



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023 † 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** — “Morning Has Broken”  
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

arr. Lee Dengler  
arr. Sherill Kelsey

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 887

“This Is My Song”

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**G** we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Righteous God,

**G** we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest.  
We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.  
God offers boundless grace when we fail.  
Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven  
in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**G** Amen.

## \*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.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

### Psalmody — Psalm 89, "My Song Forever Shall Record"

SUSSEX CAROL

My song for - ev - er shall re - cord the ten - der mer - cies  
Al - might - y God, your loft - y throne has jus - tice for its  
The swell - ing sea o - beys your will; its an - gry waves your  
of the Lord; your faith - ful ways will I pro - claim, and  
cor - ner - stone; and shin - ing bright be - fore your face are  
voice can still. The whole cre - a - tion's won - drous frame pro -  
ev - 'ry age shall know your name.  
truth and love and bound - less grace. Come ev - 'ry voice, sing out your  
claims its Mak - er's glo - rious name.  
song. Praise the Lord! Praise God ev - er - more!

Psalm Paraphrase: *The Psalter*, 1912, alt.

## Reading — Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do 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? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For 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.

**G** 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** — Matthew 10:40-42

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>42</sup>and 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.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — ACS No. 1047

“What Is the World Like”

**\*The Apostles Creed**

*Front of ACS hymnal, page 17*

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

**L** Lord, in your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

**\*Peace**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.*

## Offering of Our Gifts

*Music at the Offering:*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

arr. Lloyd Larson

### \*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.

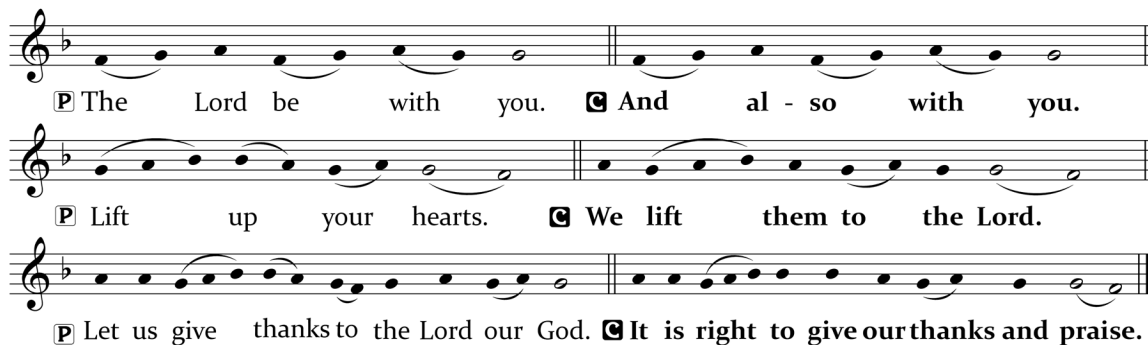
### \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

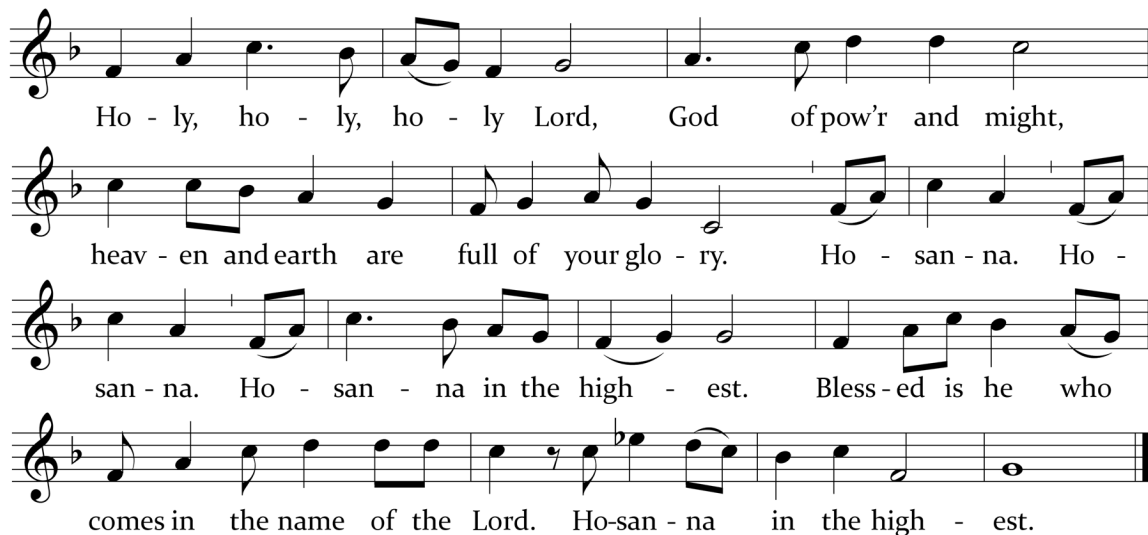


♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ♪ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

♩ 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”



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”**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ 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** — “Voluntary One-Allegro”

ed. Richard Peek



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Amy Rudser
Organist	Rhonda Reece
Violin	Deonne Gray
Flute	Jill Mahr
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Greeters	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Coffee Service	TBD
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bob Tabery, Pippa Younger
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Kent Rommereim

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 9):**

*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

# Announcements

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

**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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 17 & 24 and October 8, 15 & 29.

**Church Softball League Games - No Game this Evening**

**Next Game: Sunday, July 9, 7:10 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 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.

**Pub Theology: ELCA Study on Civic Life and Faith**

**Mondays, July 10 & 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Culver's**

The ELCA is developing a new social statement on Civic Life and Faith, and the ELCA congregations of Northfield are gathering to learn and discuss together this summer. On Mondays July 10 & 17, we continue to gather from 6:00–7:30 p.m. to review the curriculum and provide feedback to the task force. Task Force member Prof. Anthony Bateza will guide us through the materials. A few copies are available at the Welcome Desk, but video materials available at [elca.org](http://elca.org) are central to the study. You may also review the study on your own and provide feedback by October 15.

**New Evening Knitting Group Beginning July 5**

Join us for a new evening knitting group meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m., beginning July 5. Come and go as you're able during that time. This will be a subset of the current knitting groups for those not available to meet during the day. All knitting (or crochet) levels welcome. There are opportunities to make baby blankets, caps, prayer shawls, and more to be distributed locally or globally where needed. Yarn is available, bring your own needles. Email Jill Enestvedt at [jillenestvedt@gmail.com](mailto:jillenestvedt@gmail.com) with questions.

**Bundles of Joy**

WELCA invites you to help build desperately-needed baby kits one item at a time. **This week: July 2-T-Shirts** (6-24 months, no onesies). **Next week: July 9 - PJs** (6-24 months, no feet). A monetary donation is also welcome. Please make checks payable to St. John's WELCA with baby care kits on the memo line. Thank you for giving a baby a better start in life! Questions? Email Pam Groves-Gaggioli at [ladylynneg@gmail.com](mailto:ladylynneg@gmail.com) or call her at 562-237-3781.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **No Coffee Sales in July**

Coffee sales will take a break in July. If you would like to purchase items before August 6, contact Dawn Tommerdahl at [Dawn.Tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:Dawn.Tommerdahl@gmail.com).

## **Rice County Habitat for Humanity: Message Update**

Volunteer builders and lunch providers are still needed this summer. **We're working on the last 3 houses throughout July and August and really need your help!** We can easily take 12 construction volunteers in a group on Saturdays, ages 18 and older – no prior construction experience is necessary. Lunch providers for the work crews are currently needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. All volunteers can sign up to help on the Habitat for Humanity website at [habitatricecounty.org](http://habitatricecounty.org) or contact Jodi Wagner at 507-403-7868. Volunteers will receive an email with further information. Your help makes a big difference!

## **Night to Unite**

**Tuesday, August 1, 5:00–7:00 p.m.**

St. John's will again be hosting this annual event which is part of a national program that encourages neighbors to come together in order to strengthen connection and increase safety in our neighborhoods. The celebration includes a picnic-style meal along with kid-friendly games and activities, and a chance to see emergency vehicles up close in our church parking lot! To make this night run smoothly we need helpers! Please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can provide help with one of the following:

- Help set up tables, chairs, and other needed items outside beginning around 3:30 p.m.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Set-up music to be played on a speaker system or playing an instrument or providing live music?
- Showing off a vintage vehicle that you own?

## **Oral History Update**

Available now on the St. John's website is a 2019 oral history interview with Guenther and Allene Moesler. In the interview, Guenther recounts his post-WWII resettlement from Romania to Austria, and his resettlement in Northfield in 1952, facilitated by Gertrude Sovik, working for Lutheran World Services, and sponsored by the St. John's congregation. Allene and Guenther also share stories of their membership at St. John's, and the many ways the church has made an enduring difference in their lives. You can hear the interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

# 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*

John Ferguson, Aiden Mandsager, Greta Matzner-Gore, David Quarberg, Joanne Rodland, Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*Those celebrating the marriage of*

Kibby Errington and Kolt Gorg

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Roy Harner (father of Steve Harner)  
Family of Jean Schrader  
Family of Max Williams

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

David and Pat Halsor, Elouise Quinnell

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

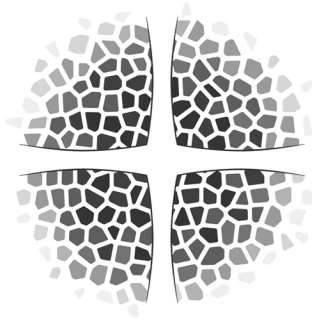
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

<b>Monday, July 3</b>	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>		<i>4th of July - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b>	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, St. John's Library
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, July 7</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, July 8</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

## **Reminder of Deadlines:**

Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.  
Newsletter, *The Voice*: July 15<sup>th</sup> for the August 2023 Edition

Please send submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)  
Thank you.



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