



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 2024 † 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** — “River of Peace”

Maureen Howell

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 841

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

## \*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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—<sup>9</sup>when I made the

clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and 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 107:1-3, 23-29

Antiphon: Thomas Pavlechko

*Antiphon: Calm to the waves, calm to the wind. Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”  
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God’s mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in<sup>1</sup> from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and<sup>1</sup> from the south.

<sup>23</sup>**Some went down to the sea in ships,  
plying their trade in deep waters.**

<sup>24</sup>They beheld the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
God’s wonderful works<sup>1</sup> in the deep.

<sup>25</sup>**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried<sup>1</sup> to the LORD,  
and you delivered them from<sup>1</sup> their distress.

<sup>29</sup>**You stilled the storm to a whisper  
and silenced the waves of the sea.** *Antiphon*

**Second Reading** — 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

<sup>2</sup>For 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! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflic-

tions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**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 — Mark 4:35-41**

Spark Story Bible, page 286

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But 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?” <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 773

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

### \*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*

“For This Joy”

Susan LaBarr

*Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens; praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens; each glittering star shining from ages afar, driving away all that frightens. Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us; our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us; birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing, free us from all that restrains us. Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping, can cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping. Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again; love now in memory keeping. Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation! Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation! Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise, singing in glad celebration!* — Charles Anthony Silvestri

*Summer Choir*

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. 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 ends with a double bar line.

## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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. 763

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Hymn — ELW No. 624

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 785

“When Peace like a River”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — Processional in D Major

David N. Johnson



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Co-presiding	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Jeff McLaughlin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Piano	David Sims
Choir	Summer Choir
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Communion Prep	Vicki Otis
Communion Cleanup	Vicki Otis
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Ann Albert, Pat Tabery
Nursery	Emma Kmoch
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Leif Knecht, Doug O'Leary, Kent Rommereim



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# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available dates: June 30 and August 18 & 25.

**Fields of Promise: Sally and Peder Lindell share about their time in Ethiopia**

**Today, 10:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Sally and Peder Lindell were able to travel to the Tigray region of northern Ethiopia in January of 2024 with a non-profit called Fields of Promise that works with orphans and the visually impaired. Join us for a short time of sharing stories and hearing about children and blind students in need of monthly sponsorship as well as other ways you may get involved and enjoy some photos from their trip. To learn more, visit [www.fieldsofpromise.org](http://www.fieldsofpromise.org).

**Church Softball League Games**

**Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Babcock**

***St. John's vs. Trinity Blue***

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

**Pub Theology Summer Theme—*Humbler Faith, Bigger God***

**June 24, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow**

We will discuss Chapter 3 of *Humbler Faith, Bigger God*. This chapter, “Fairy Tale for the Deluded,” focuses on the Bible. Specifically, it asks “How can I trust Scripture?” You’re invited to read the chapter and also to review the story Wells focuses on, the crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus 14:5–31. If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

**Summer Choir Invitation**

This summer you are invited to the second summer choir opportunity. Come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 a.m. service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us.

- Sunday, August 18

Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **St. John's Summer Suppers are Back**

Sign up to be either a guest or a host for a St. John's Summer Supper after the worship service. The Adult Ministry & Education Board is organizing suppers in the homes or backyards of congregation members on Sunday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 24. It's a fun way to get to know others at St. John's!

## **Laura Baker—Volunteers Needed**

Laura Baker Services is looking for volunteers for their monthly respite program. On the second Saturday of every month (1:00–5:00 p.m.), this program offers a monthly 4-hour Saturday Fun/Respite event where families and caregivers of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities can drop off their loved one (age 5 through adulthood) for social interactions, activities, walks, outdoor and indoor activities, and snacks while they then get some much-needed time to recharge and reset. Volunteer responsibilities include: interacting with individuals throughout the event, ensuring participant safety, assisting individuals playing games and doing arts & crafts, and supporting other various indoor and outdoor activities. Ready to volunteer? Still have questions? Contact Keri Pofahl at Laura Baker Services Association at 507-323-5147 or [Kpofahl@laurabaker.org](mailto:Kpofahl@laurabaker.org).

## **Save the Date: Fruit Sunday, July 28, following worship in St. John's Hall**

Do you enjoy indulging in desserts that feature fruit or a combination of fruits? Do you love to bake or create delectable fruit sweets such as cobblers, pies, cakes, bars, crisps, tarts, cookies, or sorbet? Fruit Sunday provides the opportunity for both! Sign up to bring a favorite fruit dessert of your choosing (homemade or store-bought) to share with everyone and/or show up hungry and ready to eat! Join in the fun of sampling mouth-watering treats while visiting with friends and perhaps even swapping recipes! Watch for the sign-up poster and CCB link in the E-Voice and Sunday bulletin coming this July to get involved in helping with this scrumptious event! Questions? Contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (July 2024 Edition): Due by June 15

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice* to Leah Garlie electronically via email to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

## **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*

Ingrid Alderding, Fred Huemoeller, Roberta Morse, David Sponheim

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager

*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*

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 30):**

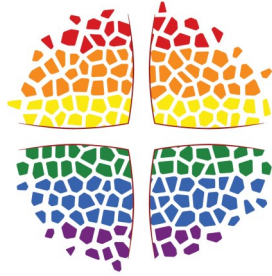
*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, June 24</b>	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Visitation - Connie Gunderson, Commons Funeral - Connie Gunderson, Sanctuary Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, June 25</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Reception and Visitation for Elaine Hope, St. John's Hall Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Funeral - Elaine Hope, Sanctuary Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	7:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Laura Baker Services Association, St. John's Hall Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
<b>Thursday, June 27</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, June 28</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, June 29</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, June 30</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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