



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE HOLY TRINITY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7, 2020 † 9:30 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](http://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

**Prelude** — “Wir glauben all an einen Gott” BWV 680

J. S. Bach

“We All Believe in One True God”

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

## \*Lamenting Injustice

- P** With the Israelite slaves of old we cry out:  
Always one group is deprived of freedoms.  
The poor are forced to serve the oppressor.  
O God, why are some laws so marked by unfairness?



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- P** With people of this country of every color we confess.  
Our nation groans under the sinful legacy of slavery.  
Our present is tormented with the reality of racism.  
O God, when will the chains of oppression be broken?



- P** Hear us, O God:

**C** Hear us, O God.

- P** Form us by your justice:

**C** Form us by your justice.

- P** Give us your life:

**C** Give us your life.

- P** Hear these words, and receive their power:

God the Father promises a kingdom of justice and joy.

God the Son lived and died for the least of our sisters and brothers.

God the Spirit inspires us to build a city of peace.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*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** 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.
- C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Genesis 1:1—2:4a

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

## Psalmody — Psalm 8

Hymn response, “Let All Things Now Living”

*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 — “Alleluia”

South African, arr. Gobingca Mxadana

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

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

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

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

**\*Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **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.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn of the Day — “Before the Waters Nourished Earth”**

ST. COLUMBA



Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night i -  
This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
Des - pair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



mag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

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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**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**  
*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*  
"Elegy"

Robert A. Harris

### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

**P** 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. **G** **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**

**P** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**G** **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — “Thine the Amen”**

THINE

Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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**\*Dismissal**

- L** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
 be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
 render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
 support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;  
 love and serve God, rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Ministers	Kmoch Family
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Organist	Nathan Proctor

## **THANK YOU CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS**

*Thank you to all who participated in our children and youth choirs during the 2019-20 school year.*

### **Alleluia Choir**

Madelynn Bennett  
Noelle Berger  
Jacob Brownlee  
Elliot Davis  
AJ DeGrego  
Arthur Godfrey  
Jude Hassanally  
Sofia Heick  
Marin McBroom  
Iris Pellinen  
Isabella Rudser  
Madelynn Rudser  
Greta Skoglund  
Edie Taggart  
Andrew Tacheny  
Sloan Tussing  
Amelia Van Sickle  
*Arielle Loy, director*

### **Jubilate Choir**

Noah Tracy  
Dyson McBroom  
Anna Bash  
John Tracy  
Genevieve Knutson  
Hunter Heath-Williams  
Jonah Brownlee  
Wyatt Norrie  
Micah Hassanally  
Tegan DeGrego  
Lucas Vansickle  
Otto Bash  
Jacent Almen  
Edie Pellinen  
Luke Nelson  
Eleanor Godfrey  
Luke Thorsheim  
*Carol Benson, director*  
*Jenna Leonard, intern*

### **Laudate Choir**

Lillian Almen  
Nicholas Boehning  
Erik Boehning  
Owen Brownlee  
Mari Hanson  
Thea Hanson  
Sylvi Hanson  
Merri Kmoch  
Emmett Norrie  
Emmett Peterson  
Joran Peterson  
Elizabeth Tracy  
Louise Welbaum  
*Nathan Proctor, director*

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Jim and Judy Cederberg. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays. BEGINNING THIS 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. 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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## ***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](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Courageous Conversations Book Discussion Continues at the End of June**

Our selection is *Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way* by Kent Nerburn. Copies will be available soon at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Book discussion will take place via Zoom from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays June 24, July 8 & 22. If you're interested in reading and discussing the book, please contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com).

## **Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolates Continue**

Contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) to place your order for contactless delivery.

# 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.
- **Relief Efforts for the Neighborhoods** of Minneapolis and St. Paul that have experienced fire and destruction are popping up in many places locally. St. John's will continue to listen for how to help our cities' partners. Our sister congregation Holy Trinity Lutheran on Lake Street has been at the center of relief. If you'd like to make a financial contribution to their relief efforts, you can do so through their website, [htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org)— choose "other" in the fund designation options, and type in the word "justice." 100% of gifts will be used to help meet community needs.

## **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 celebrating the marriage of*  
Anastacia Bouillez and Ryan Luckman

*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*  
Berta Diem, Virley Brown, 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;  
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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 14):**

### ***Second Sunday after Pentecost***

**Exodus 19:2-8a + Psalm 100 + Romans 5:1-8 + Matthew 9:35—10:8**

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## **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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

**Beginning today our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts  
on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through August 30 ([www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)).**

<b>Monday, June 8</b>	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
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Virtual Church Board Meetings
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break High School / Middle School Youth Group via Zoom
<b>Thursday, June 11</b>	11:00 a.m.	Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break and Worship via Zoom
<b>Friday, June 12</b>	4:00 p.m.	High School / Middle School Deeper Connections via Zoom
<b>Saturday, June 13</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, June 14</b>	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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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.