



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021 † 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 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!

As we enter a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to follow CDC guidelines for public gatherings. We feel the different impacts of this time on our community and long for a time when we will be able to safely share in Holy Communion indoors, and to socialize without concern for public health. Whether this morning finds you in the sanctuary or joining in worship from home, please know that this is not our “new normal,” but a time of gradually learning how to be together in-person while we wait for more vaccinations and fewer COVID infections in our community.

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.



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 — “I Am Thine, O Lord”

William Howard Doane, arr. Monte Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “Lead Me, Guide Me” (#768)

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness, be my
I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
blind with - out . . . thy light to see. Lord, just al - ways
dark-ness thy face to see.
all . . . my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
let me thy ser - vant be.

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

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

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 130

Antiphon: Dan Kallman

Antiphon: I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.



¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²O LORD, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. ^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation — "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (#172)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

*Gospel — Mark 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness,

but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

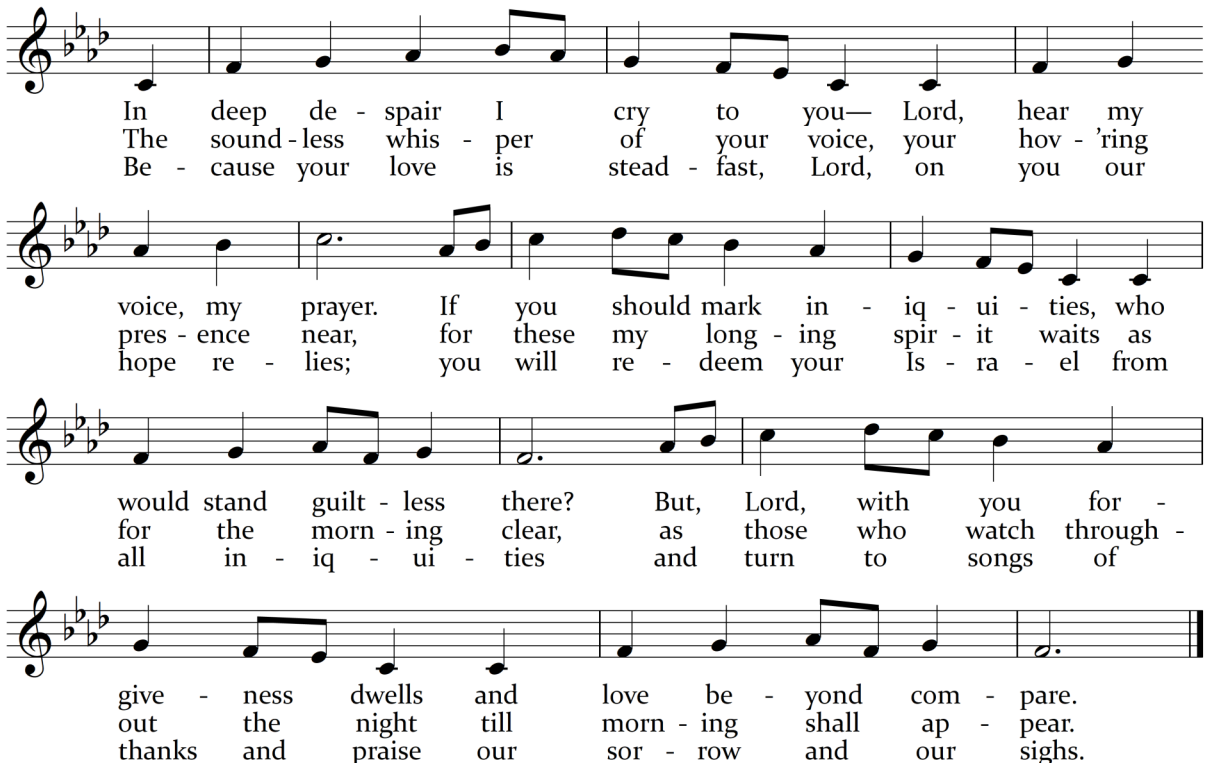
Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “In Deep Despair I Cry to You” (Psalm 130)

MORNING SONG



In deep de - spair I cry to you— Lord, hear my
The sound - less whis - per of your voice, your hov - 'ring
Be - cause your love is stead - fast, Lord, on you our
voice, my prayer. If you should mark in - iq - ui - ties, who
pres - ence near, for these my long - ing spir - it waits as
hope re - lies; you will re - deem your Is - ra - el from
would stand guilt - less there? But, Lord, with you for -
for the morn - ing clear, as those who watch through -
all in - iq - ui - ties and turn to songs of
give - ness dwells and love be - yond com - pare.
out the night till morn - ing shall ap - pear.
thanks and praise our sor - row and our sighs.

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***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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:

"Trumpet Tune in F Major"

David N. Johnson

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

☐ Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved—
your vineyard, your flock, your people.

Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and 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:

☑ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “Rise, Shine, You People!” (#665)**

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Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing;
Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.




our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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***Dismissal**

 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Rise, Shine, You People!”

Benjamin Culli, with John Stanley



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(9:00) Scott Swanson (10:30) McLaughlin Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of the wedding of Becca Neuger and Karl Mader on Saturday, May 29, by Becca's aunts and uncles. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 1, 8 & 15. 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.

We are excited to announce that TWO services of in-person worship will be open to all at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. throughout the summer.

No sign-ups will be required. We will continue to wear face masks during worship through the month of June as we get used to gathering together again. Overflow space will be available in St. John's Hall. Livestream and KYMN broadcast will continue to be at 9:00 a.m. More information about our safety protocols and plans can be found in the FAQ on our website.

As we prepare to resume Holy Communion on Sunday mornings, we will need assistance with set-up and clean-up of individual cups each weekend. Set-up can be mostly accomplished on Saturdays, and clean-up either on Sundays after second service or the next day. If you can volunteer for this work beginning in July or August, please contact the Shared Ministry Coordinators at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m., Goodtree Farm

All are welcome! Masks will be optional. This service will include Holy Communion. The farm allows a large number of people to gather, but RSVPs are needed to plan for sufficient parking space. Directions to the farm are included in the sign-up form which can be found on the church website.

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.

Check in with fellow church friends and enjoy a biblical discussion each week on a variety of topics.

"Patio Theology" (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Begins Monday, June 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This summer, we are rebranding *Pub Theology*, as *Patio Theology*, as we seek to gather together weekly and outside for community and conversation. **This week's location: Home of Rod and Deb Christensen.** The topic will be emailed out at a later time. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Church Office Hours

During the summer, the office will be staffed Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Phones will be answered until 5:00 p.m. The building will be accessible outside of office hours by appointment or if you have a scheduled meeting. Groups may schedule events in the church building, following current CDC guidelines, which recommends masks for all unvaccinated persons.

Youth and Family Food Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, June 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

A joint family event between St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's Lutheran churches. We are a family! We will hunt for food in the neighborhood for the CAC. The winner gets a prize!

Youth Summer Meet-Up

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A joint HS/MS event between St. John's, First English Lutheran Church in Faribault, and Out Savior's Lutheran Church in Owatonna. Meet at the River Bed Nature Center in Faribault for games, connection building, and worship.

Bingo, Bubbles, and Root Beer Night

Wednesday, June 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Brockman/Evenson Farm

The Children's Board is hosting Bingo, Bubbles, and Beer Night (root beer, that is). Bring the whole family for a fun night outdoors together. Bring a blanket, a mask, and an item or two for the Blessing Box. Questions? Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Summer Worship and Ecology: The theme is for this month's read and experience is WATER.

These events are a four part series stretching through the summer, but can be experienced without committing to all of them. Books are available in the church office for \$11. Contact Pastor Pam for more information.

- Wednesday, June 9, at Noon: Book Discussion of Chapters 1 and 2 via Zoom
- Thursday, June 10, 5:30 p.m.: In-Person Experience at the Cannon River Wilderness Area, where we will gather for an outdoor worship experience.

Race Matters in Health Care

Tuesday, June 8, 9:30-10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Topic: *Why Do Black Americans Have Poorer Health Outcomes?*

Dr. Rod Christensen will be presenting. This is a repeat presentation of his WELCA talk in February, and is being co-sponsored by the First United Church of Christ, Bethel Lutheran Church ARLA, and St. John's Lutheran Church WELCA. You can register for this session at: <https://tinyurl.com/racemattersinhealthcare>

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

Brad Kmoch, Andy and Izzie Nelson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,
Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Dorothy Ostlie, 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;
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 (June 13):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24 † Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 † 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 † Mark 4:26-34

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 7	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of Rod and Deb Christensen
Tuesday, June 8	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Board Meetings via Zoom
Wednesday, June 9	12:00 p.m.	Watered Garden Book Group via Zoom
Thursday, June 10	8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Watered Garden Experience Walk, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, June 11	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 12		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, June 13	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Outdoor Worship Service at Goodtree Farm



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

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