



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 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 — on HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Mary Howarth

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 763

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

*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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us
to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children
from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

*Antiphon: Listen, Lord, not to our words but to our prayer.
You alone understand and care.*



- ⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people.
- ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
- ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. Antiphon**

Second Reading — Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they 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!”

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33

Spark Story Bible, page 294

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

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

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into a 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.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Stanzas 2 & 4 may be sung in harmony.

*Apostles' Creed

I trust in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I trust 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 trust 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

"Pastorale on ST. ANNE"

Paul Manz

*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.

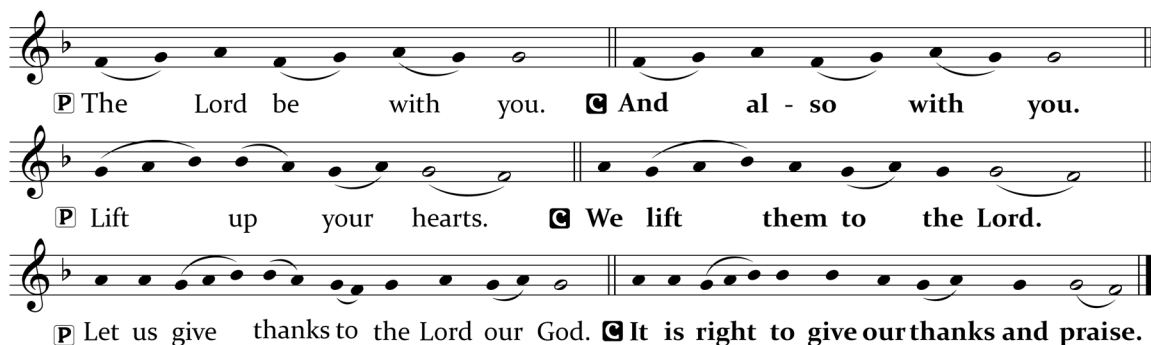
*Offering Prayer

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

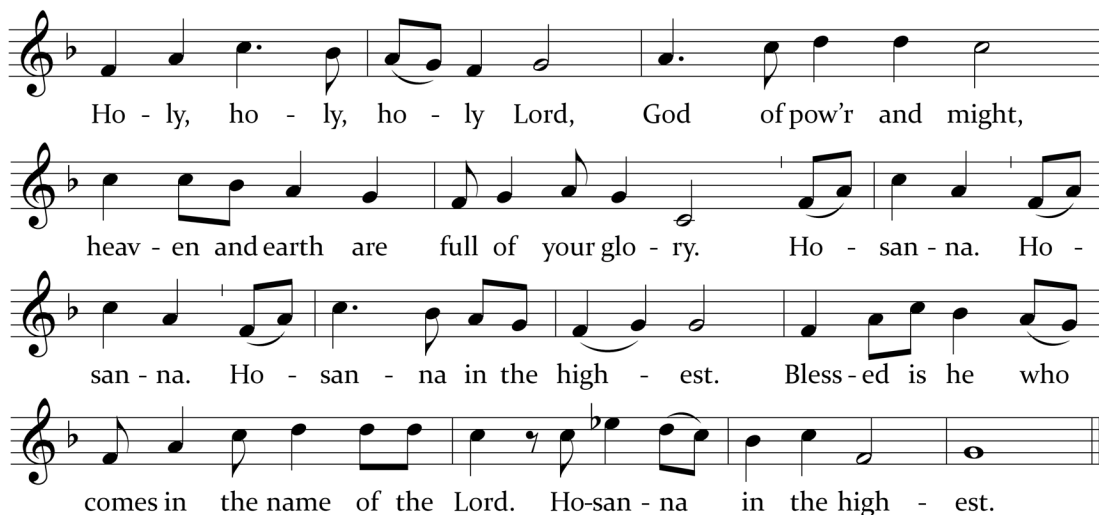


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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. 794

"Calm to the Waves"

Sung four times.

Hymn — ELW No. 597

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*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. 774

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

***Dismissal**

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

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



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Katie Fick
Assisting Ministers	Goodrich/Bash Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Livestream	Rob Nutt, Dave Zdenek
Communion Service	Rob Quanbeck, Dawn Tommerdahl
Greeters	Vern and Joan Koester
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Vern Koester
Refreshments	Gerri Licke
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Janell Martin
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb



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 in honor of Doris Ellingboe's 98th birthday on August 30 by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Dale Schuette. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office at 507-645-4429. Next available dates: September 20 and October 11, 18 & 25.

Intergenerational Activity

Today, 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. 7. 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!

Meals on Wheels—It's Sign-Up Time

St. John's is committed to delivering Meals on Wheels from Monday, September 7, through Saturday, October 3. Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital-supported, volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. Sign up today in the Commons! Sign-ups are also available in CCB at: [Meals on Wheels Driver Sign-Up](#). If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Andrea Hoff at 612-743-5767 or andrea.hoff37@gmail.com or Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Thank you for being a part of this important service to Northfield!

Announcements (continued)

St. John's "Volunteer Build Day" for Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, August 22, 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

St. John's has a proud tradition of partnering with Rice County Habitat for Humanity to be one of several Northfield churches that select a Saturday to assist with simple construction tasks (painting, staining, light carpentry) in a home that will go to a qualifying family in need. The Habitat for Humanity twin duplex build sites located at College St. and Sumner St. E. are finally ready for the indoor construction work to begin!

- 6 volunteers will be needed for the construction work. No formal carpentry experience or training is needed—you will be shown what to do.
- A lunch provider is also needed to feed the crew on this day. This can be 2–3 people signing up to bring the meal items: a main dish, a side, or a dessert. (The food can be homemade or store bought.) Habitat will provide the beverages, plates, and utensils.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the table in the Commons, or contact Angie at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Sign up with a family member or a friend, or just yourself! (Must be at least 18 years old.) Helping to build affordable homes for families in our community is a wonderful way to live out our faith through service. Thank you for your support!

Other Dates to Help Habitat with Ongoing Volunteer Build Days

- Tuesdays & Thursdays every week of August from 8:00 a.m.–Noon at 315 Poplar St. S
- Beginning August 11, volunteers for Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. at 1114 College St., at the corner of Sumner St. E.

Whether it's your first-time volunteering with Habitat or you are a returning volunteer, there is a job and a place for everyone. Contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or Jodi Wagner at jodihabitat@gmail.com if you'd like to sign up to help.

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

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

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Kathryn Thompson (sister of Judy Thompson-Reitz)

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.

This Week At-a-Glance

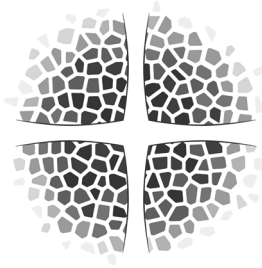
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Aug. 10	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Aug. 11	7:00 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	City of Northfield - Primary Election, St. John's Hall 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, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Aug. 12		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, Aug. 13	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, Youth Room Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
Friday, Aug. 14	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 15	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Aug. 16	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Fruit Sunday with Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 16):

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 † Psalm 67 † Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 † Matthew 15:21-28



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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.*