



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 24, 2026 † 9:30 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 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** — “O Day Full of Grace”

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. Bryan King

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 627

“O Day Full of Grace”

*Stanza 1 — all*

*Stanza 2 — treble voices*

*Stanza 3 — bass voices*

*Stanza 4 — all; sung in harmony*

*Stanza 5 — all*

## **\*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**

☐ O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD



## Children's Message

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I  
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

## First Reading — Acts 2:1-21

Spark Story Bible, page 502

<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 people 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, “Fellow Jews 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.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen © 2003 GIA Publications, Inc.

*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**

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

Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson © Lutheran Theological College, Makumira, Tanzania, admin. Augsburg Fortress;  
Music Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland © Egil Hovland.

**\*Gospel** — John 7:37-39

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🎉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>37</sup>On the last day of the festival [of Booths], the great day, while Jesus was standing [in the temple,] he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup>and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” <sup>39</sup>Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day** — ACS No. 944

“O Spirit All-Embracing”

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father (and the Son,)**

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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*

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Libby Larsen

*Creator Spirit, heavenly dove,  
descend upon us from above;  
with graces manifold restore  
your creatures as they were before.*

– Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856

**\*Offering Hymn** — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 403

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Hymn — ELW No. 407

“O Living Breath of God”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making  
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
✠ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ✠ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ACS No. 942

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
✠ Thanks be to God!

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

Spiritual, arr. Aaron David Miller



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

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantors	Kristin Partlo, David Sims
Livestream	Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	Mary Ellen North, Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Christy Hall-Holt
Refreshments	Bob and Pat Tabery, Nancy Kluver
Counters	Sue Brockman, Janell Martin, David Nitz
Ushers	Leif Knecht, Dan Franklin, Roger Van Veldhuizen, Jim Sharrow

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# Announcements

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Duane Benson by Marie Benson and family. 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), contact the church office. Next available dates: June 7 and July 12 & 26.

## **St. John's Mission Partner: Lutheran World Relief Ending World Hunger**

Please consider a donation to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) this month. LWR works with local partners to provide both emergency and long-term solutions to hunger. In the short term, LWR provides emergency food, cash transfers, and supplies to families who have lost their crops or been uprooted by crisis. In the long term, LWR supports improving agricultural practices, strengthening local economies and markets, and equipping women farmers. You can give online or write a check payable to St. John's and indicate Lutheran World Relief on the subject line.

## **No Church Softball League Tonight**

**Next Game, Sunday, May 31, 8:20 p.m., Babcock**

**St. John's vs. Bethel**

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

## **High School Senior Recognition—Sunday, May 31**

We are excited to continue our annual tradition of recognizing our High School Seniors, surrounding them with our prayers and blessing for whatever is ahead for them. The seniors will have roles in worship, along with a moment to celebrate and bless them. Following worship, seniors and their families and mentors are invited to a luncheon in St. John's Hall. As a special gift from St. John's, each senior receives their own beautiful quilt!

## **Join Us on a Mindful Walk**

**Thursday, June 4, 7:00–8:15 p.m. (Rain Date: June 5)**

The Faith & Health Board is pleased to invite the congregation and friends to a mindful walk at Hauberg Woods in Northfield. This gentle walk, approximately one mile in length, will focus on being present in the moment and observing the natural world and will provide an opportunity for quiet contemplation in the spirit of community. Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear is recommended, as this is an unpaved path. Please register by June 1 on [CCB](#) or on the sign-up sheet in the Commons. If you have any questions, you may contact Faith & Health Board member Debra Miller at [debra.ehret@gmail.com](mailto:debra.ehret@gmail.com).

## **WELCA Summer Sips & Snips**

**Fridays, June 12 and/or June 19, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Home of Pam G-G**

Join us as we get a head start on Christmas cards and ornaments. All supplies, food, and drink will be provided. RSVP required at least 5 days in advance and seating is limited.

# Announcements (continued)

## You are Invited to Sunday Fun Day

July 19, 3:00–5:00 p.m., Oddfellows Park

All ages gathering for fellowship, food, and fun.

- 3:00 p.m.: Games/Activities (water balloons, frisbees, corn hole, etc.!)
- 4:00 p.m.: Song and Supper

Menu provided:

- BBQ: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Option
- Beverage: Lemonade, Water
- Cookies & Bars

This event is joyfully sponsored by the Adult Ministry & Education Board and the Children's Ministry & Education Board. Hope to see you and St. John's friends of all ages there!



## Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## Children and Youth

### Good Earth Village is Bringing Summer Camp to Northfield

**When:** August 3–6, 8:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Who:** Kids completing grades K–5

**Where:** Bethel Lutheran Church

**Cost:** \$70 / Camper (Scholarships Available)

Want to give your kids a faith-filled camp experience—without leaving Northfield? Good Earth Village Day Camp brings the energy, joy, and spiritual impact of summer camp to us! GEV summer staff lead a week of songs, Bible study, worship, crafts, games, and connection—all designed to help children grow in faith and friendships. We are teaming up with Bethel, St. Peter's, and United Methodist Churches! Register online at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

### Summer Camp for PreK too! Snowball Mountain Challenge! (VBS)

**Who:** For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5

**When:** August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church

**Cost:** \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

Register by scanning the QR Code.

### We need volunteers:

- **Crew Leaders**—lead a small group of children to various stations
- **Station Assistants**—stations include music, crafts, games, Bible storytelling, science
- **Decorating and Prep**—prior to VBS
- **Nursery Care for VBS**

Contact Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can help.



## 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*

Fred Huemoeller, Jon Kavanaugh, Mary Ellen North, Avis Reed

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore,  
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert,  
Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

*All who are homebound, including*

Carol Johnson, Janice Helgeson

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

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;  
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Contact 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.



# **This Week At-a-Glance**

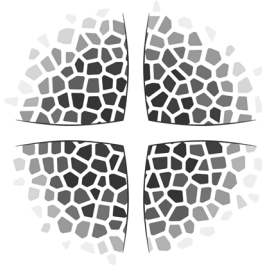
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, May 25</b>		<i>Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
<b>Tuesday, May 26</b>	7:45 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.	Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, May 27</b>	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	New Moms Network, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Alan Storey - Continuing the Journey, St. John's Hall
<b>Thursday, May 28</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	New Moms Network, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, May 29</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, May 30</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, May 31</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra Concert, St. John's Hall

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (May 31):**

*The Holy Trinity—First Sunday after Pentecost*

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a † Psalm 8 † 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 † Matthew 28:16-20**



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

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*