

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

**THE HOLY TRINITY  
HOLY EUCHARIST**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026**

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church in America

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**



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We are delighted to have you with us today! To help us keep track of our cherished visitors, we kindly ask that you sign the visitor book located in the Narthex. This small gesture allows us to connect with you and offer any assistance you may need. Additionally, our ushers are more than happy to provide guidance and answer any questions you might have during worship. Whether you're here for the first time or returning, we hope you feel welcomed.



Busy bags are in the Narthex for your little ones to enjoy. These bags are thoughtfully prepared to keep children engaged during the service. Additionally, we invite you to explore and make use of the Godly Play area at the back of the Nave, designed to provide a welcoming and enriching environment for our young attendees. We hope these resources help create a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your family.

## MISSION STATEMENT

**All are welcome! We share Christ's love, grow in faith, and serve others.**

*Welcome to St. John's. We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.*

PRELUDE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERINGS

*We stand.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

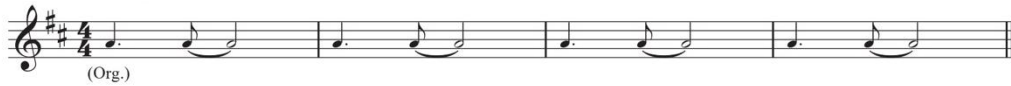
**Amen.**

## GREETING

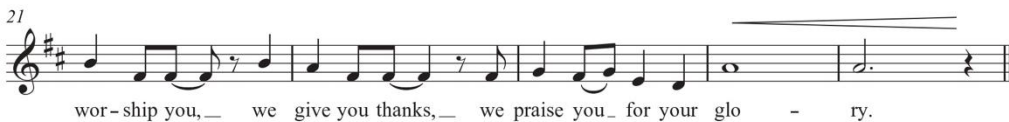
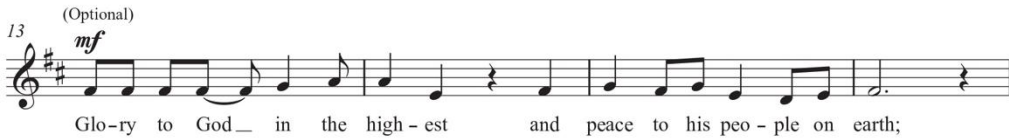
The grace of our Lord Jesus, Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## GLORIA



## Chorus



26 *f*  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est,

30  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,\_ glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est,

34 *mf*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son\_\_\_\_\_ of the\_ Fa - ther,

38  
Lord God,\_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the\_ sin of the

41 *mp*  
world. Have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at\_ the right

45  
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive\_ our prayer. \_\_\_\_\_

### Chorus 3

CONGREGATION

49 *f*  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est,

53 (Optional)  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,\_ glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est. For

57 *mf*  
you a - lone\_ are the Ho - ly One,\_ You a - lone\_\_\_\_\_ are the\_ Lord;

61

You a - lone\_ are the Most\_ High,\_ Je - sus\_ Christ. With the

65

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

### Final Chorus

CONGREGATION

70

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God,\_ glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est, Glo - ry,

75

glo-ry to God,\_ glo-ry to God\_ in the high - est. A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

### WORD

#### READING

GENESIS 1:1-2:4

A reading from Genesis.

**I**N the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from

the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day ... And so for six days by the word of God, God created the heavens, the earth, and the seas; the plants, the birds of the air, and all living creatures in the seas and on the land. And God saw that it was good. Then on the sixth day God said ... "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

PSALM 8

*Sung by the choir*

*Chant by ANNE MOUNSEY (CONTEMPORARY)*

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>4</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>5</sup> What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- <sup>6</sup> You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;
- <sup>7</sup> You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- <sup>8</sup> All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup> O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**SECOND READING**

II CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

A reading from II Corinthians.

**F**INALLY, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

HYMN 168



*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;\* God's glory fills the whole earth.*

**GOSPEL**

MATTHEW 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**OW the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

PASTOR MCCREIGHT

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Holy God, we praise you rname*

**HYMN 414**

*We sit.*

**HOLY BAPTISM**

**ELW 227**

*We kneel or sit for the prayers.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each intercession ends with these words:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*We stand.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We sit.*

**GREETINGS**

**MEAL**

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*I bind unto myself today*

**HYMN 450**

*To support the mission and ministry of St. John's, you can give online at [www.stjohnelca.org](http://www.stjohnelca.org) or scan the QR code above.*

*We stand.*

**HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION**

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee. Amen.**



# GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Org.) *mp* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

5 *cresc. poco a poco* ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your

8 *mf* glo - ry. *più f* Ho - san - na, *mf* ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

11 *più f* san - na. *attacca* ho - san - na in the high - est.

14 *mp*

Blessed is he who comes \_\_\_ in the name of the Lord,

16 *p* *mf*

Blessed is he who comes \_\_\_ in the name of the Lord, ho -

19 *più f* *mf*

san - na, ho - san - na in the \_\_\_ high - est, Ho -

21 *più,* *rit.*

san - na, ho - san - na in the \_\_\_ high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;  
 you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
 that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
 Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will  
 and accomplished our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving Passion and death,  
 his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,  
 we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought, but as we are able;  
 and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,  
 and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine;  
 that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son  
 may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,  
 and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church, now and forever.

**Amen**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



1 Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most  
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant  
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from



ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -  
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As  
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er, we pray! For



tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On  
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with  
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in



earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!  
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.  
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*All who believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine, forgiving sin and promising eternal life, are welcome to the Table of the Lord. Gluten-free wafers are available if requested.*

*We sit.*

## MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

ANTHEM

*Christ is our cornerstone*

STOPFORD

HYMN

*Father most holy*

HYMN 415

*We stand.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen."

**Amen.**

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Lord, you give the great commission*

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: 'Heal the  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: 'In my  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: 'This my  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure; 'Fa - ther,  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: 'I am

sick and preach the word.' Lest the Church ne - glect its  
name bap - tize and teach.' That the world may trust your  
bod - y, this my blood.' Let us all, for earth's true  
what they do, for - give.' Yet we hoard as pri - vate  
with you to the end.' Faith and hope and love re -

mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us  
prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us  
glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing  
treas - ure all that you so free - ly give. May your  
stor - ing, may we serve as you in - tend, and, a -

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains five lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains three lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line.

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wit-ness to your pur-pose with re-newed in - teg-ri - ty;  
all new fer-vour, draw us clos - er in com - muni - ty;  
that the world a - round us share your children's lib-er - ty;  
care and mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;  
mid the cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter-ni - ty;



with the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is - try.  
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with the Spir-it's gifts em-power us for the work of min-is - try.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

We welcome Concordia Conservatory faculty cellist, Gunnar Sahlin, and thank him for playing for us this morning!

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St. Helen's Service, Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange;

Lord's Prayer: text by Keith Landis (b. 1980); music by K. Landis, harm. by John Rutter

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### **Worship Leaders Today**

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Celebrant	The Rev. Martha McCreight
Organist	Cantor Nathan Lively-Greyling
Worship Assistant	
Reader	Eric Lane
Communion Assistant	
Usher	Eric Lane
Altar Committee	Janet Segerdell
Counters	Lois Coffin, Gary Esposito, Pat Fisher
Coffee Hour	
Little Free Pantry	Eric Lane

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### **Wednesday, June 3**

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist - Chapel

#### **Saturday, June 6**

5:00 pm Pride Choral Eucharist

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Sunday, June 7**

9:30 am Mass on the Grass

#### **Wednesday, June 10**

12:00 noon Weekly Eucharist

#### **Sunday, June 14**

11:30 am Memorial Garden Service - Ellie Hecklau

#### **Sunday, June 20**

2:00 pm Swedish Midsummer Celebration



### **PRAYER LIST**

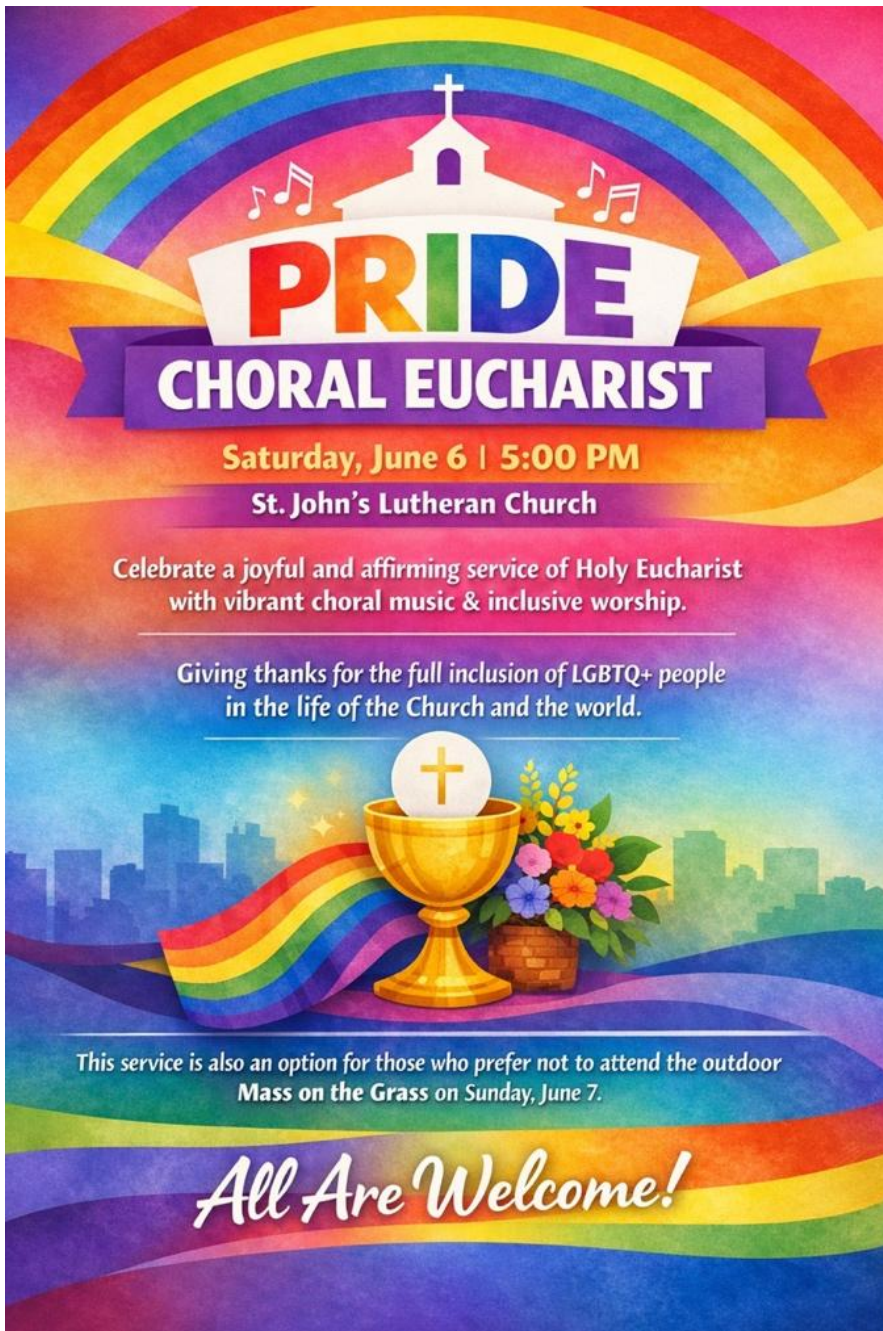


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Beryl, Valerie, Gary, Pr Harv Weitzel, Trish, Joe, Henry, Paul, Paul, Becky, Margaret, Jack, Cat, Roberta

If you have someone to add to the prayer list, please email the parish office. Contact Pr Martha for pastoral needs at 406-565-3592.

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**PRIDE**  
**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Saturday, June 6 | 5:00 PM**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Celebrate a joyful and affirming service of Holy Eucharist with vibrant choral music & inclusive worship.

Giving thanks for the full inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the life of the Church and the world.

This service is also an option for those who prefer not to attend the outdoor Mass on the Grass on Sunday, June 7.

*All Are Welcome!*



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— Please join us! —

CELEBRATING TWO  
TALENTED SENIORS

# ELI & ADAM *in Concert*

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BOTH MEMBERS OF  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ELI BARTELS

*Senior Recital*  
FOR VOICE

— ❖ —  
FEATURING SHOW FAVORITES

📅 Sunday, June 14, 2026

🕒 7:00 pm

📍 Luther Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church  
884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905

— ❖ —  
*Reception to follow*

## ADAM FAMOUS

*Senior Recital*  
FOR VIOLIN

📅 Friday, June 12, 2026

🕒 8:00 pm

📍 St. John's Lutheran Church  
884 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT 06905

— ❖ —  
*Reception to follow*



FAITH. COMMUNITY. FAMILY.

*That's what St. John's is all about.*



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We are proud to support  
Eli and Adam in their  
next steps!



# Summer CHOIR

## BEGINS JUNE 14!

Looking for a low-commitment, joyful way to stay connected through music this summer?

*Join us!*



### WE MEET AT 9:00 AM

for a quick, relaxed rehearsal around the piano in the back of the church.



### WE SING DURING THE OFFERTORY.



### MINIMAL COMMITMENT!

No weekly commitment required—come whenever you're available. All are welcome—regular choir members and newcomers alike!

### THIS YEAR'S THEME:

# Old and New



We'll sing some **new tunes** with favorite texts



Some **new texts** with favorite tunes



And some **new texts** and **new tunes**

It's a chance to experience the richness of tradition alongside the creativity of today's church music—all in a supportive, low-pressure setting.



Mark your calendars

**AND JOIN US**

for this opportunity for *easy musical fun in worship!*



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# St. John's SWEDISH MIDSUMMER Gathering

A SIMPLE SUMMER AFTERNOON OF  
FOOD, FLOWERS, STORIES, AND FELLOWSHIP



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**SATURDAY, JUNE 20 2:00-5:00PM**



ENJOY A SUMMER  
POTLUCK LUNCH



DECORATE A  
FLOWER-AND-RIBBON  
MAYPOLE



SHARE STORIES &  
OLD MEMORIES OF  
ST. JOHN'S



PLAY CASUAL  
LAWN GAMES



SIT, VISIT & ENJOY  
TREATS TOGETHER

## What to Bring ♥

- ♥ A simple summer dish to share
- ♥ Flowers or greenery for decorating the maypole and making flower crowns
- ♥ A lawn chair or picnic blanket
- ♥ Friends and family
- ♥ A favorite Swedish or Scandinavian memory or story—especially old memories of St. John's and its Swedish traditions



## Potluck Ideas ♥

Simple and summery dishes are perfect!

- Potato salad
- Fresh fruit or berry dishes
- Pasta salads
- Swedish meatballs
- Pickled herring
- Cheese & crackers
- Tea sandwiches
- Deviled eggs
- Strawberry desserts
- Cardamom breads or pastries
- Cookies or bars
- Lemonade or iced tea



*No need to cook anything elaborate—easy picnic foods are encouraged!*



## Volunteers Needed! ♥

We'd love a few helping hands to make this a joyful event for everyone!

- ♥ Set up tables and chairs
- ♥ Decorate the maypole
- ♥ Organize lawn games
- ♥ Help coordinate the potluck table
- ♥ Clean up afterward

If you'd like to help organize part of the celebration, please let us know. Everyone's help makes it a success!



*Come celebrate light, summer, stories, flowers, and fellowship with us!*

