



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

JUNE 1, 2025 † 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 — “Festival Alleluia”

Dan Miller

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 393

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

***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 God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and 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 1:1-11

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is

what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. “They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 47:1-8

Antiphon: Walter Pelz

Antiphon: God has gone up with a shout. Sing praise to God, sing praises.



¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,

³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. Antiphon

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;**
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;**
God is en- | throned on high. Antiphon

Second Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 24:44-53

Spark Story Bible, page 498

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 657

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

***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

"Come Away to the Skies"

arr. David Sims

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise, and rejoice in the day you were born: on this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return. For thy glory we were first created to share both the nature and kingdom divine; now created again, that our lives may remain throughout time and eternity thine. We with thanks do approve the design of that love which has joined us to Jesus' name; so united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. Hallelujah we sing to our God and our King, and our rapturous praises repeat: to the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again; sing, all heaven, and fall at his feet. Amen!

– Charles Wesley

Lacy Williams, soprano

***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

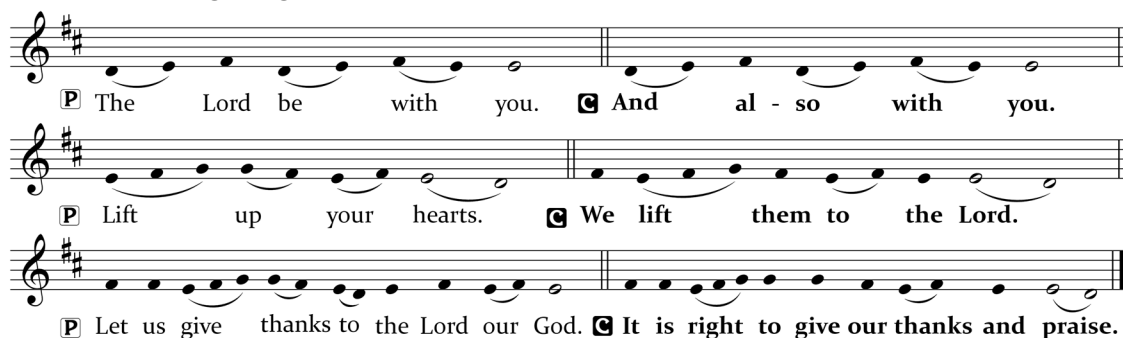
L Let us pray.

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

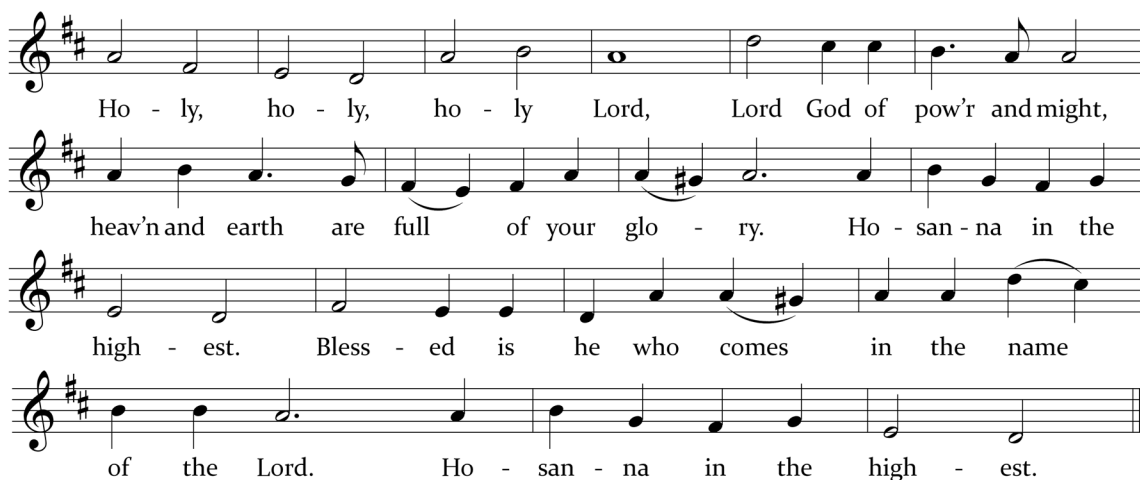


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*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, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 466

“In the Singing”

Hymn — ELW No. 855

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 848

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- ☩ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ℣ Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Jubilate”

Roy Douglas



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Eric Sponheim
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Lacy Williams
Communion Service	Brenda Nelson
Greeter	Cindy Clauson
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	David Becker, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Doug Johnson, Dean Schoeb, Chris Tacheny

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Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Dick and Donna Werdahl in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on June 12. 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 Leah Garlie. Next available dates: June 8, July 27, and August 3, 10 & 24.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 7:05 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. River Church

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

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, June 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

What is Pub Theology? It is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. Topics vary and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and in an email list. If you'd like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

High School Senior Recognition Sunday—June 15

On Sunday, June 15, we will recognize our High School Seniors and bless them on their road ahead. Following worship, we will host a brunch for High School Seniors and their families. Please join us in worship on June 15 to celebrate and congratulate them!

Summer Choir Invitation

This summer you are invited to a summer choir opportunity. On Sunday, June 15, come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 a.m. service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us.

Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Director of Ministry with Youth & Families Update

Kristin Partlo is thrilled (along with staff) to share that she will be staying in the Director of Ministry with Youth & Families position for one year more than originally planned, through the 2025–2026 program year. She plans to begin her one-year internship after that in the fall of 2026 with hopes of ordination to follow. Kristin wants to thank everyone for the generous support St. John's has provided to her during her years in seminary and in her role with youth and families.

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Pride Team—Volunteers Needed!

St. John's will once again have a booth at the Northfield PRIDE celebration on Saturday, June 7, from 12:00–4:00 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 jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 23, from 12:00–6:00 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.

Children and Youth

Road Trip: On the Go with God!

VBS is hosted by St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's Lutheran Churches and Emmaus Church.

When: Monday, June 9–Thursday, June 12, from 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Ages: Entering K–Grade 3, Fall 2025

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/child; \$30/family, payable the first day of VBS

Scan the QR code to register.

*Volunteers Needed: Please email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can help.



Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, Wednesdays at noon, starting June 11. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6th graders and older.

Youth Summer Fun and Service Event

What: Feed My Starving Children

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6–12)

When: Wednesday, June 18, 4:00–8:15 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from *Bethel* to FMSC in Eagan.

Adult drivers and high school helpers needed! Please bring a picnic dinner, which we'll eat at a nearby park after our shift ends at 6:30 p.m.

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, Mary Ellen North, Kent Rommereim,
Kathy Applebee (sister of Craig Schultz)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson,
Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin,
Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David Halsor

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.

Thank you from Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen...

We are happy to let you know that Lainey Smith is home from the hospital and doing well. Thank you so much for all your prayers the past two months.

This Week At-a-Glance

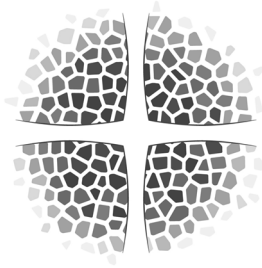
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, June 2	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Location TBD
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, June 3	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, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health, Youth Room
Wednesday, June 4	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, Fireside Room
Thursday, June 5	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
Friday, June 6	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 7	12:00 p.m.	Pride in the Park, Offsite
Sunday, June 8	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 8):

Day of Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9 † Psalm 104 † Acts 2:1-21 † John 14:15-17, 25-27



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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.*