



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2023 † 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 GATHER US IN

James Biery

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 532

“Gather Us In”

## \*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

- ☐ God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who  
call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world  
with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known  
throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

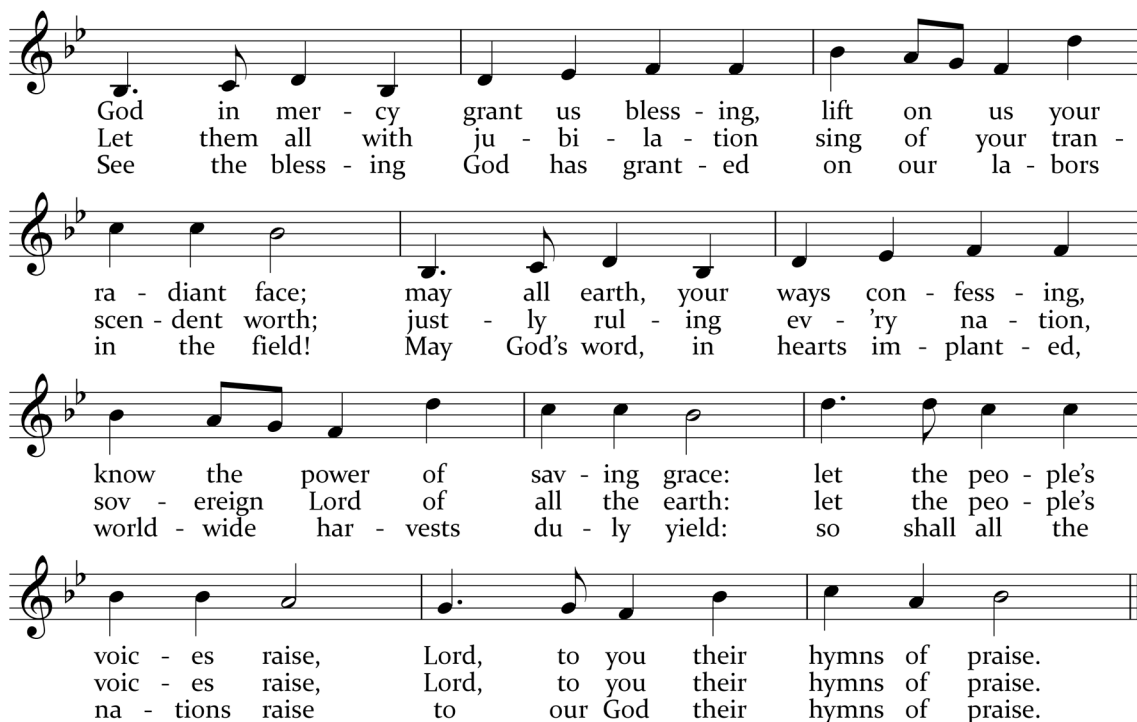
<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 67, “God in Mercy Grant Us Blessing”

UNSER HERRSCHER



God in mer - cy grant us bless - ing, lift on us your  
Let them all with ju - bi - la - tion sing of your tran -  
See the bless - ing God has grant - ed on our la - bors  
ra - dant face; may all earth, your ways con - fess - ing,  
scen - dent worth; just - ly rul - ing ev - 'ry na - tion,  
in the field! May God's word, in hearts im - plant - ed,  
know the power of sav - ing grace: let the peo - ple's  
sov - ereign Lord of all the earth: let the peo - ple's  
world - wide har - vests du - ly yield: so shall all the  
voic - es raise, Lord, to you their hymns of praise.  
voic - es raise, Lord, to you their hymns of praise.  
na - tions raise to our God their hymns of praise.

Psalm paraphrase: David G. Preston © The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Company; Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

## Second Reading — Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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 — Matthew 15:10-28

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: “it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her

at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 👏 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Anthony Bateza

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1062

“Build a Longer Table”

### \*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*

II. "Quietly moving" from *Sonata II*

Paul Hindemith

## \*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 field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff is in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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. 712**

**“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

ℒ We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 650

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — Fanfare on MCKEE

Charles Callahan



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Rev. Anthony Bateza
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Service	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Greeters	Wil Brosz, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Coffee Service	Gary and Christine Engstrom
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Reed Hagberg, Michelle Kramer-Prevost
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Rick Hillard, Rob Nutt, John Ophaug

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## Registration is now open for Children and Youth Programs, 2023-2024!

Check out St. John's website at:  
[stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/](http://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!



# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Paul Raadt by Marilyn McRae Raadt and family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Available Dates: October 15 and November 5, 12, 19 & 26.

## **Capital Campaign**

Your Congregational Council has called an **all-congregation meeting for Sunday, August 27, 2023**, to discuss a variety of opportunities and challenges we face in the years ahead. The meeting will be held immediately **following our 9:30 a.m. worship service** that day. The 27<sup>th</sup> was selected because we felt we had the best opportunity to engage the largest number of members in the discussion and vote. At the meeting, you will be asked:

- 1) to approve investing in improvements of our physical space by installing solar panels and perhaps other sustainability initiatives to reduce our carbon footprint while at the same time positively impacting our long-term financial health;
- 2) to approve the launching of a capital campaign to address a number of physical needs of our church and improve our benevolence to support other missions that complement the St. John's mission;
- 3) to approve the acceptance of a generous loan from the St. John's Foundation of \$100,000.

This is an exciting time for our congregation and we have been deeply blessed. Much more information will be shared at the congregational meeting. Please plan to attend.

## **Pub Theology**

**Monday, August 14, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Contented Cow**

Pub Theology is a weekly conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate.

## **Mission Morning**

**Saturday, August 26, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

You asked, we listened! Come to the second Mission Morning on Saturday, August 26. Start with coffee and pastries in St. John's Hall, then help pack LWR baby care kits, assemble quilts, do prep work for the LWR school kits, and roll bandages for Global Health Ministries. Women of all ages are welcome. Come and stay as long as you are able.

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (September 2023 Edition): Due by August 15

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Volunteers Needed to Join the St. John's Audio/Visual Team**

The St. John's Audio/Visual Team seeks new volunteers to help with livestream coverage of Sunday services, special event presentations, and funerals. A/V team members operate cameras, prepare PowerPoint slides to accompany the video cam images, and help with simple post-production tasks. No experience necessary. Hands-on training provided. To learn more, contact [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **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 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:

- 70 sheet spiral notebooks of 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
- blunt Fiskar scissors (Fiskar brand preferred as the other ones break easily)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 24 Crayola crayons
- 2 1/2" eraser

## **Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Still Needed for Saturdays**

**Saturday, September 16:** 1 driver needed

**Saturday, September 23:** 2 drivers needed

**Saturday, October 7:** 1 driver needed

If you can help deliver meals on any of these dates contact Peter Skoglund at [skoglund.peter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skoglund.peter@sbcglobal.net) or 925-989-6131, or Cynthia Neubecker at [reduncan936@gmail.com](mailto:reduncan936@gmail.com) or 612-327-0169. Driver information is printed and available at the Welcome Desk in the Commons. Thank you!

**Electronic giving is a great way to support the ongoing ministry of St. John's, even when you are out of town or unable to worship in person.** To sign up for electronic giving, contact Leah in the church office at 507-645-4429, or by email at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). "I Give Electronically" cards are now available in the pew racks, so you can show your support during the Sunday morning offering.

## **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*

Evy Estensen, John Ferguson, Lester Gunderson, Keke Judge, Aiden Mandsager, Mary Ellen North, Donna Paulsen, Wendy Scholz, Noah Tracy, Karen Wingate, Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

David and Pat Halsor, Elouise Quinnell

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 27):**

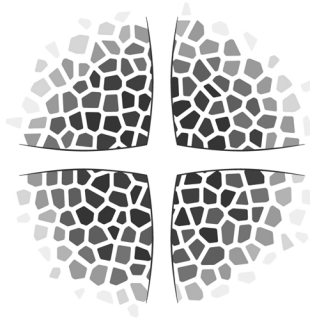
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 51:1-6 † Psalm 138 † Romans 12:1-8 † Matthew 16:13-20

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Aug. 21</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Contented Cow Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 22</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 23</b>	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Aug. 24</b>	7:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Bridge Festival Concert Young Artists' Recital, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, Aug. 25</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Aug. 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mission Morning, St. John's Hall and Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, Aug. 27</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary All Congregation Meeting, St. John's Hall



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