

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 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 — Five Bagatelles
I. Prelude

Gerald Finzi

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 462

“Now We Join in Celebration”

*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

⁴[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." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate

of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ⁵¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 6:35, 41-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus 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.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They 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?’”

⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

⁴⁵It 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. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Litany of Reconciliation — from Coventry Cathedral

P All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class,

C **Father forgive.**

P The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own,

C **Father forgive.**

P The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth,

C **Father forgive.**

P Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

C **Father forgive.**

P Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee,

C **Father forgive.**

P The lust which dishonors the bodies
of men, women, and children,

C **Father forgive.**

P The pride which leads us to trust
in ourselves and not in God,

C **Father forgive.**

P Be kind to one another, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,

C **as God in Christ forgave you.**

*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:

Five Bagatelles
IV. Forlana

Gerald Finzi

*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"



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.

Solo — Five Bagatelles
II. Romance

Gerald Finzi

Hymn — ELW No. 469

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

*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. 542

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Allegro Maestoso from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Children's Message	Arielle Loy
Assisting Minister	Susan Canon
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Communion Prep	Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Jon and Cindy McBroom
Greeters	Cindy Clauson, Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Coffee Service	Cox Family, Craig Schultz
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Judd Lohmann, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Ruth Dahl, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling

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A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

The last days of summer are quickly approaching. St. John's will be busier than ever before we know it. How can you help? In so many ways. We are blessed with multiple opportunities to join together for fellowship and service. We are gardeners and groundskeepers. We are cooks and servers, dishwashers and sweepers. We are boards and committees and new member sponsors. We are Sunday service helpers. We are community volunteers. *We are St. John's*

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Jim Enestvedt by Chuck and Anita Hellie. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available dates: August 18 and September 1, 8, 22 & 29.

The Nursery (located on the lower level) will be open during the worship service to provide childcare for children age 12 weeks to 5 years.

Church Softball League

Tonight, 6:00 p.m., Sechler 1

St. John's vs. Life 21

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

Pub Theology

Monday, August 12, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Tomorrow we resume our conversation about Sam Wells's *Humbler Faith, Bigger God* with Chapter 7: "Cause of Endless Conflict?" If you would like to be added to our Pub Theology e-mail list, please reach out to Pastor Jonathan Davis at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org

SIGN UP TODAY for God's Work, Our Hands service day on Sunday, August 25!

All the ELCA congregations of Northfield are joining together to serve our community immediately after worship. Help our neighbors locally and around the world with a couple hours of work in community with others. Lunch will be provided. Fill out the form here to sign up <https://forms.gle/oKcGaxGu7o6pLGfN7>

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.

The next Courageous Conversations book selection is

***The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* by Rashid Khalidi.**

Books are available at Content. Discussions will take place on Thursdays from 4:00–5:30 p.m. on Zoom. Dates are September 19 & 26, October 10 & 24, and November 14 & 21. To sign up or for more information, contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

Second Summer Choir Invitation Next Sunday, 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.

Celebrating 10 years of Nathan Proctor's Music Ministry

This month marks ten years since Nathan Proctor began work as St. John's Organist and Director of Music, Worship & Arts. Each week we are blessed with his care in selecting music and hymns that deepen our worship and understanding of the Gospel. Next Sunday, August 18, we will celebrate with a pop-up choir, words of recognition, and special treats in coffee hour. If you can't be with us that day but would like to leave a card for Nathan, they can be directed to the church office for collection.

Kaitlynn Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia, Visits St. John's on August 25

Join us for worship on August 25, when Kaitlynn will join Pastor Pam for an "interview sermon" to talk about how God holds us together with the global church in challenging times. For additional information please check the article in *The Voice*.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

St. John's is committed to delivering Meals on Wheels from September 9 through October 5. Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital supported volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. Sign up in CCB at: [Meals on Wheels Driver Sign-Up](#). If you aren't a CCB user, you may contact the church office to schedule your delivery date(s). Printed-out driver instructions/information are available at the Welcome Desk in the Commons. If you have any questions about volunteering please contact Andrea Hoff at andrea.hoff37@gmail.com or 612-743-5767, or Cynthia Neubecker at reduncan936@gmail.com or 612-327-0169. Thank you!

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/. 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.

Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at 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, Jo Dahlin, Fred Huemoeller

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Bernie Renander

Family of Carol Solid

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, 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

Lois Pearson, 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; 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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 18):

Thirteenth 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.

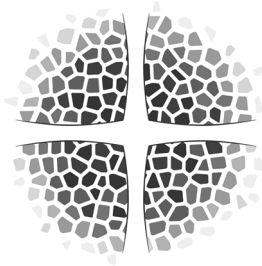
Monday, Aug. 12	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 13	7:00 a.m. 7:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	City of Northfield - Primary Election, St. John's Hall Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall Troop 7313/9313 Committee, Undercroft
Wednesday, Aug. 14	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Visitation - Bernie Renander Funeral - Bernie Renander
Thursday, Aug. 15	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Youth CAC Service Project, Offsite Executive Committee via Zoom
Friday, Aug. 16	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 17		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 18	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

Reminder of Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

The Voice (September 2024 Edition): Due by August 15

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and *The Voice*
to Leah Garlie electronically via email to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.



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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.*