



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 2023 † 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 — Prelude and Fuga in G

F. Melius Christiansen

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 836

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*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

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ **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.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 145:8-9, 14-19

Antiphon: South African traditional

*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.** *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

from *St. Peter's Liturgy* by Mary Kay Bougie

Al - le - lu - ia, A - men! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life! Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
Speak, O Lord, we pray: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*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.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

*The 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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Barbara Terry

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise! To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. — Walter Chalmers Smith

*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 God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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**

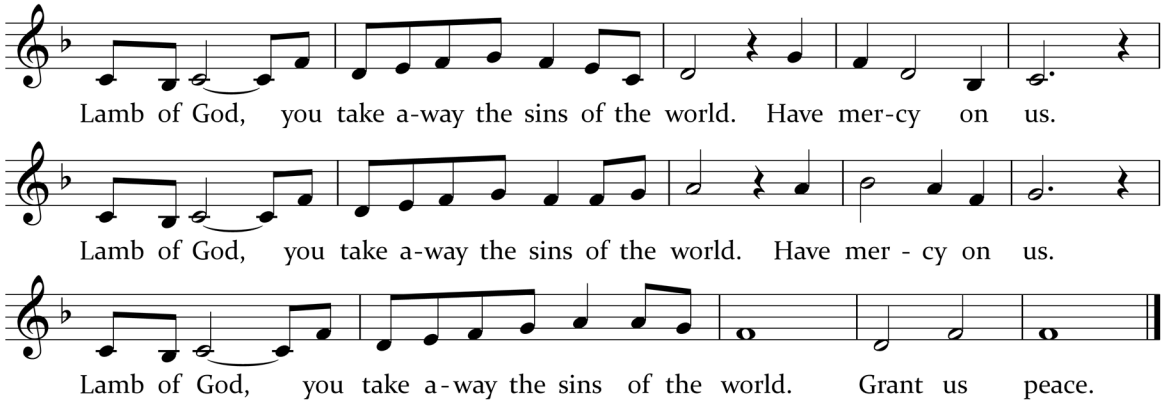
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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”

Mary Kay Bougie



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Anthem — “Come, Let Us Eat”

arr. Cathy Moklebust

Hymn — ACS No. 966

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 535 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Each section, refrain or verse, is sung twice.

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Fanfare

Paul Spicer



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Zdenek/Franklin Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Members of the St. John's Chorale with Hansen family members, directed by Mary Kay Bougie
Handbells	Members of the Rejoice Ringers with Hansen family members
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Sandi Gerdes
Greeters	Gary and Christine Engstrom, Allene Moesler
Coffee Service & Brunch	Zdenek/Franklin Family
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Doug Johnson, Leif Knecht, Kent Rommereim

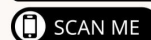
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Registration is now open for Children and Youth Programs, 2023-2024!

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!



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast and Altar Flowers are given in celebration of what would have been Ruth Hansen's 100th birthday this month. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: October 15.

Birthday Brunch Today: All are invited!

Please join us for brunch in St. John's Hall today following worship in honor of the late Ruth Hansen's posthumous 100th birthday. Whether she knew you or not, she would have insisted that you come!

~Ruth's Family & St. John's Staff

Help Us to say "Thank you" and "Farewell" to Emmanuel Kaghondi

As a gift to Emmanuel for his 4 years of service with youth and families, the Youth Ministry & Education Board invite you to write a word of gratitude, blessing, and goodbye to Emmanuel in a journal for him, that he can take with him. This journal booklet will be out in the Commons the next few Sundays and during the week—please stop by to write and share any memories with him and words of appreciation!

Church Softball League Games

Today, 5:00 p.m., Sechler Park, Field 1

St. John's vs. Cornerstone

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on for the last game of the season!

Pub Theology: Images of God

Monday, August 7, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Contented Cow

The new hymnal supplement *All Creation Sings* has an appendix with three pages full of biblical images of God (pp. 269–271). Which ones speak to you? How might your prayer life change if you used an expanded variety of names? Peruse the images and join us for conversation on Monday, August 7, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Contented Cow.

Congregational Finance Update

- Offering received through the end of June is 42% of our \$966,500 offering budget. At the halfway point in the year we would hope to see this number at 46%. This puts us more than \$41,000 behind budget, slightly worse than what we reported in April.
- Expenses are on target at 48% of budget; in order to avoid another year-end deficit, the Council will begin to review budgets, potential cuts, or other ideas for savings in the second half of the year.
- The cost to repair hail damage to the roof will be covered by our property insurance.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, August 9, 12:15–12:45 p.m., Northfield United Methodist Church (1401 S. Maple St.)

Organist: Joanne Rodland

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

Mission Morning

Saturday, August 26, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John’s Hall

You asked, we listened! Come to the second Mission Morning on Saturday, August 26. Start with coffee and pastries in St. John’s Hall, then help pack LWR baby care kits, assemble quilts, do prep work for the LWR school kits, and roll bandages for Global Health Ministries. Women of all ages are welcome. Come and stay as long as you are able.

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 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

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

St. John’s is committed to delivering Meals on Wheels from September 11 through October 8. Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital supported volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. You can sign up online thru CCB (https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=97). If you aren’t a CCB user, you may contact the church office to schedule your delivery date(s). Printed driver instructions and information are available at the Welcome Desk in the Commons. If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Peter Skoglund at skoglund.peter@sbcglobal.net or 925-989-6131, or Cynthia Neubecker at reduncan936@gmail.com or 612-327-0169. Thank you!

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

John Ferguson, Lester Gunderson, Keke Judge, Aiden Mandsager,
Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna Paulsen, Wendy Scholz, Noah Tracy, Karen Wingate,
Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings,
Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Lyla Arneson Paulson, 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

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 13):

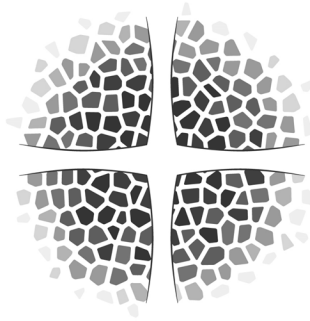
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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.*

Monday, Aug. 7	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 8	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 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 Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 9		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, Aug. 10	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
Friday, Aug. 11	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 12		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 13	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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Steve Harner, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*

Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*

Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*

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

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