



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 2025 † 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 — on ELLACOMBE

Albert Travis

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C 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.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Pew Bible, page 163

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 25:1-10

Antiphon: Marty Haugen

Antiphon: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.



¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. Antiphon**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your | steadfast love.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Colossians 1:1-14

Pew Bible, page 956

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 10:25-37

Spark Story Bible, page 360

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

²⁷He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with

oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙌 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Katie Fick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1043

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

*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

"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings"

Samuel Liddle

*How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth,
for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she
may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my king and my God.
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in
thy courts is better than a thousand.*

– from Psalm 84

Lacy Williams, soprano

*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 heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Offering Prayer

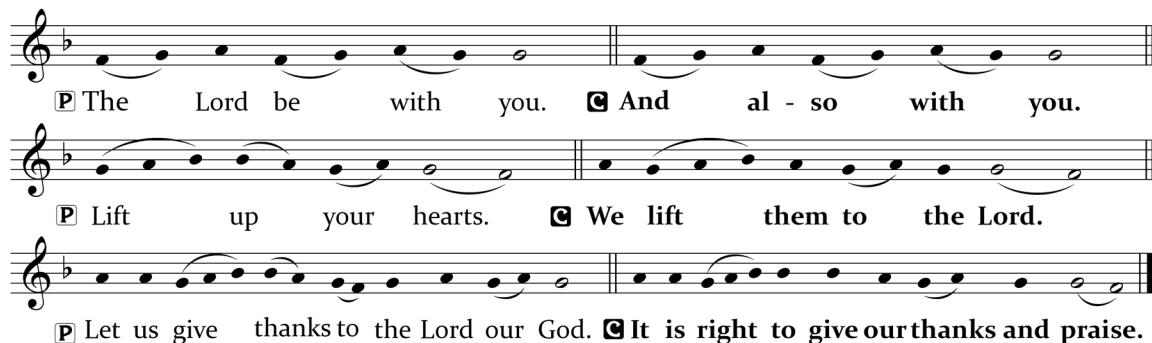
☐ Let us pray.

☑ **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

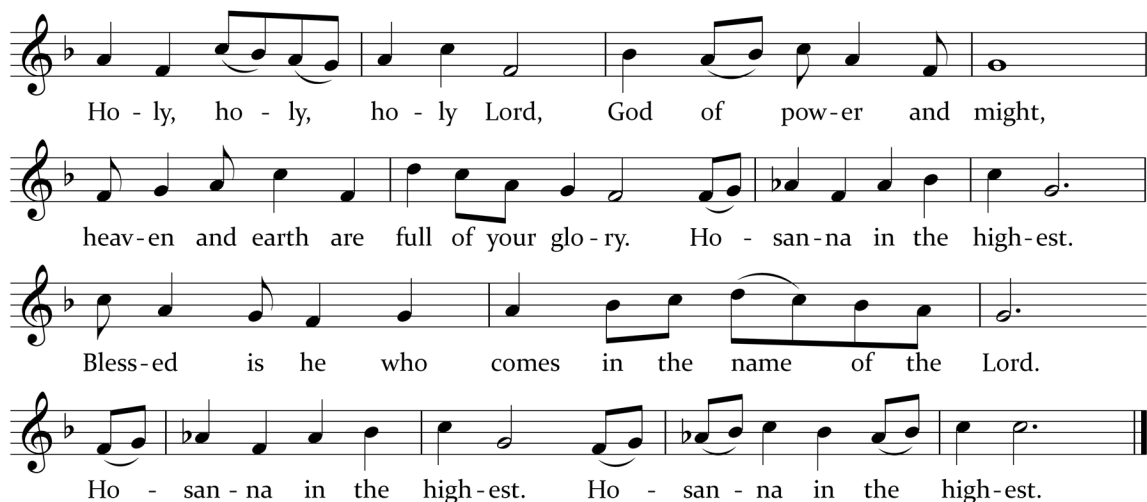


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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”



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.

Solo — “I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes”

Michael Head

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper and thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. – Psalm 121

Hymn — ELW No. 477

“I Received the Living God”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

Christikon Participants Blessing

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 729

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Maestoso” from *Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn



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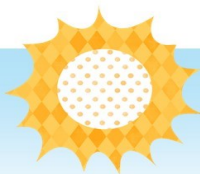
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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Rev. Katie Fick
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Gordon Moore and Jane Turpin Moore
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Lacy Williams
Communion Service	Joe and Judy Smith
Greeters	Kibby Errington
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz, Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Rhonda Reece
Counters	Janell Martin, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Kent Rommereim, Don Sahling, Jim Sharrow

TODAY



St. John's **Sweet and Savory Summer Social** **Sunday, July 13 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

All ages gathering of fun, food, and foolishness.
Bring a shareable sweet or savory appetizer if you like or
just show up. We'll have snow cones and popcorn.

Spring Creek Park Shelter
510 Jefferson Parkway E

3:00-4:00 p.m. Snack, Socialize, Lawn Games, Park Play

4:00-5:00 p.m. All Ages 'Field Day' Games

(water balloon toss, wheelbarrow races, etc.)

Play or Cheer On—Lawn Chairs Encouraged

Hosted by Adult Ministry & Education Board
If inclement weather, event moved to St. John's Hall.



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Shirley Falck's 92nd birthday on July 11 by her family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: September 7 & 21 and October 5, 12 & 26.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 7:05 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. United Methodist

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, go to:

<https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

- **Come Cheer on Team St. John's! Next Sunday, July 27, Babcock Park, Game Time: 8:10 p.m.**

Join us for a fun summer evening of fellowship and friendly competition as St. John's Lutheran Church takes on Trinity Blue in church league softball! Popcorn and water will be provided for all fans. Let's show our support and enjoy a great night together!

Pub Theology

Monday, July 14, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Location TBD

What is Pub Theology? It is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. Topics vary and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and on an email list. If you'd like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Fruit Sunday, July 27

Mark your calendars for a well-loved summer tradition at St. John's—Fruit Sunday! Come enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee & fellowship time and perhaps share a recipe! We'll need several desserts, and we invite you to sign up to bring any fruit dessert of your choice. We also need a few helpers for serving and clean-up—many hands make light work, and it's fun! To sign up, email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, write your name on the paper sign-up in the Commons on Sundays, or sign up using the CCB link found in the weekly E-Voice.

Second Summer Choir Invitation

Thank you to everyone who sang for our summer choir on June 15! We will have another opportunity to sing together on **Sunday, August 24**. 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! No long-term commitment required. You don't have to be in the St. John's Chorale to join us. Youth are welcome to join! Questions? Contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 16, 12:15–12:45 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church

Organist: Richard Collman

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

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, July 28, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and coffee will be ready and waiting for you. The first speaker will be Matt Wehling, who is an award-winning Northfield string bow maker. He will lead us through an interesting “bow making journey.” Our second speaker will be Nancy Earhart Burt who is Amelia Earhart's 2nd cousin. “Amelia” will arrive in costume and share highlights of her amazing life story . . . when Amelia needs to leave, her cousin “Nancy” will step in to share “The Rest of the Story.” To register, call 507-301-9094 or email outnabout022@gmail.com and specify if you plan to register for the speakers only or want to include lunch. Cost: speakers and refreshment break, \$15; speakers, refreshment break, and bag lunch from the Hideaway Vault, \$20.

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 2025 Edition): Due July 15

CHRISTIKON PARTICIPANTS

St. John's youth, plus 16 friends, head to Billings, Montana,
for hiking and camping in the majestic Rocky Mountains.
They leave on Saturday, July 19, and will return home on Sunday, July 28.

St. John's Youth:

*Noelle Berger, Owen Brownlee, Jonah Brownlee, Ava Damm, Elliot Davis, Mya Haak,
Jude Hassanally, Micah Hassanally, Ian Johnson, Genevieve Knutson, Theo Miller,
Luke Nelson, Joran Peterson, Izzy Rudser, Lucy Younger*

Adults:

*Pastor Jonathan Davis, Kristin Partlo, Pastor David Weeks,
Jim Brownlee, Terrence Hassanally, Jolene Johnson*

Blessings as they embark on this adventure in the great outdoors of God's creation!

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, Ellen Ellickson, Herb Fick, Fred Huemoeller, Scott Nesbit, Kathy Applebee

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Solveig Maakestad Beckmen

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David 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

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.

Children and Youth

Help Out at the Food Shelf

Who: All St. John's Youth (parents welcome, too!)

What: Work a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf

When: Your choice of Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Once again this summer, 1–2 youth per week are invited to work for a two-hour shift at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf. We'll be greeting and stocking shelves. Kristin will be there each week (except when another staff member fills in) to be a familiar face. Parents are welcome to sign up with their youth—those who did so last year reported that it was a meaningful way to spend a summer midday together. Sign up at volunteersignup.org/RCYD4

This Week At-a-Glance

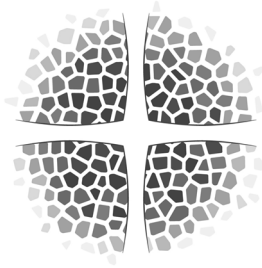
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, July 14	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Location TBD Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 15	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 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 Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library and Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, July 16		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, July 17	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Executive Committee via Zoom Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, July 18	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 19		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 20	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship (Baptism ~ Aidan Thoma), Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 20):

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a + Psalm 15 + Colossians 1:15-28 + Luke 10:38-42



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Arturo Rosas, *Custodial Associate*
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*