

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 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** — on O STORE GUD

Dan Miller

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Temple Talk**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 856

“How Great Thou Art”

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

*Front of ELW hymnal, page 94*

**\*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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Children's Message**

**Psalmody** — Psalm 91, “Deep in the Shelter of the Lord I Dwell”

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Deep in the shel - ter of the Lord I dwell, and in the shad - ow  
Since I have made the Lord my dwell - ing place, home of my care and  
“For I, the Lord, have bound you safe in love, you need not fear, I



of God's love a - bid; no pes - ti - lence or snare will me as -  
har - bor for my praise; great hosts of an - gels, mes - sen - gers of  
will your res - cue be”; since you, O Lord, from dan - ger me re -



sail, when God Al - might - y watch - es at my side.  
grace, God sends to keep me safe in all my ways.  
move, my song shall be your praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: William H. Monk

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel — Mark 10:35-45

Spark Story Bible, page 336

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**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 — ELW No. 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

## \*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:*

- Ⓔ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓕ 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:*

“Variation on a Theme of Corelli”

Aaron David Miller

**\*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 heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Offering Prayer**

**L** Let us pray.

**C** **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 also 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.

Hymn — ELW No. 313

"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

Hymn — ELW No. 251

"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

## \*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. 729

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

**\*Dismissal**

- Ⓔ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — “Fanfare”

Paul Spicer



### A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

The sun is low, the leaves turn color and fall is here. Seasons ebb and flow just like stages in life. How do we care for each other in changing or challenging times? We gather, we listen, we pray. We are Stephen Ministers and grief support groups. We are the Faith and Health board and a parish nurse. We are faithful funeral volunteers. We are prayer shawl knitters, bible studies, prayer chains and Circles. We are a community.

*We are St. John's*

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

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Grant Aaseng
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Greeters	(8:30) Mary Ellen North, Craig Schultz (10:45) Harper and Theo Miller, Craig Schultz
Communion Prep	Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Vicki Otis
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson, Rhonda Reece
Refreshments	Ann Albert
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, John Ophaug, Mark and Mary Polzin (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Leif Knecht, Doug O'Leary

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (October 20)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
St. John's Forum (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

### ***Next Week (October 27)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
St. John's Forum: Rediscovering Genesis (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)  
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)  
Accompany (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

# **Announcements**

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

**Today's Radio Broadcast and Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Mary Beth Bremer by John Bremer and family. 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). Available dates: October 27 and November 3 & 10.

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

**Sundays at 9:45 a.m.**

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: *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, who is a member of the Northfield Arts & Culture Commission and 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.

## **Annual Fall Church Yard Clean Up**

**Saturday, October 26, 8:00 a.m.–Noon**

The Property & Grounds Board needs help cleaning up the churchyard. We will be happy to assign you a task! Please bring gloves, rakes, brooms, clippers, hedge trimmers, dandelion diggers, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, or baskets. Garden trailers and trucks are needed for transporting yard waste to the Northfield Compost Site.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **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](mailto:Julie.Brehmer@StJohnsNorthfield.org) an email. Thank you!

## **Two Ushers are Needed for the Third Sunday of the Month Worship at 10:45 a.m.**

We are in urgent need of two more ushers to join the team that serves every third Sunday of the month at 10:45 a.m., beginning this November. Ushering is a great way to meet people, be involved with worship, and help the services run smoothly. Should a scheduling conflict arise sometime for an usher, there's a list of subs that can be contacted to assist. Please contact Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you are interested in serving St. John's in this way, or if you have more questions. We need you!

## **Children and Youth**

**Sunday Programming takes a break for MEA.**

### **3rd Grade Bible Retreat**

**Saturday, October 26, 11:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall**

All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, along with a parent or parents, are invited to the first of three CAT retreats. This first retreat's theme is, "An Introduction to the Bible." We'll meet in Fellowship Hall, lower level. It is a really fun retreat!

### **3rd Graders Receive Their Own Spark Bible**

**Sunday, October 27 at the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service**

### **Monday, November 4: No School Day!**

**Come in your pajamas to Breakfast and Movie Morning for grades K-5.**

**9:00-11:00 a.m. at St. John's**

We start the morning with breakfast in the Commons and then head up to St. John's movie theater for movie time! Feel free to bring friends! Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower or upper Commons or let Julie know by sending an email to [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Parent help is appreciated. Let Julie know if you can lend a hand.

### **Contact information for Children and Youth**

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org)*

## 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, Barbara Davis, Fred Huemoeller, Beverly Kaiser  
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, Kent Rommereim,  
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Pearson, 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*

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 23:  
*Mostaccioli with Salad*

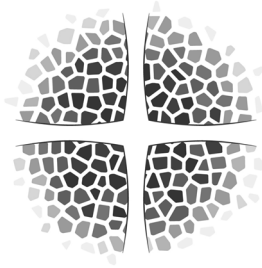
**All are welcome!**

*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. 21</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 22</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 23</b>	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Oct. 24</b>	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversation Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
<b>Friday, Oct. 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Oct. 26</b>	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fall Grounds Cleanup Day Confirmation Breakfast, St. John's Hall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Retreat, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Oct. 27</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11) Worship, Sanctuary



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Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*  
Steve Harner, *Facility Manager*  
Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager / Finance Manager*  
Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*  
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*  
Arielle Loy, *Alleluia Choir Director and Early Childhood Specialist*  
Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*  
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*  
David Sims, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*