



SERVICE OF THE WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 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.

☐ Pastor, ☐ Leader (Assisting Minister), ☐ 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 — “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” BWV 654

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (#488) SCHMÜCKE DICH



Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of
Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly
Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing
Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est

sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with
greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly,
won - der that the bread of life is bound - less though the
trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in -

joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed
now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal,
souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of heav - en
to all life ex - pand - ing; hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you,

this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let

high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* © 1978 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Johann Crüger

***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** Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.
Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 34

LAND OF REST



Cantor Un - to the Lord my praise I sing, God's good - ness
All Come, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me! To - geth - er
Cantor Oh, taste and see, the Lord is good! How blest are
All How great the tri - als the faith - ful bear, yet great - er

ev - er bless; the proud con - vic - tions
sing God's praise, whose pres - ence o - ver -
they who trust, for those who know God's
is God's will, that from the threat - 'ning

of my soul speak out God's righ - teous - ness.
comes all fear, whose glo - ry lights our days.
stead - fast love, they walk a - mong the just.
chill of death God's truth re - deems us still.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press; Music: LAND OF REST, North American folk tune

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 6:51-58

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

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

[Jesus said,] ^{51a}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.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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 — “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” (#539) CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

A - bidē, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
A - bidē, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
A - bidē with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
A - bidē with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
A - bidē, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grown dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, tr. August Crull; Music: Melchior Vulpius

*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:

Suite on Aurelia
II. Intermezzo

Robert Hobby

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

***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.

G 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:

G Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “O Living Bread from Heaven” (#542)**

AURELIA

O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows.
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Music: Samuel S. Wesley

***Dismissal**

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter



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.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Eugene Sandel Jr.
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Ushers	(9:00) Ruth Dahl, Mary Ellen North, John Ophaug (10:30) Cindy Clauson, Susan Immel, Doug O'Leary

School Supply Donations for LWR School Kits

This fall, St. John's will again have an intergenerational forum on Sunday, September 19, between services 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

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in beloved memory of Art and Polly Nordstrand by Patrice Nordstrand. 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 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](#).

Habitat for Humanity - God's Work Our Hands Event on September 18 & 19

Sign-Up Today Between Worship Services

St. John's and other Rice County ELCA congregations are teaming up with Habitat for Humanity for a special God's Work Our Hands weekend build the weekend of September 18 & 19. Volunteers are needed in construction and to prepare and serve meals and snacks. More information and sign-ups are available in the Commons. Please contact Bill Carlson at carlsoncharbill@msn.com or Jodi Beach at 507-403-7868 for further information.

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 or 507-645-4833. Thank you!

"Patio Theology" (Pub Theology Summer Edition)

Monday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Jackman Household

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.

Announcements (continued)

Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom

Mondays, Noon–1:00 p.m.

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

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.

From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

Because of the open-hearted giving of our members, the St. John's congregation has been recognized by ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service for the generosity of its donations. In addition, we have been able to make donations to support fund drives of Northfield Retirement Community, Laura Baker Services Association, and Lutheran World Relief for Covid-19 response, WELCA Quilters, Northfield Union of Youth, Bread for the World, our companion synods in Tanzania, Columbia, and South Sudan, Operation Backpack, and Lutheran Volunteer Corps among others. It is with grateful hearts that the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board thanks St. John's members for continuing to share God's gifts to us with others.

Northfield Youth Host Home Program in Need

Jaiden Bilotta is the Community Development Coordinator at Northfield Union of Youth. In her role at Northfield Union of Youth (NUY), she is in charge of educating our community about the current needs for housing and sharing about NUY's host home program. NUY's Wallflower Project is a volunteer host-home network for youth (ages 16-24) to access when home isn't an option. With the shifts that COVID brought to many families within the community, they have a need for families to be a part of their host home program and provide a safe place for youth in Northfield. Please reach out if you are interested in becoming a host, have questions or concerns, or want to learn more about how you can support their program. Jaiden looks forward to connecting with you! Contact Information: jaiden@unionofyouth.org; or call 612-229-0028.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

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

Guenther Moesler, Lois Rand, Eldora Seitz, Scott Quinnell, Avy Sherve,
John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger), Emily Zdenek (daughter of Dave and Julie Zdenek)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Vivian Lyanga (mother-in-law of Emmanuel Kaghondi)
Family of John Maher (brother-in-law of Ruth Smestad Anglin)

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

Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 22):

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 + Psalm 34:15-22 + Ephesians 6:10-20 + John 6:56-69

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. 16	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Patio Theology, Jackman Household Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Adult Ministry & Education Board, St. John's Library
Tuesday, Aug. 17	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 via Zoom NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Aug. 18	5:30 p.m.	Family VBS, Bethel Lutheran Church
Thursday, Aug. 19	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilters, Fellowship Hall Romans & Christians Middle School Event, St. John's
Friday, Aug. 20	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Aug. 21		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 22	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. 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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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.