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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 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 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 — “Shalom” (Peace) from *The Aeolian Sonata*

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 580

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the


dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 82

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With - in the con - gre - ga - tion God with the just shall stand;
The wick - ed shall then stum - ble and strug - gle on their way;
the pil - lars of un - right - eous - ness will shake at God's com - mand.
to them, as dark - est, fear - ful night ap - pears the bright - est day.
In - jus - tice meets com - pas - sion, con - tempt dis - cov - ers grace;
They fall, but as they stum - ble, the right - eous chil - dren dance;
and ev - 'ry source of our de - light is ban - ished from this place.
they pass in vain; new life we claim for our in - her - it - ance.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Second Reading — Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was

not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:17}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of 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 — Luke 12:49-56

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 947

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

***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

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

"Source of Calm Repose"

setting, F. Melius Christiansen

arr. G. Winston Cassler

*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

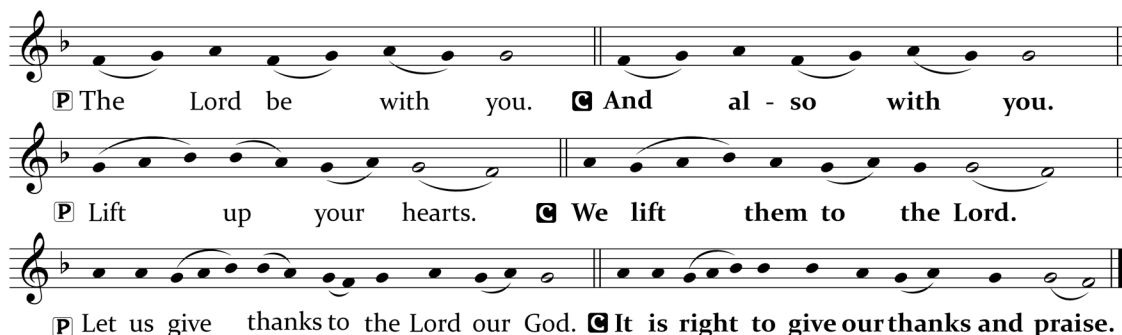
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

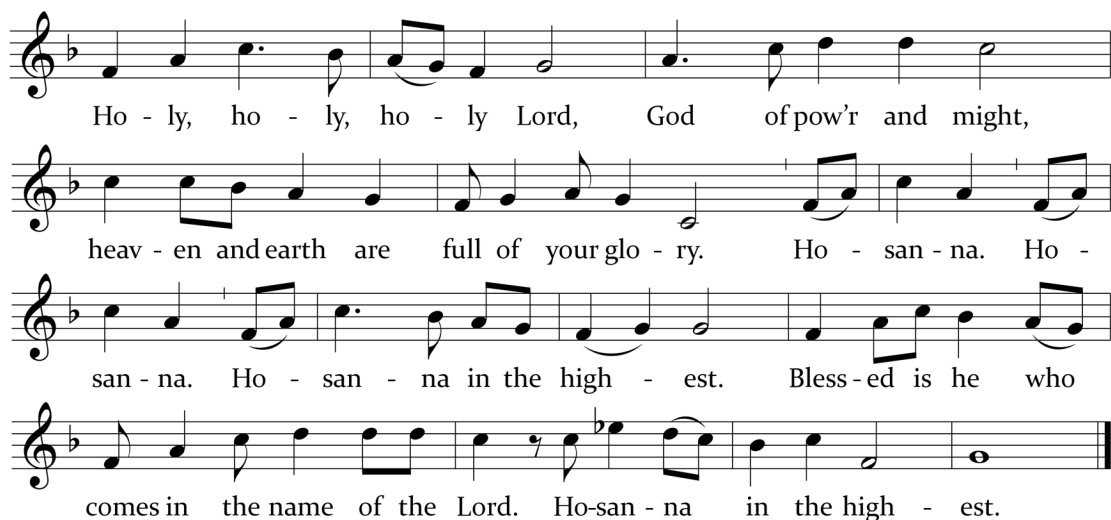


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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. 482

"I Come with Joy"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 815

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Presiding Assisting Ministers	Pastor Pam Fickenscher (8:30) Bash/Goodrich Family (10:00) Julie Zdenek
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Service	Barb Eaves, Judy Smith
Coffee and Refreshments	TBD
Nursery	Arielle Loy
Counters	Shirley Keltto, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

From the Stewardship Board

Going to the fair is a Minnesota tradition. Whether you go to the county fair or the state fair or both, you are in good company.

Fairs are festive and fun and allow fair-goers to find out what is going on in their county or state. We all have things that we must do to feel like we've been at the fair. Visits to the agriculture exhibits, the animal barns, and government and education buildings all share information with visitors. Some of us associate certain foods with the fair: cheese curds, cotton candy, roasted corn, foot-long hot dogs, and the all-you-can-drink milk at the State Fair top lots of lists.

We will have a Ministry Fair at St. John's on two mornings. August 28 and September 18 will be your chance to check out all of the things that happen here. We're excited for you to take a walk through the ministry fairgrounds (in St. John's Hall) and learn about all of the ways there are to engage at St. John's. We promise that there will be no barn smells, and feel pretty sure that you will learn some new and intriguing things.

See you at the fair!

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 21):

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 † Psalm 103:1-8 † Hebrews 12:18-29 † Luke 13:10-17

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen in memory of their son Brian who died 15 years ago this month. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: September 18 and October 16.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Rae Pearson by her family and friends.

Summer Sunday Hospitality

Sunday hospitality includes communion prep and/or cleanup, coffee service and/or treats, and greeting. If you would like to help, you can sign up at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=136 or contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or email Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, 7:10 p.m., Sechler 2

St. John's vs. United Methodist

Please help us celebrate St. John's return to the Northfield summer church softball league for the final game of the 2022 season. Snacks, beverages, and conversation will follow the game around 8:00 p.m.

Patio Theology

Tomorrow, August 15, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Angie Gehring (412 2nd St. W)

Topic: “*A Theology of Heaven for Our Time*” (Dave & Julie Zdenek, facilitators)

Does the church's witness suffer because we don't know how to translate a theology of heaven for the times in which we live? Our culture's images of heaven are so saccharine, so sentimental, so boring. What would it be like to move beyond clouds, harps, and chubby baby angels? To hold out the possibility of actual peace, reconciliation, and abundance for all? Copies of the article are available at the Welcome Desk.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

- **Wednesday, August 17, 12:15–12:45 p.m., First United Church of Christ (300 Union St.)**
Organist: Noah Klein
- **Wednesday, August 24, 12:15–12:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church**
Organist: Nathan Proctor

Join St. John's Organist, Nathan Proctor, for a unique recital celebrating the organ works of F. Melius Christiansen. Christiansen, who is best known as the first conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, served as organist at St. John's in the 1920's. All of the music in the recital comes from a new edition of his music edited by Nathan and published by Augsburg Fortress this past spring. Come hear music that would have first been heard in our Sanctuary a century ago.

Announcements (continued)

All Women's Bible Study

Thursday, August 18, 9:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

All women at St. John's are invited to a Women's Bible Study led by Pastor Pam. Come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and treats and the Bible Study will begin at 10:00 a.m. You don't have to be a member of a circle to join in this study. This is a one-time Bible Study to gather us all together for study and fellowship. We hope that you will plan to attend.

Summer Suppers Deadline Extended to Today

Date of Supper: Sunday, August 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

To sign up, please call or text Marilyn Calcutt at 507-210-1051 and she will assign you to a host who will contact you about details. Summer Suppers provide a fun, casual way to connect with members of our church community with a family-friendly opportunity to share a meal and conversation in the home or backyard of a member.

Meals on Wheels Sign Up

Sign up soon and sign up often! That is the best way to get your preferred dates and routes for Meals on Wheels delivery. We begin our annual commitment on Sunday, September 11, and continue through Saturday, October 8. Many volunteers are needed for this important ministry of care for elderly and disabled members of our community. Sign up online at https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=97. Questions? Contact Leah at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

St. John's Supports Viking Terrace via the CAC

St. John's has an opportunity to match up to \$2,000 for the CAC's Viking Terrace Initiative. The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board is looking to St. John's members for donations to the church with a specific designation for the initiative. A gift will go to the CAC once the \$2,000 match amount is reached. Thank you to all who have already supported this initiative on an individual basis. The need is great as well as urgent.

Have you ever wished for improvement of the acoustics of St. John's Hall?

For over a year, the Church Council and boards have been working on plans to improve the hearing environment in St. John's Hall. An Acoustic Improvement Committee confirmed the need to tame the excessive reverberation in the Hall, which makes talking and listening very challenging. An acoustic engineering firm has provided specifications for taming the reverberation. Of two project bids, we are focusing on the proposal of Twin Cities Acoustics. The wall treatment will cost \$44,000, and ceiling baffles, if needed, may add another \$24,000 to the project. The church can use some of the balance of Grace Overflowing Capital Funds. But the project will likely move ahead only if the church can identify additional sources of funding. If you are interested in knowing more about the project, and possibly making a contribution to this initiative, please contact Pastor Pam or congregation president Rod Christensen.

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

Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson,
Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

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.

Children and Youth Registration for 2022-2023

Registration for 2022-2023 School Year for Children and Youth Programming is Open

Check out St. John's website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org where you will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2022-2023 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. Or, scan the QR code to the right. We appreciate registrations turned in by September 7 for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Emmanuel Kaghondi at 507-645-4429 if you have questions regarding programming.



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. 15	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Home of Angie Gehring Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 16	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Aug. 17	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Romans & Christians, St. John's
Thursday, Aug. 18	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall All Women's Bible Study, St. John's Hall Personnel Committee, Undercroft Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library Executive Committee via Zoom Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Aug. 19	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 20		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 21	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship, Sanctuary Summer Supper Event, Host's Residence



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

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