



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 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** — “Exaltabo te”

G. Palestrina, ed. F. W. Teuber

*Northfield Horn Club*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

## \*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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Spark Story Bible, page 90

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole

congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’”<sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Ⓐ The word of the Lord.

Ⓑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 78:23-29

Antiphon: Mark Shepperd

*Antiphon: God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels.*



<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the | clouds above  
and opened the | doors of heaven,  
<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon | them to eat  
and giving them | grain from heaven.**  
<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the | bread of angels;  
God provided for them | food enough.  
<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens  
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**  
<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon | them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,  
<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst | of the camp  
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**  
<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and | were well filled,  
for God gave them | what they craved. *Antiphon*

*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 — John 6:24-35**

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?” <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 461

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

### \*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**

☐ 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:*

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

J. S. Bach, arr. Richard Thurston

**\*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. 480

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

Hymn — ELW No. 477

"I Received the Living God"

## \*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. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — Overture and Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel, arr. David Marlatt



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Horns	Northfield Horn Club: Gwen Anderson, Joan Behr, Joanne Claussen Trish Culbert, Charlene Erickson-Knox, Claire Larson Kari Prestemon, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Judy Tonolli, Mark Ulmer
Communion Service	Joe and Judy Smith
Greeters	TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Counters	TBD
Ushers	Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Dave & Ruthie Neuger

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**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 Bob Matta by Marilyn Matta and family on what would have been his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. 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.

## **Church Softball League**

**Tonight, 7:05 p.m., Sechler 2**

***St. John's vs. Bethel***

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

**Rev. Munther Isaac, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, and Academic Dean of Bethlehem Bible College, will be speaking in Northfield tomorrow, Monday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. at First United Church of Christ.**

This appearance is part of a national speaking tour sponsored by Friends of Sabeel in North America and hosted by Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel.

**Pub Theology will not meet tomorrow, Monday, August 5. Participants are encouraged to attend Rev. Isaac's presentation at First UCC instead.**

We will resume our conversation about Sam Wells's *Humbler Faith, Bigger God* on August 12 with Chapter 7: "Cause of Endless Conflict?"

**Mark your calendars for GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS on August 25**

The ELCA congregations of Northfield are collaborating for a day of shared service on Sunday, August 25, after worship from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be opportunities for all ages and abilities both indoors and outdoors. Watch for sign-up details in the weeks to come.

## **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](mailto: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.
- If you have a truck—help pick up and return the bounce house

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **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 is available in the Commons.

## **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).

## **St. John's members are invited to the premiere of *The Appointment* Thursday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. in St. John's Fellowship Hall.**

This will be an invited final dress rehearsal. This show is going to the St. Louis Fringe Festival August 15-18. Written and performed by Lena Gilbert (daughter of Terry and Norma Gilbertson), directed by Joanna Parson, *The Appointment* is an emotionally gripping 50-minute performance of raw storytelling about pregnancy loss and how the healthcare system is failing women. Told with humor and heart for the purpose of reframing this important issue in America today. A Q&A will follow, moderated by MN House Representative Kristi Pursell. Admission is free. Donations accepted. RSVP: 917-476-2924

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

**Wednesday, August 7, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Valley Grove Lutheran**

Organist: Noah Klein

## **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.



### **Contact information for Children and Youth**

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto: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*

Richard Olson, David Halsor

*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 (August 11):

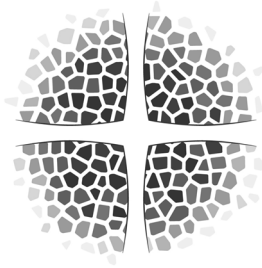
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

**1 Kings 19:4-8 † Psalm 34:1-8 † Ephesians 4:25—5:2 † John 6:35, 41-51**

# **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).*

<b>Monday, Aug. 5</b>	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Audit Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 6</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.  10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Night to Unite, St. John's Business Management Board, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 7</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Visitation - Winnifred Alberg, Commons Funeral - Winnifred Alberg, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, Aug. 8</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Youth CAC Service Project, Offsite Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
<b>Friday, Aug. 9</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Wedding Rehearsal - Geiger / Berthelsen, Sanctuary NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Aug. 10</b>	9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library Wedding - Geiger / Berthelsen, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Aug. 11</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall BSA Troop #313, Youth Room



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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.*