



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025 † 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 — “Blessed Assurance”

arr. Lorie Line

*Ruth Bretheim Aaseng, flute; Jane Rinehart, cello
Rhonda Reece, piano*

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 845

“Voices Raised to You”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — treble voices, **all join at “Alleluia”**

Stanza 3 — bass voices, **all join at “Alleluia”**

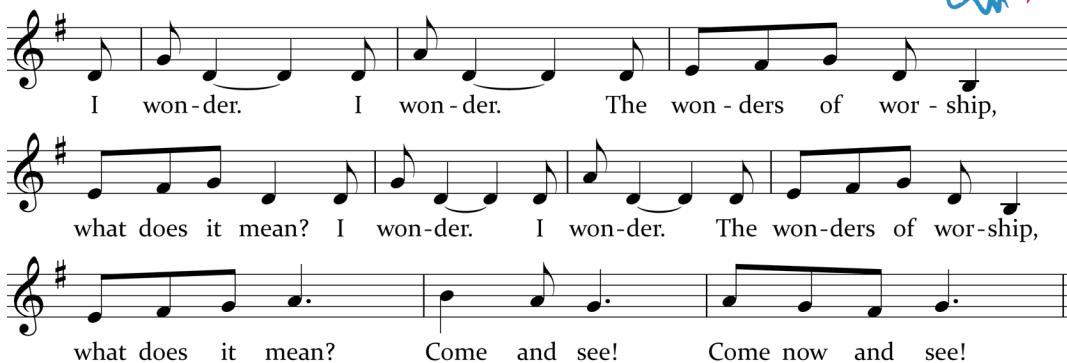
Stanzas 4 — all in harmony

Stanza 5 — all

Children’s Message

“Wonders of Worship”




I won-der. I won-der. The won - ders of wor - ship,
what does it mean? I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship,
what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

*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**

- ▮ Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

- ▮ The word of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 1:3-10

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

- ▮ The word of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20

Spark Story Bible, page 496

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Bishop Regina Hassanally

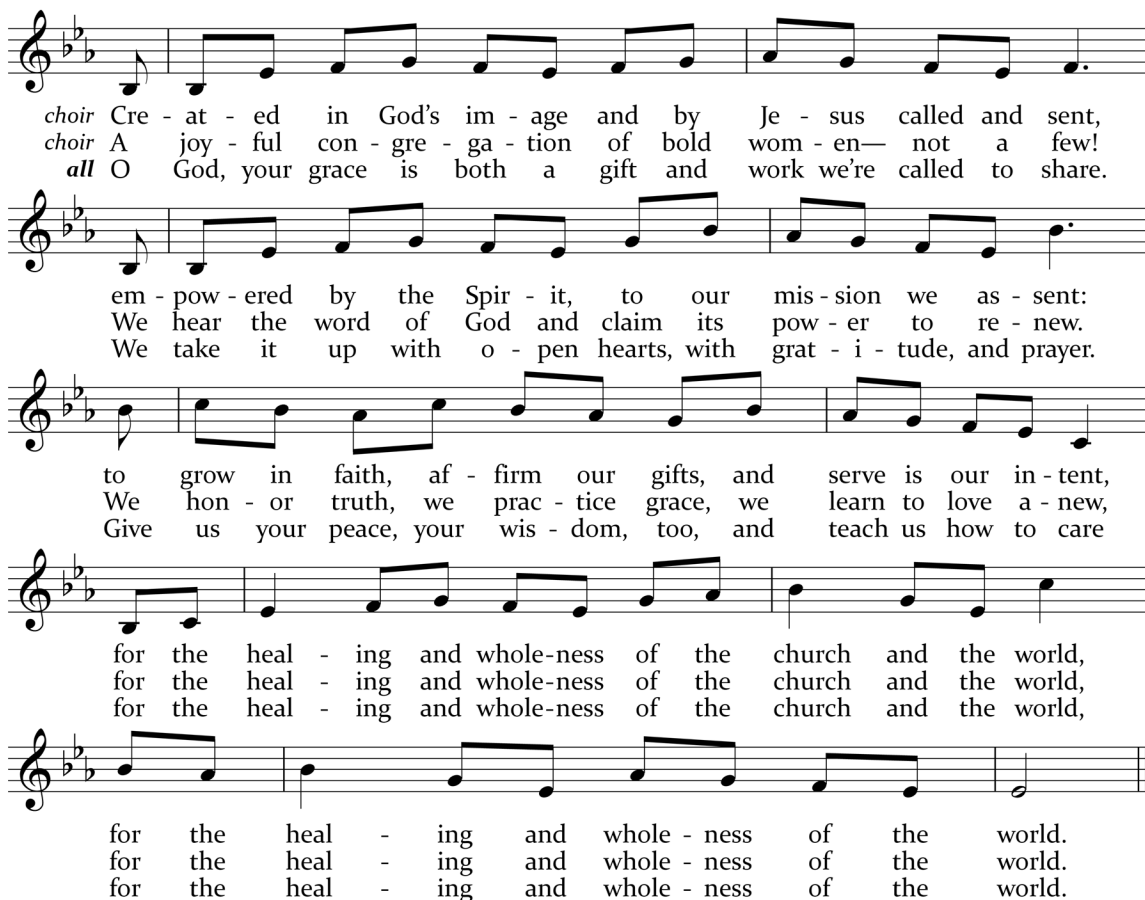
The hymn on the following page was commissioned by the women of St. John's in celebration of their 150 years of service.

The text was written by Rev. Bruce Benson, using the Mission Statement of St. John's WELCA as its inspiration. The tune, LOVE ANEW, was composed for this text by David Sims, who also wrote the anthem version sung at the 8:30 service.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “For the Healing and Wholeness of the World”

LOVE ANEW



choir Cre - at - ed in God's im - age and by Je - sus called and sent,
 choir A joy - ful con - gre - ga - tion of bold wom - en— not a few!
 all O God, your grace is both a gift and work we're called to share.

em - pow - ered by the Spir - it, to our mis - sion we as - sent:
 We hear the word of God and claim its pow - er to re - new.
 We take it up with o - pen hearts, with grat - i - tude, and prayer.

to grow in faith, af - firm our gifts, and serve is our in - tent,
 We hon - or truth, we prac - tice grace, we learn to love a - new,
 Give us your peace, your wis - dom, too, and teach us how to care

for the heal - ing and whole - ness of the church and the world,
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Text: W. Bruce Benson; Music: David Sims

*Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☒ 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) "Christ Has No Body But Yours"

Karen E. Black

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth, but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes. You are his body.

– Teresa of Avila, 1515–1582

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. Lorie Line

*Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation" *stanza 1*

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

**For the sowing, tending, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping.
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

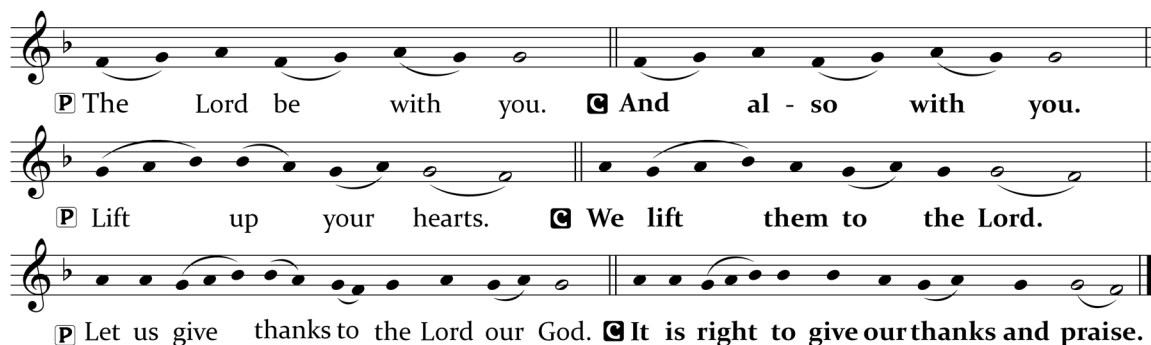
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

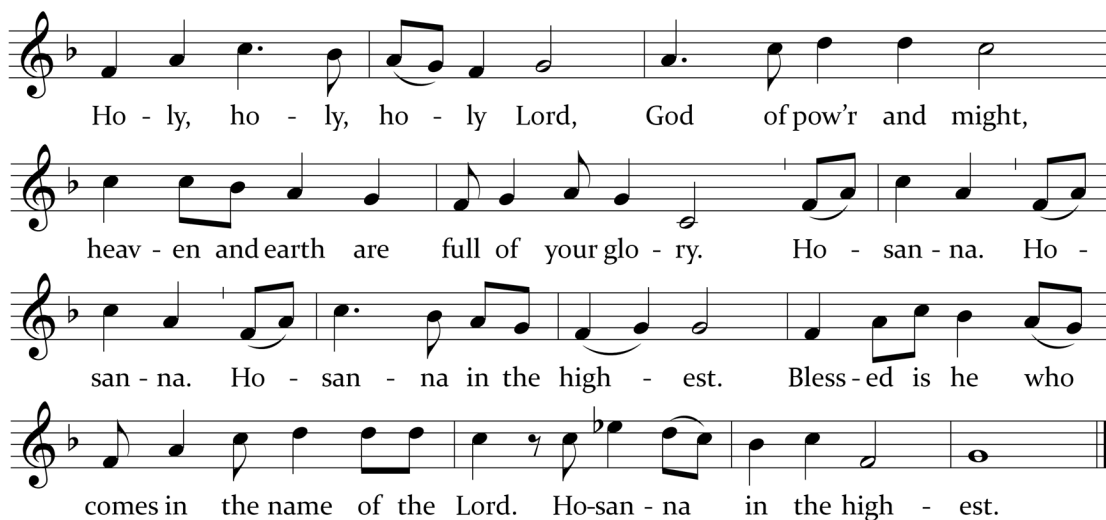


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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"



The musical notation is written on three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. 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** — "God Made the Song"

Carolyn Jennings

We are the Church, together we sing; sharing our faith, our voices ring. Singing together, sharing our faith, we join the song of the Church. The song is not just for me and for you, the song is not meant for only a few; all are invited, feeble or strong, together we sing the song. God gave us voices and God made the song, and God's Spirit sings in us to make our courage strong. We have been blessed by God and we are called to share the story of God's boundless love for people everywhere. The song of God is ours to sing; sharing our faith, our voices ring. Alleluia! Sing to God, who gives us a song to sing.

Hymn — ELW No. 638

"Blessed Assurance"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

☞ O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Albert Travis



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Bishop Regina Hassanally
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Margie O'Laughlin, Mary Hoff (10:45) Sara Bright, Julie Zdenek
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Guest Conductors	(8:30) Carol Benson, David Sims
Piano	Rhonda Reece
Flutes	Ruth Bretheim Aaseng, (10:45) Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Cello	Jane Rinehart
Handbells	(8:30) Members of the Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Communion Service	Jean Wakely
Greeters	(8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Cindy McBroom (10:45) Jill Enestvedt, Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Sara Bright, Jo Franklin, Angie Gehring, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Rhonda Reece, Jane Rinehart, Karen Schuette, Julie Zdenek
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan and Wyatt Norrie, Chris and Andrew Tacheny

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 12)

WELCA 150th Birthday Celebration with Coffee, Cake, and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

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

VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S

On Giving & Receiving



After joining St. John's a little over a year ago,

I became more aware of all the many ways

WELCA is alive and well here! I've joined a circle, the

quilting group, the WELCA board, and attend Boomer gatherings. I try to give in whatever ways I

can. And, do you know what? I have received SO much more - namely, friendships with some of the

most interesting, giving, and caring people I've ever met. The same goes for St. John's Chorale - what a

blessing to sing with Nathan and the Chorale!



- Rhonda Reece

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the formation of St. John's Lutheran's women's group and in thankfulness for all the service they have provided over the years. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: October 26 and November 2.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Forrest Broderius (father of Katherine Norrie).

Join in the WELCA's 150th birthday celebration with cake in St. John's Hall between services.

ISAIAH MN is an interfaith organization working for racial, economic, and climate justice in Minnesota. To learn more about ISAIAH and how you can participate in upcoming events, either stop by the table in the Commons between services or contact Rod Christensen or Ron Hebensperger. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 7:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

St. John's Forum: *Courage, Conversion, Care: Responding Faithfully to Climate Change*

Next Sunday, October 19, 9:30–10:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Reverend Kathryn Schifferdecker explores biblical resources for thinking about environmental stewardship in her talk, "Does 'Matter' Matter?—Biblical Foundations for the Care of Creation." Dr. Schifferdecker is the Professor and Elva B. Lovell Chair of Old Testament at Luther Seminary.

Accompany Program Begins Next Sunday

Sundays, October 19–November 23, 9:45–10:40 a.m. in the Undercroft

Accompany is our approach to welcoming those new to St. John's and for those possibly considering membership. The program consists of six gatherings that meet on Sundays between the worship services in which learning more about our church, making connections with others, and spiritual reflection are the focus. If you are interested in participating, please contact Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. We look forward to having you join us!

Online Giving Goes to a New Platform

We have moved our online giving from the previous Vanco platform to Pushpay. Members who have been enrolled in automatic online giving through Vanco should have received an email from Pushpay to move their giving to the new platform. The church staff are available to help if you want assistance navigating the new system.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.
- *The Voice* (November 2025 Edition): Due October 15

Announcements (continued)

Trunk or Treat, October 26, during Sunday School at St. John's

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! Email Julie Brehmer at Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you are willing to decorate your car trunk or help with games and activities.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, October 27, 9:00–11:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Our first speaker will be Kelsey Duffy, who will share information on how Healthy Community Initiative has been expanding education and economic opportunities in our community. Jeff Jarvis will be the second speaker of the morning. Jeff is a third-generation artist from Faribault who also enjoys history. Jeff will share his insight into the rise of flour milling in the Cannon Valley. Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

Fall Book Read: *Laudato Si'* ("Praise Be to You")

Want to delve more deeply into questions raised by this fall's forum series? Join us as we read *Laudato Si'*, the message Pope Francis wrote "to every person living on this planet," about how we can and should be caring for our common home. Our discussion leaders are Christine Engstrom, a member of St. John's, and Dr. Colleen Carpenter, who will be speaking on *Laudato Si'* at the St. John's Forum on November 16.

- **Meetings:** Thursdays, online, October 16, 30, and November 13, 4:00–5:30 p.m.
- **Sign up:** Between the services today. You can also contact Chris Engstrom by text message (507-403-3623) or email (revchristea@me.com).

Northfield Community Television will no longer be airing videos of the worship services. Please contact the church office for alternate options to view the services.

VOICES OF ST. JOHN'S

On Giving & Receiving



I appreciate the theme chosen by our Stewardship Board for this year - Matthew 10:8 - "Freely you have received;

freely give." Since moving to Northfield and joining our church 13 years ago, this has been shown to me many times. And it has been made clear to me that the more you give the more you receive - from a smile to a friendship.



- Mary Hoff

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

Irene Dorantes Perez, Fred Huemoeller, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Dagfinn Moe,
Patrice Nordstrand, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Forrest Broderius (father of Katherine Norrie)

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Mary Ellen North,
Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, 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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Contact 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.

WEDNESDAY
Night Meals

Come share a meal!

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

Menu for Wednesday, October 15:
No Meal ~ MEA Break

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

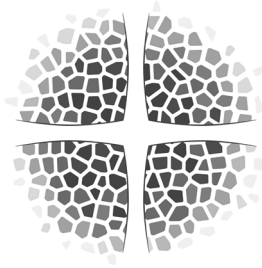
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Oct. 13	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Cross Country Team Banquet, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 14	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
		Laura Baker Services Conference, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 15	2:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
	5:30 p.m.	Wellspring Craft & Conversation, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 16	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 19
	7:00 p.m.	The Crossing of Northfield Condo Assoc., St. John's Hall
Friday, Oct. 17	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Oct. 18		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Oct. 19	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	9:45 a.m.	St. John's Forum, St. John's Hall
		Accompany, Undercroft
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 19):

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 † Psalm 121 † 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 † Luke 18:1-8



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Arturo Rosas, *Custodial Associate*
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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.*