



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 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 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 FINLANDIA

Franklin Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “This Is My Song” (#887)

FINLANDIA

For additional harmony parts, see Hymn 887 in the red hymnal.

This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light
This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms, your king - dom
peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have
come; on earth your will be done. O God, be lift - ed
coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - 'ry -
up till all shall serve you, and hearts u - nit - ed
dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the
learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the
beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
na - tions, my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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*A Prayer of Lament and Thanksgiving

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who upholds us through adversity, who consoles us in our sorrows, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P We lament before you, O God, Comforter in our distress,
the losses that our congregation has suffered.
We have missed our weekly assembled worship, our communal song,
our sharing of bread and cup, our greetings of peace;
baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and funerals;
the celebrations of the church year;
the moments of care for one another each Sunday;
and we mourn members, family, and friends who have died of COVID-19.
O God, we lament our losses, for they are many.

C Restore us, gracious God.

P Yet today, O God, Fountain of life,
we rejoice as we gather in new and familiar ways as a congregation.
We praise you for Sunday worship in word and song;
for creative ways we've found to be together;
for communal singing, fellowship, and Bible studies;
for visitors new to this congregation; for service to the wider community.
O God, we rejoice at this new gathering for baptismal life together.

C Empower our church, faithful God.

P O God, we pray for a world made whole, for mourners consoled,
for sustenance shared, for sorrow turned to joy.

C Renew the whole world, merciful God. Amen.

*Response Hymn — “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” stanza 3 SURGE ECCLESIA

Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us to re - ceive;
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Spir - it, grace by whom we live.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien © 1997 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Timothy Strand © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

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** God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

- L** The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what

is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

UNSER HERRSCHER

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*Gospel — Mark 6:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not

welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.
¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (#841) LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Cantor Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the har - mo -
All Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod, felt in the days when
All God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who has brought us

nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning
hope un - born has died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the dark past has taught us; sing a song full of the
way that with tears has been wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our
plac - es, our God, where we met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
wine of the world, we for - get thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for -

day be - gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson; Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

***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:

- ℣** 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:

"Down a Country Lane"

Aaron Copland

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

P Holy God, our Maker, our Teacher,
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.
All that has life and breath praises your name.
For your Word that sustain the earth,

C **we thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word to renew the world.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
preached your mercy, and called us to faith.
For your Word in Christ,

C **we thank you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word,
that we may grown in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption,
and sharing your strength and beauty with the world.
For you Word in our lives,

C **we thank you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,
for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

C **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:

C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — “How Firm a Foundation” (#796)**

FOUNDATION

How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove
 is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
 What more can he say than to you he has said
 I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
 who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.; Music: Early American

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — on FOUNDATION

Edwin Childs



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(9:00) Dennis and Jane Rinehart (10:30) Christy and Olaf Hall-Holt
Organist	Nathan Proctor

Today St. John's begins its partnership with the City of Bells project, a Minnesota effort to have collective ringing of bells on civic holidays.

This morning 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.

- For more information about the history of St. John's church bell, please see the pdf attachment at the end of the July 1 issue of the E-Voice. This history, along with a picture of its donor, W. E. Johnson, and a picture of the bell with its inscription are also displayed on the bulletin boards by the church library and by the Sacristy.
- Go to www.cityofbells.com to learn about City of Bells non-profit, whose mission is to "emphasize the importance of bronze bell installations - heralding the heartbeat of our communities - through discovery, education, promotion, and restoration."

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor and memory of Bob Scholz by his wife Cora and their family. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: August 15 and September 26. 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.

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Text Study continues on Zoom tomorrow. Join in from 12-1 p.m. for a discussion of the Scripture reading for the upcoming Sunday.

“Patio Theology” (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Patio Theology will take a break tomorrow and resume next Monday, July 12.

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.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Presents “Beauty in the Midst of Chaos”

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.

Habitat for Humanity – Volunteers Requested

We are really excited to get folks back on site in Northfield for our Faith Build! To prepare, we're asking for people to sign up to be either a Site Host or a Construction Crew Leader. If you have a spirit of hospitality, the Site Host is a perfect role for you. Are you handy or knowledgeable with construction? Do you enjoy teaching others? We are also looking for Construction Crew Leaders to be onsite for the day leading a group in construction along with our newly appointed Construction Manager, Greg. Don't worry, we'll do training before you're on site! If you're interested in learning more call Jerry Kipp at 507-254-6832, Brent Nystrom at 507-581-6715, or Christy Hall-Holt at 507-581-1508.

Announcements (continued)

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 jmilttenberger@jrlc.org to ensure space for social distancing.

Youth Event: Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, July 14

St. John's youth are invited to join Bethel and St. Peter's in this service event, packaging food that will be delivered to children in need all over the world. Contact Emmanuel Kaghondi if interested in participating at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Update on Quilting at St. John's

Quilters are now meeting every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. We love having new people join our group. You don't need to sew to participate and you don't need to commit to coming each week, just when it fits into your schedule. So far this year, 94 quilts have been delivered to Lutheran World Relief and to Global Health Ministries (GHM). Many thanks to those who have donated fabrics and sheets. We are now accepting all sizes and colors of sheets. We no longer use corduroy, fleece or knit fabrics, but appreciate donations of cotton and cotton blend fabrics. Please wash used items. White sheets are donated to GHM for hospital bed linens, or torn into strips for rolled bandages. Thanks also to those who sew quilts at home. Since the church is now open, quilt kits for sewing at home are again in the large basket on the floor under the Women's bulletin board in the Commons. Your contributions of supplies and of your time are greatly appreciated! For more information, contact Jane Rinehart, 612-840-6450 (phone or text), or janesrinehart@gmail.com.

Courageous Conversations Presentation video from June 8, 2021

In case you missed it, Rod Christensen presented this talk: "Race Matters in Health Care: Why Do Black Americans have Poorer Health Outcomes." We invite you to listen to this eye-opening discussion. Here's the link: <https://vimeo.com/560509567>. This video can also be found on Women's Page on the church website.

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

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com 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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Wayne Aarsvold (brother of Janet Lotegeluaki)

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

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie

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 11):

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15 + Psalm 85:8-13 + Ephesians 1:3-14 + Mark 6:14-29

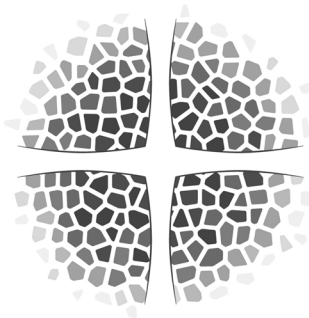
This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, July 5		<i>Church Building and Office Closed</i>
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, July 6	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
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Ministry & Education Board, St. John's Library
Wednesday, July 7	12:00 p.m.	Watered Garden Book Discussion, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC), St. John's Hall
Thursday, July 8	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	6:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, July 9	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Memorial - Bob Scholz, Boe Chapel at St. Olaf College
	7:30 p.m.	Watered Garden Experience, Cannon River Winery
Saturday, July 10	9:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Courtyard
Sunday, July 11	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

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