



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 17, 2022 † 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 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 SOMMARPSALM

John Helgen

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 1068

“The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe”

***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**

- ☐ Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.
Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may
treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 18:1-10a

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice

flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

Psalmody — Psalm 15

setting by Carolyn Jennings

Refrain — *first time cantor, then all singing*

Lord, who may dwell in your tab - er - na - cle?
Who may a - bide up - on your ho - ly hill?

Psalm Settings for the Church Year, © 2008 Augsburg Fortress.

Cantor: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

Refrain — *all*

Cantor: They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Refrain — *all*

Second Reading — Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 — Luke 10:38-42

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 461

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*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

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Siciliana" from Sonata in E-flat Major

J. S. Bach

Jill Mahr, flute

*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

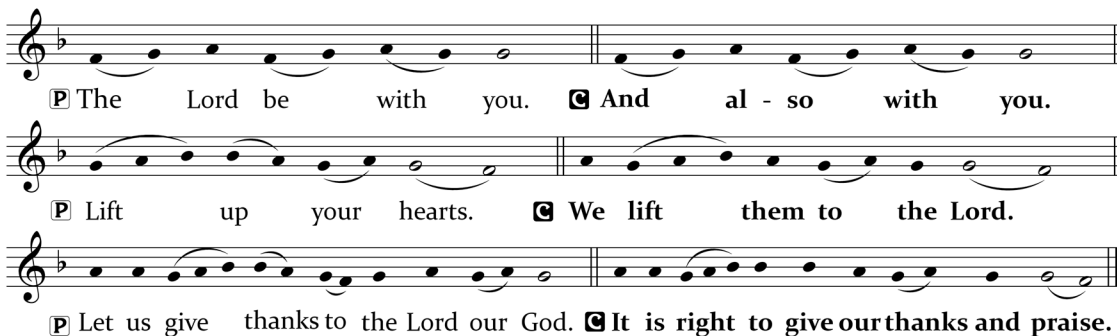
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

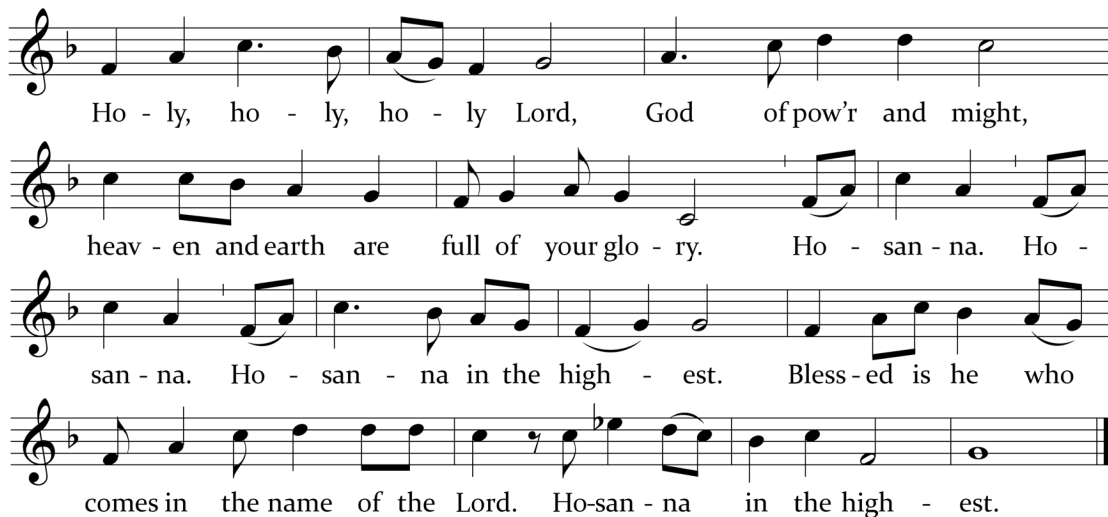


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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'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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. 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. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

Solo — "Meditation"

Charles Callahan

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Poco vivace” from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi* Hermann Schroeder



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Flute	Jill Mahr
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Ann Albert, Angie Gehring, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand, Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Reed Hagberg, Bob Tabery
Ushers	Rick Hillard, John Ophaug, Mark Rydberg

From the Stewardship Board

Summer has arrived, finally! This shortest of seasons brings so much opportunity for us to enjoy the sun and warm weather activities. Summer can mean travel and departure from our usual routines.

Did you know that the St. John's website has information and tools that can be used to give to St. John's? St. John's provides several ways to give, whether it is a one-time gift, direct debit giving, regular online giving, or using traditional weekly envelopes. Your support in any form, from making a financial contribution to volunteering, is always appreciated and enhances the vibrancy of our church.

Giving to St. John's supports regular worship services, enhances the spiritual lives of our members, and helps to improve the lives of neighbors in our local and global communities. Your meaningful giving makes an impact, strengthens congregational life at St. John's, and helps us serve our mission. Questions? Contact the church office or a member of the Stewardship Board.

Children and Youth Ministries

Upcoming Youth Events

- **Movie Night: Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m., Cannon Valley Cinema**
We are renting a Cannon Valley Cinema theater for a private movie. This event is for rising 6–10 graders.
- **High School Lock-In: Friday, August 5**
- **Romans & Christians: Wednesday, August 17, St. John's**

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Duane Benson on his 83rd birthday on July 21 by Marie Benson and family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in July. 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 7 and September 18.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, July 17, 7:10 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. Hosanna

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, July 18, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Kristin Partlo

Topic: *Blessed are the Poor(?)*

Jesus' favor towards those who are in material need is indisputable in the gospels. But through Christian history very different approaches have been taken towards poverty, and the church in the United States continues to reflect that diversity. What did you learn about "the poor" growing up? How did your family characterize its own economic status? How are our attitudes about economic need tied up with attitudes towards other life challenges such as addiction, illness, or joblessness? What does it mean to follow Jesus in a globalized capitalist world?

Next Edition of *The Voice* is the August/September Edition

Please send your submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org by tomorrow, Monday, July 18.

St. John's is Hiring this Summer!

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving as our Facility Manager? Maybe someone who could be a children's choir director or handbell director? St. John's [employment link](#) on our website is the place to send them as we seek new partners in ministry.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 20, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Valley Grove Lutheran Church (9999 155th St. E, Nerstrand)

Organist: Richard Collman

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

St. John's Annual LWR School Kits Collection

Donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief's School Kits can be placed in the school bus box in the Commons. Lists of needed supplies are at the collection box and at the St. John's Women bulletin board. Donations are welcome from July 24 through Labor Day.

Announcements (continued)

St. Olaf College will host the 2022 Conference on Worship, Theology & the Arts on July 25–28

The conference title is “Scatter the Imagination of Our Hearts” (Luke 1:51) and participants will explore how the power of imagination can challenge, change, and inspire, especially as churches respond to the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and structural racism. Keynote presenters are Willie James Jennings and Eunjoo Mary Kim. Other presenters include Joe Davis, Dr. Katherine Parent, Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy, and St. Olaf staff & faculty members: Matthew Marohl, Katherine Fick, Jill Mahr, James Bobb, Deanna Thompson, Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, and more! Northfield residents are invited to attend the conference plenary sessions and worship services for **FREE**. Registration is still open with weekly or daily options. A Virtual Conference track is also available. For a registration link and In-Person or Virtual track schedules go to: stolaf.edu/cwta.

Learn More About Refugee Settlement

Wednesday, August 3, 12:00–1:30 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church

Join Beth Nelson Chase, LIRS, and SEMN Synod staff representatives at a complimentary lunch. Be inspired as we learn about up-to-date immigration policy and practice, advocacy and ministry initiatives for faith communities, and a vision of action and change towards the preferred future of US immigration. Please RSVP for this event by Friday, July 22, at: <https://form.jotform.com/221636830098156>.

From the Faith & Health Board

In 2021, the Faith & Health Board began thinking of inviting members to share stories in a project called “Life in the Time of COVID.” At that juncture, we thought that after nearly two years the pandemic would soon peter out and that our stories would help bring healing and closure. That has not happened. Our dance with coronavirus continues. Realizing that we continue to deal with the impact of COVID-19, the Faith & Health Board extends an invitation through the summer and fall for additional “Life” stories from persons of all ages. Stories can run from a single paragraph to several pages. We welcome both single episodes or longer narratives for posting on the St. John’s website. You are invited to read these stories on the website at <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/about/history/life-in-the-time-of-covid/>. Stories are still welcome and can be sent to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

July Summer Supper

Wednesday, July 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Those who have signed up to attend will be contacted with more information and the location. The Second Summer Supper will be held Sunday, August 21, with sign-up details to come!

St. John’s Nursery is Open

St. John’s Nursery is open for ages 6 and younger.

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

Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Chuck Hellie, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde, 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, or contact a pastor.

Shared Ministry

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 2, 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 connection 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 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 with clean-up beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Set-up music to be played on a speaker or playing an instrument or provide live music

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 18	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Patio Theology, Home of Kristin Partlo
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 19	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
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, July 20	6:00 p.m.	Summer Supper Event, Offsite
Thursday, July 21	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
		Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, July 22	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, July 23		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, July 24	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 24):

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32 † Psalm 138 † Colossians 2:6-15 † Luke 11:1-13



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