

SERVICE OF THE WORD

DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 31, 2020 † 8:30 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!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

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.

Video of this week's service will be available from the home page of our website www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Audio recording of the sermon will be archived under the worship tab of the website. If you wish to have a text copy of the sermon mailed to you, please contact the church office. Other helpful links and resources will be posted as they become available at the St. John's Facebook page.



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

*Open our eyes, O God, open our hearts.
Open our ears, O God, open our minds.
Help us to behold one another as you behold us.
Help us to be more firmly rooted
in the practices of the gospel—so that,
when we pray, the way we live will make real
the dream of your beloved community
within and among us. And so we cry out,
have mercy, O God, have mercy on us.*

- from the Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, ELCA

Prelude — “Shalom” from *The Aeolian Sonata*

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

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.

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*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 judgement 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

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, "People 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

prophecy, and your young shall see visions, and your old 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."

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 — 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 — Luke 1:46-55**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Canticle of the Turning”

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my
From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a stone will be
Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re - mem - ber who



heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you
left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - ry
holds us fast: God's . . . mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's
ty - rant . . . from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no
con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears



plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to
more, for the food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles
heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and



west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
spread; ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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***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

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

Ⓐ O God of justice and love,
we give thanks to you that you illumine our
way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory 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

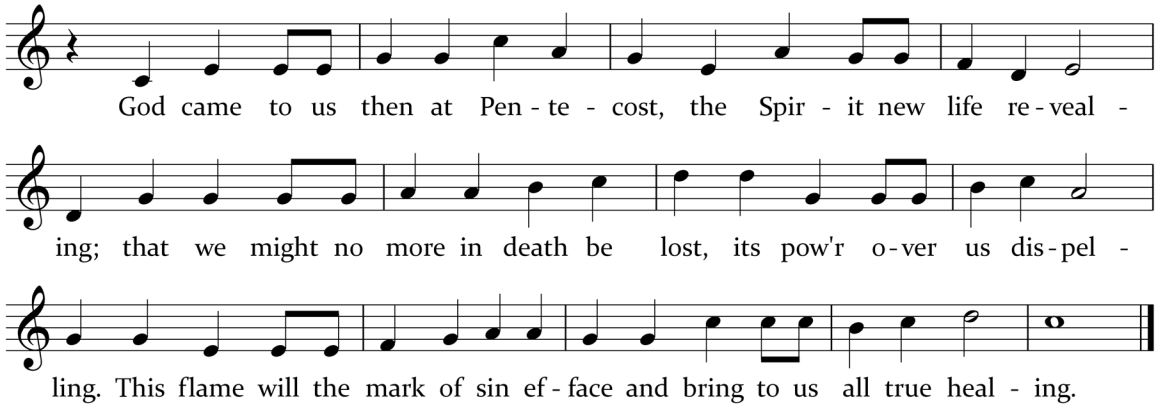
*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “O Day Full of Grace” stanza 4

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God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new life re - veal -
ing; that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel -
ling. This flame will the mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; tr. Gerald Thorson

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Spiritual, arr. Aaron David Miller



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	McBroom Family
Cantor	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Organist	Nathan Proctor

RITE OF WELCOME

We welcome the following during the Rite of Welcome
today on Zoom at 11:00 a.m.

*Stephanie & Brian Bennett and Madelynn, James (J.R.)
Regina & Terrence Hassanally and Micah, Jude, Solomon, Caleb
Carol Hollen
Amy Kraushaar & Scott Barvir and Wesley
Amy & Chris Tachney and Andrew, Noah*

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by David and Genevieve Quarberg in profound gratefulness for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. BEGINNING NEXT WEEK BROADCASTS WILL BE AT 9:30 a.m. THROUGH AUGUST. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: August 16, 23, & 30. 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.

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Communion and Welcome of New Members

Today, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom

There will be another opportunity for communion by remote connection today. We will gather by Zoom for Holy Communion and a time of introduction and blessing of new members. The link was sent to all members on Friday. Please contact one of the pastors before 11:00 a.m. if you still need the link.

Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit Bible Study

The book of Acts is one of the wildest books in the Bible, according to Professor Matthew Skinner. It contains the stories of prison escapes, rapidly growing Christian communities, a ship wreck, appearances by angels, people sharing all their money with one another for the common good, massive public demonstrations, and a sense of unwavering hope. According to Skinner, "Acts insists that Jesus remains present in human experience through the Holy Spirit, urging believers to keep pace so we can rediscover God among us in the midst of whatever will happen next." Let's spend some time together in the Book of Acts this summer. Pastor Jonathan will lead a 4-week Bible study on Acts, using Skinner's book *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*. There will be two offerings for this Bible study. Join us at the following times:

- Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., on June 17 and 24, July 1 and 8
- Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30a.m. on June 18 and 25, July 2 and 9

All gatherings will be via ZOOM. The cost of the book is around \$15. Please do not let money prohibit you from participating - let us know if you need a book provided for you. Please sign up by June 10 so we can make sure you have a book. Sign up by emailing Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

How Can You Help?

This question continues to be asked everyday. It's heartening to know that we have a community that is ready to step up in a crisis.

- First and foremost, stay safe and follow state guidelines for distancing. Connect with neighbors and friends and support each other remotely.
- St. John's continues to need your **regular financial gifts**. Although we can't be with you all in person, we want to continue to pay our staff. Giving online is easy at StJohnsNorthfield.org. Contact the church office at 507-645-4429 to set up automatic gifts. Or mailed offerings will continue to be welcomed. If you are in a position to pay ahead on your annual pledge, that will also help us get through this difficult time. Contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 if you would like to set-up automatic online giving.
- Local sewers are making **cloth face masks** for use by health care and other essential workers. Material can be picked up in the St. John's parking lot from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. each Monday. Finished masks are returned to the same spot. For details on this effort and to get instructions, email Kathy Ness at KJL.Ness@gmail.com.
- Many **prayer shawls** made by our knitters were distributed to members who are on lockdown in care facilities. If you would like to make one (the patterns are easy), contact Sue Sharrow to learn how.
- Our Sunday School's **Blessing Box** is seeing a high level of both donations and people receiving these blessings. Nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene supplies, and toilet paper are especially welcome donations.
- The **Red Cross** still needs blood, maybe now more than ever. Go to the Red Cross website at www.redcross.com if you are eligible to donate. Drives are still happening locally.
- The **Community Action Center** is preparing for a deluge of needs. The quickest way to help is to donate financially. The CAC can make those gifts go further than your own grocery store donations. They are also building their volunteer base. [For more information visit their website.](#)
- **Local businesses**, especially the ones that are usually social hangouts, are trying to quickly pivot to serve you in different ways. Take advantage of all those take-out and delivery options. And if you can't use them now, buy a gift card that you can use in the future.

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

Marlene Engstrom

Becca Liv Neuger (daughter-in-law of Dave and Ruthie Neuger)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Gene and Delores Nelson,

Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Joanne Sommers, Tom Sorenson,

Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

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, or contact a pastor.

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

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

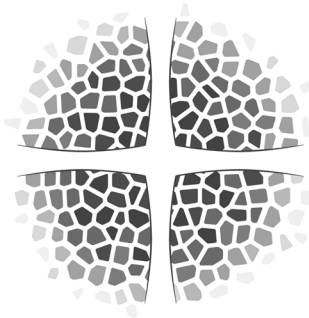
Beginning next Sunday, June 7, our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through August 30 (www.kymnradio.net).

Monday, June 1	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break and Worship via Zoom Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology via Zoom
Tuesday, June 2	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
Wednesday, June 3	10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break High School / Middle School Youth Group via Zoom
Thursday, June 4	11:00 a.m.	Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break and Worship via Zoom
Friday, June 5	4:00 p.m.	High School / Middle School Deeper Connections via Zoom
Saturday, June 6	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Women: Boomer's Group via Zoom
Sunday, June 7	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast Kitchen & Worship with Youth and Families via Zoom

The church council has decided that the building will be closed to in-person gatherings through at least the end of July.

The Safe Operating Task Force has recommended that all access to the building be monitored during this time.

If you have a key or access code, please contact the church office about the new protocols.



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Jonathan Davis, *Associate Pastor*

Carol Benson, *Director of Jubilate Choir*

Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*

Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*

Christy Hall-Holt, *Welcome Ministry Coordinator*

Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

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

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