



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

*We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!*

*As we enter a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow CDC guidelines for public gatherings. We feel the different impacts of this time on our community and long for a time when we will be able to safely share in Holy Communion indoors, and to socialize without concern for public health. Whether this morning finds you in the sanctuary or joining in worship from home, please know that this is not our "new normal," but a time of gradually learning how to be together in-person while we wait for more vaccinations and fewer COVID infections in our community.*

*Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.*



*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

*Sacred wind, come blow on us  
Let us feel your presence  
Holy Earth, anchor us  
Nourish our frames  
Illuminating fire, burn even brighter  
Reflect your truth  
Life-giving water,  
Restore and baptize us*  
— from *Liturgies from Below*, Cláudio Carvalhaes

**Prelude** — “O Living Breath of God”  
*Soplo de Dios viviente*

Al Roberts

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — “O Living Breath of God” (#407)

VÅRVINDAR FRISKA



O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin-nig up-on the wa-ters;  
O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a-mong us;  
O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa-ters;



O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre-a-tion to won-drous birth:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre-a-tion gives life a-new:  
O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre-a-tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now and fill our spir-its; pour out your gifts a-bun-dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Text: Osvaldo Catena; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford; Music: Swedish folk tune

## \*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

- ☐ Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading — Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters

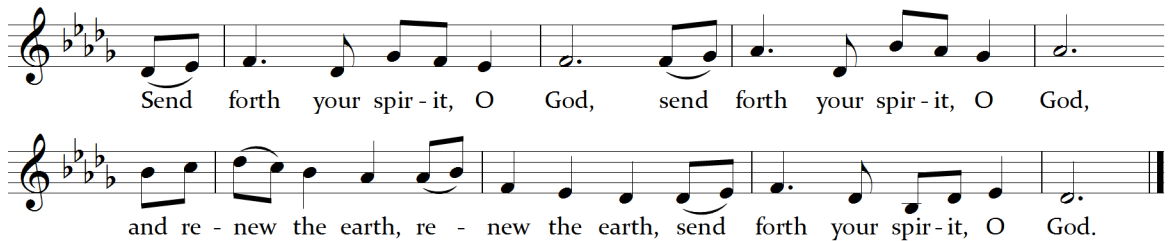
shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

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

**Psalmody — Psalm 104**

Setting by Marty Haugen

*Refrain: (first time cantor, then all singing)*



Send forth your spir - it, O God, send forth your spir - it, O God,  
and re - new the earth, re - new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

*O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all.  
All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made.  
All that lives looks to you in hope to give them their food in due season:  
you open your hand, they feast on good things, you hide your face and they are lost.*

**Refrain — all**

*May the glory of God endure forever and may God rejoice in all these works: God,  
who looks on the earth and it trembles; at the touch of God, the mountains smoke.  
I will sing to my God while I live; may the prayer of my heart please my Lord.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Holy One! Forevermore give praise to God.*

**Refrain — all**

**Second Reading — Romans 8:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who

searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation — “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”** NJOO KWETO, ROHO MWEMA

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you." The third staff contains the melody for the final line: "Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come." The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

English and Swahili text and tune © Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress

**\*Gospel — John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

- Ⓟ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- ☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’

<sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "O Spirit All-Embracing" (ACS #944)

THAXTED



O Spir - it all - em-brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,  
O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field and face,  
Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore-less sea of skies:  
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.  
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;  
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;  
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.  
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.  
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;  
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;  
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.  
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.  
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB © 1995, 2003 GIA Publications; Music: Gustav Holst

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — *Front of hymnal pages 227-231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Case Andrew Tussing** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Case's parents are Abbey and Andrew Tussing, and his sponsors are Scott Snesrud and Deena Otto.*

### **Presentation**

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Case  
and pray for him in his new life in Christ?  
**C** We do.

### **\*Profession of Faith**

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?  
**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
**All** 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.
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**All** 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.

### **\*Thanksgiving at the Font**

#### **Baptism**

#### **Welcome**

- P** People of God, Case is our new brother in Christ,  
Let the people say, Amen!  
**All** Amen!
- P** He is a worker with you in the kingdom of God,  
Let the people say, Welcome!  
**All** Welcome!



- Ⓟ Case belongs to God forever,  
Let the people shout, Alleluia!

🔊 **Alleluia!**

### Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

Two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

### \*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:*

“As the Wind Song”

Lim Swee Hong, arr. Marilyn Biery

### \*Thanksgiving for the Word

- Ⓟ Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word: making and mending all things, evoking the cosmic hymn of praise, and singing a love-song for your beloved—your vineyard, your flock, your people. Clothe us in your loving Spirit, flowing from the Crucified and Risen One, and keep us awake to your presence in the people and places you call us to serve. Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God, now and forever.
- 🔊 **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.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

**☩ Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" (#399)**

PUER NOBIS

O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -  
E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -  
a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -  
wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, based on Hildegard of Bingen © 1991 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

**\*Dismissal**

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Spiritual, arr. Aaron David Miller

*Please be seated for the Postlude.  
Ushers will dismiss you by rows.*



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Schroeer/Fickenscher Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Duane and Marie Benson's 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 22. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8 & 15. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom: This will be the last Sunday coffee hour over Zoom**

The Zoom link can be found on the church website.

## **The Safe Operating Committee Update**

The Safe Operating Committee has met to discuss our phases of re-opening in light of the Governor's promised changes in orders. St. John's will not change the worship plan for the month of May, but we intend for increasing worship capacity and indoor activity beginning in June and through the summer with the hope of "normal" operations by the fall. The Church Council will approve a plan by the end of this month, and details of worship times and changes in safety protocols will be forthcoming soon. We look forward to seeing you in church—and outside to socialize—soon.

## **In-Person Worship in May: Services at 9:00 a.m.**

Slots are still open for May 30. All ages, including children are welcome with their vaccinated (or recovered) parents to attend worship in the Sanctuary. We will be adding additional capacity to worship after Memorial Day. You may also sign up on the church website or by calling the church office.

## **Outdoor Worship Service**

### **Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m., Goodtree Farm**

All are welcome! Masks will be optional. This service will include Holy Communion. The farm allows a large number of people to gather, but RSVPs are needed to plan for sufficient parking space. Directions to the farm are included in the sign-up form which can be found on the church website.

## **Pub Theology via Zoom**

### **Monday, 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Pub Theology is a conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy or theological biblical knowledge is needed to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. The Zoom link can be found on the church website calendar.

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Third Grade Retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Wednesday, May 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Meet by the Cannon River across from the Village on the Cannon.

### **Outdoor Coffee and Communion**

**Wednesdays, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and June 16 and 30 at 2:00 p.m.**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will host outdoor coffee and communion under the canopy in front of the Commons doors. Masks are only optional since this event is outdoors. Chairs will be provided. Please bring your own coffee or beverage. After catching up and socializing, Pastor Pam or Pastor Jonathan will lead communion. If you plan to attend, your RSVP is appreciated for set-up planning. Sign ups can be found on the church website.

### **14<sup>th</sup> Annual NRC Golf Classic**

**Thursday, June 3**

Participating in this golfing event supports the addition of a pergola at Pathways of Faith Park, an on-campus park that provides a special place for NRC family and community to gather, relax, restore, and renew. **St. John's Lutheran Church is a co-sponsor of this event, so St. John's members can register for \$100 (a discount).** Register on the NRC website.

### **Lutheran World Relief May Fund Appeal**

Needs around the world continue even as the pandemic abates in some areas. Lutheran World Relief is spreading help and hope. Here is one story of need:

- Elsa was just a child when her entire village in Honduras was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. Today Elsa is 30 and has three young daughters. When back-to-back storms Eta and Iota swept through her village last fall, they brought a level of devastation that Elsa and her neighbors had hoped they'd never see again. With the impact of COVID-19 on top of the hurricanes' destruction, families have no idea how they'll feed their children or pay their bills.

Elsa's story is one among many. With a donation to Lutheran World Relief, we can help. Please consider an online donation or use the special offering envelope provided. Thank you.

### **Little Prairie United Methodist Church**

**Free Event: Sunday, May 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

**2980 130<sup>th</sup> St. E., Dundas**

All are invited to come tour the one-room schoolhouse, built in 1800s, and hear firsthand what it was like to be a student there from alumni! There will be free ice cream treats for everyone, too!

### **Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps**

Contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) to place your order for contactless delivery.

## 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*

Marilyn Boschee, Andy and Izzie Nelson, Susan Rudser,  
Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner), Matt Larson (Assistant to the Bishop, SE MN Synod)

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Case Andrew Tussing, son of Abbey and Andrew Tussing

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,  
Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,  
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde

*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;  
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

### **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 (May 30):

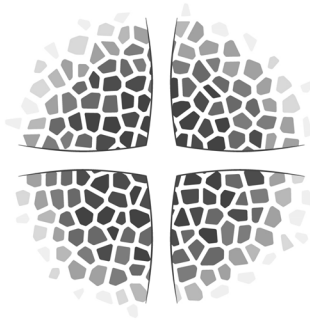
*The Holy Trinity — First Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 6:1-8 † Psalm 29 † Romans 8:12-17 † John 3:1-17

## **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, May 24</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Virtual Pub Theology via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, May 25</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Council via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, May 26</b>	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
<b>Thursday, May 27</b>	1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
<b>Friday, May 28</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Saturday, May 29</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream



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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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