Präludium und Fuga im D”

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 845

“Voices Raised to You”
Hymn arr. Carolyn Jennings

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all singing

Stanza 3 — choir, all joining at Alleluia

Stanzas 4 and 5 — all singing

*Confession

P Blessed be the ✚ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

*Absolution

*Greeting

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

A And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

▢ Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving-kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

▣ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jonah 3:10-4:11

Pew Bible, page 753

After the reading:

▢ The word of the Lord.

▣ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 145:1-5, 8

Antiphon: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.



¹I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you**
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works | to another**
and shall de- | clare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. *Antiphon*

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). It contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

***Gospel — Matthew 20:1-16**

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor John Quam

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 779

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(10:45) **Presentation of Catechisms to Fourth Graders**

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

*Prayers of Intercession

- Ⓐ 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:

"I Thank My God"

J. Aaron McDermid

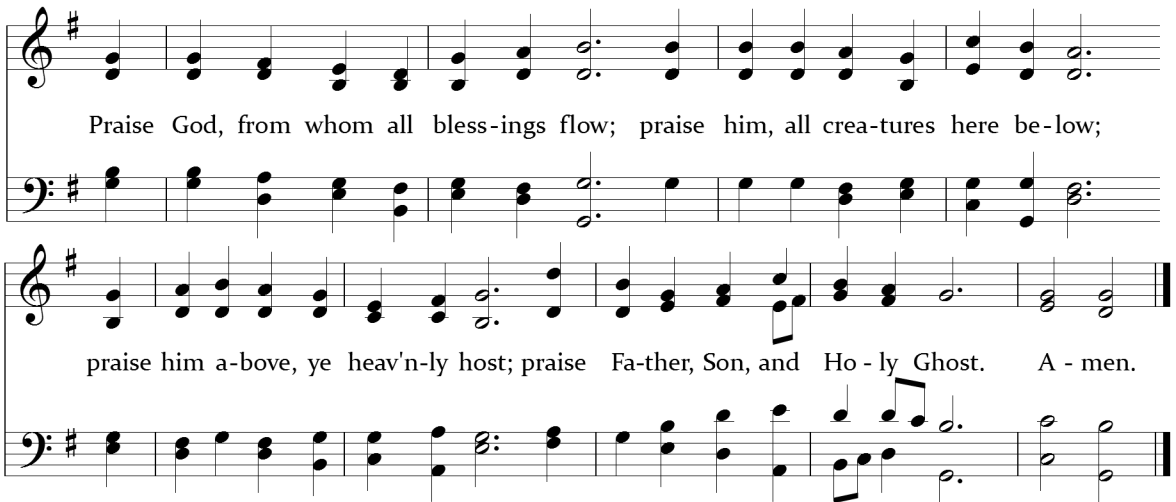
I thank my God when I remember you. In all my prayers I pray with joy for your partnership in sharing the Good News. For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ. This is my prayer: that your love may overflow, and you will grow in knowledge and depth of understanding. For I am sure that he who began a good work in you will carry it on, that you may see what is best and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Amen.

-Philippians 1:3-6, 9-10

St. John's Chorale

*Offering Hymn

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

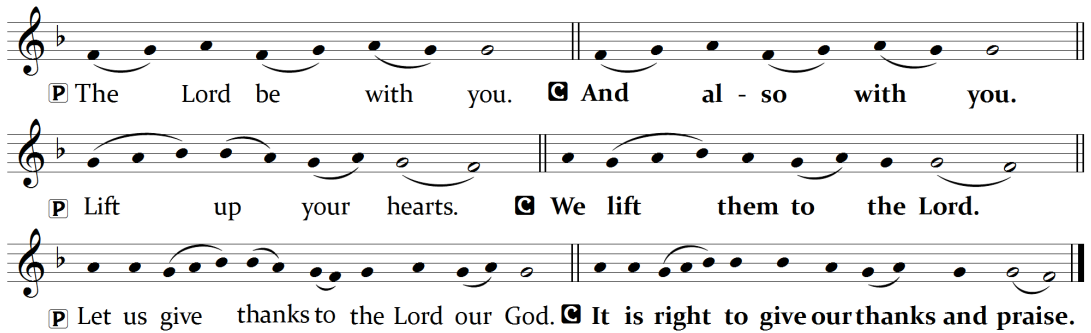
praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, 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

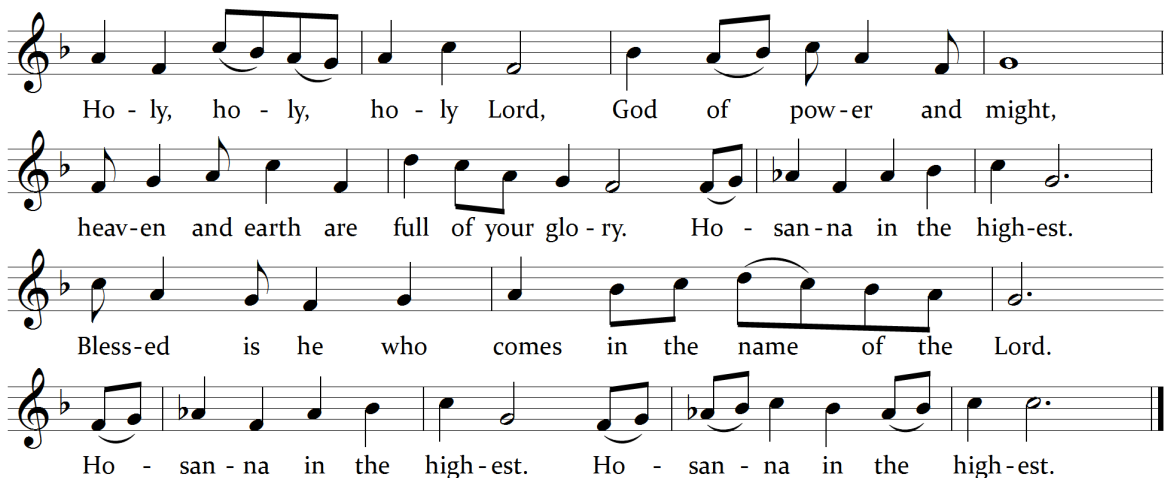


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

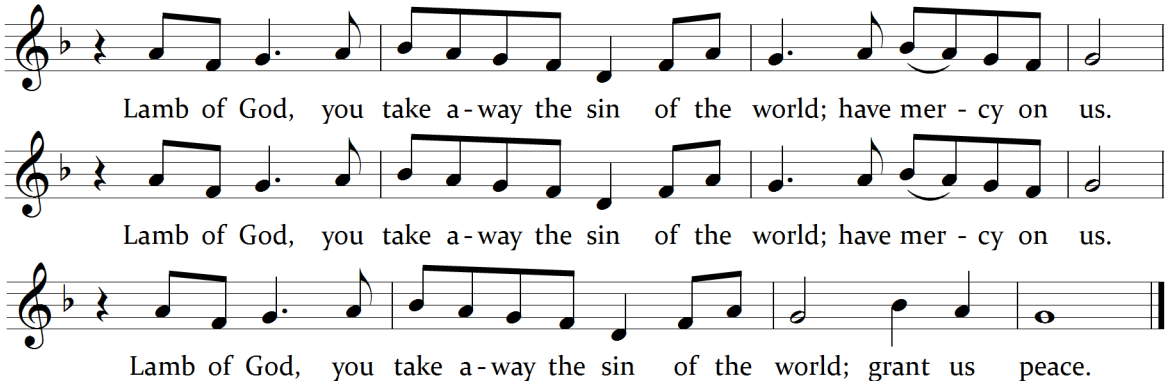
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*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.*

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

Music during Communion



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 — No. 470

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Hymn — No. 765

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post-Communion Blessing

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Ministry

*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Lord, You Call Us” stanza 4

JOYOUS LIGHT

Lord, you call us to new ven-tures by a path-way yet un-known.

Though we can - not see the end-ing, we will fol-low you a - lone,

know-ing that your hand is guid-ing, and you love us faith-ful - ly.

By your Spir - it may we ev - er faith-ful to our call-ings be.

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*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis and Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor John Quam
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. John's Chorale
Healing Prayers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Acolytes	(8:30) Marion Williams, Max Williams (10:45) Jack Kelvie, Mason Vatter
Communion Preparers	Otto and LaVerne Reitz
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rick Hillard (10:45) John and Barbara Walters
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Dwayne Hoffrogge, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (September 24):

Celebration of John Quam and his Ministry, St. John's Hall

Apple Sunday, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)

Life Groups: Grades 6-9 & Life Group Guides: Grades 10-12 (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (October 1):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)

Life Groups: Grades 6-9 & Life Group Guides: Grades 10-12 (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

St. John's Forum: What is it? - A Reformation Crash Course for Dummies (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)



Wednesday Night
MEALS

Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall
All are welcome!

**Menu for Wednesday, September 20:
Sloppy Joes with Tater Tots**

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Joe and Judy Smith in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 30. 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: October 29 and November 12. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00.

TODAY! Celebration of Pastor John Quam and his Ministry (with Apple Sunday)

John Quam is retiring after 20 years as our Visitation Pastor on September 30. Today, Pastor Quam will preach at both services and between services we will celebrate in St. John's Hall with a reception and program for John and Louise.

Accompany Newcomer Gatherings

Today, 9:45 a.m., Undercroft

Accompany, St. John's process of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone continues.

Invitation to Tanzania Summit

The Synod invites us to reconnect with our friends in the Central Diocese of Tanzania at the Tanzania Summit on Sunday, October 8, 3:00-6:00 p.m., at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester. A variety of workshops will be offered at the summit, including sessions on Health Ministries, congregational partnerships, and Tanzanian culture. These interactive workshops are designed to help you ask questions, engage with current issues in the Tanzanian church, and have some fun! A Tanzanian meal will also be provided. Special guests, Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi and Deborah Lyanga, will update us on the most recent Central Diocese news. Contact Jane Rinehart at janesrinehart@gmail.com by tomorrow if you want to attend.

Wednesday Conversation Circle

September 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

(Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month)

First book: Old Stories for a New Time by James Limburg.

Disaster Relief funds given to Lutheran Disaster Response will be directed wherever they are most needed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your gifts! You can direct a check to St. John's with "Disaster relief" on the memo line, or you can go directly to www.elca.org to donate online.

Lutheran Social Services: "It All Started With Children"

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Petersen (retired CEO of LSS) and his wife Mary, will speak to us about LSS' work with refugees and immigrants, how it began, and its adaptation to changing global needs. This event is open to the public. Sponsored by St. John's Women, and Adult Education & Ministry Board.

Announcements (cont.)

Kneeding Knitters for Knew Knitting Ministry!

Knovice or Knowledgeable. Knit Baptismal blankets and prayer shawls. Meet us on Thursday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Sue Sharrow at sue_sharrow@msn.com or 507-301-3083.

Reminder: Meals on Wheels

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 17, through Saturday, October 14. Paper sign ups are available in the Commons. You can also sign up [online thru CCB](#). For further information contact Mary Kelvie at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or rnkluver@gmail.com.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Shared Ministry

Sign-ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

Can you help with Children's Programming?

We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday and Wednesday Programs. Here's where you can lend a hand:

- A team teacher for 5th grade.
- Help on Wednesdays with our buses at Bridgewater and Sibley (takes about 10 minutes taking attendance and making sure kids are on board our bus).
- Caregivers in the Nursery.

Please email Julie Brehmer, children@StJohnsNorthfield.org, if you have questions.

Wednesday Night Meal Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are need to help with this week's Wednesday Night Meal. Sign ups are available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

Attention: October Hospitality Group...

Sign ups are now available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

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 recovering

Bobbie Maakestad, Thomas Severson, Carol Solid

Those celebrating the birth of

Isaac Loy, son of Arielle and Adam Loy

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gaggioli, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Grace Madson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Rodney and Janice Helgeson

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 and Carol 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.

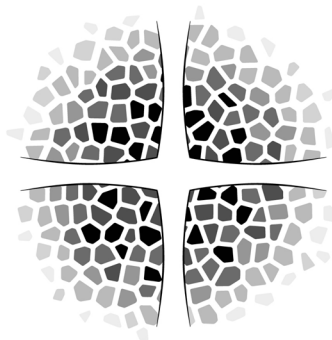
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 1):

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 † Psalm 25:1-9 † Philippians 2:1-13 † Matthew 21:23-32

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sep. 25	11:30 a.m. Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite 12:00 p.m. Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room 5:30 p.m. Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 26	8:45 a.m. Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters, Offsite 12:30 p.m. Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 7:00 p.m. Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Sep. 27	12:00 p.m. NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room Nominating Committee, Undercroft 3:45 p.m. "ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5) 4:15 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room 4:45 p.m. Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Conversation Group, Fireside Room 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room 7:00 p.m. St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sep. 28	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sep. 29	8:45 a.m. Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 30	8:00 a.m. Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway
Sunday, Oct. 1	8:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> 10:45 a.m. Worship / Nursery (Baptism - Alice Jane Langford)



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