



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 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 — Sonata for Clarinet and Piano

Charles V. Stanford

I. Allegro moderato

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 833

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — bass voices

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanzas 4 & 5 — all

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

G Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

G 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.

G Amen.

*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 and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 18:20-32

Pew Bible, page 12

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 138

Antiphon: Mark Sedio

Antiphon: Your love endures forever; do not abandon the work of your hands.



¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things.**

³When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. *Antiphon*

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Colossians 2:6-15

Pew Bible, page 957

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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 11:1-13

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 790

“Day by Day”

***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

Three Intermezzi

Charles V. Stanford

III. Allegretto scherzando

*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 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'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

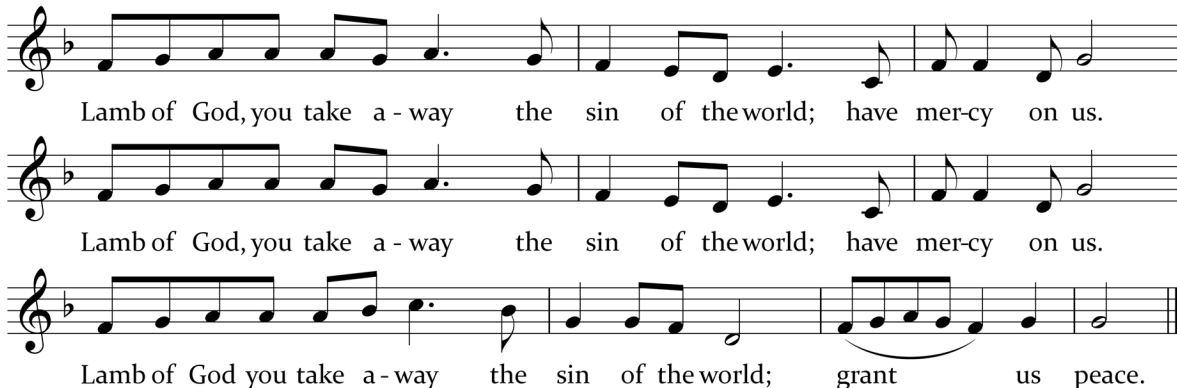
*The Lord's Prayer

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, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. 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. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

Hymn — ELW No. 742

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*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

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 688

“Lord of Light”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Allegretto” from Op. 101

Charles V. Stanford



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Chuck Hellie
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Service	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Judy Cederberg, Carrie Dauner, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Bonnie Peterson, Karen Schuette, Craig Schultz, Dawn Tommerdahl
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Marilyn Calcutt, Pippa Younger
Ushers	Chuck Cannon, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Dean Schoeb

TONIGHT



It's game time!

Join in as we gather for a summer outing to

*Cheer on the St. John's Church
Softball Team!*

WEAR YOUR ST. JOHN'S T-SHIRT

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BABCOCK PARK

1080 MN Hwy 5

St. John's plays Trinity Blue

SUNDAY

8:10

PM

POPCORN AND WATER PROVIDED

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: September 7 & 21 and October 5, 12 & 26.

Today is Fruit Sunday!

We invite all to come to St. John's Hall and enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee fellowship time after worship.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 8:10 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. Trinity Blue

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! For the full summer schedule, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/northfieldchurchsoftballleague/home>.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, July 28, 6:00–7:00 p.m., Flaherty's on Highway 3

Join us for conversation about faith, life, and current events. Food and drink will be available to order. We will discuss the article "*The Case for Being a Killjoy*." Where do "private" choices and public policy intersect? What habits do we see on the rise now that could be matters of moral concern? How does being part of a church influence your individual choices? The article is available at the Welcome desk, or email pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org to get a digital copy.

School Supply Donations Requested for Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard School Bus in the Commons through Sept. 7. A list of needed items is at the School Bus. Cash donations are also welcome, and the WELCA team will make the purchases for you. Make checks to St. John's WELCA and write school kits on the memo line. Checks may be left in the church office or the offering plate on Sundays. Our goal is to pack at least 200 kits, so many supplies are needed (for example, 800 notebooks to put 4 in each bag). These kits make a huge difference to the children in developing countries who receive them. St. John's children in grades K–5 will pack the bags. Thank you for your support!

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 30, 12:15–12:45 p.m., First United Church of Christ

Organist: Brian Carson

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

Announcements (continued)

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Tomorrow, 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 outnabouto22@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.

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 5, 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 connections 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! You can sign up online or 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.

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

Summer Drop-In Lunches at Hogan Brothers

Youth are invited to join Kristin, one of the pastors, or another member of staff for lunch at Hogan Brothers, on Wednesdays at noon. No sign-up necessary, but feel free to check in with Kristin. Rising 6th graders and older.

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

Maribeth Beck, Marilyn Boschee, Ellen Ellickson,
Herb Fick, Fred Huemoeller, Dennis Rinehart

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson

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.



Tuesday, August 5

5:00-7:00 p.m.

All Are Invited!

St. John's Parking Lot



This Week At-a-Glance

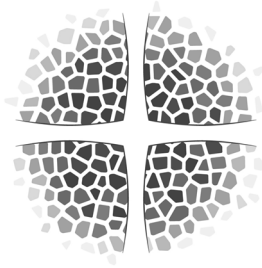
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, July 28	9:00 a.m.	Out n' About: Conversations with Minnesotans, St. John's Hall
		Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 29	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	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
Wednesday, July 30	6:30 p.m.	Politics & Faith Discussion, St. John's Library
Thursday, July 31	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Aug. 1	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 2		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 3	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 3):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 † Psalm 49:1-12 † Colossians 3:1-11 † Luke 12:13-21



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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.*