



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 2023 † 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

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Righteous God,

C **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C 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

- ☐ Teach us, good Lord 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

from ACS, Holy Communion, Setting 12



***Gospel — Matthew 10:24-39**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it 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!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For 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; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever 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; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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. 705

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*The Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

*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

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with block chords and a steady bass line.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

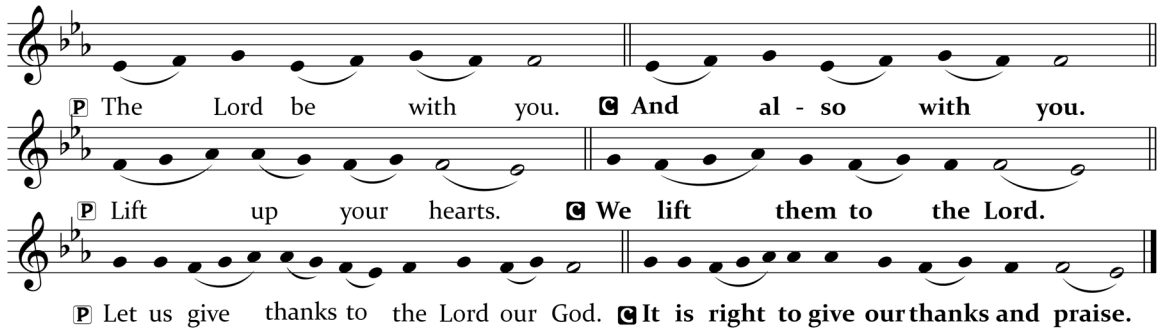
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

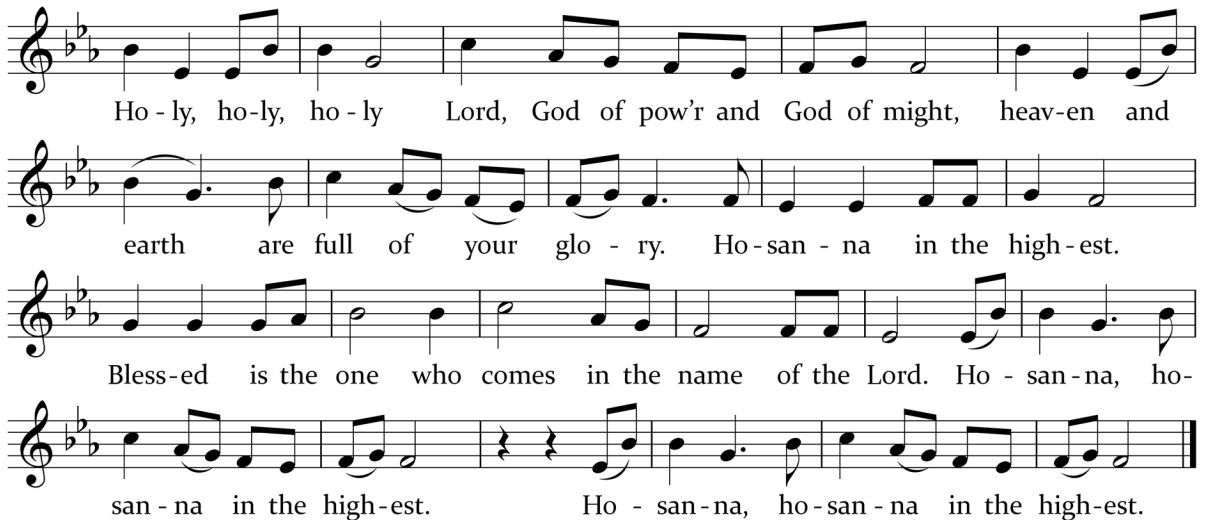
SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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'r and God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho-
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na, 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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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, grant us peace.

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

☩ 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



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruth Smestad Anglin
Pianist	Christina Brantner
Cantor	Elizabeth Bade
Healing Prayers	TBD
Communion Service	Judy Smith
Greeters	Cindy Clauson
Coffee Service	Doug Johnson, Ted and Tricia Peterson
Refreshments	Lowell and Barbara Johnson
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Doug Johnson, Alison Kavanaugh, Leif Knecht, Kent Rommereim

NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Our middle school and high school youth head to Nashville.
They left on Saturday, June 24, and will return home on Saturday, July 1.

Youth:

Mae Berglund, Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee, Bella Christopherson, Rosie Cook, Tegan DeGrego, Sonny Donnell, Avery Eastvold, Kay Gummow, Micah Hassanally, Erin Klaers, Jacob Mandsager, Noah Mandsager, Harper Miller, Logan Miller, Theo Miller, Landon Mills, Christopher Neubel, Zach Perkins, Joran Peterson, Axel Randall, Emmett Rychner, Logan Seifert, Alexander Talbert, Luke Thorsheim, Loudon Weis, Louise Welbaum, Jonathan Wierson

Chaperones:

Mia Becker, Valerie Carter, Jonathan Davis, Jaida Gehring, Seth Hansen, Emmanuel Kaghondi, Shawn Neubel, David Weeks

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE CAMPERS

St. John's campers heading to Good Earth Village Summer Camp this summer are:
Frances Jackman, Iris Pellinen

Blessings for a wonderful camp experience!

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Lowell and Barbara Johnson's 70th wedding anniversary. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 17 & 24 and October 8, 15 & 29.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of Sandi Gerdes, who celebrates 40 years of service to Laura Baker Services this week.

Church Softball League Games

Today, 7:10 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. Bethel

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Pub Theology: ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith

Mondays, June 26, July 10 & 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m., El Tequila Mexican Restaurant

The ELCA is developing a new social statement on Civic Life and Faith, and the ELCA congregations of Northfield are gathering to learn and discuss together this summer. On Mondays: June 26, July 10, and July 17, we will gather in the back room of El Tequila from 6:00–7:30 p.m. to review the curriculum and provide feedback to the task force. Task Force member Prof. Anthony Bateza will guide us through the materials. A few copies are available at the Welcome Desk, but video materials available at elca.org are central to the study. You may also review the study on your own and provide feedback by October 15.

No Coffee Sales in July

Coffee sales will take a break in July. If you would like to purchase items contact Dawn Tommerdahl at Dawn.Tommerdahl@gmail.com.

New Evening Knitting Group Beginning July 5

Join us for a new evening knitting group meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m., beginning July 5. Come and go as you're able during that time. This will be a subset of the current knitting groups for those not available to meet during the day. All knitting (or crochet) levels welcome. There are opportunities to make baby blankets, caps, prayer shawls, and more to be distributed locally or globally where needed. Yarn is available, bring your own needles. Email Jill Enestvedt at jillenestvedt@gmail.com with questions.

Announcements (continued)

Bundles of Joy

WELCA invites you to help build desperately-needed baby kits one item at a time. **This week: June 25-New Hand Towels** (dark colored). **Next week: July 2-T-Shirts** (6-24 months, no onesies). A monetary donation is also welcome. Please make checks payable to St. John's WELCA with baby care kits on the memo line. Thank you for giving a baby a better start in life! Questions? Email Pam Groves-Gaggioli at ladylynneg@gmail.com or call her at 562-237-3781.

Rice County Habitat for Humanity: Message Update

Volunteer builders and lunch providers are still needed this summer. **We're working on the last 3 houses throughout July and August and really need your help!** We can easily take 12 construction volunteers in a group on Saturdays, ages 18 and older – no prior construction experience is necessary. Lunch providers for the work crews are currently needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. All volunteers can sign up to help on the Habitat for Humanity website at habitatricecounty.org or contact Jodi Wagner at 507-403-7868. Volunteers will receive an email with further information. Your help makes a big difference!

From the Stewardship Board

Highlighting Shared Ministries

Stewardship takes many shapes. Volunteering for Sunday hospitality, greeting members, funeral hospitality, the Wednesday meal ministry, and the ushers who help each Sunday fall under Angie Gehring's careful guidance. Training for any of these ministries can make the experience fun for volunteers!

We've all experienced the Sunday blessing of shared ministry here at St. John's. Contributing treats, making coffee, setting up the serving tables, and washing coffee cups are the things that make socializing on Sunday an enjoyable experience.

Angie coordinates funeral hospitality, in which volunteers help set the tables, provide treats, serve, and clean up at funeral receptions. Sharing a light meal after a funeral allows family and friends to share time and memories. If you aren't part of this team of volunteers and you'd like to help, please contact Angie.

Ushers and greeters present a friendly face to visitors and members, alike. You might enjoy doing one of these important jobs. It's a great way to help out on a Sunday morning and, maybe, meet some new friends!

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

Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, Joanne Rodland, Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson, Richard Olson

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

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.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: July 15th for the August 2023 Edition

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

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 26	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 27	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, June 28	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
Thursday, June 29	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Friday, June 30	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 1		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 2	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 2):

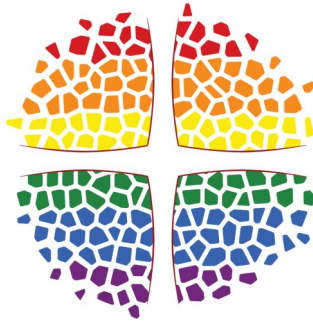
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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