



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 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 — ON EARTH AND ALL STARS

Sally Drennan Mossing

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication and Blessing for *All Creation Sings*

Stewardship Temple Talk — Jane Rinehart

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 1000

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

*Those gathered in the sanctuary are invited to sing
from All Creation Sings for the first time.*

***Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

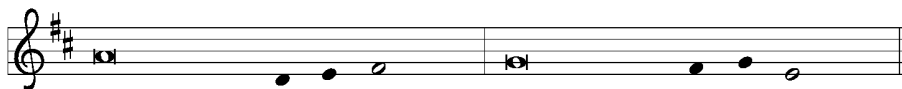
- P** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us
as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition,
that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 54

Antiphon: Linnea Good (ACS #1075)

Antiphon: O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn for you.



¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper;
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and

do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

- 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.

*Gospel — Mark 9:30-37

- The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” (#735)

NORWICH



Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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(8:30) *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.**

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of hymnal pages 227-231*

The Triune God proclaims Luca McBroom Squadroni as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Luca's parents are Sara McBroom and Aaron Squadroni, and her sponsors are Brian and Courtney Caryer.

Presentation

- P** People of God, do you promise to support Luca and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- C** We do.

***Profession of Faith**

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- All** 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.

- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- All** 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.

***Baptismal Hymn** — "You Have Put on Christ"

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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***Thanksgiving at the Font**

Baptism

Welcome

- P** People of God, Luca is our new sister in Christ,
Let the people say, Amen!
- A** Amen!
- P** She is a worker with you in the kingdom of God,
Let the people say, Welcome!
- A** Welcome!
- P** Luca belongs to God forever,
Let the people shout, Alleluia!
- A** Alleluia!

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
C 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:

“Children of the Heavenly Father” Swedish folk tune, arr. John Ferguson
Kalli Sobania, violin

Blessing of Lutheran World Relief School Kits

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

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Old Hundredth). The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

☐ Holy God, mighty Fortress,
loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,
as vegetation matures in forests and fields,
your living Word undergirds all that lives.

☑ **We praise your eternal Word.**

In the words of the Scriptures you offer us Christ:
our refuge, our savior, our friend,
accompanying us throughout our years
and renewing us in love.

☑ **We praise your eternal Word.**

We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith,
in devotion to your Word,
and in service to others.

☑ **We praise your eternal Word.**

To you be honor and praise and glory,
today and forever.

☑ **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:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ACS No. 1032

“Lift Up Your Heads”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Finale from *Das Holsteinische Orgelbüchlein* Hans Friederich Micheelsen



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 8:30 and 10:45 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 Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	The Loe Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Kristin Partlo
Violin	Kalli Sobania
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Mary Hoff, John Ophaug (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Doug O'Leary

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Ministry Moment from the Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board has put together some brief stories to share with the congregation. The following is this week's Ministry Moment, which comes from the St. John's Women of the ELCA as told to Samuel Lotegeluaki by Jennifer Edwins:

Like so many of us in this pandemic, members of the WELCA board "embraced the opportunity to become technologically proficient in Zoom." The executive board continued to meet monthly to plan their year. All the Courageous Conversations they hosted took place via Zoom. WELCA board president, Jennifer Edwins, shared that their work "was a wonderful outreach/evangelism tool for St. John's. We had many participants who were not St. John's members and there were some who attended that lived in the Cities."



ST. JOHN'S
SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

SEPT. 5 & 12
9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

SEPT. 19 & 26
8:30 & 10:45 A.M.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and family. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: October 10, 17 & 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given by the children of Ed Youngquist in honor of his birthday month.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps Sales Today in the Commons
Beginning in October, sales will take place in the Commons every first Sunday of the month. If you have order questions or requests, contact Dawn at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Fall Fellowship Fest

Next Sunday, September 26 at Noon

All are invited to join us outside on the church grounds for food and games!

Registration for 2021-2022 School Year for Children and Youth Programming is Open

Go to <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/registration/> to register.

Adult Music Opportunities this Fall

Plans are underway to start handbell ringing and adult choir singing this fall. While this might not look exactly like our musical ensembles before the pandemic, we are working with the Safe Operating Task Force on ways that we can be involved in worship safely and with protocols that respond to current Covid case numbers in our area. If you are interested in these opportunities and haven't rung or sung with us before, email Nathan Proctor, music@StJohnsNorthfield.org to find out more information.

Invitation to Become a Stephen Minister

St. John's will begin training a new group of Stephen Ministers starting this fall. Stephen Ministers provide care to members of our congregation who are experiencing difficult times. If you are interested in participating in the training sessions or would like more information about this program, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

From the Business Management Board

The church council approved a request from the Business Management Board to start an RFP process for St. John's property and liability insurance coverage. If you have questions about the process, please contact Jane Rizzo (jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com), or any member of the Business Management Board, before the end of September.

Announcements (continued)

Meals on Wheels Update

St. John's is now into the second week of delivering Meals on Wheels and will continue through Saturday, October 8. Members have responded quickly and generously and just a few spots remain. You can sign up online through our website or by contacting the church office at 507-645-4429. Thank you for being a part of this important service to our Northfield community.

Red Cross Blood Drive - Blood Donors Still Needed

Tuesday, September 28, 1:00–6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall.

Sign up for a timeslot online with this link: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>. Questions? Contact Sally Lindell at parishnurse@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Courageous Conversations Book Group Begins

Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

This time our book is *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. Books are available at Content Bookstore. The group will meet five times, every other Thursday: September 30, October 14 & 28, November 11 & 18. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up and receive the reading plan and zoom link.

Ushers Teams for Worship

Please consider joining a monthly usher team for the first or second service. No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested or have any questions contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or call the church office at 507-645-4429.

From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board

On behalf of the St. John's Congregation, the Benevolence and Social Concerns Board has donated \$1,000 each to Lutheran World Relief for Haiti disaster relief, Lutheran Immigration and Social Service for assistance to Afghan allies, and Lutheran Disaster Relief for Hurricane Ida victims. We have also designated our annual \$3,000 donation to Lutheran Social Services to be divided equally among Housing & Assistance, Mental Health, and Refugee Resettlement. The Benevolence Board is grateful for the generosity of St. John's members which make these donations possible.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take and eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@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

Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, Bev Mahachek, Guenther Moesler, Lois Rand, Eldora Seitz, Scott Quinnell, John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger), Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner), Emily Zdenek (daughter of Dave and Julie Zdenek)

Those celebrating the baptism of

Luca McBroom Squadroni, daughter of Sarah McBroom and Aaron Squadroni

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Jim Thompson, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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 (September 26):

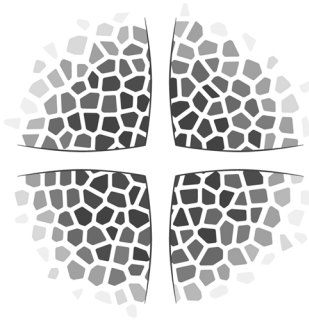
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 † Psalm 19:7-14 † James 5:13-20 † Mark 9:38-50

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Sep. 20	12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall Congregations in a Secular Age Team Meeting, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Grief Coalition Fall Event, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 21	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 I Cantanti Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Sep. 22	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite K-5 th Grade Afterschool and Catechism Orientation, St. John's Youth Programming Orientation, St. John's
Thursday, Sep. 23	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Friday, Sep. 24	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 25	7:00 p.m.	Youth Movie Night, St. John's Parking Lot
Sunday, Sep. 26	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary Fall Fellowship Fest, Outside at St. John's



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