



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 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** — “In Thee Is Gladness”  
“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Dale Wood  
Aaron David Miller

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 765

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

## 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.

**C Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**C 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,

**C 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.

**C 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

☐ You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

#### First Reading — Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalmody — Psalm 145, “I Will Ever Sing Your Praises”

NETTLETON



I will ev - er sing your prais - es, for all time, your name I'll bless;  
You are gra - cious, full of mer - cy, slow to an - ger, quick to love;



with - out peer is your great glo - ry, lim - it - less your right - eous - ness.  
saints be - low may glimpse your king - dom in the loft - y skies a - bove.



Each new gen - er - a - tion num - bers all your bless - ings as their own;  
In this life, the best we sa - vor is but com - mon fare to thee;



to the earth's most far - flung re - gions is your maj - es - ty made known.  
all the rich - es earth can har - vest can - not match your maj - es - ty.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999, *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

## Second Reading — Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** 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 11:16-19, 25-30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 611**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

## \*The Apostles Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

## \*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:

“Deep River”

arr. Joe Utterback

## \*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

**L** Let us pray.

**C** 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



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also 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'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. 488**

**“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”**

**\*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. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — “Organ, Timbrel, and Dance, III In dir ist Freude”

Johannes Matthias Michel



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Elaine Nesbit
Organist	Melanie Ohnstad
Communion Assistants	Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Bob Nyvall

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 16):**

### ***Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

**Isaiah 55:10-13 † Psalm 65:9-13 † Romans 8:1-11 † Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

# Announcements

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Shirley Falck's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 11. 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**

**Today, 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**

A robust group from Bethel, St. John's, and St. Peter's met on June 26 to discuss the development of the ELCA's Civic Life and Faith social statement. This was the first of 3 sessions led by the commission's co-chair, Anthony Bateza. The next meeting is Monday, July 10, at 6:00 p.m. **Our next sessions will be in the private meeting room at Culver's** (960 MN-3, Northfield). Grab dinner or dessert and come learn with us. To prepare, please watch the videos for Sessions 3 & 4, and look through the other "On the Ground" case studies – participants will choose which ones they'd like to focus on. Session 3: Lutheran Views on Civic Life (Dr. Anthony Bateza)

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10111323/video/788802177>

## **Bundles of Joy!**

WELCA invites you to help build desperately-needed baby kits one item at a time. **This week: July 9 - PJs** (6-24 months, no feet). **Next week: July 16 - Sweatshirts or Sweaters** (6-24 months). 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.

## **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!

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **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 connections 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 serve dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Help with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

**Wednesday, July 12, 12:15-12:45 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church (418 Sumner St. E)**

**Organist: Richard Collman**

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

## **Call for Volunteers to Count Offering**

The Business Management Board is looking for additional volunteers to join the counting team. It's a great way to share your time and talents in short increments, and as your schedule allows. Counters are responsible for accurately and confidentially accounting for total offering and attributing gifts to each donor. Counters meet each Sunday for 45–60 minutes, starting at 10:45 a.m. in the summer or at 11:45 a.m. when there are two services. Each counting team includes three people and volunteers generally serve once every 4–6 weeks, with a monthly schedule determined by volunteer availability. If you are interested, please contact Jane Rizzo ([jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com](mailto:jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com)). Thank you!

## **Assisting Ministers Wanted!**

Have you ever seen an assisting minister read in worship and thought, "I want to try that!" Or have you ever heard an assisting minister pray in worship and thought, "I could *never* do that!"? Well, guess what? You can! And you *are* capable of it, too! Having people from the St. John's congregation be assisting ministers each week is one our greatest joys in worship. We believe it is important to have a variety of voices and gifts and prayers in worship—especially children and youth! If you (or your child or grandchild) have ever wondered about being an assisting minister, but weren't sure how to go about doing it, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to be on the Assisting Minister list of people we reach out too throughout the year. We will help you all along the way so that it can feel like a joyful and meaningful experience.

# 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,  
Carol Schoen, Wendy Scholz, Karen Wingate, Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse),  
George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Ann Ness  
Family of Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette)

*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*

Rose Youngquist, Lester Gunderson, 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*

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**

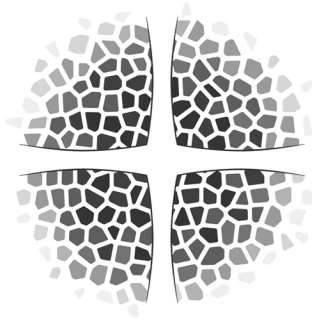
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, July 10</b>	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Jean Schrader, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service - Jean Schrader, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Culver's
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b>	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
<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>	3:30 p.m.	Facilities Sustainability Group via Zoom
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, July 15</b>	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Gary Hagen, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service - Gary Hagen, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	9:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	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.