



SERVICE OF THE WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 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 — “O Gott, du frommer Gott”

Johannes Brahms

*O God, you righteous God, you source of good gifts,
from whom we have everything, grant us a healthy body,
and grant that in such a body there may remain
an inviolate soul and a pure conscience.*

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (#756)

MELITA



E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and wave sub -
O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, alt. Music: John B. Dykes

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna,
the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

☑ **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

☑ **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.**

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

*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

☐ O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine
and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your
wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 107, “Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries”

BROTHER JAMES' AIR



Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in trou - bled days
If you have felt your cour - age fail be - fore a vio - lent sea
So praise the One whose love is great, whose kind - ness is well - known.



with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that call for high - est praise.
and cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee,
Con - sid - er well the heal - ing hand and help you have been shown,



Let all who know God's sav - ing love sing grate - ful songs al - ways.
then in the con - gre - ga - tion praise the One who heard your plea.
and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God a - lone!

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Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you

afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (#773)

PRECIOUS LORD



Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
When my way grows . . . drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas Dorsey; Music: George Allen, adapt. Thomas Dorsey; © 1938, 1966 Unichappel Music Inc., admin. Hal Leonard Corp.

***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:

*"Freu dich sehr o meine Seele"
Be happy, O my Soul*

Georg Bohm

***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 — “It Is Well with My Soul” (#785)

VILLE DU HAVRE



When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford; Music: Philip P. Bliss

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — “Herzlich tut mich erfreuen”
My Heart Abounds With Pleasure

Johannes Brahms



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(9:00) Dave and Ruth Legvold (10:30) Paul and Maribeth Beck
Organist	Joanne Rodland

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of our parents, JoAnn and Gordon Smith, by Debby and David Becker. 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 & 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.

For Worship in the Sanctuary, we will continue to wear face masks during services throughout the month of June, as we get use to gathering and singing together again. Overflow space is also available in St. John's Hall. More information about our safety protocols and plans can be found on the COVID-19 page on our [website](#).

As We Prepare to Resume Holy Communion...

Including Holy Communion in our Sunday worship services will require assistance each weekend with the set-up and clean-up of the individual glass cups for the wine and juice. Set-up can be accomplished a few minutes before the first service, or ahead of time on Saturday (if preferred). Clean-up happens right after the second service, or on Monday (if preferred). If you can volunteer to help with communion sometime in July or August, or have an interest in learning more about it, please contact sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or call the church office. No prior experience is necessary. We are happy to show you how it's done.

Ushers Needed for Worship

We are always in need of ushers, and we are currently putting together usher teams for first and second services (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Usher schedules are flexible and based on personal availability. If you are interested in learning about ushering, please contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.com, or call the church office.

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)

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Home of Barb Kuhlman

We gather together outside for community and conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Youth Summer Meet-Up

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m., River Bend Nature Center

A joint HS/MS event between St. John's, First English Lutheran Church in Faribault, and Our 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.

Legislative Wrap-Up: What happened at the Capitol? The Faith Perspective

Wednesday, July 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The 2021 Legislative Session is almost done. Join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, local congregations, faith leaders, and community organizations to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need — and learn more about how the process works. Anne Krisnik, JRLC Executive Director, will share new laws impacting housing, emergency shelter, safety net programs, and more. RSVP to 612-230-3232 or Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, at jmiltenberger@jrlc.org to ensure space for social distancing.

Family VBS in August

Wednesdays, August 4, 11 & 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Your family is invited to this summer's VBS, "Together Under the Stars" outdoors at Bethel Lutheran Church. Activities will be geared toward elementary aged kids. Programming starts at 6:00 p.m. but you are welcome to provide your own picnic dinner and dine with other families starting at 5:30 p.m. (no food will be provided). Please register by July 15. Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org for the registration link.

International Travel Opportunity to Germany: Next Summer, July 6-16, 2022

Next July, new St. John's members, Pastor Grant and Ruth Bretheim Aaseng will be leading a tour of Lutheran heritage sites, as well as the COVID-19 re-scheduled performance of *In the Steps of Martin Luther and the Passion Play of Oberammergau*, flying from Minneapolis. The cost is \$4,717 per person. Contact Grant or Ruth Aaseng for more information or to express interest in signing up for this trip at: glbaaseng@charter.net.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

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, Scott Quinnell

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

Virley Brown, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson

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 27):

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33 † Psalm 30 † 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 † Mark 5:21-43

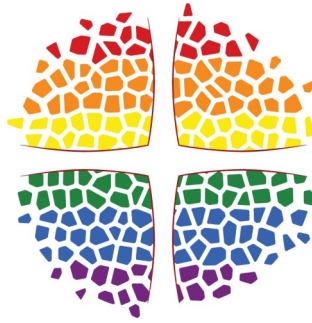
This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, June 21	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of Barb Kuhlman Solstice Sunset Vespers, Cowling Arboretum
Tuesday, June 22	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 Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Council via Zoom
Wednesday, June 23	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Watered Garden Book Group via Zoom MS/HS Youth Summer Meet Up, River Bend Nature Center Bingo, Bubbles, and Root Beer Family Event, Evenson/Brockman Farm
Thursday, June 24	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, June 25	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 26	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Courtyard
Sunday, June 27	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary

Church Office Hours

During the summer, the office will be staffed Monday thru 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.



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