



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 8, 2021 † 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),  
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,  
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

**P** Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

**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 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 — “Processional and Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA” Wayne Wold

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” (#618) CWM RHONDDA

Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y;  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,  
hold me with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es,  
bread of heav - en, feed me now and ev - er  
strong de - liv - 'rer, shield me with your might - y  
songs and prais - es I will raise for - ev - er -  
more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, alt; Music: John Hughes

### \*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, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

#### First Reading — 1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Antiphon: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*



<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD | at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will glory | in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

**<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's | name together.**

**<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who | answered me  
and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,  
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me  
and saved me from | all my troubles.

**<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD  
and de- | livers them.**

**<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the | LORD is good;  
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! *Antiphon***

**Second Reading — Ephesians 4:25—5:2**

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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.

**\*Gospel — John 6:35, 41-51**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the religious leaders began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “As We Gather at Your Table” (#522)

IN BABILONE



As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl Daw Jr. © 1989 Hope Publishing; Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, arr. Julius Röntgen

## \*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:*

“Taste and See”

Edwin Childs

**\*Offering Hymn — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;". The second system continues the melody and lyrics: "praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass clef.



### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

☞ 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.

☞ **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:*

☞ **Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn — “I Come with Joy” (#482)

DOVE OF PEACE



I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
I come with Chris - tians far and near, to find, as all are  
As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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\*Dismissal

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

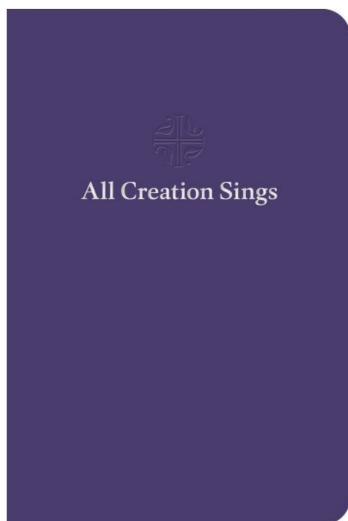
Postlude — “Poco vivace” from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi* Hermann Schroeder



Today, in an effort to mitigate risk of infection while offering the bread of life to everyone, we will hold brief Holy Communion liturgies outside immediately following the 9:00 and 10:30 services. If you wish to partake in Communion, linger under the front door canopy for a time of sharing the bread and wine – at approximately 10:05 and 11:35.

## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(9:00) Scott Swanson (10:30) Lucy Menssen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl Knoch
Ushers	(9:00) Cindy Clauson, Ruthie Neuger (10:30) Becker Family, Monica Holicky, Todd Menssen



**Orders for the New Hymnal**

## ***All Creation Sings***

**Supplement to Our Current Hymnal  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship***

**\$15 per book**

**Order Forms in the Commons  
or on the Website**

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Bob and Sharon Flaten from your friends at St. John's. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: October 10, 17, 24 & 31. 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.

**Face coverings are required for indoor worship once again, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are available if you need one. More information about our safety protocols and plans can be found on our [website](#).

## **For Those Who Will Remain Home**

When St. John's returns to having Holy Communion indoors, we are mindful that some people will be continuing to worship with us from a distance for health reasons. If that describes you, we want to make you aware of an option for receiving Holy Communion in conjunction with the assembly on Sundays: Communion sent from the assembly. St. John's will be training individuals to deliver Holy Communion from our Sunday worship to those who must remain home. This is not a pastoral visit, but a way for you to receive Communion even though you are worshipping with us via radio or livestream. If you are interested in receiving the Eucharist this way on a temporary or long-term basis, please contact one of the pastors.

## **All Creation Sings Hymnal Orders**

In 2020, Augsburg Fortress released a new hymnal titled *All Creation Sings* as a supplement to our current hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. You've experienced many of these new hymns in worship over the past year and now it's your chance to help us buy the books for the Sanctuary. Books can be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each book is \$15 and you can pick up an order form in the Commons or print one from our website.

## **Adopt a Garden**

There are still 4-5 open slots for tending our flower and shrub plots on the church grounds. Minimal maintenance of these areas is all that's needed. If you can pull weeds, you are qualified! If interested in adopting one of these plots, please contact Gene Bakko at [glbakko@gmail.com](mailto:glbakko@gmail.com) or 507-645-4833. Thank you!

## **Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom**

**Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a biblical discussion of the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **“Patio Theology” (Pub Theology Summer Edition)**

**Monday, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Jean Wakely**

We gather together outside for community and conversation led by the pastors around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic and location will be emailed prior to the meeting. If you would like to be on the Patio Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Worship and Ecology**

The last gatherings for our Worship and Ecology group will take place **August 11 and August 14**. Wednesday, August 11, at Noon we will gather via Zoom with the author of *A Watered Garden*, Dr. Ben Stewart. Saturday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m. we will meet at Prairie Oaks Memorial Gardens for a walk and an introduction to a local green burial project. New participants are welcome to these discussions. Contact Pastor Fickenscher for more information.

## **Romans & Christians Middle School Youth Event**

**Thursday, August 19, 7:00–10:00 p.m., St. John’s**

St. John’s middle school youth will be joining other Northfield area churches for a night of fun. If you like running around a big dark church, come and be a part of this over-the-top Romans & Christians game! There will be a pizza break during the evening.

- Because we need to ensure safety for everyone, this is a registration-only event—no walk ins! Here is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/Z7CZisUhsDCrkYmp8>
- Parent volunteers are also needed: one adult per 5 youth. If you can help, please indicate in the registration or contact Emmanuel at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **School Supply Donations for LWR School Kits**

This fall, St. John’s will again have an intergenerational forum to pack school kits. Except for last year during the pandemic, up to 220 kits have been packed at this event. Please consider donating supplies. Purchased supplies can be left in the cardboard School Bus in the Commons. School supplies are on sale now through Labor Day. If you prefer, cash donations are also appreciated. Make checks to St. John’s WELCA, write school kits on the memo line, and mail to Jennifer Edwins (106 Nevada St., Northfield, 55057), or leave in the church office. Thank you.

- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide-ruled or college-ruled 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
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- blunt Fiskar scissors (Fiskar brand preferred, as the other ones break easily)
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 2 1/2” eraser

## 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*

Elvin Heiberg, Paul Peterson, Rachel Peterson,  
Scott Quinnell, John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger)

*Those celebrating the marriage of*  
Katie Bull and Charles Heller

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James,  
Brad Kmoch, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam,  
Jim Thompson, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 15):

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 9:1-6 † Psalm 34:9-14 † Ephesians 5:15-20 † John 6:51-58

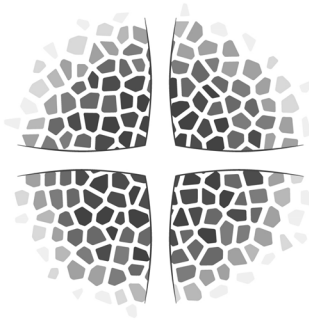
## **This Week At-a-Glance**

*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. 9</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of Jean Wakely Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 10</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 11</b>	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Ruth and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall Watered Garden Book Group via Zoom Family VBS, Bethel Lutheran Church
<b>Thursday, Aug. 12</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Bill Rowan, Commons Funeral - Bill Rowan, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, Aug. 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Aug. 14</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Watered Garden Group Walk, Prairie Oaks Memorial Gardens Women's Breakfast Group, Courtyard Celebration of Life - Craig Breimhorst, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Aug. 15</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary

## **Church Office Hours**

During the summer, the office will be staffed Monday thru Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phones will be answered until 5:00 p.m. The building will be accessible outside of office hours by appointment or if you have a scheduled meeting. Groups may schedule events in the church building, following current CDC guidelines, which recommends masks for all unvaccinated persons.



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*Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse*

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*Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers*

*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.