

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 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. 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.

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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.

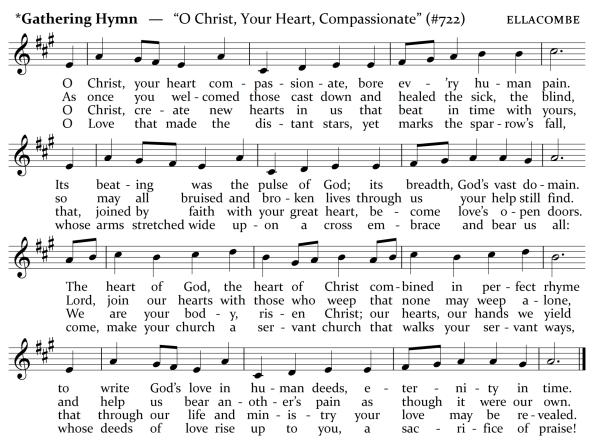
We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — on Ellacombe

Albert Travis

Welcome and Announcements



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*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?



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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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:
- **©** Hear us, O God.
- **P** Form us by your justice:
- **©** Form us by your justice.
- **P** Give us your life:
- **G** Give us your life.
- 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.
- **©** 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.
- **Q** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

■ The word of the Lord.
■ Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

■ The word of the Lord.
■ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation — "Alleluia"

South African, arr. Gobingca Mxadana



*Gospel — Matthew 9:35—10:23

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

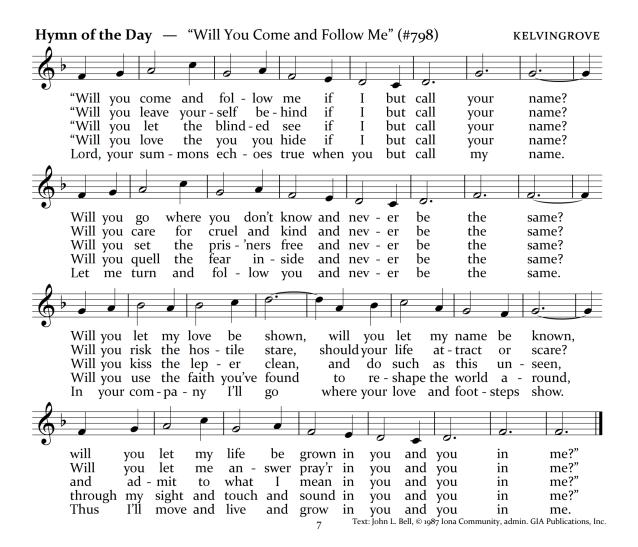
Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. 2These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. 5These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. "Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. 164 See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. 17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; 18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. 19When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will

rise against parents and have them put to death; ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*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,
- **©** 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:

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

David Maxwell

*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.

@ 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,

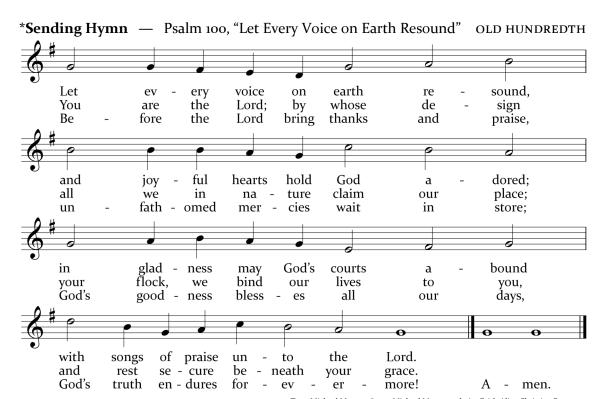
now and forever.

Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

- P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



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*Dismissal

- © 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.
- Carry Thanks be to God.

Postlude — "Poco vivace" from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi* Hermann Schroeder



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Ministers Sue Brockman and Brian Evenson

Organist Nathan Proctor

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given with love by daughters Nancy, Betsy, Margaret, and Mary in honor of Joe Shaw and the late Ginny Shaw, who were married 65 years ago on June 8, 1955. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays thru August. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: September 27, October 11, 18 & 25. 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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New Guidelines for Funerals have been developed by the Safe Operating Task Force, which will be valid at least until July 31. They are posted at the bottom of the COVID-19 page at www.StJohnsNorthfiled.org

Wednesday, **June 17**, marks the 5th anniversary of the shooting at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston South Carolina, an event that took the lives of two ELCA seminary graduates, and perpetrated by a member of an ELCA congregation. You are invited to a quiet time of prayer and remembrance via Zoom at NOON. The service will be less than 30 minutes as we remember the Emanuel Nine as well as repent of the legacy of white supremacy in our country and our church. See the church calendar for details.

Announcements (continued)

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 10:00-11:30 a.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 idavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board Invites You to Join with Us in a New Summer Opportunity Small Group Fellowship and Devotions on Zoom. The Adult Ministry & Education Board will organize small groups of 4-6 people to gather on Zoom over coffee, appetizers, or dessert for a 40 minute gathering on Zoom. Please indicate your interest in participation by June 21 in one of three ways:

- 1. Fill out the Small Group Zoom Gathering Interest Questionnaire on CCB https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/47/responses/new
- 2. Send an email to <u>StJohnsAdultMinistry@gmail.com</u>
- 3. Call Merilyn Calcutt, Board Chair, at 507-210-1051

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.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolates Continue

Contact <u>dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com</u> to place your order for contactless delivery.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding additional opportunities and updates.

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 <u>StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. 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 <u>KJL.Ness@gmail.com</u>.
- 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 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, <a href="https://htt

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 Marlene Engstrom, Elsie Nelsen

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

Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

lambi Lutheran Church in lambi, 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 21):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13 † Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 † Romans 6:1b-11 † Matthew 10:24-39

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.

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

The Breakfast Squad VBS via Zoom

Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break and Worship via Zoom

| | 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology via Zoom |
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| Tuesday, June 16 | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. | The Breakfast Squad VBS via Zoom Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom |
| Wednesday, June 17 | 9:00 a.m. | The Breakfast Squad VBS via Zoom |

| 10:00 a.m. | Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break |
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| 12:00 p.m. | Emanuel Nine prayer and remembrance via Zoom |
| 6:15 p.m. | High School / Middle School Youth Group via Zoom |
| 6:30 p.m. | Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit Bible Study via Zoom |

| Thursday, June 18 | 7:00 a.m. | Executive Committee via Zoom |
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| | 9:00 a.m. | The Breakfast Squad VBS via Zoom |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit Bible Study via Zoom |

Youth Open Door: Virtual Brunch Break and Worship via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

Friday, June 19 High School / Middle School Deeper Connections via Zoom 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 20 No Scheduled Activities

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 15

Sunday, June 21 Worship via Radio Broadcast 9:30 a.m. Kitchen & Worship with Youth and Families via Zoom 11:00 a.m.

> 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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Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers
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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.