

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 † 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 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 THAXTED”

Tom Trenney

- I. Theme
- II. Menuet
- III. Berceuse

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 710

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

***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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

(10:45) **Presentation of Catechisms to 3rd and 4th Graders**

First Reading — Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs
from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

© Thanks be to God.

Antiphon: Kevin Vogt

Praise the LORD, ¹ O my soul!

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

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

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; and lifts up those who¹ are bowed down;
the LORD¹ loves the righteous.

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

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness,

faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

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*Gospel — Luke 16:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 386

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things,

and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Kristin Partlo

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 979

“Making Their Way”

*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:

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

(8:30) "Poor Man Lazrus"

arr. Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazrus, sick and disabled, dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame. He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table. Dip your finger in the water, come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame. Rich man Divies he lived so well, and when he died he went straight to hell. I love to shout, I love to sing, I love to praise my heavenly king.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ!" BWV 639

J. S. Bach

*Offering Hymn — "Thank You, Lord"

African American spiritual

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,

thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

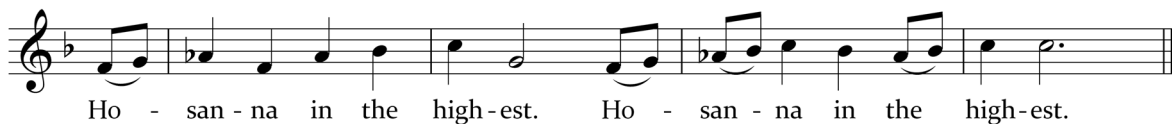
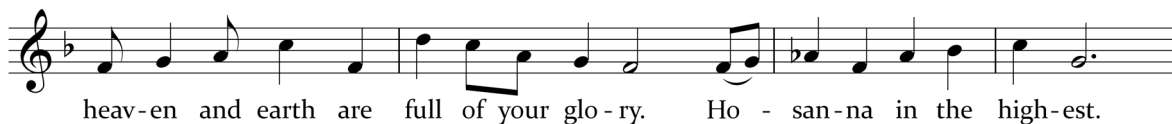
C Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share
with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. 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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one who trusteth in him.

—Psalm 34:8

Solo — "Andante tranquillo" from *Six Studies in English Folksong*

RVW

Hymn — ELW No. 470

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Allegro maestoso” from Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Dennis and Jane Rinehart (10:45) Pippa Younger, Nancy Simpson-Younger, Lucy Younger, Kathy Simpson
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Dennis and Jane Rinehart (10:45) Jennifer Edwins
Organist	Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship, Music & Arts
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale; Soloist, Sara Liu
Cantor	Noah Smith, Church Music Intern
Violin	Green Bouzard, Jubilate Choir Director
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Cindy Clauson
Counters	Sue Brockman, David Nitz, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim

Announcements

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

Printed copies of the September 22 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by his family in loving memory of Fred J. Gaggioli on the fifth anniversary of his passing into the next realm. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: November 6, 13 & 27.

Speed Social

Today, 10:00–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

We are not the same congregation we were this time last year, or even two years ago! It's okay if you don't know everyone! This Sunday in St. John's Hall we will have a "speed social" designed to give you quick conversations with a number of people—just enough so that the next time you see each other, you'll have something to talk about! Join us from 10:00–10:30 in St. John's Hall.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 27, 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)

Dialogues on Race Continue

Today, 9:45–10:40 a.m., Fireside Room

We will complete the book, beginning with chapter 5 “Whither the Women: Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression.” Other dates for discussion are October 23 and November 20. If you didn’t have the chance to join the discussion in the spring, please join us now! Books are available for \$10. Contact Merilyn Calcutt, chair of the Adult Ministry & Education Board.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday, September 28, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John’s Hall

Menu: Breakfast Night

All are invited to enjoy a community meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during the programming year! Meals are free-will offering to help cover the cost of food.

- **Can you help support Wednesday Night Meals by donating a dessert (store-bought or home-made treats)?** Sign up to donate a dessert by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Planning Our Future Together Discussion #1

Next Sunday, October 2, 9:45 a.m., St. John’s Hall

Please join us to share your ideas and hear from others as we imagine building a strong future as a congregation. What ministries should be our priorities? How can we best use our facility to serve our mission? What are your dreams for St. John’s? For more details please read the article in the October Voice. Plan to join us in St. John’s Hall between services on Sundays, October 2 or 16, or at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26.

The St. John’s Church Council approved a bid to make acoustic improvements in St John’s Hall, with the goal of better acoustics for conversation and fellowship in this room that is a key resource for our congregation and the whole community. \$13,000 has been pledged so far toward this project, and designated gifts are now being accepted, with a goal of raising at least half of the project’s \$44,000 cost. Gifts should be designated to “acoustic project.”

We are producing a new picture directory! Sign up today!

We are partnering with Universal Church Directories for this important project. They are providing the directory at no cost to our church. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Our directory won’t be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Monday, October 17–Friday, October 21 and Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00–9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at www.ucdir.com (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429.

Announcements (continued)

From the Stewardship Board: Children's Ministry

Have you ever ventured downstairs here at St. John's? There is an energy that you notice as you descend the stairs. What are your first memories of going to church as a youngster? Sunday school with songs and games? Vacation Bible School in the summer? Christmas programs and the jitters before your big entrance?

- St. John's offers the commonly remembered programs for Sunday mornings, but did you know about the afterschool programs on Wednesday during the school year for children from kindergarten to 5th grade? Bus transportation from Northfield schools transports children to St. John's for healthy snacks, games, creative arts, music, movement, drama, and story-telling. 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students participate in CAT on Wednesday's and special retreat days. CAT is short for Catechism, the basics of Christianity that Martin Luther prepared for parents to teach their children.
- The Blessing Box was created as a Sunday School project at St. John's. Children donate and care for the box during the school year.
- The energy and excitement are contagious and there are opportunities to engage with the Wednesday programs. Bus angels take attendance at the schools. Volunteers are needed to set up and serve healthy snacks and beverages.
- Other opportunities? Caring for little ones in the nursery during the worship service and education hour is a great way to meet young parents and their little ones.

Julie Brehmer leads and coordinates the Children's programming. Find out what you can do to help with this important ministry. You'll meet some really fascinating people!

St. John's Supports Viking Terrace via the CAC

St. John's is just about halfway to a match for \$2,000 for the CAC's Viking Terrace Initiative to support manufactured home rehabilitation. There is little at the state level to help Viking Terrace residents and the city has limited resources to meet needs. The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board is looking to St. John's members to donate to the church with a specific designation for the initiative. A gift will go to the CAC once the \$2,000 match amount is reached. Thank you to all who have already supported this initiative.

Children and Youth

Beginning Today (9:45–10:30 a.m.):

- **Children Pre-K through Grade 5:** Sunday School begins today for children who are 3 years old (by 9/1/22) through 5th grade. Classrooms are in the lower level of St. John's.
- **Middle School and High School Youth:** Sunday Youth Gathering begins today for youth in grades 6-12. We will meet briefly in the Youth Room for check-in and walk to Caribou for hot chocolate.

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

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Guenther Moesler,
Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella),
Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Arlene Sivanich

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Richard Nelson, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson

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 (October 2):

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 † Psalm 37:1-9 † 2 Timothy 1:1-14 † Luke 17:5-10

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. 26	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 27	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
		American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Sept. 28	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept. 29	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sept. 30	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Oct. 1	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Arlene Sivanich, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Arlene Sivanich, Sanctuary
Sunday, Oct. 2	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Fair Trades Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Facility Planning Conversation #1, St. John's Hall
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	3:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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