



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 9, 2024 † 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** — “I Am Thine, O Lord”

William Howard Doane  
arr. Monte Thomas

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 768

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

## \*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

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message



## \*Gospel Acclamation

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

## \*Gospel — Mark 3:20-35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;]<sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

<sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But 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.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 713

“O God of Every Nation”

## \*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:*

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ 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*

"The Peace may be exchanged." from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. 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** **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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.

## \*Words of Institution





**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 711

“O Day of Peace”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — on JERUSALEM

Charles Callahan



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

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Service	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Greeters	Marie Benson
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Ann Albert, Rhonda Reece
Nursery	Emma Kmoch
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Chuck Cannon, Dan Franklin, Doug O'Leary, Don Sahling

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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Anne Sovik in memory of Ed and Gen Sovik, Martin Sovik, and Arne Sovik. Twins Ed and Arne shared a June 9 birthday. 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 645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available dates: June 23 & 30 and August 18 & 25.

## **St. John's Building Tour**

### **Today following Worship (10:30 a.m.), Meet in the Commons**

Have you ever wondered about the location of various rooms in our church such as the Sunday School classrooms, the Youth Room, Fellowship Hall, the Game Room, the choir and music rooms, or even the 42-seat movie theater, and what they look like? Are you interested in viewing and learning more about the numerous works of art we have decorating our spaces? Or in seeing the rope that's pulled to ring the giant bell on Sunday morning? Would you like to know where all of those hallways and stairs in our building lead? All who are curious are invited to join Pastor Pam on a tour of our spacious, multi-level church building! An elevator is available to access all 3 levels.

## **Church Softball League Games**

**Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Babcock**

**St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys**

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

## **Coming This Summer! Camp Firelight! (VBS)**

When: June 10–13, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Who: Kids entering Kindergarten–Grade 3 (2024–2025 school year)

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Please let [Julie](#) know if you need help with the cost.)

Contact Julie Brehmer for the link to the online registration form.

## **Summer Fun Event for Youth**

Youth from St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's get together in the summer months for some fun and service work. Here is the June event:

- What: Feed My Starving Children
- Who: All Youth (Grades 6–12)
- When: Thursday, June 20, exact time TBA (start around 4:30 p.m.)
- Where: We'll carpool and will send out an RSVP as the date gets closer.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Pub Theology Summer Theme—*Humbler Faith, Bigger God***

**June 10, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow**

Pub Theology has returned to its weekly schedule (except for a few here and there) on Mondays. This summer we will walk through the topics of Sam Wells’s new book *Humbler Faith, Bigger God: Finding a Story to Live By*. In this book, Sam Wells tries to speak to the skepticism and doubts of people by addressing ten difficult questions about Christianity. Questions like: *Is Christianity just a fairytale for the young? Can faith and science co-exist? Why is there so much suffering in the world? Is Christianity just one faith path among many?* Each week we will discuss these questions. Reading the book for each week is not a requirement, but it might help. If you would like to purchase this book, please reach out to Content Bookstore. If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Summer Choir Invitation**

This summer you are invited to two summer choir opportunities. 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.

- Sunday, June 23
- Sunday, August 18

Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **St. John’s Summer Suppers are Back**

The Adult Ministry & Education Board will organize gatherings of 6–10 people connected with St. John’s on Sunday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 24. Summer suppers are a relaxing way to grow your connections in the congregation over a meal in the home or backyard of the hosts. Look for sign-up opportunities for both hosts and guests in early June.

## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Friday, June 21, from 12:00–5:00 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.

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (July 2024 Edition): Due by June 15

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice* to Leah Garlie electronically via email to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

## 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*

Ingrid Alderding, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Fred Huemoeller, Roberta Morse, David Sponheim

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Kevin Christopherson (brother-in-law of Melissa Pellinen)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

David and Pat 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*

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 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 16):**

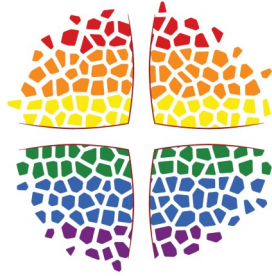
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

<b>Monday, June 10</b>	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (VBS), St. John's Hall Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 11</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (VBS), St. John's Hall 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.	WINGS Grant Celebration
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (VBS), St. John's Hall
<b>Thursday, June 13</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School (VBS), St. John's Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, June 14</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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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.*