



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 — Clarinet Quintet in A major, K. 581
II. Larghetto

W. A. Mozart

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

*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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

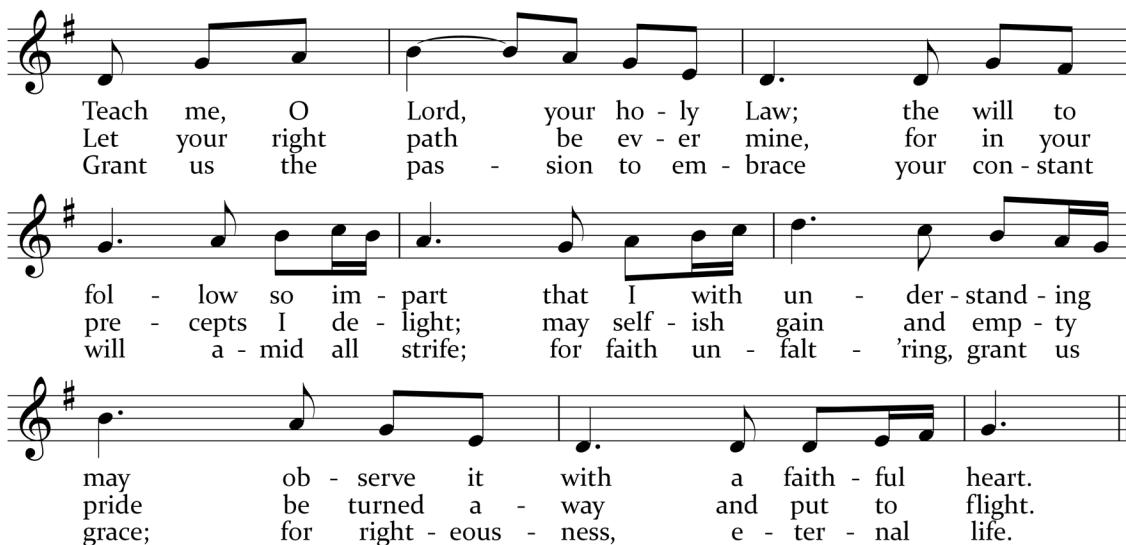
¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 119:33-40, “Teach Me, O Lord”

O WALY WALY



Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly Law; the will to
Let your right path be ev - er mine, for in your
Grant us the pas - sion to em - brace your con - stant
fol - low so im - part that I with un - der - stand - ing
pre - cepts I de - light; may self - ish gain and emp - ty
will a - mid all strife; for faith un - falt - 'ring, grant us
may ob - serve it with a faith - ful heart.
pride be turned a - way and put to flight.
grace; for right - eous - ness, e - ter - nal life.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: English tune

Second Reading — Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in de-

bauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 — Matthew 18:15-20**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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. 603

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

Installation of Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

***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:

Clarinet Quintet in A major, K. 581

W. A. Mozart

III. Menuetto

*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

Let us pray.

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”



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. 480

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

Hymn — ELW No. 639

“When We Are Living”

***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. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Rondeau

Josef Hector Fiocco
Transcribed Charles Callahan



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Arielle Loy
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Greeters	Marie Benson
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Mark Toov
Refreshments	Ann Albert, Gerri Licke, Patrice Nordstrand
Counters	Jill Enestvedt, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Leif Knecht, Eric Sponheim

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Join Us for
Fall Worship

SUNDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 17

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 in loving memory of Cora (on her birthday) & Elmer Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 645-4429. Available Dates: November 12 & 19 and December 3, 10, 17, 24, 25 & 31.

WelcomeFest

Sunday, September 17, Between Services

WelcomeFest kicks off the start of the new school year at St. John's!

- **9:30–10:30 a.m.: WelcomeFest Breakfast, hosted by St. John's Youth.** Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall for a hearty breakfast of pancakes and sausages starting at 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. St. John's Youth are invited to volunteer by contacting Kristin Partlo at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.
- **9:45–10:00 a.m.: Open House for the First Day of Sunday School.** Preschool (age 3 by 9/1/23) through grade 5 (accompanied by a parent) begins in the lower level with an Open House. Check out where your classroom is and connect with your classroom leaders and friends!
- **10:00–10:30 a.m.: Children's activities in St. John's Hall!** Cakewalk, Scavenger Hunt, Glitter Tattoos, and more!

Hope to see you there!

2023 St. John's Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 24, 9:30–10:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Have you ever wondered about all of the amazing work that goes on behind the scenes at St. John's? Would you like to learn more about the variety of opportunities to get involved? There is something for everyone! Come to St. John's Hall between services to enjoy a beverage and a treat while checking out the displays, gathering information, and talking with group leaders, board members, and volunteers about what each ministry has to offer!

Wondering How to Get Involved at St. John's?

The Nominating Committee of St. John's is responsible for forming the church boards and Church Council that lead our congregation. They begin their work this fall and will be reaching out to members in the coming weeks. To learn more about our ministries, attend the Ministry Fair on September 24 or ask a staff member to connect you with the Nominating Committee.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, September 18, 1:00–6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations

Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The program will feature Leah Patton, executive director of Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC); Public Policy and Strategic Messaging professional. *"The program will explore JRLC's process of finding common cause and mission in interfaith advocacy. Through a foundation of respect and grace, we enrich our personal faith observance while rallying with our brothers and sisters of other religious traditions around a common cause—to be a voice for our neighbors in need at the State Capitol. We are excited to share the lessons our community has learned with you!"*

St. John's Courageous Conversations Book Group Begins Again

Thursday, September 28, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom

This fall we're expanding on a topic from last year's WELCA presentation on Christian Nationalism. We will read *The Power Worshipers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism* by Katherine Stewart. The group meets every two weeks: September 28, October 12 & 26, and November 9 & 30. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Please contact Dawn Tommerdahl at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up and receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

Children and Youth

Registration is Open for 2023–2024 Children and Youth Programs

Register online at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

What's Happening:

- **Wednesday, September 13**

- * Orientation for Wednesday After School Programs, 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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), Kids Club (grades K–2).
- * Orientation for Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Learn about the upcoming program year.

- **Sunday, September 17**

- * First day of Sunday School, for children ages 3 (by 9/1/23) to grade 5, starts with an open house at 9:45 a.m. in the lower level of St. John's.
- * First day of Sunday Youth Group at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room.

- **Wednesday, September 20**

- * "ROCK," our Wednesday After School Program begins.
- * Confirmation and High School Youth Group begin.

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

Shirley Anderson, John Ferguson, Lester Gunderson, 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

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson, 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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 17):

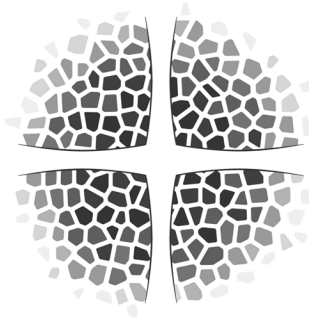
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21 † Psalm 103:8-13 † Romans 14:1-12 † Matthew 18:21-35

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. 11	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 12	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 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. 13	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Children's After School Orientation, Fellowship Hall Confirmation and Youth Orientation, Fellowship Hall St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sept. 14	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Sept. 15	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Sept. 16		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Sept. 17	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary WelcomeFest ~ Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Lower Level Worship / Nursery (Baptism - Levi Little), Sanctuary



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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.