



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 30, 2024 † 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 — on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*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

- ☐ 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 30, “Sing to God, that All May Hear You”

BEACH SPRING

Sing to God, that all may hear you! God, whose arms can lift and save;
Change our sor - row to re - joic - ing, clothe with glad - ness all de - spair;

by your heal - ing touch, re - vive us, life re - store be - yond the grave.
cause un - stead - y feet that stum - ble now to dance be - neath your care.

Praise we now our sure sal - va - tion, God, the ho - ly one a - bove;
Dry the tears we shed in mourn - ing, give us stead - fast hope al - ways;

end the night so dimmed by an - guish with the sun - rise of your love.
fill our hearts with ex - pec - ta - tion, and our songs with thanks and praise.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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.”

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 — Mark 5:21-43

Spark Story Bible, page 254

Before the reading:

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 610

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

*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,
- C** 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

"Elms" from *Views from the Oldest House*

Ned Rorem

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men."

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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 - 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.***

On the last 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.

Hymn — ELW No. 612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Hymn — ELW No. 870

"We Praise You, O God"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 886

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “In Thee Is Gladness”

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

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| Presiding | Pastor Jonathan Davis |
| Preaching | Pastor Pam Fickenscher |
| Assisting Minister | Rod Christensen |
| Organist | Joanne Rodland |
| Healing Prayers | Dennis and Jane Rinehart |
| Communion Prep | TBD |
| Communion Cleanup | TBD |
| Greeters | TBD |
| Coffee Service | Angie Gehring, Doug Johnson |
| Refreshments | Nancy Kluver, Rhoda Reece |
| Nursery | TBD |
| Counters | Merilyn Calcutt, David Nitz, Mark Ulmer |
| Ushers | John and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore, Rob Nutt |

OUR MUSIC TODAY

The prelude this morning is a setting of the much beloved hymn, "My Song Is Love Unknown." (343 in the Hymnal). R. Vaughan Williams chose a different tune, "Rhosymedre," for his gentle setting of this very powerful text. Ned Rorem's Elms at the offertory, comes from a collection of pieces, Views from the Oldest House. It uses just one flute stop and gives us a few moments to contemplate God's gift of a quiet moment in nature and, hopefully, in us. And, the postlude! There simply has never been one quite like J.S. Bach! The joyful tune is actually an Italian dancing song! The Biblically based text sees Jesus as the source of joy in all distress. "In Thee Is Gladness, amidst all sadness, Jesu, sunshine of my heart."



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Steve Volkert in celebration of Pete and Charleen Volkert's 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 645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available dates: August 18 and September 1, 8, 22 & 29.

Church Softball League Games

Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. Hosanna

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

Pub Theology is taking a two-week break. We resume on Monday, July 15.

St. John's Summer Suppers are Back

Sign up to be either a guest or a host for a St. John's Summer Suppers after the worship service. The Adult Ministry & Education Board is organizing suppers in the homes or backyards of congregation members on Sunday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 24. It's a fun way to get to know others at St. John's!

Second Summer Choir Invitation

Our very first Summer Choir in June was great! We had almost 40 people join us that morning and welcomed several new voices to the balcony. We are going to do one more summer choir opportunity on August 18, where you can come sing with your friends or try out a choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us. Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Save the Date: Fruit Sunday, July 28, following worship in St. John's Hall

Do you enjoy indulging in desserts that feature fruit or a combination of fruits? Do you love to bake or create delectable fruit sweets such as cobblers, pies, cakes, bars, crisps, tarts, cookies, or sorbet? Fruit Sunday provides the opportunity for both! Sign up to bring a favorite fruit dessert of your choosing (homemade or store-bought) to share with everyone and/or show up hungry and ready to eat! Join in the fun of sampling mouth-watering treats while visiting with friends and perhaps even swapping recipes! Watch for the sign-up poster and CCB link in the E-Voice and Sunday bulletin coming this July to get involved in helping with this scrumptious event! Questions? Contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Come to the Movies!

Saturday, July 13, 6:00 p.m., St. John's Theater

You are invited to St. John's for the premiere showing of the new Disney Descendants movie "*The Rise of Red*". Peder Lindell, son of Erik and Sally Lindell, is one of the cast members and he will be at St. John's for the showing. Snacks will be served. Hope to see you at the movies!

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 3, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel (St. Olaf College)

Organist: James Bobb

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

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, July 22, 9:00-11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

The first speaker of the day will be Deeann Lufkin one of the founder of CannonBelles Cheese from Kenyon. Deeann is a retired Air Force Reserve Weather Officer and her last assignment was with the Hurricane Hunters. She is now making CannonBelles Cheese and there will be opportunities to taste this cheese at our event. The second speaker is Sally Sudo who was born to Japanese parents in Seattle in 1935 and turned six around the time of the Pearl Harbor bombing. She will share her memories of the forced relocation to Japanese internment in Idaho. Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 and payable the day of the event (cash or check only). The \$15 include speaker, coffee/treats, and Hideaway Vault bag lunch.

Laura Baker—Volunteers Needed

Laura Baker Services is looking for volunteers for their monthly respite program. On the second Saturday of every month (1:00–5:00 p.m.), this program offers a monthly 4-hour Saturday Fun/Respite event where families and caregivers of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities can drop off their loved one (age 5 through adulthood) for social interactions, activities, walks, outdoor and indoor activities, and snacks while they then get some much-needed time to recharge and reset. Volunteer responsibilities include: interacting with individuals throughout the event, ensuring participant safety, assisting individuals playing games and doing arts & crafts, and supporting other various indoor and outdoor activities. Ready to volunteer? Still have questions? Contact Keri Pofahl at Laura Baker Services Association at 507-323-5147 or Kpofahl@laurabaker.org.

Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (August 2024 Edition): Due by July 15

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

Ingrid Alderding, Fred Huemoeller, Roberta Morse, Bob Tabery

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Richard Olson, 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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 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 7):

Seventh 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.

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| Monday, July 1 | 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday, July 2 | 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 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 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Hall |
| Wednesday, July 3 | 11:00 a.m. | Personnel Committee, Undercroft |
| Thursday, July 4 | | <i>4th of July - Church Office and Building Closed</i> |
| Friday, July 5 | 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room |
| Saturday, July 6 | | No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed |
| Sunday, July 7 | 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons |

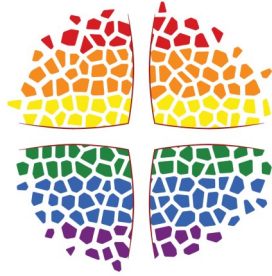
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*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.*