



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026 † 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

Members of Newberry's Victorian Cornet Band

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 461**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

***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 your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 32:22-31

²²[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the

man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Antiphon: Michael Krentz

Antiphon: I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied.



¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed [|] to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from [|] lying lips.

²Let my vindication come forth [|] from your presence;
let your eyes be [|] fixed on justice.

³**Examine my heart, visit [|] me by night,**
melt me down; you will find no impuri- [|] ty in me.

⁴**I have not regarded what [|] others do;**
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways [|] of the violent. *Antiphon*

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your [|] well-worn path;
and my feet [|] do not slip.

⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will [|] answer me;
incline your ear to me and [|] hear my words.

⁷**Show me your marvelous [|] lovingkindness,**
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who [|] rise against them.

¹⁵**But at my vindication I shall [|] see your face;**
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- [|] ing your likeness. *Antiphon*

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21

Spark Story Bible, page 426

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 — ELW No. 479

“We Come to Hungry Feast”

Installation of Bridge Pastor Katie Fick

***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

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"

Scottish melody, arr. K. Lee Scott

Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see; my company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee; with thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day. I need not tell thee who I am; my sin and misery declare; thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands, and read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name and tell me now. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee; pure, universal love thou art. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love.

— Charles Wesley

Victoria Erickson, soloist

*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.

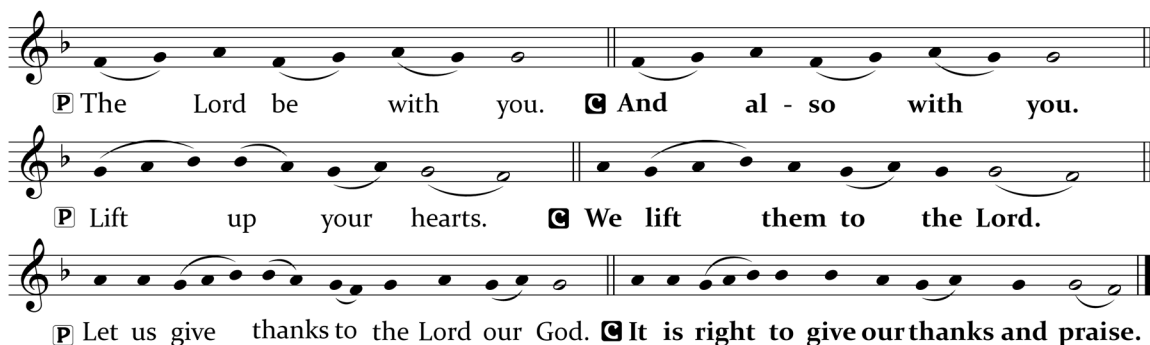
*Offering Prayer

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

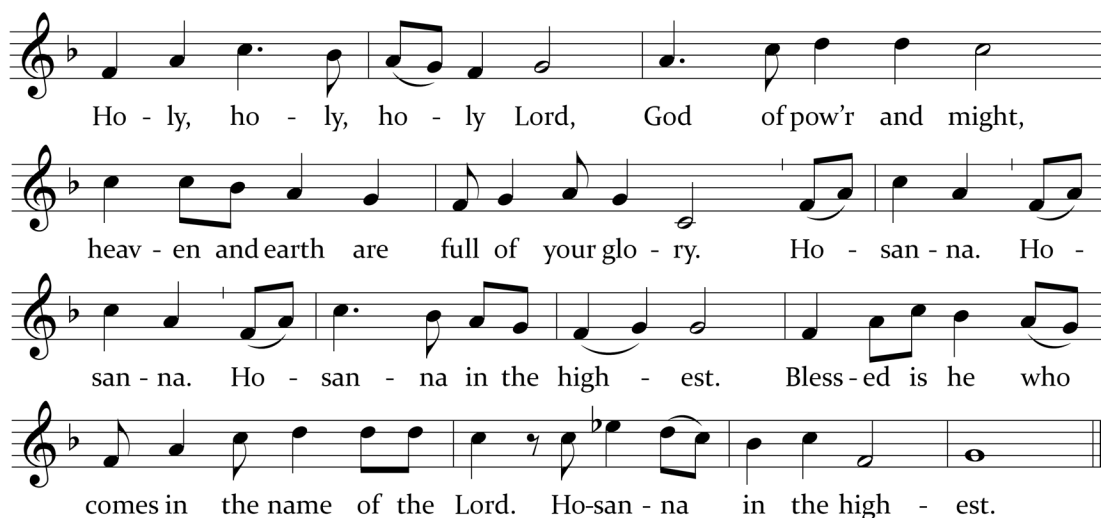


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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"



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.

Solo — "O Bread of Heaven"

César Franck

Sung in Latin.

*O Bread of heaven to mortals given, heavenly bread of angels held in earthly fare.
O how miraculous God's order generous, lowly, serving and meek and rare.*

— tr. Susan Palo Cherwien

Hymn — ELW No. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us and are making
all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
✠ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ✠ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — ELW No. 674**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
✠ Thanks be to God!

Postlude



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Katie Fick
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Soloist	Victoria Erickson
Musicians	Members of Newberry's Victorian Cornet Band
Livestream	Jon Kavanaugh
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Mary Hoff
Coffee Service	Karen Schuette, Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Fran Wood
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	Larry Enfield, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Roger Van Veldhuizen



Fruit Sunday August 16

Come and enjoy a dessert in
St. John's Hall after worship!

See the sign-up table in the Commons,
bulletin, or E-Voice for details.

Registration is now open for Children and Youth Programs, 2026-2027!

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 your children/youth by using the
QR code or by visiting our website!



SCAN ME

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office at 507-645-4429. Next available dates: August 9 & 30 and September 20.

St. John's Forum: *Bearing Witness—Stories of Faith, Accompaniment, and Hope from Palestine* **Today, 11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall**

A rare opportunity to hear from Shadin Nassar, a member of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem and a Middle East and North Africa Regional Associate at the ELCA's Washington, D.C. office. Ms. Nassar will discuss the realities, challenges, and Sumud ("resilience") of Christian communities across the Middle East. Drawing on both personal experience as a Palestinian Christian and her work with church partners throughout the region, Shadin will share stories of faith and accompaniment, offering a deeper understanding of the people, ministries, and relationships that shape the ELCA's partnerships. Ms. Nassar is a daughter of the family that hosts the Tent of Nations in the occupied West Bank.

Church Softball League **Tonight, 7:10 p.m., Sechler 1** ***St. John's vs. The River***

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

Pub Theology **Tomorrow, Monday, August 2, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes** **Topic: *Sin—What It Means and Doesn't Mean***

We are starting a Pub Theology series on *words of faith*. What are some of the words used in Christianity that raise lots of questions? What words have become . . . empty, meaningless, or even painful? Are there words that have been misused and therefore have lost their spiritual power and intention? This week we are talking about the word *sin*. What is your reaction to this word? What does it mean to you and how does it play a role in your faith life? To help ground our conversation, please read the chapter on sin from Marcus Borg's book *Speaking Christian*, which can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Aug. from 8:00 a.m.–Noon
Four construction volunteers are needed for staining trim and/or other light tasks. If you can help with construction, please use the sign up link at habitatricecounty.org/Volunteer. If you are volunteering and have not yet completed the yearly waiver, please do so. If you have any trouble using the sign-up, email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Habitat for Humanity greatly appreciates your help with preparing the home to be move-in ready! Their goal is to achieve this by the end of August. Thank you!

Announcements (continued)

Intergenerational Activity

Sunday, August 9, 10:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Build an Infant Kit or two or three! WELCA is helping Global Health Ministries reach their goal of 20,000 infant kits this year. All the materials have been provided by Global Health Ministries so all we have to do is put them together! Come, have fun, and be part of giving a new little one a warm start in life.

Summer Choir Invitation

Sunday, August 23

You are invited to our next summer choir opportunity on Sunday, August 23. Come join your friends or try out the choir for the first time. We 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. Questions? Contact Nathan Proctor at music@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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. 13. 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 250 kits, so many supplies are needed (for example, 800 notebooks to put four 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!

Children and Youth

Registration for 2026–2027

Registration is officially open for St. John's children and youth programming next year, 2026–2027. Check out St. John's website for more information and to register.



CAC Food Shelf Shifts—Volunteers Needed in August

Who: St. John's youth of all ages, friends, and family

What: Greet, stock, and clean up at the Northfield CAC Food Shelf

When: Tuesdays in summer 3:00–5:00 pm

Where: Drop-off and Pick-up at the CAC, food shelf doors

To Do: Sign up online

More helpers are needed to staff the Northfield Food Shelf on Tuesday afternoons. There is still plenty of space for August.

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

Marilyn Boschee, Barbara Dettle, Fred Huemoeller,
Barbara Johnson, Joan Kark, George Pinc

Those celebrating the birth of

Drew Judson Shaqra, son of Siri and Adei Shaqra (grandson of Judd and Susan Lohmann)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Terrence “Terry” Wilson (brother of Charlie Wilson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Cisar, Greta Matzner-Gore, Lowell Johnson,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Rachel Peterson,
Alice Rickert, John Walters, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

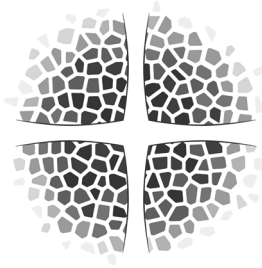
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Aug. 3	9:00 a.m.	VBS, Lower Level and St. John's Hall
		Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
Tuesday, Aug. 4	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	VBS, Lower Level and St. John's Hall
		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
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Aug. 5	9:00 a.m.	VBS, Lower Level and St. John's Hall
Thursday, Aug. 6	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	VBS, Lower Level and St. John's Hall
		Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, Aug. 7	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 8		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 9	9:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Help Build a Baby Kit, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 9):

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



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

Arturo Rosas, *Custodial Associate*

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.*