



SERVICE OF THE WORD

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2020 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.

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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

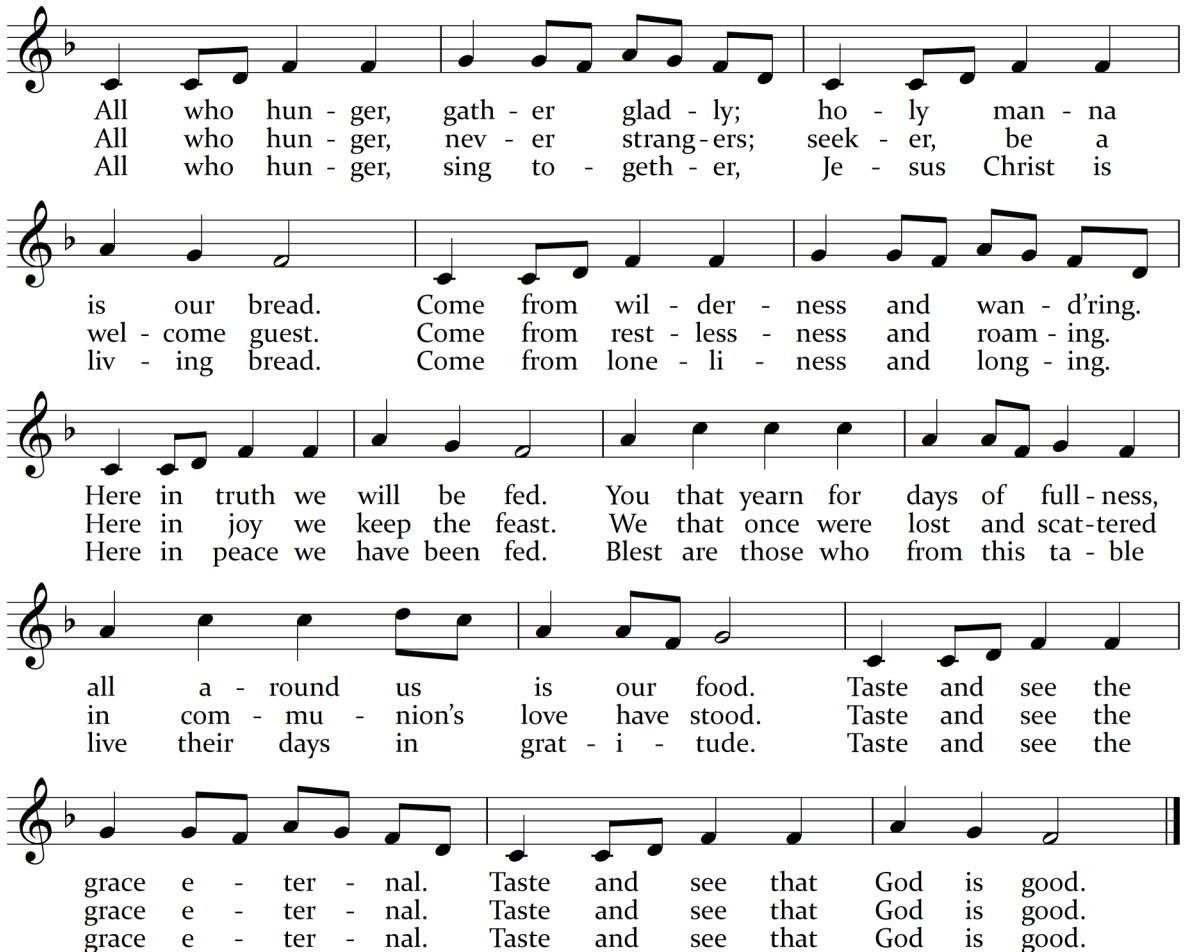
Prelude — “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” BWV 654
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (#461)

HOLY MANNA



All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,
Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered
Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this ta - ble
all a - round us is our food. Taste and see the
in com - mu - nion's love have stood. Taste and see the
live their days in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the
grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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*Thanksgiving at the Font

- P** We praise you, O God, for water—
the Cannon and Mississippi rivers,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
- C** We praise you, O God, for water.
- P** We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob’s Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples’ feet.
- C** We praise you, O God, for water.
- P** We praise you, O God, for this font,
for you breathe into this water to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.
- C** We praise you, O God, for baptism.
- P** O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, forever.
- C** Amen.

*Hymn — “All Who Are Thirsty” (ACS #981)

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Leader All

All who are thirst-y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun-gry, come here and eat.

All who are thirst-y, come to the wa-ters. There's e-nough for all.

Text and Music: Brian Wentzel, © 2014 Hope Publishing Company

***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** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness,
and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger
for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food
fill all the starving world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

*Antiphon: God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*



⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works.

¹⁴**The 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. *Antiphon***

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

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

¹⁸**You are near to all who | call upon you,
to all who call up- | on you faithfully.**

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you;
you hear their | cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,
but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

²¹My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- | er and ever. *Antiphon*

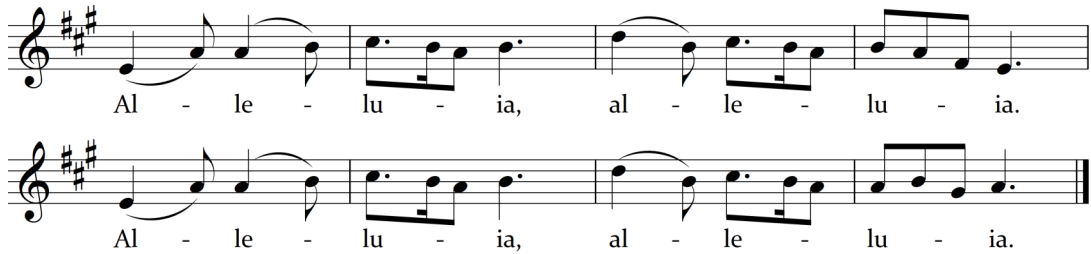
Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation — “Alleluia”**



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***Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (#484)

BICENTENNIAL

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.
Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.
As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,
so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Refrain

Text: Omer Westendorf, Music: Robert E. Kreutz, © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

*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:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C 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:

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

African American Spiritual
arr. Charles Callahan

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** O God of justice and love,
we give thanks to you that you illumine our
way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever.
C Amen.

***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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (#674)

LINSTEAD



Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Chrst is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan; Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

J. Wayne Kerr



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Michelle Kramer-Prevost
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Pastor Pam Fickenscher

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Nathan, Anneliese, and Charlotte Goettsch in honor of their baptismal sponsors Nathan Proctor and David Sims. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays thru August. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: November 15, 22 & 29. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

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Adult VBS: Seeing Genesis with Grown-Up Eyes

Many of us learned the stories of Genesis as small children in Sunday School or VBS. But when we read them with adult eyes, all sorts of issues pop out that might not have been so vivid before: sibling rivalry, fertility issues, marital strife, family dysfunction in abundance. And yet, these are the families God chooses to bless the world. Join us for a PG-13 look at the foremothers and fathers. Two times will be offered:

- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m., August 12, 19 & 26
- Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m., August 6, 13 & 20

Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/eGTfmP5xW2B9AAjYA>

Announcements (continued)

Christ in Our Home Daily Devotional Books (July - September Issue)

A few are still available for the taking in a basket outside of the church by the Commons doors.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolates Continue

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Ways to Stay Connected with St. John's

- **Listen on KYMN Radio: 95.1 FM/1080 AM (kymnradio.net) to the worship service on Sundays (9:30 a.m. thru August).** The worship bulletins will be available online and can be accessed on our home page.
- **Videos of Sunday Services and Audio of Sermons.** Video of Sunday services and audio of the sermons are posted on the website. Video recording can be accessed from the top of the home page. Audio recording of the sermon will be archived under the worship tab of the website.
- **For a full list of weekly ongoing opportunities to stay connected or to see the updated funeral guidelines,** go to the website's COVID-19 page: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/covid19/>. This can also be accessed from the top of the website's home page.

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 celebrating the marriage of
Lanette Payne and Doug Child

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Marlene Engstrom, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,
Gene and Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Joanne Sommers,
Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 9):

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 + Psalm 85:8-13 + Romans 10:5-15 + Matthew 14:22-33

This Week At-a-Glance

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

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through August 30 (www.kymnradio.net).**

**The Safe Operating Task Force is recommending that the church building be used for
priority small group usage only starting August 1. Small groups wishing to use the
church building should contact the church office for scheduling and talking through
new building protocols. Staff will continue to work from home when possible.**



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Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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