



17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 2, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# *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** — “Declamation on ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’”

Craig Phillips

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

## \*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

- ☐ Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the

**© Thanks be to God.**

join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — Luke 17:5-10

Spark Story Bible, page 394

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 690

“We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord”

### \*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

(8:30) "Blessed Be!"

Melanie DeMore

*Blessed Be! Blessed Be the Living Tree. Blessed Be the Tree of Life that grows within you and me. Steady and true, rooted in love. Shelter and peace below and above. Sing to the sky, rise from the earth. Seasons come round again. Death to rebirth. Blessed Be the Tree of Life that grows within you and me.* —Melanie DeMore

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Morning Prayer"

Nicholas Palmer

### \*Offering Hymn — "Thank You, Lord"

African American spiritual

The musical score for "Thank You, Lord" is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a focus on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord."

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

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

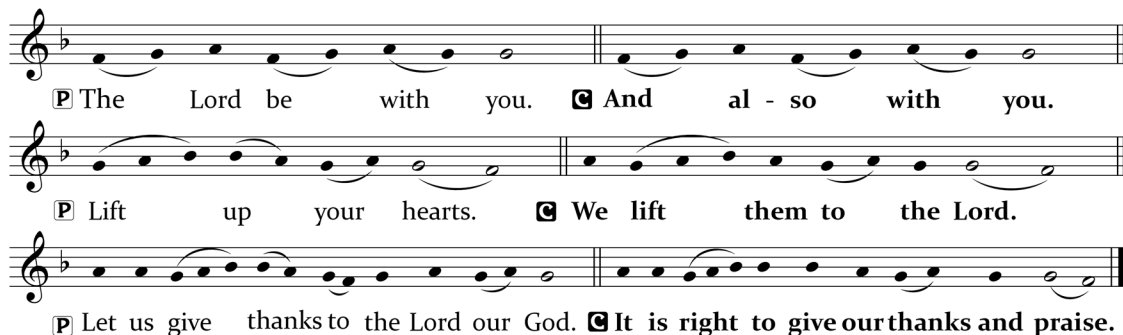
### \*Offering Prayer

☐ 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

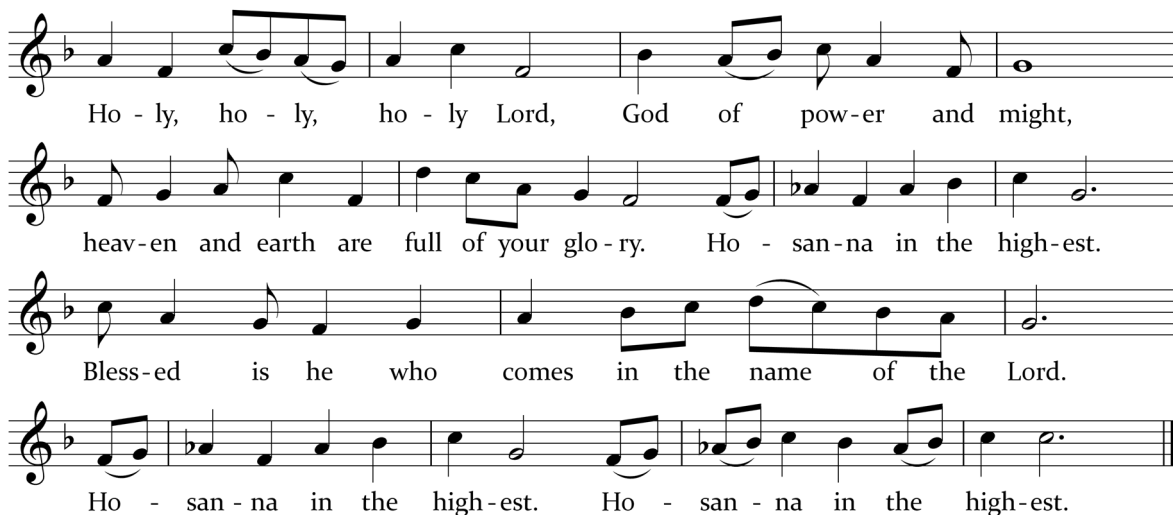


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Child's Elm Song"

Carolyn Jennings

*If there were no trees I would take my turn and stand in the street in spring with  
arms wide open in case there were birds who needed a place to sing.*

—Michael Dennis Browne

**Solo** — "Elms" from *Views from the Oldest House*

Ned Rorem

**Hymn** — ELW No. 556

"Morning Has Broken"

## **\*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. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

### **\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — Rondeau

Josef Hector Fiocco



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

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Karl Hella
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) David Sims
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) Bob and Sandra Nyvall
Coffee and Refreshments	Marie Benson, Pat Carlson, Barb Eaves, Angie Gehring
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Cindy Clauson, Monica Holicky, Leif Knecht, Mark Rydberg

## **Children and Youth**

### **Children Pre-K through Grade 5**

- **Music/Choir is back on Wednesdays!**

Arielle Loy leads music for grades K–2 from 4:15–4:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (lower level) and Green Bouzard leads music for grades 3–5, Room 9 (upper level), from 4:45–5:30 p.m. We are so happy to have these wonderful music programs back on Wednesdays!

- **Toddler Time begins Next Sunday, October 9**

Each month, children who are 2 years old (by 9/1/22) join our preschool Sunday school class for Toddler Time. Parents are welcome too! Jenny Nystrom leads the children in song, games, crafts, and story time. Toddler Time meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 14 (lower level).

### **Upcoming Dates for Youth Ministry**

- This Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter
- Wednesday, October 12, 7:00–8:00 p.m.: Confirmation Rally at NHS featuring Lutheran Bluegrass Band, “The Fleshpots of Egypt” and a special message from Rolf Jacobson, Dean of Faculty and Professor at Luther Seminary, on How to Care for One Another as Christians. We invite parents and their youth to this event. This event is a collaborative effort by Northfield area churches to bring all confirmation students and their parents together. More information about courses to come.

# **Announcements**

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

*Printed copies of the September 29 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of the marriage of Cameron Judge-Becker and Gwendolyn Polich on Saturday, October 1. 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 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: December 1, 11, 18, 24 & 25.

## **Planning Our Future Together Discussion #1**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Please join us to share your ideas and hear from others as we imagine building a strong future as a congregation. What ministries should be our priorities? How can we best use our facility to serve our mission? What are your dreams for St. John's? For more details please read the article in the October Voice. Plan to join us in St. John's Hall between services on Sundays, October 2 or 16, or at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26.

## **Patio Theology: All Creatures Great and Small**

**Monday, October 3, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Jon and Alison Kavanaugh (428 Ford St. E)**

In the week of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, let's talk about God's creatures. The ones who live with us and the ones we try to exterminate. The ones we eat and the ones we plant gardens for. What does it mean to widen our understanding of God's mercy as being for the whole creation? How should our spirituality be adapting to an age of climate change? We'll start with a poem about praying for our dogs, at the Welcome Desk.

## **Wednesday Night Meals**

**Wednesday, September 28, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Menu: Taco Night

All are invited to enjoy a community meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during the programming year! Meals are free-will offering to help cover the cost of food.

- **Can you help support Wednesday Night Meals by donating a dessert (store-bought or home-made treats)?** Sign up to donate a dessert by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Thank you!

## **Submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice**

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice to Leah Garlie electronically via email to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.
- The Voice (December 2022 / January 2023 Edition): November 15

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Message from the Stewardship Board**

Please check the E-Voice for this week's message.

## **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.

**If you are unable to make it to the church for a photo session, you can submit a photo via email to the church office or dropped one off at the church. For additional assistance, call the church office at 507-645-4429.**

**The St. John's Church Council approved a bid to make acoustic improvements in St John's Hall,** with the goal of better acoustics for conversation and fellowship in this room that is a key resource for our congregation and the whole community. \$13,000 has been pledged so far toward this project, and designated gifts are now being accepted, with a goal of raising at least half of the project's \$44,000 cost. Gifts should be designated to "acoustic project."

## **St. John's Supports Viking Terrace via the CAC**

**MATCHING GOAL REACHED!** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the CAC's fund for mobile home rehabilitation at Viking Terrace. We exceeded our goal to match funds and will be sending \$5,030 to the CAC for this fund.

## **Courageous Conversations: Abortion—What should we do?**

**Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom**

As the politics of abortion heats up, how do we move forward together, understanding the complexities of this issue? Jeffrey D. Nelson, M.D., family physician and author of "What Should I Do?" will discuss abortion, religious freedom, and difficult reproductive decisions. Sponsored by St. John's Women. Registration Required: <http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous>

## **Courageous Conversations' Book Group via Zoom Begins Thursday, October 27**

Our next book choice is *Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice* by Rebecca Todd Peters. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Discussion dates are October 27, November 10, and December 1 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Dawn Tommerdahl at [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) to receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

## **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,  
Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella),  
Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

*Those celebrating the marriage of*

Cameron Judge-Becker and Gwendolyn Polich

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Romulus Busa

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, 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*

Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson

*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.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 9):**

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c + Psalm 111 + 2 Timothy 2:8-15 + Luke 17:11-19

# **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, Oct. 3</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Home of Jon and Alison Kavanaugh
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 4</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 5</b>	12:00 p.m.	NAIA (Nfld Area Interfaith Association), St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
<b>Thursday, Oct. 6</b>	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Three Links, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Oct. 7</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Oct. 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat (Grade 10), Offsite
		Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
<b>Sunday, Oct. 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Toddler Time, Preschool Class Room, Room 14
		Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		St. John's Forum, St. John's Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	CVEC Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall



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