



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE HOLY TRINITY—FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 31, 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 — Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

*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.**

Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”

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



HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Spark Story Bible, page 2

After the reading:

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 8 Hymn response: “Let All Things Now Living” (ELW #881)

*Antiphon: God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine.*



- ¹O | LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—
- ³**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,**
- ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,
human beings that you should | care for them?
- ⁵**Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and hon- | or you crown them. *Antiphon***
- ⁶You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;
you have put all things un- | der their feet:
- ⁷**all | flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts | of the field,**
- ⁸the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.

*All singing: God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”*

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 musical notation is written on two staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains four measures: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the first staff, and 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

*Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Owen Brownlee
Sam Froehle

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 412

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

*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:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Craig Phillips

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. 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.

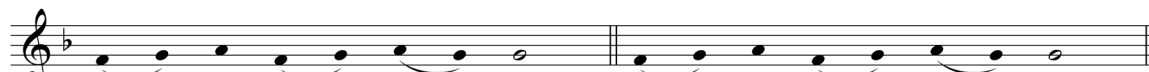
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C **Risen One, you 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.

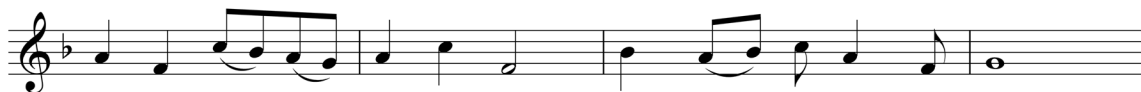


P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



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.

*Eucharistic Prayer

- P** With Mary, we magnify your name:
My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
- C** my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

*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 — ELW No. 470

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

*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 and Sending of High School Seniors

***Blessing**

Response:

- ✠ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 543

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Robert Hobby



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Owen Brownlee, Sam Froehle
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Dick Jorgensen
Organist	Melanie Ohnstad
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl Knoch
Livestream	Jenny Carlson, Jon Kavanaugh
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	Nancy Simpson-Younger, Ruth Bretheim Aaseng
Coffee Service	Doug Johnson, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Fran Wood, Gerri Licke
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	Scott and Elaine Nesbit, Jim Sharrow, Kent Rommereim

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Cover artwork by Judy Swanson.

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

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

Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #14028-LIT. Other liturgical aids are from *Sundays and Seasons* © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. Music reprinted and podcasted under One License A-708009.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

Owen Brownlee, Sam Froehle, Kailee Little,
John Malecha, Clara Nelson, Osiris Perez,
Kate Sand, Sydney Swedin, Jaron Johnson (*in memoriam*)

Following worship today, our graduates and their families
will gather together for a celebration brunch in St. John's Hall.

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, Deanne Weber,
and Julie Brehmer for helping construct the quilts.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Vanessa Loe's bridal shower today and upcoming wedding by Deb and Jim Loe. 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. Lutheran World Relief works in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and in the United States. LWR uses funds to support and develop rural economies and markets, teaches environmentally sustainable farming practices in changing climates, provides humanitarian assistance after storms, drought and wars, and provides critical medical supplies. You can give online or write a check payable to St. John's and indicate Lutheran World Relief on the subject line.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 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>.

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.

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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 22, 12:00–6:00 p.m. St. John's Hall

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)

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.

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

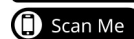
Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

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 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, George Pinc, Barbara Dettle

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

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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, or contact a pastor.



This Week At-a-Glance

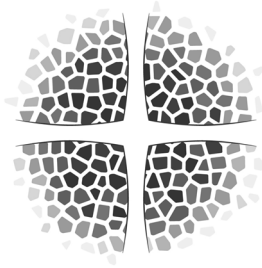
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, June 1	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, June 2	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.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, June 3	5:30 p.m.	Evening Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	New Moms Network, St. John's Library
Thursday, June 4	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Mindful Walk, Hauberg Woods
Friday, June 5	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Robert Flaten, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Robert Flaten, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 6	12:00 p.m.	Northfield Pride in the Park, Central Park
Sunday, June 7	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
		ISAIAH Forum: What's Next?

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 7):

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6 † Psalm 50:7-15 † Romans 4:13-25 † Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



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
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, Faith Community 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
Arturo Rosas, Custodial Associate
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.*