



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 2024 † 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 — “The Dawning of Creation”

Franklin Ashdown

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE



I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,  
I sing the good - ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
God formed the crea - tures through the Word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne,



I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, where - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery - where that we can be, thou, God art pres - ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt.; Music: German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*

## \*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

- ☐ Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading — Genesis 2:18-24

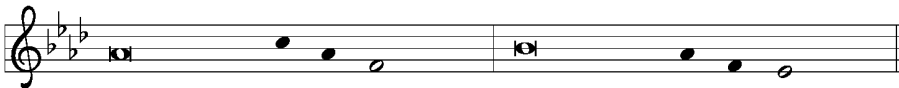
<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

### Psalmody — Psalm 8

Antiphon: David N. Johnson

*Antiphon: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!*



- <sup>1</sup>O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths  
of in- | fants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence  
the foe | and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work<sup>1</sup> of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set<sup>1</sup> in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mind-<sup>1</sup>ful of them,**  
**human beings that you should<sup>1</sup> care for them?** *Antiphon*  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less<sup>1</sup> than divine;  
with glory and hon-<sup>1</sup> or you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works<sup>1</sup> of your hands;**  
**you have put all things un-<sup>1</sup>der their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all<sup>1</sup> flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts<sup>1</sup> of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish<sup>1</sup> of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths<sup>1</sup> of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O<sup>1</sup> LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in<sup>1</sup> all the earth! *Antiphon*

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Pew Bible, page 970

*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



**\*Gospel** — Mark 10:13-16

Spark Story Bible, page 328

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- ☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these

that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**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 — ACS No. 969

“Welcome Table”

### \*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

☐ 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:*

(8:30) “For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.* — F. S. Pierpoint

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Clay Christiansen

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

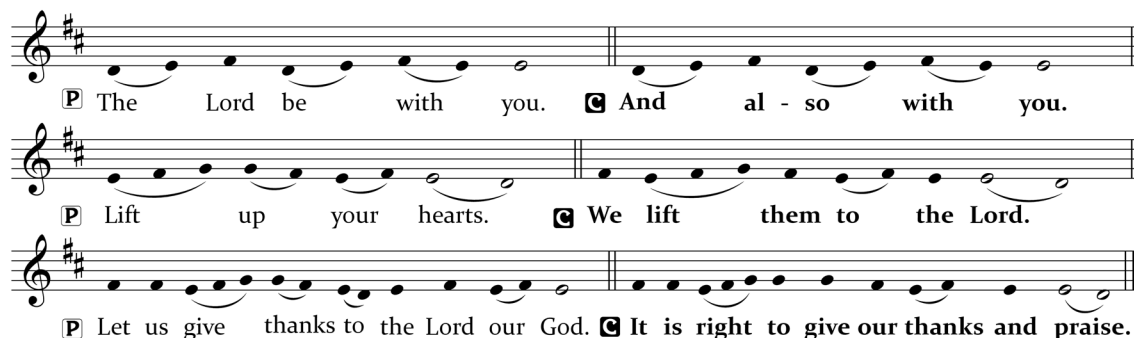
## \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

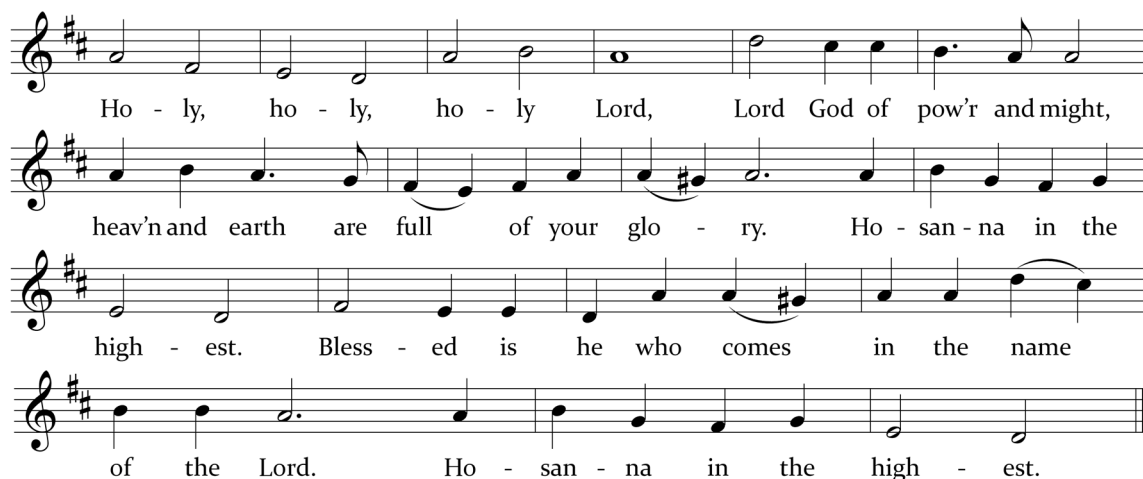


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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

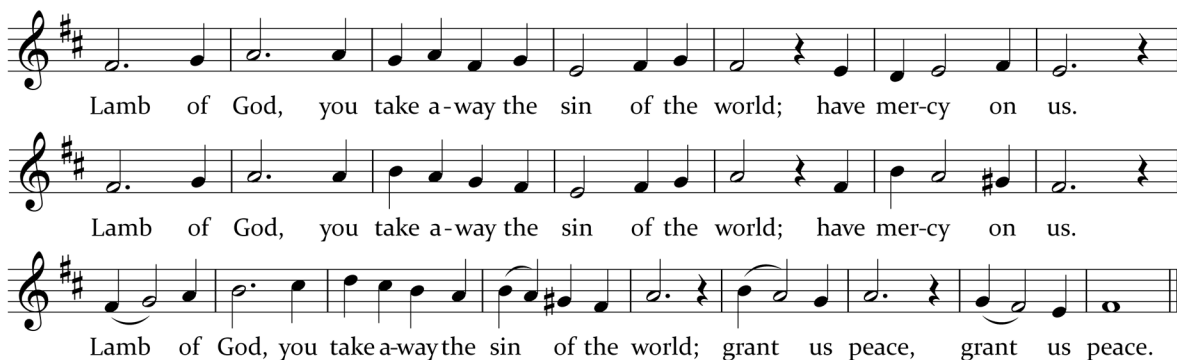
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory 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, grant us peace.

(8:30) **Hymn** — “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

arr. John Ferguson

*This anthem was dedicated to Carol Benson and the St. John’s Hosanna Choir in 2001.*

*Choir — verses*

*All singing the refrain:*

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

(8:30) **Solo** — “Andante religioso”

Laura Netzel

(10:45) **Hymn** — ELW No. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 836

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — on HYMN TO JOY

Albert Travis



### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 13):**

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 † Psalm 90:12-17 † Hebrews 4:12-16 † Mark 10:17-31

## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) Jenny Wright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Jane Turpin Moore
Flute	(8:30) Ruth Bretheim Aaseng
Greeters	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Mary Ellen North (10:45) TBD
Communion Service	Craig Schultz
Coffee Service	Leif Knecht
Refreshments	Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Donna Huneke, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Judd Lohmann, Janell Martin
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Dan Franklin, Gordon Moore, Jonathan Norrie

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (October 6)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Fair Trades Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

### **Next Week (October 13)**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Toddler Time (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Erik Moe by David and Martha Brown. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available dates: October 27 and November 3 & 10.

## **St. John's Forum Series: *Rediscovering Genesis***

### **Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

This fall, St. John's Forum will return to the old, familiar stories of Genesis that many of us learned in Sunday School—the stories of creation, Adam and Eve, and Noah and the flood. We'll dig into the stories of siblings who can't seem to get along, like Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Rachael and Leah, and Joseph and his brothers. We'll also venture into some stories we rarely hear or read, like the stories of Hagar and Ishmael, and Judah's daughter Tamar. We expect to discover there's more to Genesis than we thought. We hope you'll see how Genesis insists on the invincibility of divine blessing in spite of the curse hanging over Eden and the reality of fractured human relationships, even among God's people. We hope you will join us in opening your Bibles and your minds to the rich meaning of these old, old stories that are too often overlooked. Advance preparation is not necessary, but we hope you'll read along as you are able. In the E-Voice each week, you will find a short focus text to read and a question to ponder to prepare for the upcoming forum. See the schedule for this month below.

- Today: *Adam and Eve, Cain, and Abel* with Professor Charles A. Wilson
- October 13: *Noah and the Flood* with Pastor Bruce Benson
- October 20: *Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar* with Professor Jamie Schillinger
- October 27: *Jacob and the Favored Ones* Professor Charles A. Wilson

## **Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans**

### **Monday, October 28, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

The first speaker of the day will be Natalie Draper from the Northfield Library and is a member of the Northfield Arts & Culture Commission. She will speak on the Sculptures and Art in Northfield. Our second speaker of the day is Karissa Anderson. She will be talking about the Peruvian Culture as well as sharing information about Textiles in the Peruvian Andes. Register for this event by emailing [outnabouto22@gmail.com](mailto:outnabouto22@gmail.com) or calling 507-301-9094. The cost is \$15 and payable the day of the event (cash or check only). The \$15 includes the speakers, coffee/treats, and Hideaway Vault bag lunch.

## **Quilters and Bandage Rollers Need More Sheets**

Cotton, cotton blends, and flannel only (no microfiber, polyester, or jersey). Any color and size sheet is welcome. Put donated sheets next to the wicker basket in the Commons, or leave in the quilter's closet in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Pub Theology: *Re-thinking our Assumptions***

**Monday, October 7, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow**

The More in Common project has been doing research designed to understand and undo polarization in the U.S. across political and religious differences. Their latest work specifically looks at the assumptions members of different religious groups make about one another. Please read the executive summary (copies are available at the Welcome Desk), and, if interested, see the full report at <https://www.faithperceptiongap.us>.

## **A message from the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board**

Thank you to all of the amazing Meals on Wheels volunteers from St. John's who served this past month. The time and energy you offered brought joy & sustenance to many in our Northfield community. We are so grateful for you!

## **Reminder of Deadlines**

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## **Children and Youth**

### **No Youth Group Today**

Since Kristin Partlo must be away we are cancelling youth group this Sunday. There will be an adult forum during that time on the book of Genesis, which connects nicely with what we're doing in confirmation. Youth and families are invited to attend the forum or stay to enjoy coffee and fellowship with multiple generations in St. John's Hall.

### **The first Toddler Time**

**Sunday, October 13, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14**

Toddler Time invites children age 2 (by 9-1-2024) to participate in our preschool Sunday school class on a once-a-month basis (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday).

**Wednesday, October 16 and Sunday, October 20:**

**We take a break from programming—MEA break!**

### **Trunk or Treat during Sunday School**

**Sunday, October 27**

Last year's Trunk or Treat was so much fun, we're doing it again this year. Kids are invited to dress in costume and trick or treat at a variety of decorated car trunks. Games and activities too! If you are willing to decorate your car's trunk, donate candy or help with games or activities, please send [Julie Brehmer](#) an email. Thank you!

## 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, Erik Maakestad, Diane Melbye, Genevieve Quarberg

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Paul Klinefelter, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Cynthia Neubecker, Mary Ellen North, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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

# Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m.  
in St. John's Hall**

Menu for Wednesday, October 9:  
Chicken Pot Pie  
(Vegetarian Option Available)

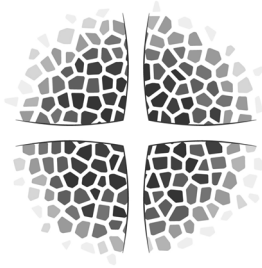
**All are welcome!**

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.  
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

# **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, Oct. 7</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
		WELCA Executive Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	A/V Team Meeting, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 9</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library
	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), St. John's Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Oct. 10</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 pm.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, Oct. 11</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	4:45 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal - Canedy/Holst, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Oct. 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	4:00 p.m.	Wedding - Canedy/Holst, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Oct. 13</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*