



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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 — Variations on “Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend”

Johann Walter

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 527

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

*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, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 146

Antiphon: Kevin Vogt, from *St. Olaf Morning Prayer*

Antiphon: As morning breaks I look to you, O God, to be my strength this day. Alleluia.



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³**Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.**

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. *Antiphon***

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷**who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.**

⁸**The LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

Second Reading — James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted

by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 — Mark 7:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and

touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 — ELW No. 612

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

Installation of WELCA Board Members

***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:

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

arr. George Shearing

*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.

Hymn — ELW No. 610

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

Hymn — ELW No. 864

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ 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. 673

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Finale” from Concerto No. 5

G. F. Handel



2024–2025 St. John’s Women of the ELCA Executive Board

President — Alison Kavanaugh

Vice President and Past President — Pam Groves-Gaggioli

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Discipleship — Beth Wessen and Mary Hoff

Stewardship — Jane Rinehart and Sara Bright

Education and Justice — Jo Franklin, Michelle Kramer-Prevost,

Dawn Tommerdahl, Margie O’Loughlin

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Terrence Hassanally
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Greeters	TBD
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	TBD
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Dan Franklin
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Dan Franklin, Leif Knecht, Don Sahling

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 15):

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Psalm 116:1-9 † James 3:1-12 † Mark 8:27-38



Join Us for
Fall Worship

SUNDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. 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 22 and October 27.

Faith in Democracy?: Rebuilding the Beloved Community

Thursday, September 12, 7:00–8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

Courageous Conversations begins its seventh year with Kathryn Lozada as our first speaker for 2024–2025. Lozada is the lead southern Minnesota organizer for ISAIAH/Faith in MN and will speak on building bridges towards racial, economic, and climate justice. Her presentation is the first in a two-part series examining faith in democracy. The Courageous Conversations theme for 2024–2025 is, *"We Belong to One Another."* Courageous Conversations is a non-denominational event, free, and open to the public.

Save the Date: Mission Morning

Saturday, September 28, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's women are invited to a morning of coffee, treats, kit packing, fellowship, and changing the world, one kit at a time. Special speaker: Kim Dickey, Global Health Ministries.

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.

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. 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!

Announcements (continued)

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.

Reminder of Deadlines

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (October 2024 Edition): Due by September 15

Children and Youth

Register 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.



Orientation and Connections Night for Wednesday After School Programs

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall (lower level)

Learn about what happens on Wednesdays including transportation on the after school bus, Catechism (grades 3–5), Alleluia Choir (grades K–2), Jubilate Choir (grades 3–5), and Kids Club (grades K–2).

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



WelcomeFest

Sunday, September 15
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall for breakfast, serving pancakes, sausage and fruit.
(Hosted by St. John's Youth)

Children's activities begin at 10:00 a.m. after the Sunday School Open House at 9:45 a.m.

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, Fred Huemoeller, Diane Melbye

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of George Partlo (father of Kristin Partlo)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Dick Kleber, 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

VaLois Mandsager, 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

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.

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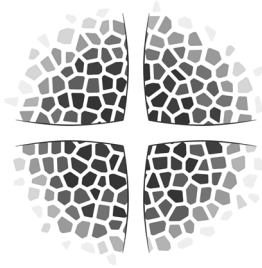
The Voice (October 2024 Edition): Due by September 15

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

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Sept. 9	12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room Boy Scout Troop (#9313), Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 10	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's 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
Wednesday, Sept. 11	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall Connections Night: Children/Youth Orientation, Fellowship Hall St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sept. 12	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Mary Circle, Fireside Room Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Sept. 13	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Joanne Dahlin, Commons Funeral - Joanne Dahlin, Sanctuary NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Sept. 14	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Sep. 15	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary WelcomeFest Breakfast ~ Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship, Sanctuary Girl Scout Troop #27500, Sunday School Classroom Girl Scout Troop #27532, Undercroft



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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.*