



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE HOLY TRINITY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 4, 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 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**

- ☐ God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe  
and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation,  
eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all  
truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed  
and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Genesis 1:1—2:4a

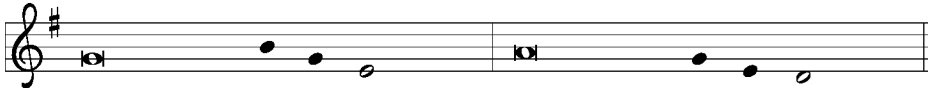
Spark Story Bible, page 2

📖 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.*



<sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—

<sup>3</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,**

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?

<sup>5</sup>**Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.** *Antiphon*

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:

<sup>7</sup>**all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,**

<sup>8</sup>the 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

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

from ACS, Holy Communion, Setting 12



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

## \*Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Restless Weaver”

BEACH SPRING



Rest - less weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice and sha-lom;  
Where earth's frag - ile web un - rav - els help us mend each bro - ken strand.  
When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a - bused and torn,  
Rest - less weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life— now and yet to be—



dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion where all crea - tures find a home;  
Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land.  
from com - pas - sion's stur - dy fab - ric fash - ion hope and trust re - born.  
bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion in one liv - ing tap - es - try:



gath - 'ring up life's var - ied fi - bers— ev - 'ry tex - ture, ev - 'ry hue:  
Through the Spir - it's in - spi - ra - tion— off - 'ring health where once was pain—  
Where in - jus - tice rules as ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare  
you have called us to be weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do.



grant us your cre - a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.  
strength - en us to be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.  
live our dreams of trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.  
With your reign of peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

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## \*The Nicene Creed

*Front of ELW hymnal, page 104*

## \*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

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.

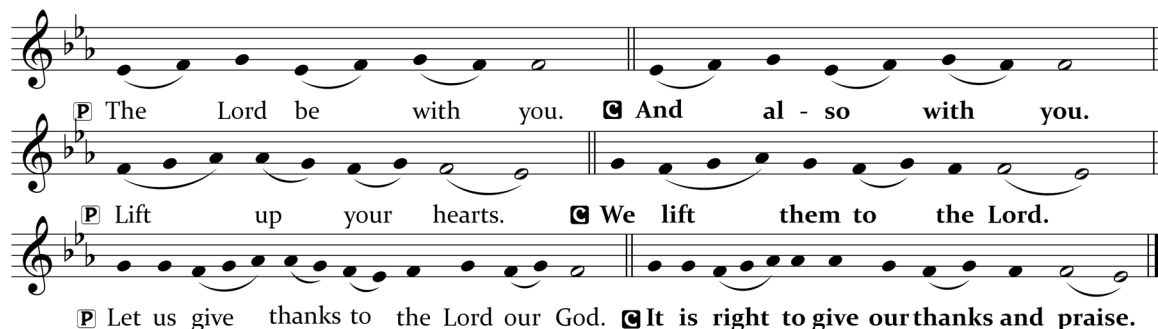
**\*Offering Prayer**

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.**

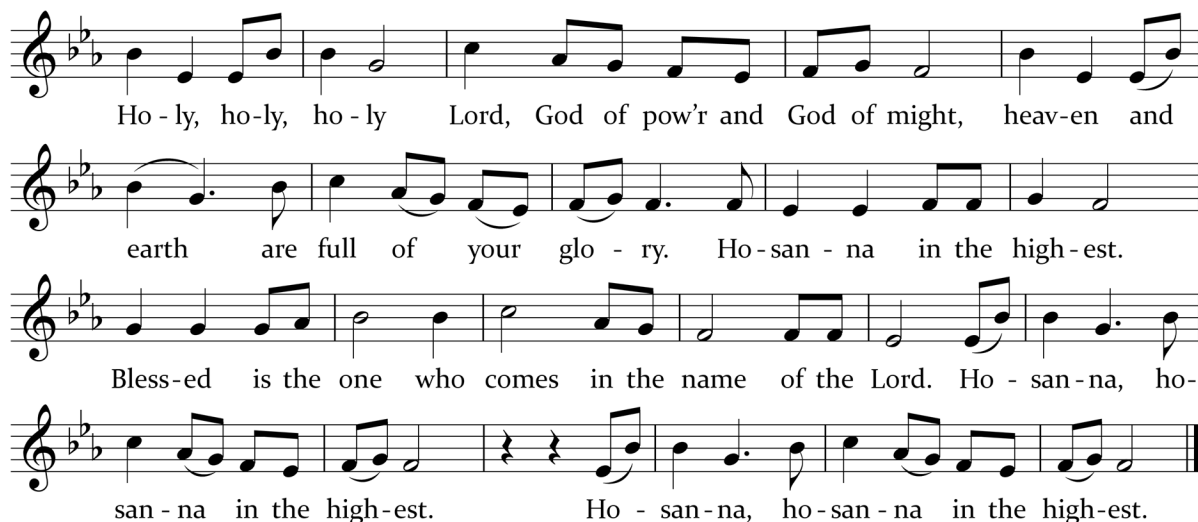
# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*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.***

**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. 735**

**“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”**

**Hymn — ACS No. 946**

**“The Play of the Godhead”**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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 for Michaela Polley**

**\*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** — Voluntary in F Major

F. Melius Christiansen



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David Legvold
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	Kibby Errington
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Kibby Errington
Counters	David Nitz, Bill Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Kent Rommereim

## **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.

***Contact information for Children and Youth***

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)*

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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Duane Engstrom in memory of Marlene Engstrom on her birthday today. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 17 & 24.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are giving in memory of Bob Gelle by the Gelle family. Bob's birthday was June 1.

## **Today We Celebrate the Work of Our St. John's Knitters**

The St. John's Knitters work on their own as well as together to create baby sweaters, blankets, and prayer shawls for our community and around the world. Displayed in the pews are prayer shawls, which are distributed to members in times of transition, illness, or crisis as a sign of our prayers for them. If you know someone who would appreciate a sign of such prayers and would like to deliver one of these shawls, check in with the knitters following the service to sign out a shawl.

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

**Today, 11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Join us 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 gathered 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!

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Today, 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.

## **Pub Theology**

**Monday, June 5, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Contented Cow**

Topic: *PEEL Project*

Join us to talk about the PEEL Project. What did we learn? What might the takeaway be for future church projects?

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Stewardship and Shared Ministry**

The summer scramble is on, and we're all trying to make the most of the longer hours of sunlight. Remember to schedule your Sunday morning—at 9:30 a.m.—here at St. John's. And be sure to pencil in a coffee hour or two after the service. Your time, talent, and smiles are part of the treasured tradition of shared hospitality here at St. John's. Think about volunteering to usher, make coffee, provide treats for Sunday, or for funeral services, or cleanup for events. 1 Peter 4:9 urges us to offer hospitality to one another cheerfully (without complaint). Not sure how to get involved? Check [CCB](#) or contact [Angie Gehring](#) about opportunities. And bring a friend!

## **Bundles of Joy!**

In her talks at St. John's a few weeks ago, Reverend Lisa Kipp, LRW, told us there is an urgent need for Baby Care Kits. Let's do this together over the next 6 weeks, one item at a time. Watch the E-Voice and Sunday bulletin each week for more specifics on each item, but this will get you thinking and watching for deals!

- Week 1 - June 18: Soap Bars (3-4 oz bars - Ivory, Dove Sensitive, Baby Dove)
- Week 2 - June 25: Towels (dark colored)
- Week 3 - July 2: T-Shirts (6-24 months, no onesies)
- Week 4 - July 9: PJs (6-24 months, no feet)
- Week 5 - July 16: Sweatshirts or Sweaters (6-24 months)
- Week 6 - July 23: Catch-up Week & Monetary Donations

## **Call for Volunteers to Count Offering**

The Business Management Board is looking for additional volunteers to join the counting team. It's a great way to share your time and talents in short increments, and as your schedule allows. Counters are responsible for accurately and confidentially accounting for total offering and attributing gifts to each donor. Counters meet each Sunday for 45–60 minutes, starting at 10:45 a.m. in the summer or at 11:45 a.m. when there are two services. Each counting team includes three people and volunteers generally serve once every 4–6 weeks, with a monthly schedule determined by volunteer availability. If you are interested, please contact Jane Rizzo ([jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com](mailto:jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Thursday, June 15, from 1:00–6:00 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.

## **Church Directories have Arrived**

The directories will be available to pick up in the office during the week and on Sundays.

## 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 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*

Carol Johnson, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 11):

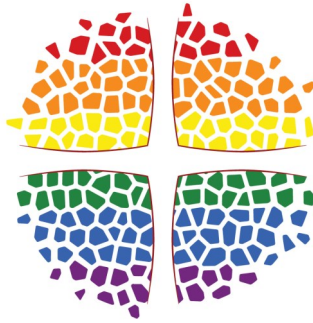
*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

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

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, June 5</b>	9:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Clergy Gathering, St. John's Hall Girl Scout Troop #27517, Undercroft Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop Leaders Meeting, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b>	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 Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library
<b>Wednesday, June 7</b>	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee, Undercroft Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, June 8</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
<b>Friday, June 9</b>	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 10</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*  
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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*  
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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*  
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*  
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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