

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026 † 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 — “Processional”

William Mathias

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*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

- ☐ Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”



I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

Second Reading — Romans 8:1-11

¹Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the text: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a common time signature (C) and the second staff has a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a slight rise and fall in pitch.

*Gospel — Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Spark Story Bible, page 292

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were

scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 679

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*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

“Rhapsody on AR HYD Y NOS”

John Ferguson

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

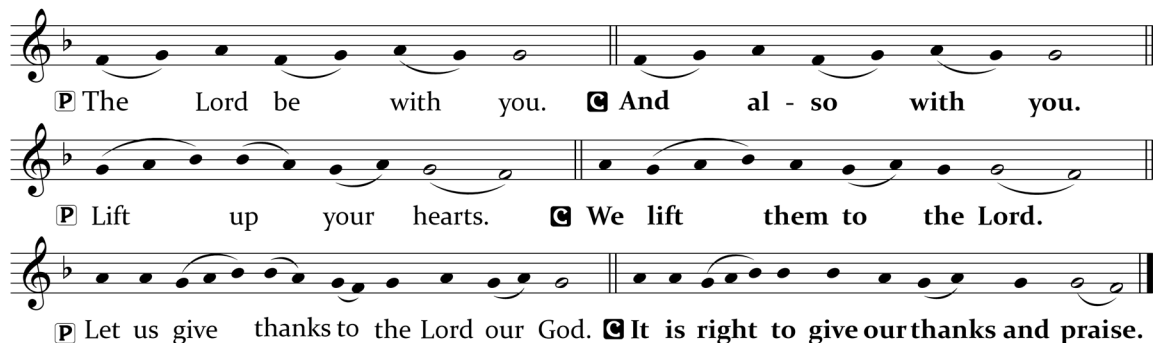
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offering Prayer

- ℒ Let us pray.
- ☩ **Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

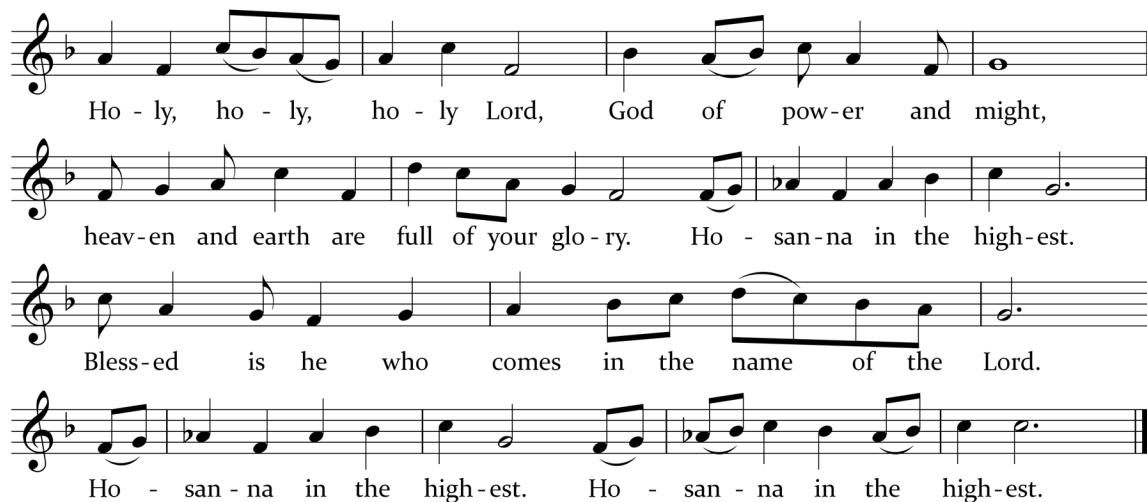


P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

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-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"



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 — ACS No. 1063

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Hymn — ELW No. 480

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***Dismissal**

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J. S. Bach



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Kristin Partlo
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Assisting Minister	Will McLaughlin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Mark Gleason, Rob Nutt
Communion Service	Sandi Gerdes
Greeters	Marie Benson, Amy Tacheny
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Craig Schultz
Refreshments	Stewardship Board
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Janell Martin, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Jon and Cindy McBroom, Chris Tacheny, Andrew Tacheny



St. John's
SUNDAY FUN DAY

Sunday
July 19

burgers,
hot dogs &
vegetarian

POP
CORN

Join us at Oddfellows Park
1016 Forest Avenue

NEW TIME: 4-6 p.m.

All ages are welcome.
Bring friends!
Food & drinks provided.

Games include water games,
cornhole, frisbee...

Hosted by the Adult Ministry
and Education Board

The graphic is a colorful grid of icons representing various activities and food items. The icons include a soccer ball, a hot dog, a sun, a frisbee, a guitar, a sailboat, a cornucopia, a popcorn bucket, and a corn cob. The text 'St. John's SUNDAY FUN DAY' is at the top, 'Sunday July 19' is in a red box, and 'burgers, hot dogs & vegetarian' is in a red box at the bottom right. The background is yellow.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office. Next available dates: August 2, 9 & 30 and Sept. 20 & 27.

**Thank You and Farewell for Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families
Today, 10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Join us for a reception thanking Kristin Partlo for her three years of ministry with St. John's. Kristin will be departing at the end of July to begin her pastoral internship at United Lutheran Church in Red Wing. Kristin is a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacrament and has only this last requirement to complete before ordination. After the worship service, we will gather in St. John's Hall to give thanks for her ministry with stories. . . and cake!

**Church Softball League
Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 1
St. John's vs. Emmaus**

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

**Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals
Wednesday, July 15, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. Olaf College (Christiansen Hall of Music, Studio A)
Organists: Students of the Lutheran Summer Music Academy**
See the Community bulletin board in the Commons for the full recital schedule.

**Summer Choir Invitation
Sundays, July 19 and August 23**

This summer you are invited to two summer choir opportunities. Come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room to rehearse and then sing for the 9:30 a.m. service. Anyone is welcome to participate! You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us. Questions? Contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July

There's an ongoing need for four construction volunteers (staining trim and/or other light tasks) each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (lunch provided) at the house located at 315 Poplar St. S. A volunteer lunch provider is also needed for each of these days. If you can help, please use the Sign Up Genius links found at habitatricecounty.org. If you are volunteering and have not yet completed the yearly waiver, please do so. If you have any trouble using the sign-up, email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Habitat for Humanity greatly appreciates your dedication and hard work! Thank you!

Announcements (continued)

ISAIAH and Faith in Minnesota Activities

Tomorrow, Monday, July 13, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church

Please join your friends from congregations throughout the Northfield area at our next general meeting. Our main focus will be election integrity, and how ISAIAH is working to make sure our elections are free and fair for everyone. We will also review other ongoing efforts to achieve economic, racial, and climate justice in Minnesota and nationally. We need your help; come learn what makes sense for you.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (August 2026 Edition): Due by July 15

Children and Youth

July Sonshine Day for Youth

Wednesday, July 15, 2:15–5:45 p.m.

We will be traveling to the Apple Valley Aquatic Center. We will depart from Bethel at 2:15 p.m. and return at 5:45 p.m. The cost of the event is \$14 per person. There is more information included on the sign-up form, which is attached here: <https://bethelnorthfield.breezechms.com/form/9b688663462215>. We need lots of adult leaders for this event, so please let Kristin know if you will be available to be a driver.

Good Earth Village is Bringing Summer Camp to Northfield

When: August 3–6, 8:45 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Who: Kids completing grades K–5

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$70 / Camper (Scholarships Available)

Want to give your kids a faith-filled camp experience—without leaving Northfield? Good Earth Village Day Camp brings the energy, joy, and spiritual impact of summer camp to us! GEV summer staff lead a week of songs, Bible study, worship, crafts, games, and connection—all designed to help children grow in faith and friendships. We are teaming up with Bethel, St. Peter's, and United Methodist Churches! Register online at: <https://goodearthvillage.org/bethel-northfield/>

Summer Camp for PreK too! Snowball Mountain Challenge! (VBS)

Who: For kids age 3 by 9/1/26–age 5

When: August 3–6, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$15/Child, Max of \$30/Family (Scholarship Available)

Register by scanning the QR Code.



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

Marilyn Boschee, Barbara Dettle, Fred Huemoeller, Barbara Johnson, George Pinc

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, Greta Matzner-Gore, Lowell Johnson, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Rachel Peterson, Alice Rickert, John Walters, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

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

Contact 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.



You're Invited to come join us for
Rootbeer Floats
as we cheer on the
St. John's Church Softball team !
Sunday, July 26
6:00 pm

Where: Babcock Field

Brought to you by the St. John's
Evangelism & Communications Board



This Week At-a-Glance

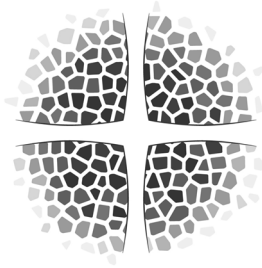
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, July 13	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Singing Resistance Community Sing, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, July 14	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, July 15	12:15 p.m.	J-Term Planning Meeting, Fireside Room
Thursday, July 16	7:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, July 17	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 18		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 19	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 209 Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Summer Social at Oddfellows Park, Offsite

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 19):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 + Psalm 86:11-17 + Romans 8:12-25 + Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



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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.*