



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 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 — Prelude on a German/Swedish Folk Tune: Thy Holy Wings
arr. John Ferguson

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 887 “This Is My Song”

*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.

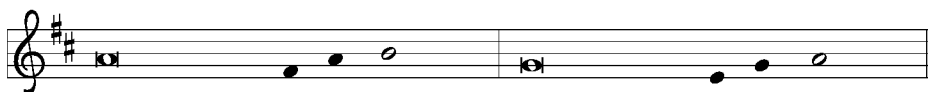
📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 123

Antiphon: Hal Hopson

Antiphon: Lord, hear my prayer; come and help me. Lord, hear my prayer.



¹To you I lift [|] up my eyes,
to you enthroned [|] in the heavens.
²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand [|] of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show [|] us your mercy.**
³Have mercy upon us, O [|] LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough [|] of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the in- [|] dolent rich,
and of the derision [|] of the proud. Antiphon**

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

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*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." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They 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 — ACS No. 985

"Let Us Enter In"

*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

A Quaker Reader

Ned Rorem

“When I came into the silent assemblies...

I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart”

“...No darkness at all...”

“God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all...”

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

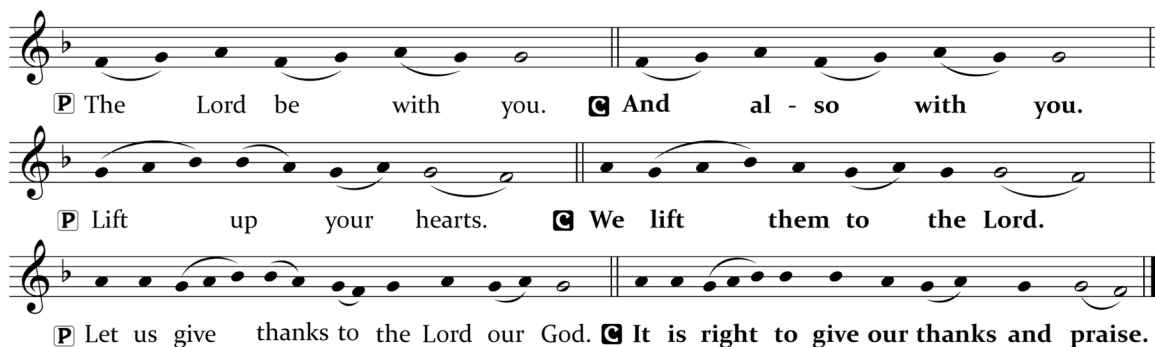
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C 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

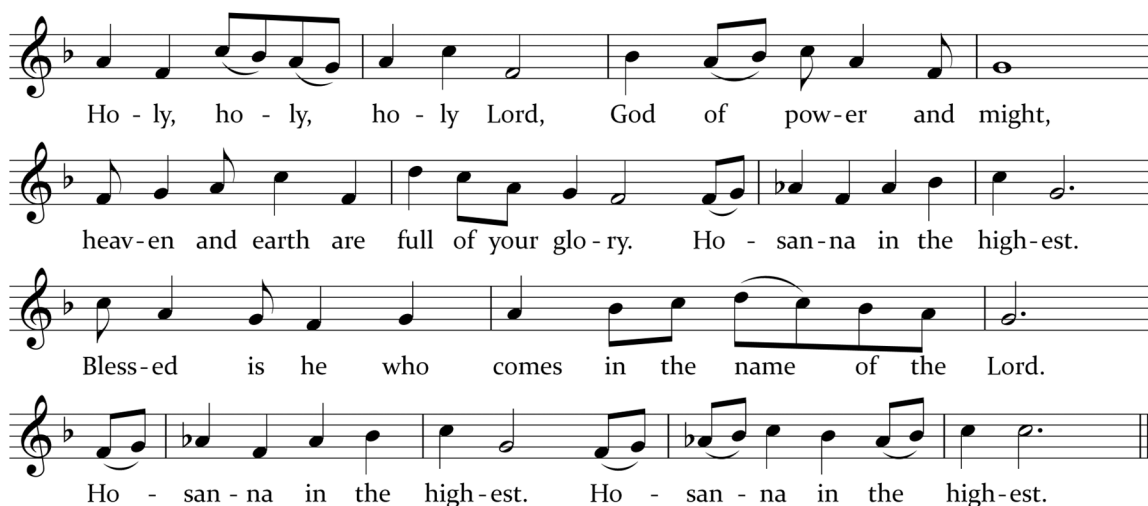


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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. 546

"To Be Your Presence"

Hymn — ELW No. 576

"We All Are One in Mission"

*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 and Sending for Amnicon Participants

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ACS No. 991

“Go to the World”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kathy Shea
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Soloist	Kristin Partlo
Cantors	Amnicon Participants
Communion Service	Judy Smith
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Rusty and Nancy Kluver, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Nursery	Emma Kmoch
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Marilyn Calcutt, Vicki Otis
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Jim Sharrow

Amnicon Participants

Our middle school and high school youth head to Amnicon today. They return on Friday, July 12.

Youth:

Anna Bash, Owen Brownlee, Jonah Brownlee, Bella Christopherson, Rosie Cook, Ava Damm, Elliot Davis, Arlo Eastvold, Avery Eastvold, Mya Haak, Jude Hassanally, Micah Hassanally, Erin Klaers, Marin McBroom, Edy McLaughlin, Will McLaughlin, Joshua McNeil-Maddox, Clara Menssen, Seth Knutson, Clara Nelson, Luke Nelson, Christopher Nuebel, Sonny O'Donnell, Joran Peterson, Tia Randal, Axel Randall, Izzy Rudser, Logan Seifert, Luke Thorsheim, Lucy Younger, Loudon Weis, Louise Welbaum

Chaperones:

Jonathan Davis, Jaida Gehring, Shawn Nuebel, Kristin Partlo, Eric Randall, Lydia Weisenburger

OUR MUSIC TODAY

America! She is most certainly on our minds this July 4th weekend. The organ music is a gift of three American Composers who have focused their talents on music for worship. "Thy Holy Wings" is a gentle setting of the hymn by our own John Ferguson. The offertory music, last week's and this, is from Ned Rorem's "A Quaker Reader." Rorem, (1923-2022,) himself a Quaker, gave us a rich collection of music in his long life time, much of it deeply meditative as is this morning's. Texan David Johnson (1922-1987,) was a Curtis graduate in organ and composition, served in the U.S. Army receiving a Meritorious Service Award and campaign ribbons. After further studies, he was college organist and instructor and department chair at our own St. Olaf College from 1960-1967. Positions at Syracuse and Arizona State followed. The postlude this morning is one of his most famous works.

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 or 507-645-4429. Available dates: August 18 and September 1, 8, 22 & 29.

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

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 will be at St. John's for the showing. Snacks will be served. Hope to see you at the movies!

Fruit Sunday is July 28 following worship in St. John's Hall

We invite all to come and enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee fellowship hour after worship! We'll need several desserts, and we invite you to sign up to bring and share any fruit dessert of your choice - it can be cobbler, crumble, pie, cake, cookies, tarts, bars, pastry, sorbet, etc. It can be homemade or store-bought. We also need a few helpers for set-up, serving, and clean-up - many hands make light work, AND it's fun! :) To sign up, email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or write your name on the paper sign-up on Sunday, or thru CCB at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=232.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 10, 12:15-12:45 p.m., St. John's

Organist: Jay Zoller

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.

Announcements (continued)

Second Summer Choir Invitation on August 18

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.

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

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice* to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

Children and Youth

Registration is now open for St. John's Children & Youth Programs for the 2024-2025 School Year

Check out St. John's website at: stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/. Click on "Children" or "Youth" to find out more about the programs available. Register by using this QR code or click on "Register" on our website.



SCAN ME

Summer Fun Event for Youth

Coming up for youth from St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's:

What: Apple Valley Aquatic Center (rain back-up of bowling)

Who: All Youth (Grades 6-12)

When: Wednesday, July 24, 3:00-6:30 p.m.

Where: We'll carpool from Bethel

Register using the QR code.



SCAN ME

Summer Food Shelf Pop-Up Help

Youth and their adults can help stock shelves at the CAC Food Shelf on most Thursdays this summer with Kristin. Each week we need 1-3 folks to help out. Rising 6th graders and older. Sign up using the QR code.



SCAN ME

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Pamela Nerhus

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

David and Pat Halsor

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 14):

Eighth 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 8	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 9	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.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, July 10	12:15 p.m.	Northfield Noontime Organ Recital, Sanctuary
Thursday, July 11	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, July 12	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 13	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Disney Movie Event, St. John's Theater
Sunday, July 14	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

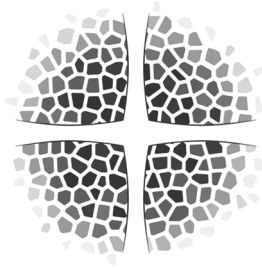
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.

*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.*