



SERVICE OF THE WORD

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 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 — “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

Mary Howarth

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” (#763)

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING



My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text and Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

*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.
Breathe into this water, wash away our sin,
and bring Paige anew 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** O God, our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu

to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation — “Alleluia”**



Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker, © 1985 admin. OCP Publications

***Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33**

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" (#755)

PILOT

Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver life's tem - pes - tuous sea;
As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst hush the o - cean wild;
When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful break - ers roar
un - known waves be - fore me roll, hid - ding rock and treach - 'rous shoal;
bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
twixt me and the peace - ful rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast,
chart and com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Won - drous sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
may I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper; Music: John Edgar Gould

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — *Front of hymnal pages 227-231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Paige Marie Kuehn** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Paige's parents are Jordan and Levi Kuehn, and her sponsors are Ethan Kuehn and Abbey Tussing.*

Presentation

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Paige Marie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- ☒ We do.

*Profession of Faith

- ☐ Do you believe in God the Father?
- ☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- ☐ Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- ☒ 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A 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.

***Thanksgiving at the Font**

Baptism

Welcome

P People of God, Paige is our new sister in Christ,
Let the people say, Amen!

A Amen!

P She is a worker with you in the kingdom of God,
Let the people say, Welcome!

A Welcome!

P Paige belongs to God forever,
Let the people shout, Alleluia!

A Alleluia!

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy, **G** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **G** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"When We Are Living"

Emma Lou Diemer

***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 — “When We Are Living” (#639)**

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .
 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind;
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,
 we be-long to God, we be-long to God.
 we be-long to God, we be-long to God.
 we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

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***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☐ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Toccata

Johann Krieger



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David and Debby Nitz
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by the Jon and Cindy McBroom family. 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 29 and December 20, 24, 25 & 27 . 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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"If Music Be the Food" Benefit Concert

Sunday, August 9 at 4:00 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join us for Northfield's first "If Music Be the Food" benefit concert, live-streamed from the First UCC church on Sunday at 4:00 p.m., at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/ifmusicbethethefoodconcerts> (will also be archived to watch any time afterward). The concert will feature James Bobb, harpsichord; Catherine Carson, violin; John Carson, piano; Catherine Rodland, organ; and Carol Rodland, viola; performing works by Brahms, Hailstork, Sweelinck, and Fanny Mendelssohn. This event is a benefit for the Northfield Community Action Center; donations are encouraged: <https://communityactioncenter.org/donate>. Learn more about IMBTF at <http://ifmusicbethethefood.com>.

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.

Announcements (continued)

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>

Middle School Youth Event

Thursday, August 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Middle School Youth are invited to a service project event. Feel free to invite a friend - we're sharing these summer events with youth from other Northfield area churches as well! We will meet at Adaugo Farms where we will participate in a build event to build bunks for kids who are currently sleeping on the floor. The organizers of this project are adjusting their practices to provide a safe and healthy place where we can still come together to make a difference. Register by August 16 - there are a limited number of spots! Check your email for a link to register or send an email to youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

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 baptism of

Paige Marie Kuehn, daughter of Jordan and Levi Kuehn

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Tom Sorenson

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, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

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.

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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.*

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

Monday, Aug. 10	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Aug. 11	5:30 a.m.	Primary Election, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings via Zoom
Wednesday, Aug. 12	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
	7:00 p.m.	Adult VBS: Seeing Genesis with Grown-Up Eyes via Zoom
Thursday, Aug. 13	10:00 a.m.	Adult VBS: Seeing Genesis with Grown-Up Eyes via Zoom
Friday, Aug. 14		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Aug. 15		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Aug. 16	9:30 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast (Baptism - Aksel Loy)
	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen & Worship with Youth and Families via Zoom

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 16):

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 + Psalm 67 + Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 + Matthew 15:10-28



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