



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 28, 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 — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Rhett Barnwell

Elinor Niemisto, harp

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

- ☐ Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

ℒ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 145:10-17

Antiphon: David Sims

Antiphon: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of all the earth.



¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; it endures through- | out all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD,
and you give them their food | in due season.**

¹⁶You open | wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in | all your ways
and loving in | all your works. Antiphon**

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 — John 6:1-21

Spark Story Bible, page 426

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1096

“Joyful Is the Dark”

*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

*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"



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff is in a treble clef with 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. 482

"I Come with Joy"

*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**

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 — on THE ASH GROVE

Mark Sedio



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Assisting Minister	Julie Zdenek
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Harp	Elinor Niemisto
Communion Service	Vicki Otis
Greeters	Cindy Clauson, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Karen Schuette
Nursery	Julie Brehmer, Emma Kmoch
Coffee Service	Merilyn Calcutt, Angie Gehring, Terry Gilbertson, Ron Hebensperger, Doug Johnson, Gerri Licke, Karen Schuette, Craig Schultz, Fran Wood
Refreshments	Merilyn Calcutt, Diane Melbye, Doug Johnson, Gerri Licke, Pat Fick, Patsy Ophaug, Karen Schuette, Cora Scholz, Karl Hella, Dan Franklin, Beth Wessen, Sonia Wessen, Dawn Tommerdahl, Pam Fickenscher, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Fran Wood
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	Rob Nutt, Bob Nyvall, Don Sahling, Eric Sponheim



Tuesday, August 6

5:00-7:00 p.m.

All Are Invited!

St. John's Parking Lot



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Marlene Engstrom by Duane Engstrom on the 54th anniversary of the wedding day. 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. Available dates: August 18.

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 hour after worship!

Church Softball League

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

St. John's vs. St. Dominic White

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 29, 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 Six addresses the many ways that the church has not lived up to the ways of Jesus in the world; how do we address the most damaging parts of the church's history? 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.

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)

Night to Unite

Tuesday, August 6, 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 /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.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 31, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Northfield United Methodist Church

Organist: Joanne Rodland

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.

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/. 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 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 6th graders and older. Sign up using the QR code.



SCAN ME

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

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

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager

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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 4):

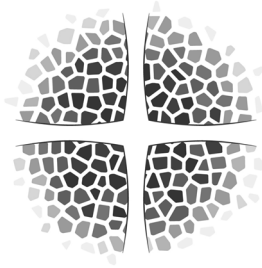
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 † Psalm 78:23-29 † Ephesians 4:1-16 † John 6:24-35

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 29	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 30	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 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
Wednesday, July 31		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, Aug. 1	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Youth CAC Service Project, Offsite Girl Scout Troup #27485, Fellowship Hall
Friday, Aug. 2	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 3		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 4	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Girl Scout Troop #20065, Undercroft



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
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.*