

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 11, 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.

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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.

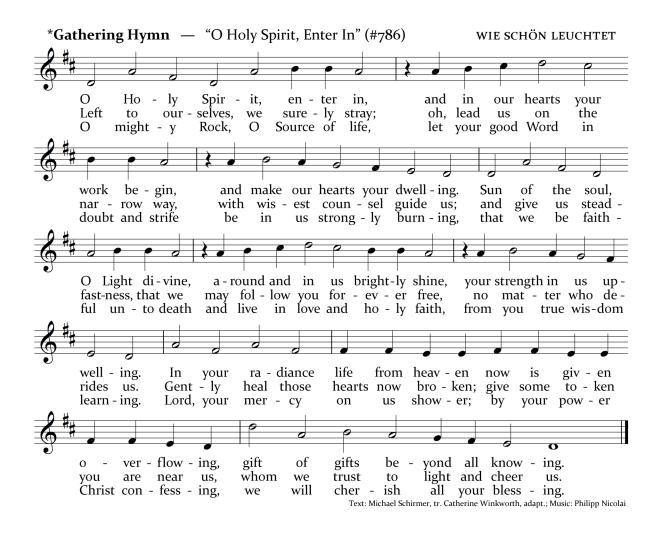
We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Two settings on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Paul Manz, Egil Hovland

Welcome and Announcements



*A Prayer of Lament and Thanksgiving

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.

© 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.
- **©** 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.
- **©** Renew the whole world, merciful God. Amen.



Greeting

- P 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

- P God we praise you, for you love us even when we fail to see the needs of the world over our own desires. Give to us, your servants, your comfort and peace which the world cannot give, so that we might be filled with courageous compassion to follow you even when the road ahead is unknown.
- Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalmody — Psalm 85:8-13

Antiphon: Listen, Lord, not to our words but to our prayer. You alone understand and care.



Antiphon: John Bell

⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; for you speak peace to your | faithful people.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

"Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway. Antiphon

Second Reading — Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight 9he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, "oas a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. "In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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*Gospel Acclamation

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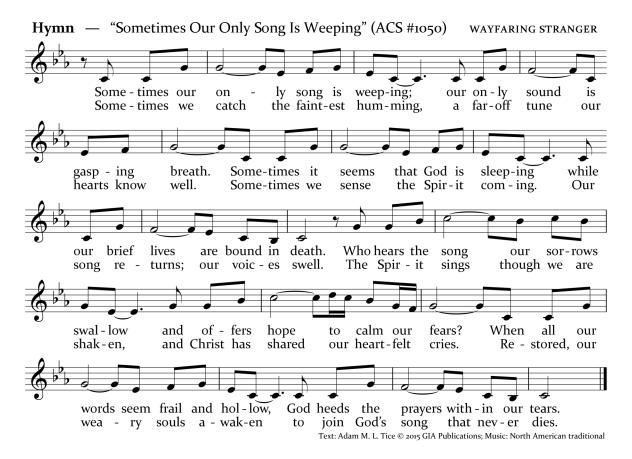
*Gospel — Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Sermon Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*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,
- hear our prayer.

*Peace

- **P** 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:

"Thanks Be to Thee"

G. F. Handel

*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,
- 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,

• we thank you, O God.

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

@ we thank you, O God.

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

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

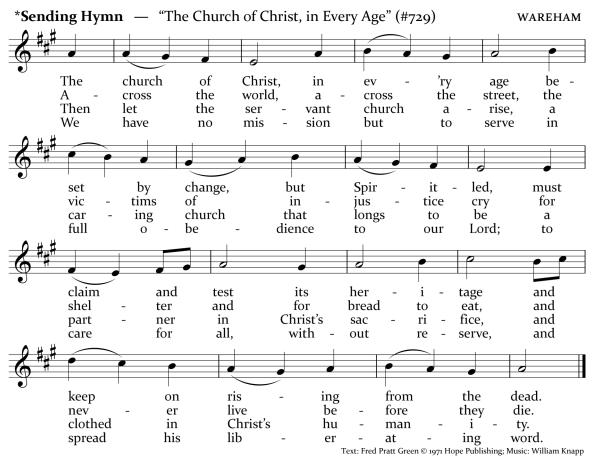
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

Amen.



*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Processional in A Major

David N. Johnson

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis

Preaching Kristin Partlo

Assisting Ministers (9:00) Barb and Ed Kuhlman

(10:30) Martin Thorsheim and Tamara Jackman

Organist Nathan Proctor
Cantor David Sims

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Ted and Tricia Peterson in memory of Elsie Nelsen, our friend and member of St. John's. 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 1 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.

Enjoy a biblical discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

"Patio Theology" (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Monday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Home of Dale and Angie Gehring

We gather together outside for community and conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at idavis@StlohnsNorthfield.org.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Presents "Beauty in the Midst of Chaos" Wednesday, July 14, 12:15 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church (418 Sumner St. E)

All are invited to attend free organ recitals that will take place weekly at various churches through August 4. Some recitals will include a free-will offering to defray publicity expenses.

Youth Event - Feed My Starving Children Wednesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.

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@StlohnsNorthfield.org

MS/HS Youth Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, July 23, 8:00-11:00 p.m., St. John's Parking Lot

We will be screening the social justice documentary, 13th, a film on inequities within the U.S. justice system. In addition to watching the movie, rising senior and St. John's Youth Member, Elle Hall-Holt will be moderating a discussion on the topic. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Please bring an outdoor chair to sit on. There will be a few extras if you don't have one. In case of rain, we will move the screening indoors to St. John's Hall.

Announcements (continued)

Family VBS in August

Wednesdays, August 4, 11 & 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

Your family is invited to this summer's VBS, "Together Under the Stars" outdoors at Bethel Lutheran Church. Activities will be geared toward elementary aged kids. Programming starts at 6:00 p.m. but you are welcome to provide your own picnic dinner and dine with other families starting at 5:30 p.m. (no food will be provided). Please register by July 15. Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org for the registration link.

Baby Care Kits

During the past several months, through the generous donations of St. John's members and friends, over 100 baby care kits have been assembled and delivered to the Lutheran World Relief distribution center in St. Paul. The supply closet is now nearly empty and we are ready to receive donations once again. There is a list of accepted items at the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Donations may be left there as well. Questions? Contact Barb Eaves, 507-645-4172 or pbeaves@hotmail.com.

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 <u>dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com</u> 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

Andy and Izzie Nelson, Paul Peterson, Scott Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Brad Kmoch,

Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,

Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

lambi Lutheran Church in lambi, 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 18):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6 + Psalm 23 + Ephesians 2:11-22 + Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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 12	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of Dale and Angie Gehring Peace & Justice Group via Zoom
Tuesday, July 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Board Meetings via Zoom Stewardship Board, Fireside Room
Wednesday, July 14	2:00 p.m.	Youth Event - Feed My Starving Children, Offsite
Thursday, July 15	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 16	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 17	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Visitation - Mary White, Commons Funeral - Mary White, Sanctuary
Sunday, July 18	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary 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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Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers
Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants
Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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