

SERVICE OF THE WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 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.

P Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), C 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.

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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 — Two settings of "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk — Jenn Welbaum

*Gathering Hymn — "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices" (ELW #833) O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE All Oh, that had thou - sand voi ces to praise my a plant - ed Bass Voices Let ev - 'rv pow'r in me im rise, keep a -Treble Voices You for - est leaves so green and ten der that dance for All crea-tures that breath and tion, that the All have mo throng God My with thou-sand tongues! heart, which Lord in re strength that God si lence now more; forth the has no put mead - ow bright joy in sum - mer air, you grass es, and earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de pro - claim would then grate-ful songs all, wheres, in grant - ed! Your no blest work is a - dore! O soul and to slen - der, you flow'rs SO fra - grant and SO fair. you live to sing God's high! - tion, help me to prais - es My ut - most I might be, what great things God has done ev er for me! bod - y, with heart - felt join to raise joy your mak - er's praise! show forth praise Ioin me make God's glo a - lone. to - ľV known! pow'rs can de - clare the won - ders of God's might! nev - er quite Text: Johann Mentzer; tr. composite © 2006 Augsburg Fortress; Music: Johann B. König

*Greeting

- P 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

- P Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 90:12-17

Antiphon: William Croft (ELW #632)

Antiphon: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.



¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love [|] in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad [|] all our days.

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser-¹ vants your works, and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Mark 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

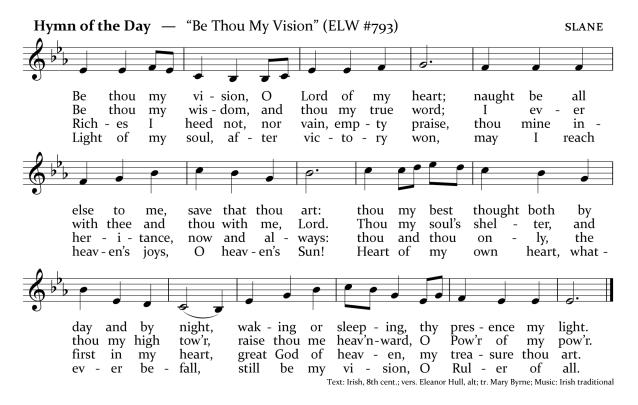
²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*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, **@ hear our prayer.**

*Peace

P 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) "Thee We Adore"

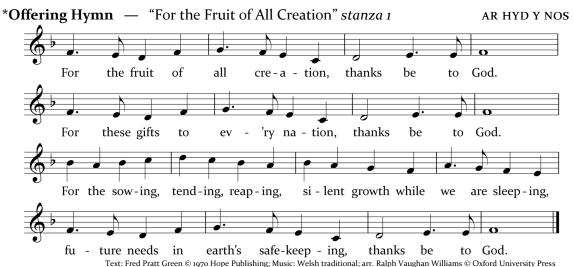
Plainchant, arr. Ralph Johnson

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be; both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen. —Thomas Aquinas

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Be Thou My Vision"

Sylvia Oines



*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.
- **Q** 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.

Q 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.

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

G Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

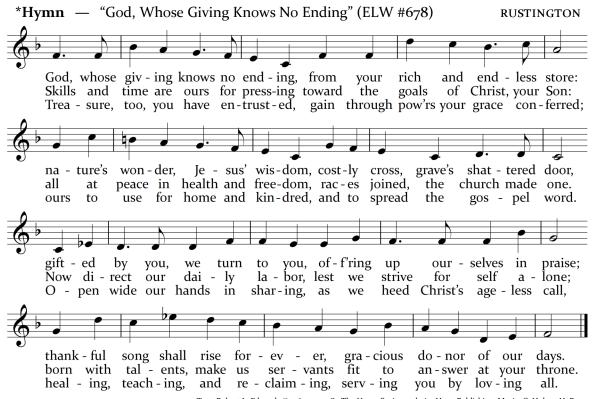
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

G Amen.



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*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude — "Allegretto" from Op. 101

Charles V. Stanford



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 Rev. Mark Ryberg

Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Ministers Pelletier Family
Organist Nathan Proctor

Choir (8:30) St. John's Chorale

Anthem Accompanist (8:30) David Sims

Ushers (8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom,

Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb

(10:45) Monica Holicky, Todd Menssen, Jonathan Norrie

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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:

Kristy Harms and Jenn Welbaum recently spoke about outdoor services at the Goodtree Farm. After several months of worshipping from their homes, members of St. John's gathered in person in August 2020 at Goodtree Farm hosted by the Welbaum family. The Welbaums would go on to host outdoor services several more times. Jenn Welbaum treasures those outdoor worship experiences and the role their family and farm played in bringing people together safely outdoors in a large, welcoming, beautiful space. It was also evident that many congregants enjoyed reconnecting with each other in that sacred outdoor space as the sound of laughter and conversation could be heard across the lawn. Today, Jenn will share more about the blessing these outdoor worship services have been.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. 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 office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: October 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.

Print Version of the Voice is Coming Back as a Seasonal Publication

We will begin with a November–January issue. The deadline for submissions is October 15. For the guidelines on how to submit articles, please contact the church office.

Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 23, 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Bring your rakes, work gloves, wheel barrow, etc. Arrive when you are able, and help out however long you like. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate your help!

Invitation to Become a Stephen Minister

St. John's will begin training a new group of Stephen Ministers starting this Tuesday, October 12. 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 idavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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@StlohnsNorthfield.org.

Shared Ministry

Sign ups for all events are available by calling 507-645-4429, by emailing Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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.

Children and Youth Ministries

For Children and Youth programming, St. John's will be following the Northfield School Districts COVID-19 protocols. Masks will be required for all participants. We will seek to be outside as much as possible or in a large room setting. Air purifiers will be used in indoor gathering spaces and we are asking volunteers to be vaccinated. Please feel free to call or email the church if you have any questions or concerns.

Contact Information:

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Registration for 2021–2022 School Year for Children and Youth Programming is Open Go to https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/congregational-life/registration/ to register.

Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5 Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m.

We will 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.

Sunday Youth Gatherings (Grades 6-12) Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Parent Gathering and Social

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Courtyard

Pastors Pam and Jonathan invite parents of children and youth to gather between services for a chance to simply check-in and connect with each other.

Children's After School Programming (K-Grade 5) Wednesdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

Confirmation & High School Youth Programming (Grades 6-12) Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Meet Outside by the Commons Doors

Catechism Retreat for 3rd Graders

Saturday, October 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., St. John's

Third graders, along with parents, are invited to attend the retreat. The topic is an Introduction to the Bible. On Sunday, October 31, third graders receive their own Spark Bible at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Please call or email Julie Brehmer if your child is unable to attend either day.

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, Carole Nesheim, 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,

Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Jim Thompson,

Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

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.

<u>Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 17):</u>

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Oct. 11	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom NGC Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Peace & Justice Group via Zoom
Tuesday, Oct. 12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Visitation - Beverly Nestingen-Lundeen, Commons Funeral - Beverly Nestingen-Lundeen, Sanctuary Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall Stephen Ministers Training, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall I Cantanti Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Oct. 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Visitation - Avy Sherve, Commons Funeral - Avy Sherve, Sanctuary Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall 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 St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Oct. 14	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Oct. 15	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 16		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Oct. 17	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room Parent Gathering, Courtyard Worship, Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers
Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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