



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 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** — “How Firm a Foundation”

Mark Sedio

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 841

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

## \*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** Teach us, O God, to serve you only; give us wisdom to know when to struggle and when to rest, when to give and when to receive. Give us humble hearts so that we might seek only the satisfaction of knowing we are following in your way, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** 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





Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation

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

### \*Gospel — Matthew 10:24-39

- Ⓛ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is

not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,  
<sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those  
who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 400

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

### \*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*

"Adoration"

Florence Price

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines.

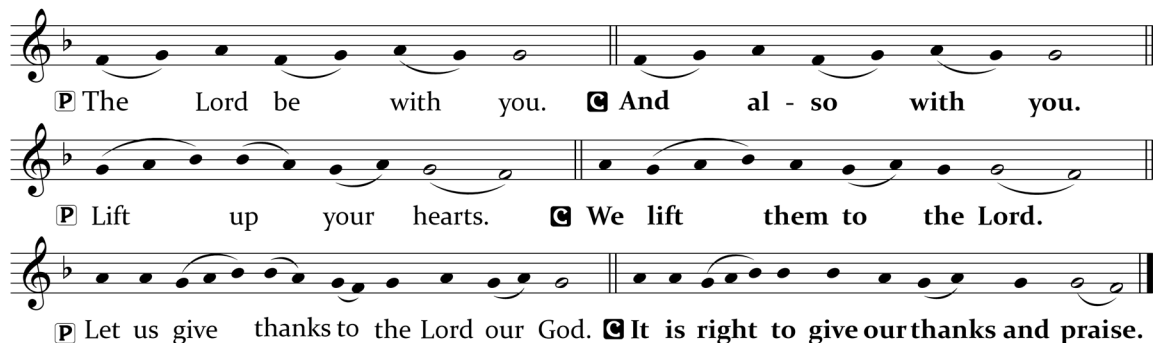
**\*Offering Prayer**

**L** Let us pray.

**C** **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

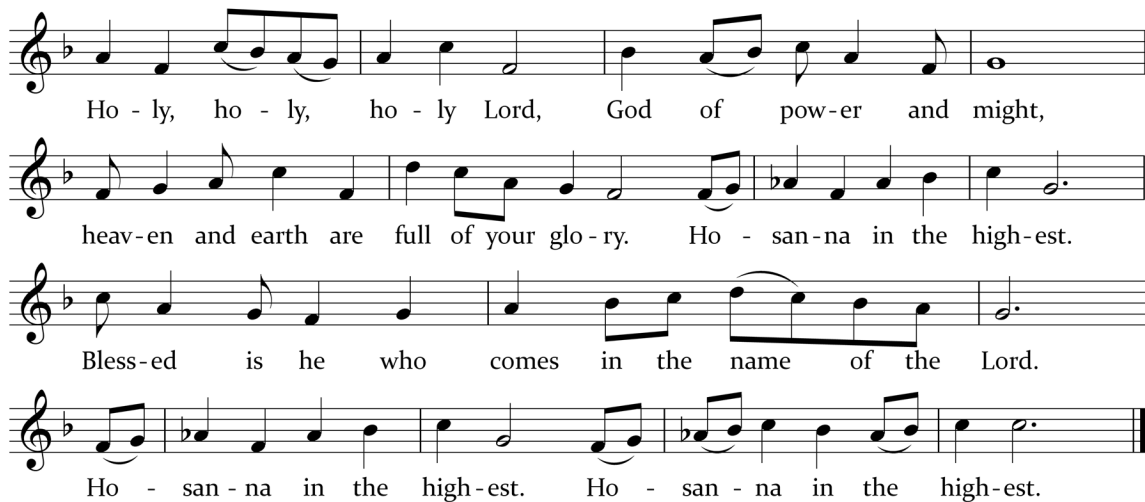


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

**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"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 781

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn — ELW No. 876

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

## \*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. 796

“How Firm a Foundation”

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** — “Processional”

Robert A. Harris



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

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Julie Zdenek
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Livestream	Jenny Carlson, Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Jean Wakely
Greeters	Dimi DeRose, Patsy Ophaug
Coffee Service	Gerri Licke, Karen Schuette, Jeff and Fran Wood
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece, Karen Schuette
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Janell Martin
Ushers	Larry Enfield, Scott and Elaine Nesbit, John Ophaug

### **GOOD EARTH VILLAGE CAMPERS**

St. John's campers heading to Good Earth Village Summer Camp in Spring Valley, MN the week of June 21-27 or the week of July 22-24 are:

*Caleb Hassanally, Claire Gallagher, Anders Loy,  
Isaac Loy, Zemirah Smith, Jameson Taubel*

Have a wonderful camp experience!

### **SERVE BOLDLY MISSION TRIP**

St. John's youth and friends, heading to Milwaukee from Sunday, June 21, to Friday, June 26 are:

*Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee, Odin Christopherson, Soren Christopherson, Rosie Cook,  
Charlotte Cox, Elliot Davis, Jude Hassanally, Micah Hassanally, Francis Jackman,  
Jacob Mandsager, Noah Mandsager, Marin McBroom, Joshua McNeil-Maddox,  
Ravi Petzchmann, Tia Randall, Izzy Rudser, Maddy Rudser, Hadassah Smith, Lucy Younger*

*Chaperones: Jonathan Davis, Terrence Hassanally, Chelsey Hinricksen, Amy Randall*

Blessings as they embark on this adventure!

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given of Cora Koester (Vern's mom) by Vern and Joan Koester. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office. Next available dates: July 12 & 26 and August 2, 9 & 30.

**Lydia Quanbeck Moe's family invites you to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday, June 28.** Please join us for coffee, cake, and conversation in St. John's Hall immediately following the service. Your presence will be a wonderful gift!

**Church Softball League Double Header Tonight at Sechler 1**

**7:10 p.m., St. John's vs. River Valley / 8:20 p.m., St. John's vs. Cornerstone**

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to

<https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Tomorrow, 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.

**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](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you are interested. Thank you!

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **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.

### **Learn About Minnesota's Red Flag Law**

**Tuesday, June 23, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Northfield Public Library (Bunday Room)**

The public is invited to a presentation on the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO, aka Red Flag Law), a law that was passed by the Minnesota legislature in 2024. ERPO can be used if a family member is suicidal or threatening violence. Since its passage, it has been used over 400 times in Minnesota, and it is saving lives. At this presentation, you will learn how the law works. Who can contact law enforcement to remove guns from a home? When is it used? When is the gun returned to the household? Attorney Joe Van Thomme, a lead criminal prosecutor who has represented municipalities in dozens of Extreme Risk Protection Order actions, is the guest speaker. Northfield Chief of Police Jeff Schroepfer will provide additional information and answer questions about how ERPO is handled locally.

## **Children and Youth**

### **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)**

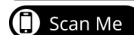
**Who: For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5**

**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.



### **Registration for 2026–2027**

Registration is officially open for St. John's children and youth programming next year, 2026–2027. Check out St. John's website for more information and to register.

# 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, George Pinc

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Anne Rizzo (mother of Bill Rizzo)

*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*

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.



**St. John's**  
**SUNDAY FUN DAY**

Sunday  
July 19

burgers,  
hot dogs &  
vegetarian

Join us at Oddfellows Park  
1016 Forest Avenue  
**NEW TIME: 4-6 p.m.**  
All ages are welcome.  
Bring friends!  
Food & drinks provided.  
Games include water games,  
cornhole, frisbee...  
Hosted by the Adult Ministry  
and Education Board

The poster features a grid of colorful icons: a soccer ball, a hot dog, a guitar, a sun, a frisbee, a cornhole board, a water balloon, a burger, a hot dog, and a vegetarian symbol. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font.

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

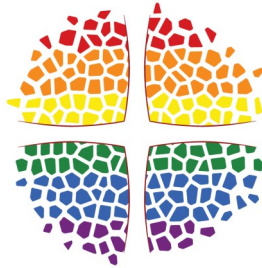
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, June 22</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
<b>Thursday, June 25</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room Book Buddies, St. John's Library Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
<b>Friday, June 26</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room Solo Bass Album "The Garden" Release Concert, Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>	9:00 a.m.	WELCA Board Retreat, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 28):**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Jeremiah 28:5-9 † Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 † Romans 6:12-23 † Matthew 10:40-42**



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*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry*

*Steve Harner, Facility Manager*

*Leah H. Garlie, Office Manager / Finance Manager*

*Angie Gehring, Shared Ministry Coordinator*

*Sally Lindell, Faith Community Nurse*

*Arielle Loy, Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*

*Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

*Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

*Arturo Rosas, Custodial Associate*

*David Sims, Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*