



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 2025 † 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 — “Folk Tune”
“Tribute”

Percy Whitlock
Craig Phillips

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 843 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

*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** O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.
In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us
from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 65:1-9

Pew Bible, page 606

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 22, "I Come with Praise Before the Lord"

ELLACOMBE



I come with praise be - fore the Lord, re - lease me from all strife;
The might - y on their knees will bow; as mor - tals, they dis - cern



the poor will feast at ta - bles full and find e - ter - nal life.
that, as from dust God gave them breath, to dust they shall re - turn.



The far - flung cor - ners of the earth shall turn to God and sing;
De - scend - ants of the com - ing years who walk the paths well trod



and na - tions of the world shall rise to hail the Lord as king.
will sing to chil - dren yet un - born the might - y acts of God.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: German melody, 18th cent. adapt.

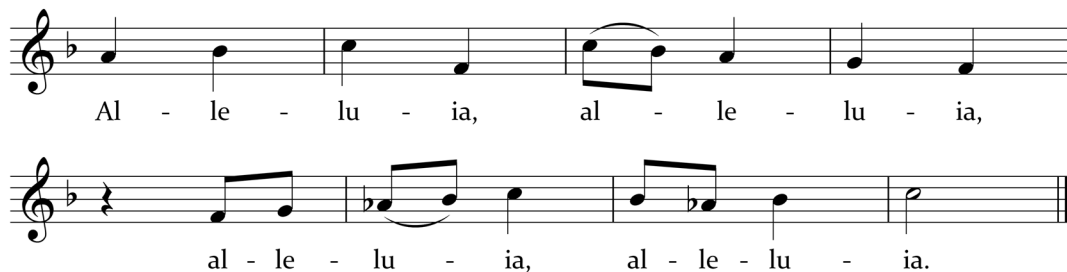
Second Reading — Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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

*Gospel — Luke 8:26-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.

³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in

the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1016

“Cast Out, O Christ”

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — *Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231*

The Triune God proclaims Madeline Elizabeth Ostertag and Andrew Scott Ostertag as beloved children this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Their parents are Elizabeth and Aaron Ostertag. Madeline’s sponsors are Katie Bjelde and Nick Ostertag. Andrew’s sponsors are Jenny Heck, Amy Berg, and Mike Berg.

Presentation

- 📖 People of God, do you promise to support Madeline and Andrew and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
- 🎵 We do.

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

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(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

*Thanksgiving at the Font — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

Ⓛ Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓢ 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

“Hills in the Springtime” from *Taiwanese Suite*

Chelsea Chen

***Offering Hymn** — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). 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."

*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 al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

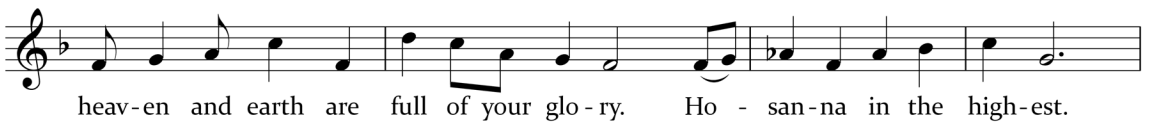


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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"



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. 510

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

Hymn — ELW No. 825

"You Servants of God"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 841

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Danza Espangola”

Ramón Noble



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Melanie Ohnstad
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeter	Mary Ellen North
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Counters	Bill and Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Mike Bull, John Ophaug

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE CAMPERS

St. John's campers heading to Good Earth Village Summer Camp the week of June 22-27 are:
*Charlotte Cox, Christopher Cox, Claire Gallagher, Frances Jackman, Anders Loy,
Maddy Rudser, Hadassah Smith, Zemirah Smith, Jameson Taubel*

Blessings for a wonderful camp experience!

Save the Date!

A Sweet and Savory Social for All Ages

Sunday, July 13

3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Spring Creek Park

510 Jefferson Parkway

Details to Follow

Sponsored by the
Adult Ministry & Education Board

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Dan and Jo Franklin in loving memory of Sandra "Sam" and Jim Wilson, Dan's sister and her husband. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: September 7, 21 & 28.

Lighthouse Listening Session

Today, 11:00 a.m.-Noon, St. John's Hall

ISIAAH MN is a coalition of Christian and Muslim faith communities, and other community members of shared values, working for economic, racial, and climate justice. We invite you to attend a forum today from 11:00 a.m.-noon with ISIAAH MN organizer Todd Lippert. You will learn more about ISIAAH's Lighthouse Path, be able to share your concerns in this turbulent time in our country, and learn more about how you can join in a path of action. ISIAAH MN is working to transform our politics and to create a Minnesota that works for everyone. We believe that faith communities like St. John's have a critical role to play in creating a better future for all of us. We invite you to a deeper conversation today after worship.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 8:10 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. Life 21

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 23, 12:00–6:00 p.m. St. John's Hall

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.

Courageous Conversations Book Group

We invite you to join our summer discussion of *Autocracy, Inc.* by Anne Applebaum. The group will meet every two weeks: July 17 & 31, August 14 & 28 via Zoom. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up and receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 2, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College

Organist: James Bobb

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

Announcements (continued)

70th Birthday Celebration for Mary Ellen North

Come and celebrate Mary Ellen's birthday with family and friends at a special coffee hour on Sunday, June 29, after worship. All are welcome!

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (August 2025 Edition): Due July 15

Children and Youth

Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, on Wednesdays at noon. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6th graders and older.

Help Out at the Food Shelf

Who: All St. John's Youth (parents welcome, too!)

What: Work a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf

When: Your choice of Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Once again this summer, 1–2 youth per week are invited to work for a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf. We'll be greeting and stocking shelves. Kristin will be there each week (except when another staff member fills in) to be a familiar face. Parents are welcome to sign up with their youth—those who did so last year reported that it was a meaningful way to spend a summer midday together. Sign up at volunteersignup.org/RCYD4

Youth Summer Fun and Service Events

What: Splash Valley Water Park (rain back-up TBD)

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6–12)

When: Wednesday, July 9, 3:15–7:15 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from *Bethel* to Apple Valley

Please bring \$14 to cover park fees. Adult drivers and high school helpers needed!

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

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, Ellen Ellickson, Herb Fick, Fred Huemoeller, Kathy Applebee

Those celebrating the baptism of

Madeline Elizabeth Ostertag (daughter of Elizabeth and Aaron Ostertag)

Andrew Scott Ostertag (son of Elizabeth and Aaron Ostertag)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Scott Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David 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

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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

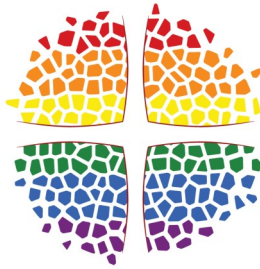
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, June 23	12:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 24	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.	Visitation - Billi Failletaz, Commons Staff Meeting, Undercroft
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Billi Failletaz, Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, June 25	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
Thursday, June 26	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Friday, June 27	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 28		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, June 29	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 29):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 † Psalm 16 † Galatians 5:1, 13-25 † Luke 9:51-62



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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.*