



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2026 † 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 — La Grâce from 12 Marches héroïques 'Heldenmusik,' TWV 50:31-42
Georg Philipp Telemann

Jacob Keen, trumpet
My Tran, piano

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 526 "God Is Here!"

*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, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Children's Message

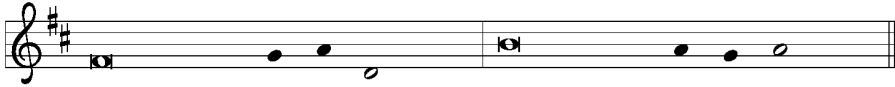
Stories from Good Earth Village Camp

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Antiphon: Michael Krentz

Antiphon: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing.



- ¹Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- ²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**
- ³"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- ⁴**I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.' "** *Antiphon*
- ¹⁵Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.
- ¹⁶**They rejoice daily | in your name;
they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷For you are the glory | of their strength,
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- ¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;
our king to the Holy | One of Israel.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of

those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 — Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Youth Mission Trip Participants

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

*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

I. Prelude from Suite for Viola

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Mason Abrahamson, cello

My Tran, piano

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

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.

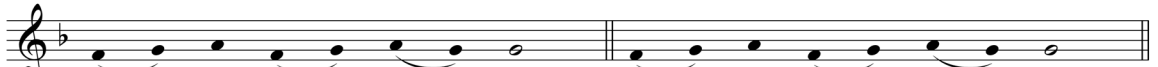
***Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray.

C **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 also 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. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Solo — Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 2, BWV 1008

J. S. Bach

Mason Himel, euphonium

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

*Prayer after Communion

- ☞ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 729

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — “Celebration”

Dagfinn Moe



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Youth Mission Trip Participants and Good Earth Village Campers
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Pippa Younger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Musicians	Members of the Lutheran Summer Music Collegiate Fellows
Livestream	Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	Pam Enfield, Mary Ellen North
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Dawn Tommerdahl
Refreshments	Family of Lydia Quanbeck Moe
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Merilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Mike Bull, Leif Knecht, Jon and Cindy McBroom

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE CAMPERS

Caleb Hassanally, Claire Gallagher, Anders Loy, Isaac Loy, Zemirah Smith, Jameson Taubel

SERVE BOLDLY MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee, Odin Christopherson, Soren Christopherson, Rosie Cook, Charlotte Cox, Elliot Davis, Jude Hassanally, Micah Hassanally, Francis Jackman, Jacob Mandsager, Noah Mandsager, Marin McBroom, Joshua McNeil-Maddox, Ravi Petzchmann, Tia Randall, Izzy Rudser, Maddy Rudser, Hadassah Smith, Lucy Younger
Chaperones: Jonathan Davis, Terrence Hassanally, Chelsey Hinricksen, Amy Randall



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast and Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Lydia Quanbeck Moe's 90th birthday by her family. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office. Next available dates: July 12 and August 2, 9 & 30.

Lydia's family invites you to celebrate her 90th birthday today following the worship service.

Please join us for coffee, cake, and conversation in St. John's Hall. Your presence will be a wonderful gift!

Lutheran Summer Music

This morning's music is offered by musicians from Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM), a nationally-recognized residential academy where young musicians from across the country study classical and sacred music, grow in faith, and build community together. Join us June 21–July 19 at St. Olaf College for more than 40 free concerts, recitals, and worship services. Learn more and reserve free tickets at LSMacademy.org or pick up a printed calendar at the Welcome Desk. Take note of a recital held here at St. John's on Saturday, July 11, at 3:00 p.m.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 8:20 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. St. Dominic White

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

Pub Theology

Monday, June 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

Topic: *Pope Leo and Safeguarding Humanity*

We will continue our discussion of Pope Leo's encyclical on artificial intelligence and technology. We will focus our time on chapter 4: "Safeguarding Humanity at a Time of Transformation—Truth, Work, Freedom." Please read chapter 4. Copies of the reading can be found at the Welcome Desk or can be found at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 8, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church

Organist: Nathan Proctor

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

Pastor Pam's Sabbatical will begin on July 25

The article in the [June Voice](#) outlines plans for coverage during her absence. Pastor Pam will have a letter detailing her activities for sabbatical in the July Voice.

Announcements (continued)

There is now a newly installed alarm system at St. John's and we are in the process of learning the ins and outs of it. All staff have been equipped with key fobs and an app that allows for remote adjustments. If you need to enter the building when it is locked, please contact a staff member. There are now motion sensors in the hallways and Commons that will go off if the building alarm is armed.

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 2026 Edition): Due by July 15

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar. You can also follow us on Facebook for additional updates and photos.

Children and Youth

Good Earth Village is Bringing Summer Camp to Northfield

When: August 3–6, 8:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Who: Kids completing grades K–5

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$70 / Camper (Scholarships Available)

Want to give your kids a faith-filled camp experience—without leaving Northfield? Good Earth Village Day Camp brings the energy, joy, and spiritual impact of summer camp to us! GEV summer staff lead a week of songs, Bible study, worship, crafts, games, and connection—all designed to help children grow in faith and friendships. We are teaming up with Bethel, St. Peter's, and United Methodist Churches! Register online at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

Summer Camp for PreK too! Snowball Mountain Challenge! (VBS)

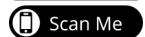
Who: For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5

When: August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

Register by scanning the QR Code.



Registration for 2026–2027

Registration is officially open for St. John's children and youth programming next year, 2026–2027. Check out St. John's website for more information and to register.

This Week At-a-Glance

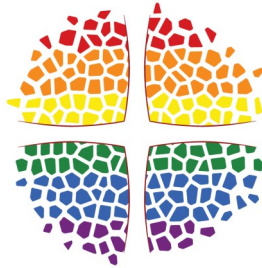
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, June 29	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Manna and Mercy Video Discussion Group, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, June 30	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, July 1		No Scheduled Events
Thursday, July 2	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, July 3		<i>July 4th Holiday - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
Saturday, July 4		<i>July 4th Holiday - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
Sunday, July 5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 5):

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12 † Psalm 145:8-14 † Romans 7:15-25a † Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



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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.*