



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE HOLY TRINITY - FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 26, 2024 † 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 — on NICAEA

Piet Post

- I. Introduction and Hymn
- II. Più mosso
- III. Un poco allegro
- IV. Adagio
- V. Finale

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”
Stanzas 2 & 3 may be sung in harmony.

***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**

- ☐ Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory,
eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three.
Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last
into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Blessing of New Paraments

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

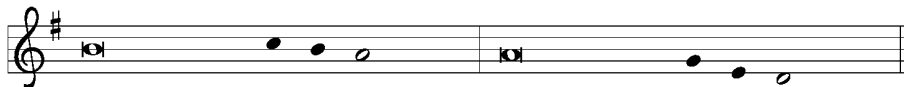
L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Refrain from (ELW No. 574) “Here I Am, Lord”

*All singing: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;**

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;

the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹**O LORD, give strength | to your people;**

give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. Refrain: all singing

Second Reading — Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and the lyrics are placed directly below the corresponding notes.

*Gospel — John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Michael Mandsager

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 408

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*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

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Sherri Hansen

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.**
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your
abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the
world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also 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. 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Hymn — ACS No. 946

“The Play of the Godhead”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

☞ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 414

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Bulletin artwork by Judy Swanson.

Portions of the liturgy are reprinted from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

Liturgy setting: Holy Communion Setting 2 by Marty Haugen, Festival Setting by John Ferguson.

Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #14028-LIT. Other liturgical aids are from *Sundays and Seasons* © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. Music reprinted and podcasted under One License A-708009.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Rev. Michael Mandsager
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David Nitz
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Donna Hunecke, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Counters	Sue Brockman, Bob Tabery, Pippa Younger
Ushers	Doug Johnson, Alison Kavanaugh, Kent Rommereim

Blessing New Paraments

This morning we are blessing a new white parament set. Paraments are hangings and vestments in churches that are found on altars, pulpits, walls, and clergy stoles.

The word parament comes from the Latin word “to adorn” or “to prepare,” and they are designed as visual reminders of the church year. Parament colors and symbols invite us into that specific season and help us mark time together as a community.

At St. John’s we have several sets, including paraments that are blue for Advent, purple for Lent, white for the season of Easter, and a green set for ordinary time.

These new white paraments were designed by St. John’s member Judy Swanson and sewn by Cindy Robinson, a Northfield-area sewer. The set is made up of three panels for the altar with matching pieces for both the lectern and the pulpit. They were designed for singular, festival Sundays in the church year when the traditional color is white, such as Holy Trinity Sunday, Christ the King, and Transfiguration. Arches are featured in the design, evoking the arched frame of the altar table legs and the walls of the chancel.

The altar pieces reverse to a field stars for Epiphany Sunday or All Saints.

Many thanks to Judy, Cindy, and all the members of the Chancel Guild for their work on this project. May these paraments help to adorn our space for many years to come.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Sandra "Sam" and Jim Wilson by Dan and Jo Franklin. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available dates: June 23 & 30.

The Nursery (located on the lower level) will be open today but will not have a caregiver present to provide childcare. Feel free to use the nursery for your child as long as a parent is present. The nursery is for children age 12 weeks to 5 years.

A Message from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Northfield CAC for Food Share month in March! Together, we raised well over \$10,000 to give to the food shelf. That is hope in action! May is the month we highlight our quarterly mission partner, Lutheran World Relief. LWR provides on-the-ground relief and care for those impacted by war, natural disasters and other emergencies. Right now, they have a mobile medical clinic in Ukraine serving those unable to evacuate the most war-damaged regions as well as a container home community in Turkey for those hardest hit by the earthquake in 2023. Please consider a gift to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you!

Coming This Summer! Camp Firelight! (VBS)

When: June 10–13, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Who: Kids entering Kindergarten–Grade 3 (2024–2025 school year)

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Please let [Julie](#) know if you need help with the cost.)

Contact Julie Brehmer for the link to the online registration form.

St. John's Pride Team—Need Volunteers!

St. John's will once again have a booth at the Northfield PRIDE celebration on Saturday, June 1, from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, being at the booth during the PRIDE celebration, and taking down at the end. If you are willing to be part of St. John's presence at PRIDE this year, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at 507-645-4429 or jdavis@stjohnsnorthfield.org

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 21, from 12:00–5:00 p.m.

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Announcements (continued)

5th and 6th Graders! Save the Date!

On Wednesday, May 29, 5:30–7:30 p.m. at St. John’s, 5th and 6th graders will be gathering for games, pizza, and a time for 5th graders to learn more about what middle school is like from our current 6th graders.

St. John’s Summer Suppers are Back

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will organize gatherings of 6–10 people connected with St. John’s on Sunday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 24. Summer suppers are a relaxing way to grow your connections in the congregation over a meal in the home or backyard of the hosts. Look for sign-up opportunities for both hosts and guests in early June.

St. John’s Building Tour!

Sunday, June 9, following Worship (10:30 a.m.), Meet in the Commons

Have you ever wondered about the location of various rooms in our church such as the Sunday School classrooms, the Youth Room, Fellowship Hall, the Game Room, the choir and music rooms, or the even the 42-seat movie theater and what they look like? Are you interested in viewing and learning more about the numerous works of art we have decorating our spaces? Or in seeing the rope that’s pulled to ring the giant bell on Sunday morning? Would you like to know where all of those hallways and stairs in our building lead? All who are curious are invited to join Pastor Pam on a tour of our spacious, multi-level church building! An elevator is available to access all 3 levels.

The next book in the Courageous Conversations series is *The Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire* by Mitri Raheb.

The group will meet June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25 and August 8 from 4:00–5:30 p.m. on Zoom. The books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Cost is approximately \$24. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to get the reading plan and Zoom link. As always, we will use the “three before me” format for our discussion.

Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (July 2024 Edition): Due by June 15

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

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

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Roberta Morse

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 2):

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 † Psalm 81:1-10 † 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 † Mark 2:23—3:6

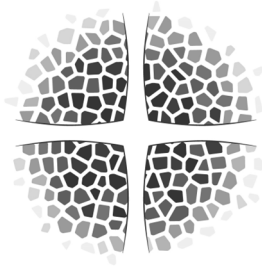
This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, May 27		<i>Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 28	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Parents Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, May 29	5:30 p.m.	5 th and 6 th Grade Bridge Event, St. John's
Thursday, May 30	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Friday, May 31	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 1		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, June 2	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons



**Church Building and Church Office
will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27,
in observance of Memorial Day.**



St. John's

ELCA NORTHFIELD MN

500 Third Street West
Northfield, MN 55057
507-645-4429

office@StJohnsNorthfield.org
www.StJohnsNorthfield.org

Pam Fickenscher, *Senior Pastor*
Jonathan Davis, *Associate Pastor*
Green Bouzard, *Jubilate Choir Director*
Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Steve Harner, *Facility Manager*
Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*
Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*