

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025 † 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 — Andante in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 786

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C 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.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

A Amen.

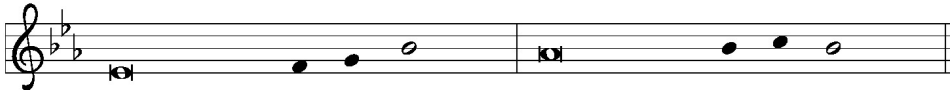
HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

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

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.

G Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Luke 9:51-62**

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

G 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.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 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”

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*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

- 📖 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

"The Peace may be exchanged." from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair

*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,

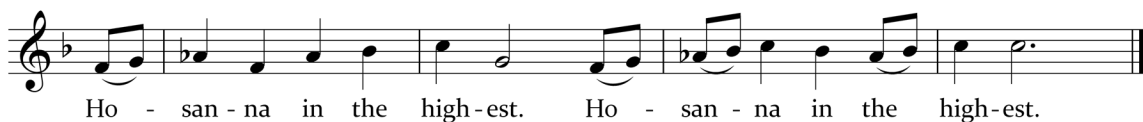
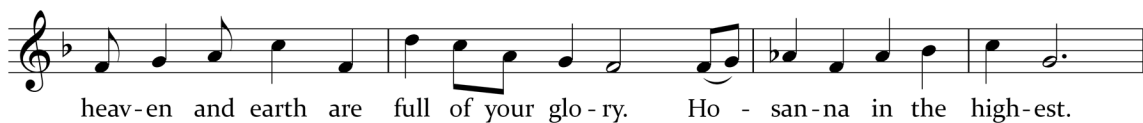
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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. 798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Hymn — ELW No. 767

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — Rondeau

Josef Hector Fiocco
Transcribed Charles Callahan



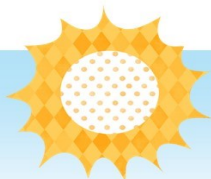
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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

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| Preaching and Presiding | Pastor Pam Fickenscher |
| Assisting Minister | Susanne Smith |
| Organist | Nathan Proctor |
| Cantor | David Sims |
| Communion Service | Brenda Nelson |
| Greeter | Cindy McBroom, Sandra Nyvall |
| Coffee and Refreshments | Friends of Mary Ellen North |
| Counters | Merilyn Calcutt, Judd Lohmann, Mark Ulmer |
| Ushers | Ruth Dahl, Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Bob Nyvall |



St. John's Sweet and Savory Summer Social Sunday, July 13 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**All ages gathering of fun, food, and foolishness.
Bring a shareable sweet or savory appetizer if you like or
just show up. We'll have snow cones and popcorn.**

**Spring Creek Park Shelter
510 Jefferson Parkway E**

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Snack, Socialize, Lawn Games, Park Play
4:00-5:00 p.m. All Ages 'Field Day' Games
(water balloon toss, wheelbarrow races, etc.)
Play or Cheer On—Lawn Chairs Encouraged**

Hosted by Adult Ministry & Education Board
If inclement weather, event moved to St. John's Hall.



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in commemoration of Barbara and Lowell Johnson's 72nd wedding anniversary on June 28. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: September 7, 21 & 28.

70th Birthday Celebration for Mary Ellen North

Come and celebrate Mary Ellen's birthday with family and friends at a special coffee hour today after worship. All are welcome!

Church Softball League

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

St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to:

<https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

Pub Theology: What is the kingdom of God, really?

Pub theologians will gather at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, June 30, at the Eagles' Club (304 Water Street S) to discuss *The Kingdom of God as Boundary Crossing* by Brian Blount. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk, or contact Pastor Pam for an e-copy.

Courageous Conversations Book Group

We invite you to join our summer discussion of *Autocracy, Inc.* by Anne Applebaum. The group will meet every two weeks: July 17 & 31, August 14 & 28 via Zoom. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Please contact Dawn Tommerdahl to sign up and receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

Fruit Sunday on July 27

Mark your calendars for a well-loved summer tradition at St. John's—Fruit Sunday! Come enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee & fellowship time, and perhaps share a recipe! We'll need several desserts, and we invite you to sign up to bring any fruit dessert of your choice. We also need a few helpers for serving and clean-up—many hands make light work, and it's fun! To sign up, email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, write your name on the paper sign-up in the Commons on Sundays, or sign up using the CCB link found in the weekly E-Voice.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 2, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College

Organist: James Bobb

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

Announcements (continued)

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, July 28, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready and waiting for you. The first speaker will be Matt Wehling, who is an award-winning Northfield string bow maker. He will lead us through an interesting "bow making journey." Our second speaker will be Nancy Earhart Burt who is Amelia Earhart's 2nd cousin. "Amelia" will arrive in costume and share highlights of her amazing life story . . . when Amelia needs to leave, her cousin "Nancy" will step in to share "The Rest of the Story." To register, call 507-301-9094 or email outnabouto22@gmail.com and specify if you plan to register for the speakers only or want to include lunch. Cost: speakers and refreshment break, \$15; speakers, refreshment break, and bag lunch from the Hideaway Vault, \$20.

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 2025 Edition): Due July 15

Children and Youth

Summer Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, on Wednesdays at noon. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6th graders and older.

Help Out at the Food Shelf

Who: All St. John's Youth (parents welcome, too!)

What: Work a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf

When: Your choice of Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Once again this summer, 1–2 youth per week are invited to work for a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf. We'll be greeting and stocking shelves. Kristin will be there each week (except when another staff member fills in) to be a familiar face. Parents are welcome to sign up with their youth—those who did so last year reported that it was a meaningful way to spend a summer midday together. Sign up at volunteersignup.org/RCYD4

Youth Summer Fun and Service Events

What: Splash Valley Water Park (rain back-up TBD)

Who: All Youth (Grades rising 6–12)

When: Wednesday, July 9, 3:15–7:15 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from *Bethel* to Apple Valley

Please bring \$14 to cover park fees. Adult drivers and high school helpers needed!

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

Marilyn Boschee, Ellen Ellickson, Herb Fick, Fred Huemoeller, Kathy Applebee

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings

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

Contact 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.



This Week At-a-Glance

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

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| Monday, June 30 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Pub Theology, Eagles' Club |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, July 1 | 7:45 a.m. | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall |
| | 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. | NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room |
| Wednesday, July 2 | 5:30 p.m. | Evening Knitters, St. John's Library |
| Thursday, July 3 | 7:45 a.m. | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite |
| Friday, July 4 | | 4 th of July ~ Church Office and Building Closed |
| Saturday, July 5 | | No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed |
| Sunday, July 6 | 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 |

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 6):

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



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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.*