



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 2025 † 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 — *Danserye*

Tielman Susato

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 524

“What Is This Place”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

G you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

G Amen.

***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** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victoriously through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 103:1-8

Antiphon: John Ferguson

Antiphon: The LORD is full of compassion and mercy.



- ¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.
- ²Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and forget not | all God's benefits—
- ³who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life | from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; *Antiphon*
- ⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
- ⁶O LORD, you provide | vindication
and justice for all who | are oppressed.
- ⁷You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
- ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. *Antiphon*

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Luke 13:10-17**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

📖 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?" ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📖 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 665

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

***Apostles' Creed**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

***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

"Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

*Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout hallelujah! Praise his holy name!
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost,
but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his holy name! Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No,
there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Holy Jesus, Praise his name!
Hallelujah! Praise his holy name! Praise him!*

*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

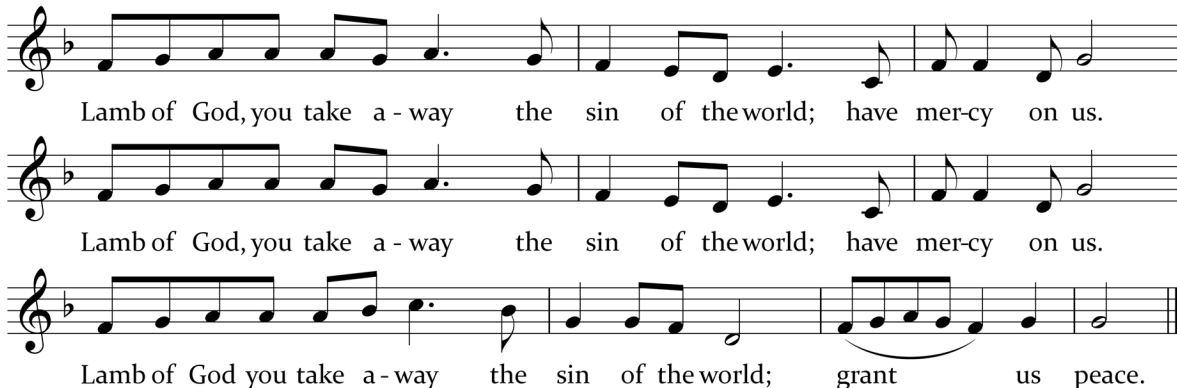
*The Lord's Prayer

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 parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. 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. 614

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn — ELW No. 520

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 535 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”
Each section, refrain or verse, is sung twice.

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Paul Spicer



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Eden Kaiser
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Summer Choir
Piano	Jane Turpin Moore
Communion Service	Vicki Otis
Greeter	Mary Ellen North, Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Hall-Holt Family, Doug Johnson, Ted Peterson, Karen Schuette
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	Jon and Cindy McBroom, Bob Nyvall



**Fruit Sunday
TODAY**

**Come and enjoy a dessert in
St. John's Hall after worship!**



Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory and in celebration of the life of Marlene Engstrom by Duane Engstrom. 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), contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: October 5, 12 & 26.

Today is Fruit Sunday!

We invite all to come to St. John's Hall and enjoy an array of delicious fruit desserts during our coffee fellowship time after worship.

Courageous Conversations launches a new season of monthly programs with the theme, "*Creating Community for Common Good.*"

Our kickoff speaker, on Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m., will be Northfield School District Superintendent, Dr. Matt Hillmann, who will present "*Why Public Education Matters.*" Hillman will discuss why public education is a cornerstone of a successful democracy, how he stays positive in the face of challenges, and what community members can do to engage with the work of our schools.

A Request for Congregational Input from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

Hello! We on the B&SC Board have been dreaming big for the last year and a half and recently realized we need your help. We have the potential to get even more active as a church in our community and make a meaningful difference. The question is, where? Or how? What do you see as the greatest needs in our community where St. John's could offer hope and support? Using our resources grounded in faith, what larger action could we as a congregation take to make a positive impact? If you feel moved to share an idea with us, email Andrea Hoff, Chair of the B&SC Board, at andrea.hoff37@gmail.com by September 9. We look forward to hearing from you!

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers Needed

St. John's is committed to delivering Meals on Wheels from September 8 through October 4. Meals on Wheels is a Northfield Hospital supported volunteer organization dedicated to meeting the nutritional needs of the community through volunteer drivers. Drivers are still needed for the following dates: September 12, 16, 22, 23, 30, and October 3. Sign up in CCB at: [Meals on Wheels Driver Sign-Up](#). If you aren't a CCB user, you may contact Andrea Hoff at andrea.hoff37@gmail.com or 612-743-5767 to schedule your delivery date(s). Printed-out driver instructions/information are available in the Commons. Thank you!

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Announcements (continued)

Accompany Program Invitation for Newcomers this Fall

Sundays, October 19–November 23, 9:45–10:40 a.m. in the Undercroft

Accompany is our approach to welcoming those new to St. John's and for those possibly considering membership. The program consists of six gatherings that meet on Sundays between the worship services in which learning more about our church, making connections with others, and spiritual reflection are the focus. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org by October 1. We look forward to having you join us!

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 200 kits, so many supplies are needed (for example, 800 notebooks to put 4 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!

- 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

Children and Youth

Registration is Open Children and Youth Programs for the 2025–2026 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.



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Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at children@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

Cindy Clauson, Fred Huemoeller, Audrey Moe, Patrice Nordstrand

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North, Alice Rickert,
Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Kathy Applebee,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Johnson, David Halsor

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 31):

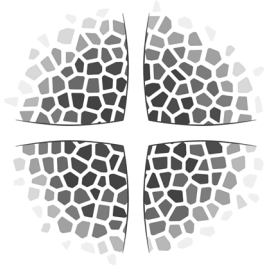
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7 † Psalm 112 † Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 † Luke 14:1, 7-14

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. 25	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Location TBD Boy Scouts (Troop #9313), Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Aug. 26	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Jack Schwandt, Commons Funeral - Jack Schwandt, Sanctuary Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Aug. 27	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Politics & Faith Discussion, St. John's Library
Thursday, Aug. 28	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Aug. 29	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Aug. 30		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 31	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall



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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.*