

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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 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 — Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dieterich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 786

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

*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

- ☐ Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss

my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

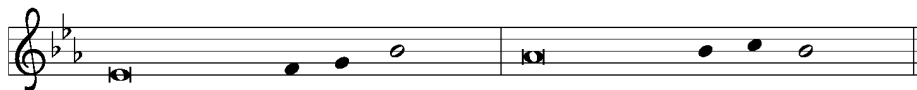
L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 16

Antiphon: Walter Pelz

Antiphon: I have set the LORD always before me.



¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. Antiphon

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**
nor let your holy one | see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy for- | evermore. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the

works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel — Luke 9:51-62

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

***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:

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Michael Costello

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

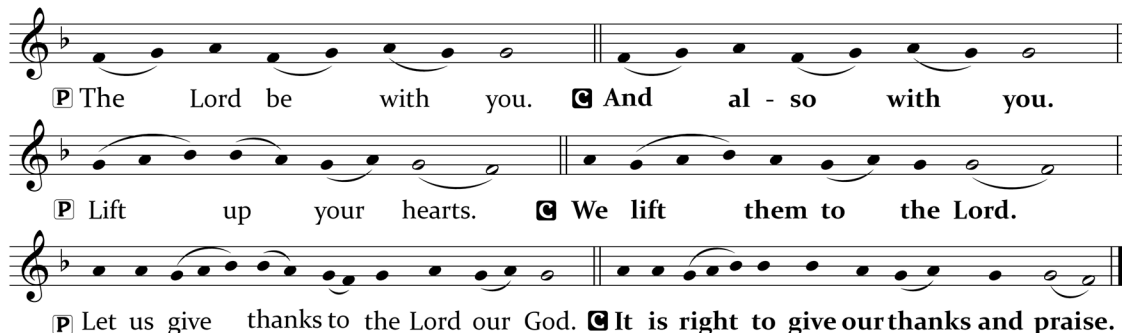
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

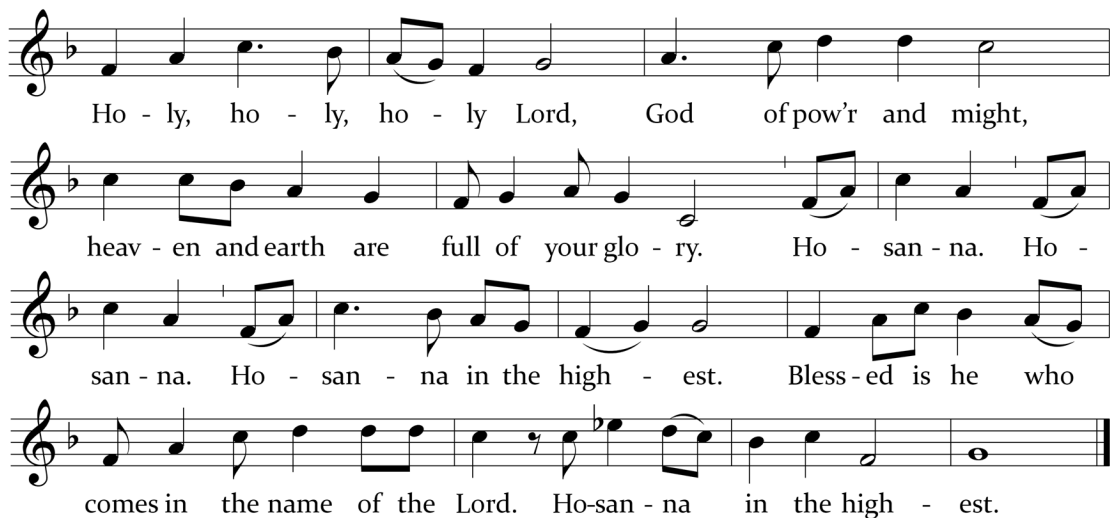


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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.

*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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The first two parts end with a period, while the third part ends with a double bar line. The lyrics for the third part are "Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." with a slur under "grant us peace".

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. 460

"Now the Silence"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***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:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Kari and Eric Johnsrud (10:00) Gordon Moore
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Shirley Keltto, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall

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Children and Youth Ministries

"SonShine" is back this Summer!

Three of our ELCA Churches (St. Peter's, St. John's, & Bethel) have prepared some great youth events! Mark your calendar for:

- June 29 — The Scavenger Hunt: Downtown Northfield
- July 27 — A Movie Night: Outdoors or in the St. John's Theatre
- August 17 — Romans & Christians: At St. John's

....And more summer opportunities are still to come!

Open Door Preschool is taking registrations for the 2022–2023 school year!

Open Door Preschool provides a safe, gentle, and inclusive learning environment that allows your child to grow socially, emotionally, creatively, and academically. To learn more, go to their website at www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org.

Contact information for Children and Youth

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

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and family. 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: August 7 & 21.

St. John's Nursery is Open

St. John's Nursery is open during the 10:00 a.m. worship service in June and August and during the 9:30 a.m. service in July. The Nursery is open for ages 6 and younger.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. St. Dominic White

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

Patio Theology Series: Why Do We Suffer—Is God All-powerful?

Tomorrow, Monday, June 27, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Ed and Barb Kuhlman

Topic: *Is God's power limited when it comes to suffering?*

Many think that for God to be God, then God must be all-powerful. But some theologians want to wrestle with or even disagree with the belief that God is all-powerful. Rabbi Harold Kushner, in his famous book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, says he would rather worship a God who hates evil but cannot eliminate it, instead of God who is all-powerful and chooses to make and allow people to suffer for whatever reason. Similarly, Process theologians want to redefine God's power—that God does not have a controlling power, but rather a persuasive power, that nudges the world toward the best available options and maximizing the good that is possible in any moment. That is one response to the problem of why evil and suffering exists in the world. What do you think? Does that answer the question of why we suffer and soothe our fears? Join us for Patio Theology for this final conversation in our series on God and Human suffering and how faithful people have responded to the problem of evil. Bring a chair and your beverage of choice.

St. John's is Hiring this Summer!

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving as our Facility Manager? Maybe someone who could be a children's choir director or handbell director? St. John's [employment link](#) on our website is the place to send them as we seek new partners in ministry.

Life in the Time of COVID

The Faith & Health Board thanks those who submitted a personal story or reflection. You are invited to read these stories on the website at <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/about/history/life-in-the-time-of-covid/>. Stories are still welcome and can be sent to office@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Summer Suppers Return

The Adult Ministry & Education Board is bringing back Summer Suppers as a fun way to connect and reconnect with members of our church community. The first Summer Supper will be on Wednesday, July 20. Summer Suppers offer a family-friendly opportunity to share a meal and conversation in the home or backyard of a member. Interested in either hosting a supper or attending one? Find out more and sign up for the July 20 supper between Sunday worship services. Sign-up will also be available on CCB beginning on Wednesday, June 22. The deadline to sign up for the July 20 supper is Sunday, July 3. Watch the E-Voice and bulletins for information about the second Summer Supper on Sunday, August 21.

Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

One of St. John's WELCA stewardship projects is Baby Care Kits which are shipped to LWR for distribution to places experiencing disaster and poverty. LWR prescribes the items that go into each kit. If you would like to donate something for the kits, the items most needed now are:

- sleepers or sleep sets (without feet), sizes 18-24 months
- light weight t-shirts (no onesies), sizes 18-24 months
- hooded jackets, sizes 6-24 months
- NEW hand towels in dark colors

Donations may be left in the Baby Care Kit basket under the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Cash gifts are welcome and will be used to buy supplies or help pay for the shipping. Checks should be made out to St. John's WELCA with Baby Care Kits in the memo line. Questions? Contact Barbara Eaves at pbeaves@hotmail.com.

Gloria Porter 90th Birthday Party

Wednesday, June 29, 2:00–4:00 p.m., The Benediction Home (2030 North Ave.)

Please join Gloria's family in celebrating her birthday. If you would like to send a card, please contact the church office for Gloria's address.

Shared Ministry

One Usher Still Needed for the Late Service on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

If you'd like to help with this important role, please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. No prior experience is necessary - you will receive instructions/training. This role is just one service per month, and substitutes can be contacted if needed. This is a great way to serve during worship!

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

Bob Flaten, Chuck Hellie, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,
Audrey Moe, Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lyla Arneson Paulson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 3):

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14 † Psalm 66:1-9 † Galatians 6:7-16 † Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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 27	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Carole Nesheim
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Carole Nesheim
	7:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Ed and Barb Kuhlman Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 28	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, June 29		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, June 30	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 1	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 2		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, July 3	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Monday, July 4		<i>4th of July - Building Closed</i>



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

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