

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

REFORMATION SUNDAY

CELEBRATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

OCTOBER 29, 2017 8:30 AND 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

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Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

As members of the church we share in the healing ministry of Jesus. 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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

On October 31, 1517, a young Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther, nailed a protest document with 95 theses against a door of the Wittenberg Castle Church in Germany. This act sparked a history of reforms and new ideas, along with many disagreements and separations. Five hundred years later we mark this anniversary in prayer and song, acknowledging our place in this rich history while working to heal our brokenness.

We honor this tradition by singing Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" but we also explore new sounds, colors, and languages. Countless composers have been inspired by the Spirit of God moving through the Church. Grace has set us free! Let us celebrate and SING!

The 500th anniversary is commemorated in an age of ecumenical accountability. We receive many fruits of the Reformation and we repent for our wrong doing and division. We engage a spiritual and theological challenge: telling our story from a perspective of unity, not division. We give thanks to God who calls us in this time and place to be God's people full of grace and truth. — from the Lutheran World Federation

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Festival March" from the *St. Olaf Organ Book* F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

Welcome and Announcements

*Processional Hymn — No. 504

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Please stand and face the cross at the back of the sanctuary.

*Confession

- Blessed be the

 → holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
- @ Amen.

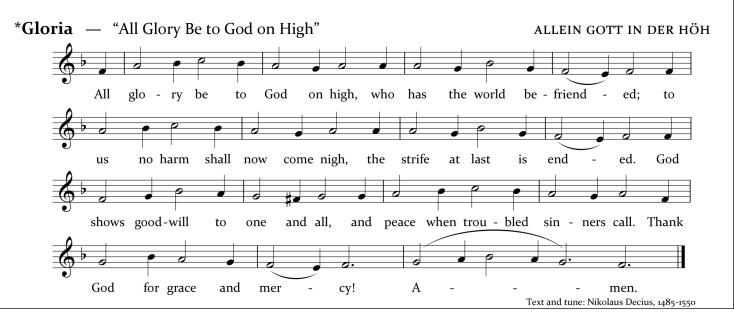
Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Source of all life,
- 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.
- **M** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon / (10:45) Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 641

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, page 915

After the reading:

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

*Gospel Procession

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" from Cantata 80

Sung by the Chorale in German.

Text and melody: Martin Luther, 1529; harm. J. S. Bach

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, ein gute Wehr und Waffen. Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not, die uns jetzt hat betroffen. Der alt böse Feind mit Ernst er's jetzt meint; groß Macht und viel List sein grausam Rüstung ist, auf Erd ist nicht seins gleichen.

*Gospel — Matthew 22:34-46

Spark Story Bible, page 308; Pew Bible, page 804

Before the reading:

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

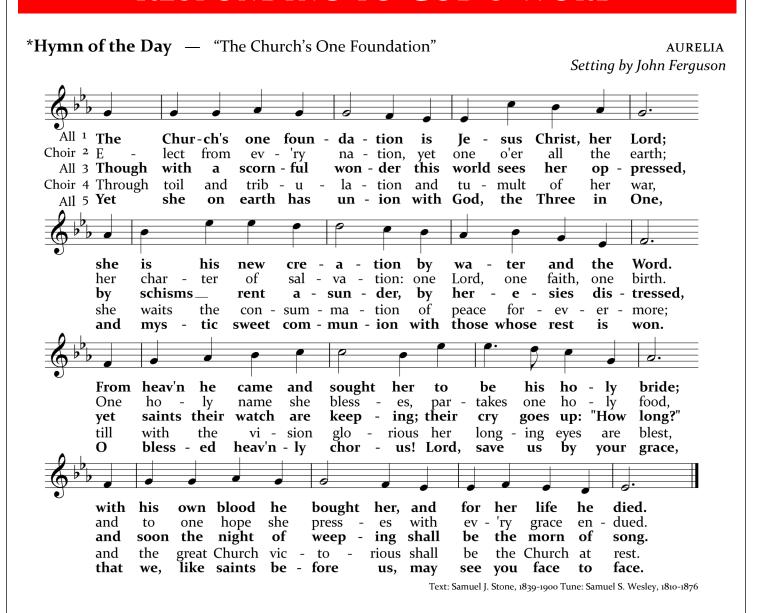
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" stanza 4 Text and melody: Martin Luther, 1529; harm. J. S. Bach

Das Wort sie sollen lassen stahn und kein Dank dazu haben; er ist bei uns wohl auf dem Plan mit seinem Geist und Gaben. Nehmen sie uns den Leib, Gut, Ehr, Kind und Weib: lass fahren dahin, sie haben's kein Gewinn, das Reich muss uns doch bleiben.

Sermon Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*The 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:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.

*Peace

- **P** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Anthem at the Offering:

"Now Thank We All Our God" from Cantata 79

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices, Who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

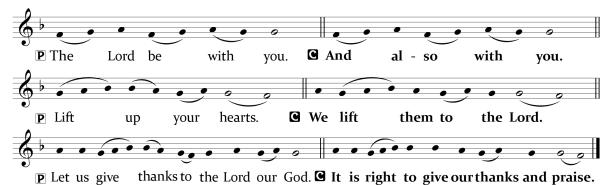
St. John's Chorale

*Offering Prayer

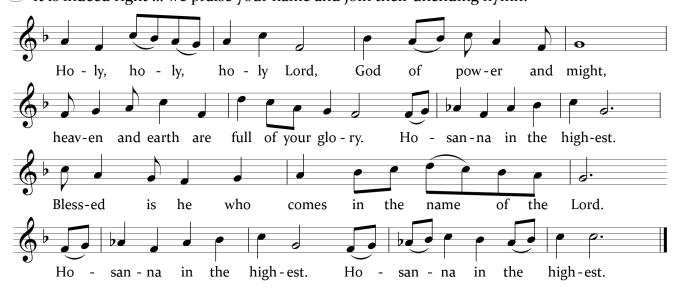
- **L** Let us pray.
- God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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



*Eucharistic Prayer

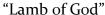
- O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise...
- P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.
- **G** Amen.
- P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.
- C Amen.

*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





Hymn — No. 729

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

Hymn — No. 407

"O Living Breath of God"

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Singabahambayo"

South African Freedom Song Sung in Nguni and English

Singbahambayo thina kulomhlaba kepha sinekhaya eZulwini. Sithi Haleluya. (On earth an army is marching, we're going home. Our longing bears a song, so sing out strong.)

Each day our friendship is growing and with all speed we share our wine and bread a hasty meal. Sithi Haleluya.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- **P** God, you have fed us with your very self.
- Me say thank you.
- P You have made us one in the body of Christ.
- **M** We say thank you.
- P You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
- **M** We say thank you.
- P Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing, may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace, and bless you now and forever.
- **M** Amen.



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*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **⚠** Thanks be to God.

praise him!

Postlude — on ein feste burg

Charles Ore (b. 1936)

ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)



Al-le-lu-ia,





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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Assisting Minister Ruthie Neuger

Organist Nathan Proctor Choir St. John's Chorale

Brass Olav Serres, John Cloeter; trumpet

Neil Hutcheon; trombone

Delaney Breen; horn

Percussion William Arnold

Acolytes (8:30) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson

(10:45) Merri Kmoch, Edy McLaughlin

Healing Prayers (8:30) Melissa Berthelsen, Larry Christenson

(10:45) Dick Beckmen, Christy Hall-Holt

Communion Preparers Marilyn Boschee, Carolyn Nitz

Communion Server Dave Neuger

Greeters (8:30) Ruth Hansen, Tania Legvold

(10:45) Robert and Sharon Flaten, Becky Ness

Coffee Marybeth Bremer, Sharon Flaten, Sharol Nau, Robin Ness, Alysa Toov

Nursery TBD

Counters Brenda Bultman, Jerry Kipp, David Nitz, David Norman

Ushers (8:30) Dallas Berg, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert

(10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson,

Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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Third Graders receiving their Bibles today include:

Anna Bash, Joshua Faust, Hunter Heath-Williams, Genevieve Knutson, Dyson McBroom, Will McLaughlin, Isabelle Paulson, Selius Price, John Tracy, Noah Tracy, Braden Van Sickle

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 (October 29):

(Root) Beer and Reformation Festival, St. John's Hall Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level) Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)



Reformation Festival

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

Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Activities for all ages include:

- Root Beer Keg with a Martin Luther Take-Home Cup
- Luther Rose Crafts
- Nail Pounding on the Affirmation Door
- "Diet of Worms" Treats
- Check out Martin "Loofahs"
- Martin and Katie Luther Skit

Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing with the Flesh Pots of Egypt! Tonight, Imminent Brewing, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The ELCA churches in Northfield are hosting at Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing at Imminent Brewing. Come out with your friends and sing some good ol' church hymns, led by The Flesh Pots of Egypt. As an effort to reach out and build bridges in this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have especially invited members of St. Dominic's Catholic Church to join us. As with all events, everyone is welcome. *Note: This is a child friendly event.*

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Elsie Nelsen in memory of Arne Nelsen. 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: November 12, December 10, 24, 25 & 31. 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.

We Welcome Hannah Wenzel to St. John's as Our New Sunday Morning Nursery Worker

Hannah is a freshman at St. Olaf College and will be working in our Nursery from 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Stop by to say hi and introduce yourself!

CROP Walk

Today, 2:30 p.m., Meet at St. Dominic's Catholic Church

Take a stand against poverty, economic disparity, water, and food scarcity. **Join Team St. John's this Sunday at 2:30 p.m.** to walk together from St. Dominic's church to Bridge Square. There is no cost to walk. If you want to donate or collect donations, they can be turned in at registration. Twenty five percent of money raised will be used by Northfield's CAC for local need. Seventy-five percent will support projects around the world. To walk or donate to Team St. John's go to: https://www.crophungerwalk.org/northfieldmn/Donate

Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra Concert Today! 3:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Come hear the CVRO in their first performance of the 2017-18 concert season. The concert features pianist, Esther Wang, performing Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 17 in G Major* with full orchestra. Repertoire also includes Boieldiue's *Overture to the Caliph of Bagdad* and Berwald's *Symphony No. 3*. Tickets will be available at the door.

Manna and Mercy Mondays: Alan Storey on White Privilege Mondays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Recently, Alan Storey recorded a presentation on White Privilege. Continuing the next two Mondays, Manna and Mercy Mondays will be listening to and discussing parts of his presentation. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, November 5, is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

This is the day the church particularly gives thanks for those who have gone before us in faith. St. John's will remember by name those members who have died in the past year, ringing the bell and lighting candles in memory of each of them. Between services there will be a time for prayer at 10:00 a.m. by the St. John's Columbarium in the courtyard (weather permitting).

Help serve November 9 at Thursday's Table!

This is Northfield Community Action Center's free evening meal. After you serve, enjoy the meal with others in our Northfield community. Sign up by contacting Mary Kelvie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429 or paper sign ups are available on the bulletin board in the Commons next to the church office or online thru CCB.

- Room Set Up (2:30 3:00 p.m.) 1 person
- Set Tables (3:00 4:00 p.m.) 2 people
- Table Cleaners and Re-Setters (4:45 6:45 p.m.) 3 people

Announcements (continued)

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Hunger is real. It menaces the homeless, the poor, those caught in civil wars, and those affected by global warming, drought, and other natural disasters. It is important that we SHARE from our abundance. Our church is one of the trustworthy vehicles reaching out to places and people who need what we have to give. We encourage people to make that donation in November. For those who use the on-line donation system, there is a specific account named ELCA World Hunger. St. John's often raises at least \$10,000. Be generous. It is important. Thank you.

Northfield Schools Referendum Info Session

Wednesday, November 1, 6:15 p.m., St. John's Theater

St. John's welcomes Superintendent Matt Hillmann to speak about what the upcoming school referendum means for our community. Please join us on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:15 p.m. in the St. John's theater on the 2nd floor (handicap access available through the elevator) for a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The nursery will be open for families with children that would like to attend.

"Walking With South Sudan"

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Clark Cary, chair of the Southeast Minnesota Synod Task Force, will speak to the community. His topic: "Walking With South Sudan," a six year-old country where people suffer from civil war, hunger, migration of refugees, and lack of health care. The Southeast Minnesota Synod is in companionship with the church in South Sudan to support their ministry. Everyone is welcome.

Perspectives on Palestine

Saturday, November 4, 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

After 50 years of Occupation it is time for Americans to learn of the Palestinian side. Come to St. John's Hall on Saturday, November 4, for a day-long seminar. The leading speaker is Dr. Mark Braverman, an American Jew hearing about the wonders of Israel. He felt compelled to see for himself. While visiting he realized the humanitarian crises taking shape and has devoted the rest of his life to making a different. For more information on this conference visit info@njpmn.org.

Breakfast, PJ, and Movie Morning Coming Monday, November 6 (NO School Day)!

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's! Come for breakfast and stay to watch a movie. Feel free to bring friends!

- Where: The Commons for Breakfast, Movie in St. John's Theater
- Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Children younger than kindergarten need to be accompanied by a parent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated!

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. 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.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (@StJohnsNF). If you have pictures we could add to our Facebook site of the happenings of our church, please email them to: photos@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Paul Beck, Angie Groth, Barb Knaak, Bobbie Maakestad, Richard Schaefer, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Audrey Lindley, sister of Barbara Johnson

Family of Grace Madson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, 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

Elouise Quinnell, Linda Beckman, Maggie Lindell

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

lambi Lutheran Church in lambi, 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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 1: Nacho Boats

All are welcome!

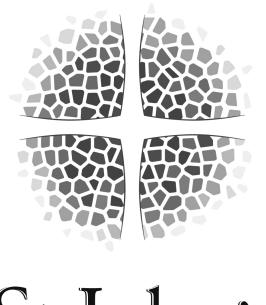
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 30 Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room 12:00 p.m. Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Tuesday, Oct. 31 8:45 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 10:00 a.m. Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room 12:30 p.m. Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1 3 Links Communion, Offsite 9:30 a.m. NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room 12:00 p.m. "ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5) 3:45 p.m. CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Room 19 / Grade 5 - Undercroft 4:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 4:15 p.m. Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grades 6-9), Fellowship Hall / Undercroft 6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room Northfield Schools Referendum Info Session, St. John's Theater St. John's Chorale, Room 209 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 6:00 p.m. Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Women of St. John's: "Walking with South Sudan", St. John's Hall 7:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3 Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall 8:45 a.m. Youth Blast (Grades 3-6), Meet at St. John's to Carpool to Good Earth Village 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway 8:00 a.m. "Perspectives on Palestine", St. John's Hall 8:45 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 Worship / Nursery (All Saints Sunday) 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Commons 9:30 a.m. Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms 9:45 a.m. Sunday Life Group (Grades 6-12), Youth Room St. John's Forum: All Saints Day - Columbarium Service, St. John's Courtyard Accompany Newcomer Gathering, Undercroft Worship / Nursery (All Saints Sunday / Affirmation of Baptism) 10:45 a.m.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 5):

All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17 † Psalm 34:1-10, 22 † 1 John 3:1-3 † Matthew 5:1-12



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