



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 21, 2024 † 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** — Concertante

Gustav Holst

*Paul Beck, trombone*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 88o

“O God Beyond All Praising”

## **\*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**

- ☐ O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## **Children's Message**

## First Reading — Jeremiah 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.  
<sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

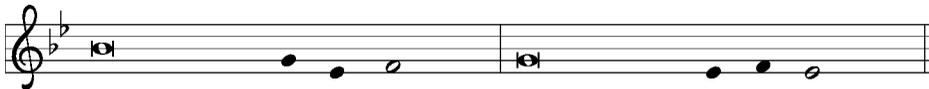
📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 23

Antiphon: African American spiritual

*Antiphon: If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.*



<sup>1</sup>The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever.** *Antiphon*

## Second Reading — Ephesians 2:13-22

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** 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 — Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.

<sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that

whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 782

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

\*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*

Fantasia No. 2

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Paul Beck and David Nitz, trombone*

## \*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** Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of 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'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. 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

**Duet** — Three Concert Duets, No. 2

Keith Snell

**Hymn** — ELW No. 789

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**Blessing and Sending Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt**

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 544

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude



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

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Presiding          | Pastor Pam Fickenscher                                 |
| Preaching          | Pastor Jonathan Davis                                  |
| Assisting Minister | Chuck Hellie   |
| Organist           | Nathan Proctor   |
| Trombone           | Paul Beck and David Nitz                               |
| Cantor             | Elizabeth Bade   |
| Communion Service  | Craig Schultz  |
| Greeters           | TBD  |
| Coffee Service     | Dale and Karen Schuette                                |
| Refreshments       | Meryln Calcutt   |
| Counters           | Judd Lohmann, Bill and Jane Rizzo                      |
| Ushers             | Cindy Clauson, Bob Nyvall, John Ophaug, Kent Rommereim |

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## **Fruit Sunday is July 28th!**



**Come and enjoy dessert after worship! See the sign-up table, bulletin or E-Voice for details!**

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Duane Benson by Marie Benson and family. 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 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available dates: August 18 & 25.

**The Nursery** (located on the lower level) will be open but will not have a caregiver present to provide childcare. Feel free to use the nursery for your child as long as a parent is present. The nursery is for children age 12 weeks to 5 years.

## **Church Softball League**

**Tonight, 8:10 p.m., Sechler 1**

***St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnnys***

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

## **Pub Theology Summer Theme—*Is Christianity Inherently Intolerant?***

**Monday, July 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow**

Pub Theology gathers each Monday this summer to discuss a chapter of Sam Wells's "Humbler Faith; Bigger God." Chapter Five addresses specifically the conversation around sexual ethics, offering up an interpretation of the Ten Commandments as a way to have a compassionate approach to ethics. Join us on Monday. If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan Davis at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **School Supply Donations are Requested for LWR School Kits.**

Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard school bus in the Commons. Supplies will be collected in August and early September. Cash donations are also appreciated. Make checks out to St. John's WELCA, and write school kits on the memo line. Checks can be left in the church office or the offering plate on Sundays. Our goal is to pack 200 kits, so many supplies are needed! Bags will be packed in September. LWR School Kit List:

- 70-sheet spiral notebooks of paper, 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf notebook paper
- 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with cm on one side and 12 inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt Fiskar scissors (Fiskar brand preferred as the other ones break easily)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 2 1/2" eraser

# Announcements (continued)

## **Fruit Sunday Is July 28 Following Worship in St. John's Hall**

We invite all to come and enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee fellowship hour after worship! We need several desserts, and we invite you to sign up to bring and share any fruit dessert of your choice—it can be homemade or store-bought. We also need a few helpers for set-up, serving, and clean-up—many hands make light work, AND it's fun! To sign up, email Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or write your name on the paper sign-up on Sunday, or through CCB.

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

**Wednesday, July 24, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church**

**Organist: John Schultz**

## **Second Summer Choir Invitation on August 18**

We are going to do one more summer choir opportunity where you can come sing with your friends or try out a 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. Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at [music@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:music@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Children and Youth**

### **Registration is now open for St. John's Children & Youth Programs for the 2024–2025 School Year**

Check out St. John's website at: [stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/](http://stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/). Click on "Children" or "Youth" to find out more about the programs available. Register by using this QR code or click on "Register" on our website.



SCAN ME

### **Summer Fun Event for Youth**

Coming up for youth from St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's:

**What: Apple Valley Aquatic Center (rain backup of bowling)**

**Who: All Youth (Grades 6–12)**

**When: Wednesday, July 24, 3:00–6:30 p.m.**

**Where: We'll carpool from Bethel**

Register using the QR code.



SCAN ME

### **Summer Food Shelf Pop-Up Help**

Youth and their adults can help stock shelves at the CAC Food Shelf on most Thursdays this summer with Kristin. Each week we need 1–3 folks to help out. Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and older. Sign up using the QR code.



SCAN ME

## 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*

Ingrid Alberding, Fred Huemoeller, Roberta Morse, Bernie Renander

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Cynthia Neubecker, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, 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*

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact one of the pastors at 645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 28):

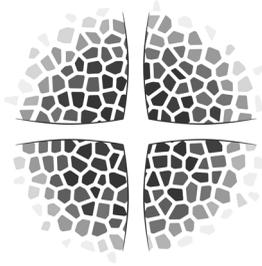
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 4:42-44 † Psalm 145:10-18 † Ephesians 3:14-21 † John 6:1-21

# **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).*

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|---------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Monday, July 22</b>    | 9:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.              | Out n' About, St. John's Hall<br>Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom<br>Pub Theology, The Contented Cow<br>Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall   |
| <b>Tuesday, July 23</b>   | 7:45 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m. | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall<br>S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall<br>Staff Meeting, Fireside Room<br>Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room<br>Church Council, Undercroft                |
| <b>Wednesday, July 24</b> | 10:45 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.<br>3:00 p.m.                          | Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite<br>Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite<br>Youth Summer Outing, Offsite   |
| <b>Thursday, July 25</b>  | 7:45 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>12:00 p.m.<br>1:30 p.m.<br>4:00 p.m. | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall<br>Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall<br>Youth CAC Service Project, Offsite<br>Book Buddies, St. John's Hall<br>Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom |
| <b>Friday, July 26</b>    | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.             | S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall<br>Visitation - Pamela Nerhus, Commons<br>Funeral - Pamela Nerhus, Sanctuary<br>NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room   |
| <b>Saturday, July 27</b>  |  | No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed  |
| <b>Sunday, July 28</b>    | 9:30 a.m.<br>10:45 a.m.  | Worship, Sanctuary<br>Fruit Sunday ~ Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  |



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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.*