



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 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 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.

☐ 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** — Settings of OLD HUNDREDTH:

Paul Manz, Johann Pachelbel,  
Johann Gottfried Walther

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Temple Talk**

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 994 “The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended”

***Stanza 1 — all***

***Stanza 2 — treble voices***

***Stanza 3 — all***

***Stanza 4 — bass voices***

***Stanza 5 — all***

**\*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**

☐ Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.  
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Message**

## First Reading — Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.” <sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

 The word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

# Psalmody — Psalm 19, “The Heavens Declare God’s Glory”

BROTHER JAMES’ AIR



The heavens de - clare God’s glo - ry; the vault of heav - en springs  
The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the heav - ens burn and blaze,  
So shine the Lord’s com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;  
So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the mak - er’s hand in all cre - a - ted things,  
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that meas - ures all our days,  
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize,  
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise,



and through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings.  
and writes in fire a - cross the skies God’s maj - es - ty and praise.  
a law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes.  
my rock and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways.

Psalm paraphrase: Timothy Dudley-Smith © 1981 Hope Publishing; Music: James L. Macbeth Bain

## Second Reading — James 5:13-20

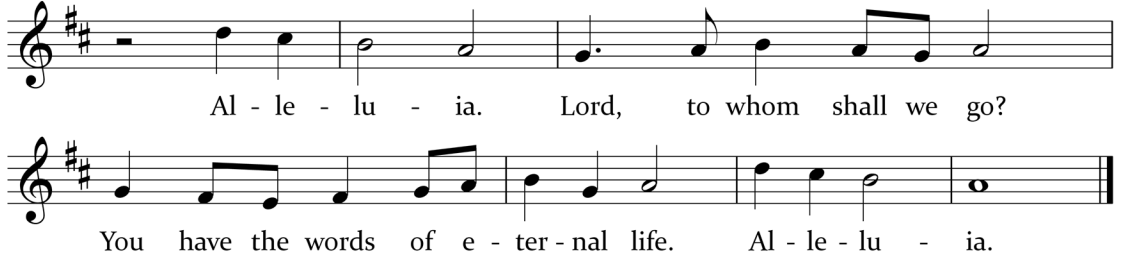
<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — Mark 9:38-50

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

<sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (ELW #742)

CONVERSE



What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven; Music: Charles C. Converse

## \*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:*

- 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:*

Improvisation on HYFRYDOL

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.



### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

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

**C** **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.

**C** **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.

**C** **We praise your eternal Word.**

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

**C** **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:*

**C** **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (ELW # 631)**

HYFRYDOL



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley; Music: Rowland H. Prichard

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude — on HYFRYDOL**

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) Hassanally Family
Organist	John Ferguson
Ushers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

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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 Youth Ministry.

*A few weeks ago Dawn Tommerdahl spent some time with Director of Ministry with Youth & Families, Emmanuel Kaghondi. Having joined the staff at St. John's in summer 2019, Emmanuel was just scratching the surface of relationship-building with the youth when the pandemic shutdown grounded in-person activities to a halt. Emmanuel and his team came up with a plan to host all activities on Zoom in a way that didn't overwhelm youth and their families, many of whom spent all day online for school or work. This pivot online helped grow the quality of relationships he and the youth established on Zoom. Eventually, small groups of youth gathered around bonfires outside with Emmanuel and other leaders. Today, Emmanuel will share more about how Youth Ministry evolved in 2020-2021.*

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of David and Joan Halvorson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Next available dates: October 10 & 17 and November 7, 14 & 21. 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.

## **Fall Fellowship Fest**

### **Today at Noon**

Please join us as we celebrate fall and connect with friends this Sunday. Lunch will be served at noon - hot dogs, chips, cookies, cotton candy, and apples. Children and youth activities too!

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jane.a.rizzo@gmail.com)), or any member of the Business Management Board, before the end of September.

## **Wednesday Meal**

### **October 6, Served Outdoors, 5:15-6:15 p.m.**

All St. John's folks are invited to our first Wednesday Meal in 18 months. Please RSVP online if you plan to attend so we can estimate numbers for meal ingredients and seating. Hope to see you there!

## **Announcements (continued)**

Sunday, October 3, in worship we will give thanks for Carol Benson's decades of ministry in children's music at St. John's and in the larger community. Carol is retiring this fall from her most recent work with the Jubilate Choir. Please join us in thanking her for shaping generations of young people in faith and song.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**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](mailto:parishnurse@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

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

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

### **Beginning Wednesday, September 29**

- **Afterschool Programming for Children in Kindergarten-Grade 5**
- **Confirmation and High School Youth Group (Grades 6-12):** We are planning for outdoor connection-building activities from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 6:00 p.m. at Door #2.

### **Beginning Sunday, October 3, from 9:45-10:30 a.m.**

- **Sunday School:** Children who are 3 years old (by 9/1/21) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to be a part of Sunday school this year. We will try to gather outdoors as much as possible this fall. Check for the "inside" or "outside" sign posted on Door #6 each Sunday to let you know where we will be meeting. "Outside" Sunday school - bring your children to the east side of St John's by the playground. "Inside" Sunday school - bring your children to Fellowship Hall (lower level). Feel free to email if you have any questions.
- **Sunday Youth gatherings for Grades 6-12:** We will meet at the Youth Room. Follow our weekly updates for more information.

***Can you assist with Sunday School or Wednesday Programs? The following volunteer opportunities are on a rotating schedule:***

- *Assist with Sunday School*
- *Wednesday Bus Angel: help kids board the bus at the elementary schools (about 10 minutes)*
- *Assist with Wednesday Snack Time or Recreation Time (3:30-4:15 p.m.)*
- *Assist with Wednesday Programs (4:15-5:15 p.m.)*

*Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you can lend a hand!*

## **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)

*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*

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 3):**

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 2:18-24 † Psalm 8 † Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 † Mark 10:2-16

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Sep. 27</b>	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom NGC Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 28</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Church Council, Undercroft I Cantanti Choir Rehearsal, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Sep. 29</b>	3:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (K-Grade 5), St. John's Confirmation (Grades 6-8), St. John's High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), St. John's
<b>Thursday, Sep. 30</b>	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
<b>Friday, Oct. 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Oct. 2</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Oct. 3</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m.  10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Programming, Youth Room Worship, Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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*Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistant*

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