



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 28, 2023 † 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 DEN SIGNED DAG

Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 627

“O Day Full of Grace”

*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

First Reading — Acts 2:1-21

Spark Story Bible, page 498

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

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And

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

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then 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: cantors, 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 — 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

***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.

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***Gospel** — John 7:37-39

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁷On 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, ³⁸and 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.’” ³⁹Now 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Lucy Menssen
Johann Schroeer

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 407

“O Living Breath of God”

***The Nicene Creed**

Front ELW hymnal, page 104

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy,

G **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G **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 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.

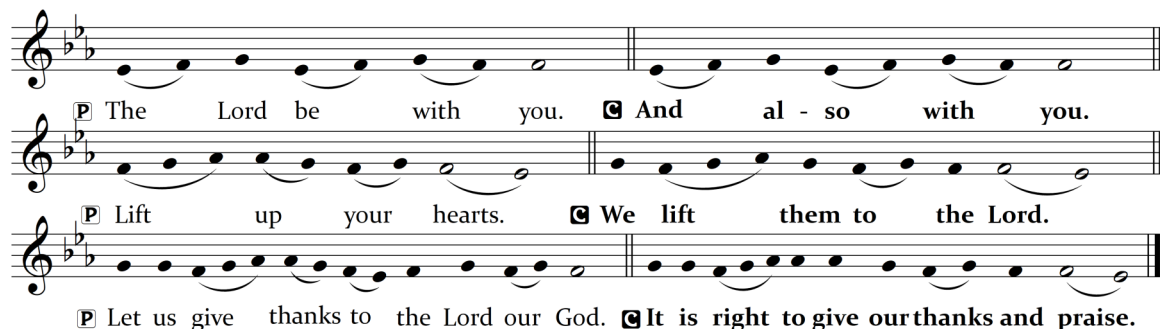
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

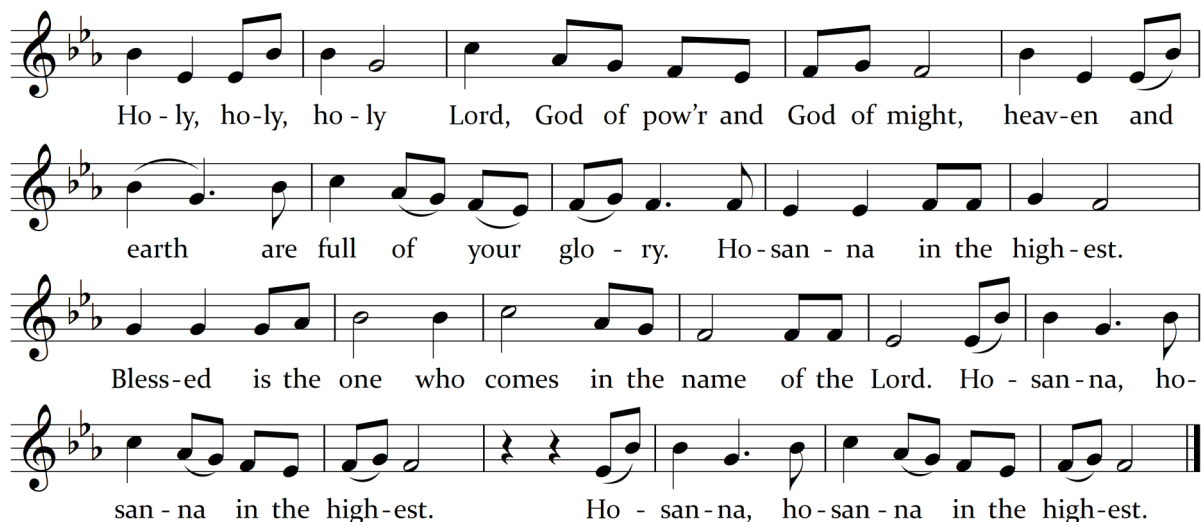
SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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'r and God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, 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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 491

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Hymn — ELW No. 405

"O Spirit of Life"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Blessing and Sending of High School Seniors

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 543

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Gigue in G Major

Vincent Lübeck Jr.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Lucy Menssen, Johann Schroeer
Assisting Minister	Rob Nutt
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantors	Kristin Partlo, Nathan Proctor
Healing Prayers	Kristin Partlo, Jennifer Edwins
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Dan and Carrie Dauner, Ted and Tricia Peterson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Gary Engstrom, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Alison Kavanaugh, Leif Knecht, John Ophaug

Congratulations to Our Graduating High School Seniors!

*Ben Blomberg, Rhett Garlie, Lucy Menssen,
Johann Schroeer, Thomas Weber, Gus Welbaum*

These seniors will be honored at a lunch following the service today.
We are proud of all of their accomplishments and
wish them grace and peace for their journeys ahead.

St. John's High School Graduates receive a quilt from St. John's.
We hope that each time they use their quilts they
remember how much their St. John's family loves them!
Thank you to Sue Brockman, Tricia Peterson, Julie Brehmer,
and the St. John's Quilters for helping construct the quilts.

Children and Youth

**Family Vacation Bible School Registration is Open
Wednesdays, June 14 and 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

St. John's, along with Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's, brings two fun family nights of VBS. Children preschool through elementary will love this hero-inspired VBS filled with heroic stories of the bible, activities, games, and songs! Please let Julie Brehmer know if you have questions. You can register online via the St. John's website.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Howard Thorsheim. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 3, 17 & 24.

Next Sunday, June 4, St. John's will Celebrate the Work of Our Knitters

In the same way that we display quilts before we send them to Lutheran World Relief, we will display a number of the prayer shawls these St. John's members have created as signs of care for those who are hurting in our community. In addition, you can learn about baptismal blankets as well as baby sweaters that other knitters send to Global Health Ministries. Come learn how some of our knitting is Trinitarian!

St. John's Forum: *PEEL Celebration Forum and Art Exhibit*

Next Sunday, June 4, 11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Join us next Sunday from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for a special *PEEL Celebration Forum and Art Exhibit*. This past winter and spring, St. John's has hosted 5 PEEL Events, where people gather together for a weekend to learn about poetry and photography and one another. Working in pairs, each person wrote a poem and took the portrait of their partner. Along with a presentation from Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand, a few PEEL participants will share some stories and reflections on this project to help us reflect on what this project means for our congregation. We will also enjoy some tasty Martha's Eats and Treats pastries. We hope you will join us for this culminating celebration!

Designated Offerings in May

May is the month we especially encourage designated offerings to Lutheran World Relief, the global ministry of the church that provides humanitarian relief and development support to the poorest parts of the world. If you receive offering envelopes, there is one in your packet for this use. Additional special envelopes are available, or you can simply put "LWR" in the memo line of a check to St. John's.

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention

September 21–24, 2023

Join other St. John's women who are traveling to Phoenix this September for the life-changing three-day convention. Reduced registration deadline has been extended to June 15. If you can't join us in Phoenix, you can still explore the Just Love theme by participating online in worship and plenary sessions. Registration for that option is also discounted through June 15. For information and registration: welcatg.org or women.stjohns500@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

Church Softball League Games

Note: No Game this Evening

Next Sunday, June 4, 5:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1

St. John's vs. Canvas

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Northfield Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 29, 9:00 a.m.

Veteran's Memorial Park at 9th and Poplar Streets

Participants are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Tostrud Gym at St. Olaf. Pastor Fickenscher will be participating, and Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will sponsor a picnic following the ceremony.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (August 2023 Edition): Due by July 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.

Church Music Intern Program

Music at St. John's is a treasured part of worship, and the music internship program has enhanced the experience in many ways. In 2013 when John Ferguson, as Interim Director of Worship, Music & Arts, introduced this idea, the funding was made possible from a small amount from the estate of Dr. Alice Hanson. Dr. Hanson was a distinguished professor of music at St. Olaf as well as a devoted member of the Chorale. She embodied this connection between St. John's and St. Olaf.

St. John's has strong ties with the music at St. Olaf, going way back to the days when F. Melius Christiansen served as organist here for over 30 years. The internship program allows us to deepen that relationship. Now, ten years later, this program continues from ongoing financial gifts to the Alice Hanson Education Fund, named in her memory. We thank our 2022–2023 music interns for their work this year.

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

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Joanne Rodland, Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Ronald Detlie
Family of Jaron Johnson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Lyla Arneson Paulson, 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

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

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

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 4):

Holy Trinity Sunday

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

This Week At-a-Glance

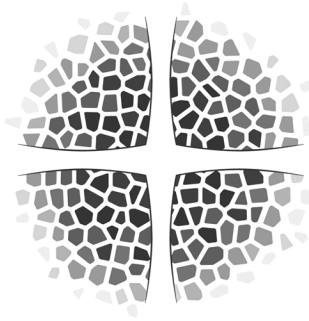
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, May 29		<i>Memorial Day - Building Closed</i>
Tuesday, May 30	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
	6:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
Wednesday, May 31		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, June 1	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
Friday, June 2	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 3	12:00 p.m.	Pride in the Park, Central Park
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Romulus Busa, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service - Romulus Busa, Sanctuary
Sunday, June 4	9:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	St. John's Forum: PEEL Celebration and Exhibit, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts, St. John's Hall

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