

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 27, 2021 † 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section, and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.

An asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able.

P Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), C Congregation

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

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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.

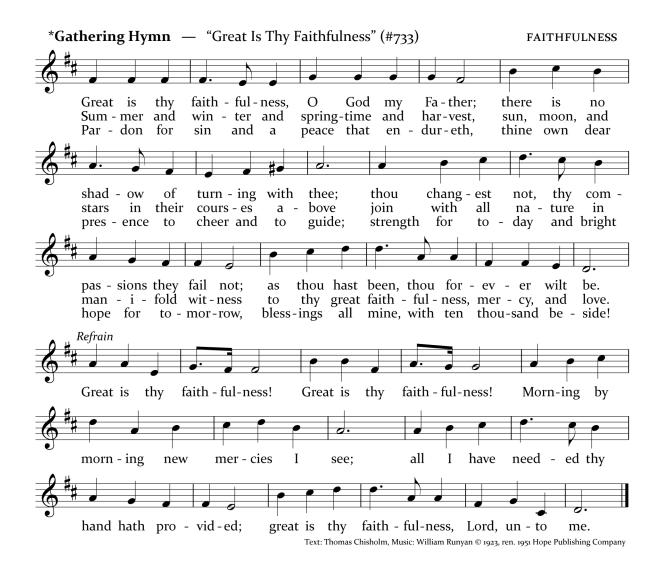
We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Concerto in G Major I. Allegro

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements



*Confession and Forgiveness

- Blessed be the

 → holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

Me help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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.
- **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☐ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 30:1-6, 11-12

Antiphon: Aaron David Miller

Antiphon: I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up.



¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, [|] from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down [|] to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful; give thanks in ho-| ly remembrance. Antiphon

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt se- | cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed."

"You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. Antiphon

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

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*Gospel — Mark 5:21-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

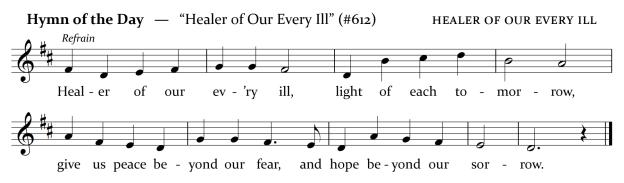
²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in

her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' "32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." 35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" 42And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



(Hymn continued on next page.)



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*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,

© hear our prayer.

*Peace

- **P** 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:

"March after Leisme Per"

Traditional Swedish folk tune arr. Gunnar Idenstam

*Thanksgiving for the Word

P Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word: making and mending all things, evoking the cosmic hymn of praise, and singing a love-song for your beloved—your vineyard, your flock, your people.

Clothe us in your loving Spirit, flowing from the Crucified and Risen One, and keep us awake to your presence in the people and places you call us to serve. Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God, now and forever.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

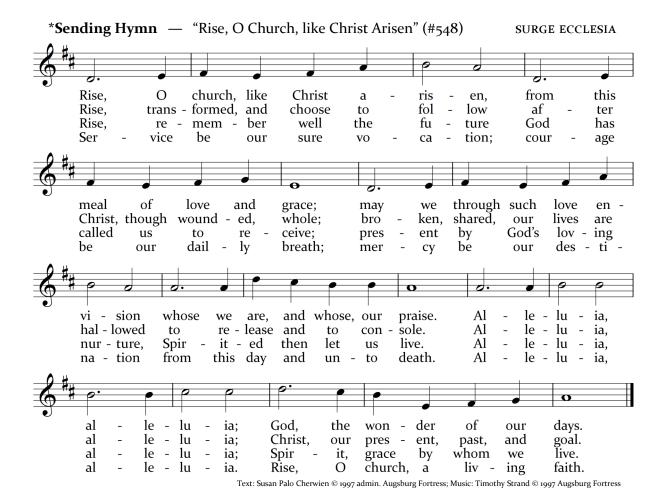
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

G Amen.



*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis

Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Assisting Ministers (9:00) Hassanally Family

(10:30) Alyssa Ness

Organist Melanie Ohnstad

AMNICON PARTICIPANTS

Please keep in your prayers the following youth and chaperones who are leaving today for one week at Camp Amnicon in South Range, Wisconsin

Youth:

Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee, Natalie DeGrego, Tegan DeGrego, Avery Eastvold, Micah Hassanally, Edy McLaughlin, Will McLaughlin, Mercy Mwanga, Emmett Norrie, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson, Logan Seifert, Keandra Trotman, Alec Vatter, Louden Weis, and Louise Welbaum

Adults:

Elisha DeGrego, Emmanuel Kaghondi, Patrick Mader

Blessings as they embark on this adventure in the great outdoors of God's creation!

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Duane Olson by Barbara Dettle. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 612-532-6863 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: August 1 & 15. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

As We Prepare to Resume Holy Communion...

Including Holy Communion in our Sunday worship services will require assistance each weekend with the set-up and clean-up of the individual glass cups for the wine and juice. Set-up can be accomplished a few minutes before the first service, or ahead of time on Saturday (if preferred). Clean-up happens right after the second service, or on Monday (if preferred). If you can volunteer to help with communion sometime in August, or have an interest in learning more about it, please contact sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or call the church office. No prior experience is necessary. We are happy to show you how it's done.

Ushers Needed for Worship

We are always in need of ushers, and we are currently putting together usher teams for first and second services (9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.). Usher schedules are flexible and based on personal availability. If you are interested in learning about ushering, please contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.com, or call the church office.

On July 4 St. John's will begin its partnership with the City of Bells project, a Minnesota effort to have collective ringing of bells on civic holidays.

Next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. the bell will ring for 10 minutes in prayer for unity. The next bell ring comes on Veterans/Armistice Day on November 11, when they will ring at 11:00 a.m. in prayer for peace. Watch for more information in the church newsletter about the history of St. John's bells.

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Mondays, Noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Text Study continues on Zoom for the next two Mondays. Join in from 12-1 p.m. for a discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

"Patio Theology" (Pub Theology Summer Edition) Monday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Home of Kristin Partlo

We gather together outside for community and conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

The Worship and Ecology Discussions Continue in July

There will be two events related to bread and wine. Wednesday, July 7, at noon in the Fireside Room we discuss chapter 4 of "A Watered Garden." Friday, July 9, we gather at 7:30 p.m. at Cannon River Winery in Cannon Falls to discuss the connections of wine and Scripture. Both events are open to new participants. Please RSVP to Pastor Pam if you intend to join the group at the winery.

Baby Care Kits

During the past several months, through the generous donations of St. John's members and friends, over 100 baby care kits have been assembled and delivered to the Lutheran World Relief distribution center in St. Paul. The supply closet is now nearly empty and we are ready to receive donations once again. There is a list of accepted items at the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Donations may be left there as well. Questions? Contact Barb Eaves, 507-645-4172 or pbeaves@hotmail.com.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Presents "Beauty in the Midst of Chaos" First Recital: Wednesday, July 7, 12:15 p.m., United Methodist Church (1402 Maple St.)

All are invited to attend free organ recitals that will take place weekly at various churches July 7 through August 4. (Some recitals will include a free will offering to defray publicity expenses.)

Legislative Wrap-Up: What happened at the Capitol? The Faith Perspective Wednesday, July 7, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The 2021 Legislative Session is almost done. Join the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, local congregations, faith leaders, and community organizations to hear about policy changes to help struggling Minnesotans and our neighbors in need — and learn more about how the process works. Anne Krisnik, JRLC Executive Director, will share new laws impacting housing, emergency shelter, safety net programs, and more. RSVP to 612-230-3232 or Joan Miltenberger, Statewide Organizer, at jmiltenberger@jrlc.org to ensure space for social distancing.

Family VBS in August

Wednesdays, August 4, 11 & 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Your family is invited to this summer's VBS, "Together Under the Stars" outdoors at Bethel Lutheran Church. Activities will be geared toward elementary aged kids. Programming starts at 6:00 p.m. but you are welcome to provide your own picnic dinner and dine with other families starting at 5:30 p.m. (no food will be provided). Please register by July 15. Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org for the registration link.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps

Contact <u>dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com</u> to place your order for contactless delivery.

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
Brad Kmoch, Andy and Izzie Nelson, Scott Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including
Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson

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; Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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 4):

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5 + Psalm 123 + 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 + Mark 6:1-13

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 28

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service - Duane Olson
12:00 p.m. Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
6:00 p.m. Patio Theology, Home of Kristin Partlo

Tuesday, June 29 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 via Zoom

Wednesday, June 30 No Scheduled Activities

Thursday, **July 1** 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 2 9:00 a.m. S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 3 No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, July 4 9:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, July 5 Church Building and Office Closed

12:00 p.m. Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Church Office Hours

During the summer, the office will be staffed Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phones will be answered until 5:00 p.m. The building will be accessible outside of office hours by appointment or if you have a scheduled meeting. Groups may schedule events in the church building, following current CDC guidelines, which recommends masks for all unvaccinated persons.



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Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir
Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers
Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants
Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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