



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2026 † 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 — Prelude in G Major

Vincent Lübeck Jr.

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 575

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

*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 compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Children's Message

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ



HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Exodus 19:2-8a

²[The Israelites] 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, “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 went, 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.”

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

Psalmody — Psalm 100, “Let Every Voice on Earth Resound”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Stanza 1 and 2 may be sung in harmony.

Let ev - 'ry voice on earth re - sound, and joy - ful hearts hold God a - dored;
You are the Lord; by whose de - sign all we in na - ture claim our place;
Be - fore the Lord bring thanks and praise, un - fath - omed mer - cies wait in store;

in glad - ness may God's courts a - bound with songs of praise un - to the Lord.
your flock, we bind our lives to you, and rest se - cure be - neath your grace.
God's good - ness bless - es all our days, God's truth en - dures for - ev - er - more!

Psalm Paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 2011 Michael Morgan, admin. Faith Alive Christian Resources; Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Second Reading — Romans 5:1-8

¹Since 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 afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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

*Gospel — Matthew 9:35—10:8

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

C 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.”

^{10:1}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 Thaddeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, 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 those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

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 — ELW No. 580

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*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

☐ 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

"God It Was"

Gaelic Air, arr. Iona Community

God it was who said to Abraham, "Pack your bags and travel on!" God it was who said to Sarah, "Smile and soon you'll bear a son!" Traveling folk and aged mothers wandering when they thought they'd done—this is how God calls God's people, losing all because of one. God it was who said to Joseph, "Down your tools and take your wife!" God it was who said to Mary, "In your womb I'll start my life!" Carpenter and country maiden leaving town and trade and skills—this is how God calls God's people, moving them through what God wills. Christ it was who said to Matthew, "Leave your books and follow me!" Christ it was who said to Martha, "Listen first, then make the tea." Civil servants and housekeepers, changing places at a cost—this is how Christ calls disciples, finding those he knew were lost. In this crowd of common people, once unknown, whom we revere, God calls us to share God's purpose starting now and starting here. So we celebrate God's calling, so we prize and praise God's choice, as we pray that through this company God will act and raise God's voice.

– The Iona Community

*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.**

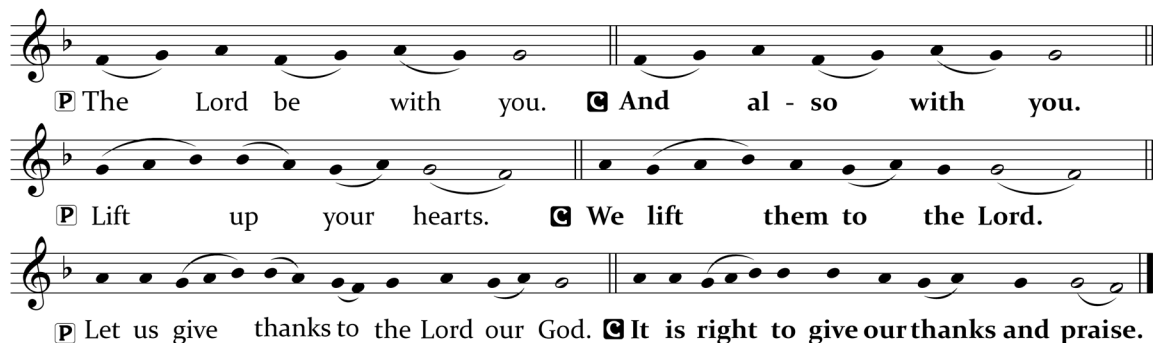
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

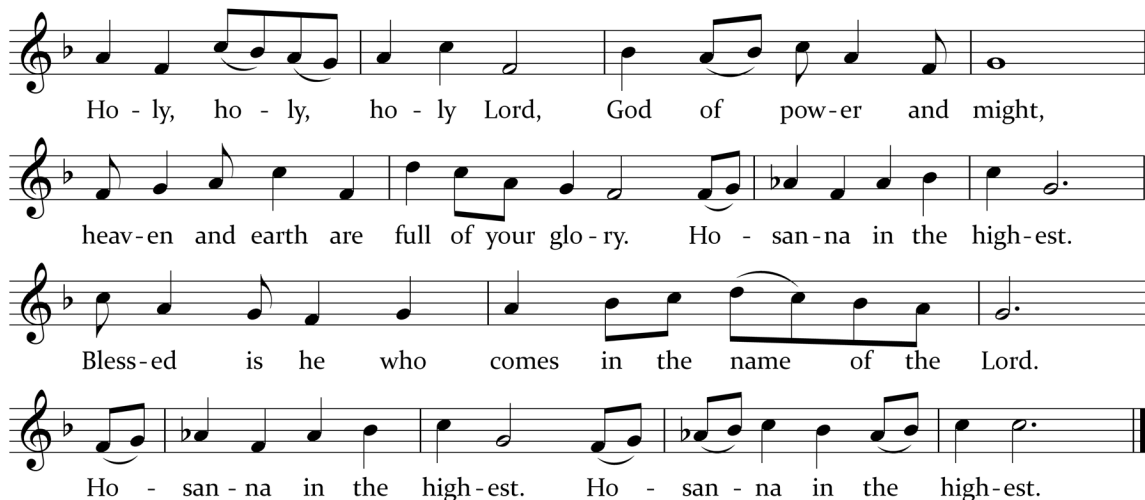


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

*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"



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first two staves have lyrics underneath them: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us." The third staff has lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

Hymn — ELW No. 584

"The Son of God, Our Christ"

Hymn — ELW No. 464

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
✠ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ✠ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 535

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
✠ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Guy Eldridge



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Jane Turpin Moore and Gordon Moore
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Soloists	Elizabeth Bade, Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Mark Gleason
Communion Service	Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl
Greeters	Dimi DeRose, Barb Eaves
Coffee Service	Gary Engstrom, Angie Gehring
Refreshments	Carrie Dauner
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, David Nitz, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Chuck Cannon, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, Kent Rommereim

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The poster for St. John's Sunday Fun Day features a grid of colorful icons: a soccer ball, a hot dog, a guitar, a sun, a frisbee, a cornhole, a popcorn bucket, and a leaf. Text on the poster includes 'St. John's SUNDAY FUN DAY', 'Sunday July 19', '3 pm until 5 pm', and 'burgers, hot dogs & vegetarian'.

Join us at Oddfellows Park
1016 Forest Avenue
for the event!

All ages are welcome.
Bring friends!
Food & drinks provided.

Games include water games,
cornhole, frisbee...

Hosted by the Adult Ministry
and Education Board

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Howard Thorsheim by David and Martha Brown. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office. Next available dates: July 12 & 26 and August 9 & 30.

Habitat for Humanity House Tour

Today, 11:00 a.m. (following worship and coffee/fellowship)

St. John's is invited to tour the Habitat for Humanity home at 315 S. Poplar St. This home is located just one block from the church. We'll walk over as a group! Jodi Wagner, the Rice County Community Engagement Coordinator, will lead us through the property and answer any questions. St. John's committed \$20,000 from the Sustaining Grace Appeal to this project and the St. John's Foundation has generously gifted \$50,000. Members of our church have donated their time by helping on a few occasions with painting, providing lunch for the volunteers, and mowing the lawn. Habitat has now found a family who can move in when it is finished!

Church Softball League

Tonight, 8:20 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. Hosanna

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

Pub Theology

Monday, June 15, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

We will begin a discussion of Pope Leo's encyclical on artificial intelligence. Please read the introduction and chapter 3. The entire document can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, June 22, from 12:00–6:00 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.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, June 24, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College

Organist: Catherine Rodland

See the Community bulletin board in the Commons for the full recital schedule.

Pastor Pam's Sabbatical will begin on July 25

The article in the [June Voice](#) outlines plans for coverage during her absence. Pastor Pam will have a letter detailing her activities for sabbatical in the July Voice.

Announcements (continued)

New Director of Ministry with Youth and Families

We are very excited to share that we have hired a new Director of Ministry with Youth & Families! Nick Gilbert, currently serving Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, MN, will be joining our staff on July 20. Nick has 14 years of youth ministry experience, with a significant focus in developing leadership among youth. Nick has a relaxed and calming presence with a highly relational personality. We are really excited to welcome him to St. John's.

Summer Ushers

Having ushers is so important to our worship at St. John's! There are many ways one can serve their church community, and this is one of those ways in which help is now needed, as a few of our ushers are absent for the summer months. Please consider if you can help usher a couple of times this summer for our 9:30 a.m. worship service. You will be with other experienced ushers who will guide you. Contact Angie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you are interested.

Children and Youth

Kids are Invited to Summer Movie Night—“*How to Train Your Dragon*”

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., St. John's Theater, 2nd floor

Bring a treat to share per family! Popcorn will be provided. Parents are welcome to join us, especially if your child is PreK.

Good Earth Village is Bringing Summer Camp to Northfield

When: August 3–6, 8:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Who: Kids completing grades K–5

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$70 / Camper (Scholarships Available)

Want to give your kids a faith-filled camp experience—without leaving Northfield? Good Earth Village Day Camp brings the energy, joy, and spiritual impact of summer camp to us! GEV summer staff lead a week of songs, Bible study, worship, crafts, games, and connection—all designed to help children grow in faith and friendships. We are teaming up with Bethel, St. Peter's, and United Methodist Churches! Register online at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

Summer Camp for PreK too! Snowball Mountain Challenge! (VBS)

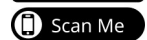
Who: For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5

When: August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

Register by scanning the QR Code.



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

Marilyn Boschee, Barbara Dettle, Fred Huemoeller, Lowell Johnson, George Pinc

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Carol Johnson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert,
John Walters, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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

Contact 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.



Join Us for
Summer Worship

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP
AFTER SERVICE

This Week At-a-Glance

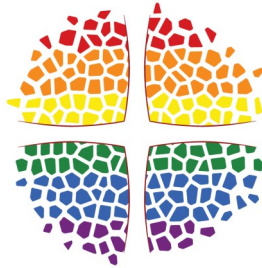
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, June 15	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, June 16	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	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.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Ministry & Education Board, St. John's Library
		Evangelism & Communications Board via Zoom
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, June 17	4:00 p.m.	Youth: Feed My Starving Children, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	New Moms Network, St. John's Library
Thursday, June 18	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Summer Movie Night, St. John's Theater
Friday, June 19		<i>Juneteenth Holiday - Church Office Closed</i>
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 20	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Board Retreat, St. John's Hall
		Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, June 21	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 21):

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



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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.*