



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 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 — “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

Chris Kovarik

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 977 “Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”
Stanza 3 may be sung in harmony.

***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**

- ☐ O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may

drink.”¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 146

Antiphon: Tom Witt

Antiphon: *Though the earth shall change, though the mountains tremble,
though the waters rage, you, God, are here. Though the nations war,
though the peoples battle, though the empire falters, we will not fear.*



¹Hallelujah! | Praise the Lord!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever; *Antiphon*

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food
to | those who hunger.

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares [|] for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way [|] of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall [|] reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. [|] Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

***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 12:38-44**

Spark Story Bible, page 342

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

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

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1047

“What Is the World Like”

(8:30) *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.

(10:45) Affirmation of Baptism with New Members

Front of ELW hymnal, pages 234-236

Presentation

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 235*

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Welcome

Hymn — ELW No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Stanza 1

***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) "Verleih uns Frieden" ("Grant Us Peace")

Felix Mendelssohn

Sung in German.

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,

Mercifully grant us peace,

Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten!

Lord God, in our time!

Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,

For there is no other,

der für uns könnte streiten,

who could fight for us,

denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

but you alone, our God.

– Martin Luther

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) Andante religioso from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

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

*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **God of all goodness, generations have gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts
and give thanks, we remember and care for all you have made,
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, 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”

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first two staves are for a two-part setting, and the third is for a three-part setting.

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) **Anthem** — “A Prayer of Compassion”

Gwyneth Walker

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in the paths of peace. Make your way plain before my eyes.
For it is you, Lord, you and you alone, who can make me to dwell in safety.
Lead me always to listen. Teach me to live with compassion, that when I come to
a place of rest only by your grace, and not by my merit, no praise be mine, but let
me keep a heart that still can feel, and eyes that still can weep. Oh, my brother,
oh, my sister, all who live in peril for you, let me keep a heart that still can feel
and eyes that still can weep. — Psalm 4:8 and 5:8, John Greenleaf Whittier*

Hymn — ELW No. 793

“Be Thou My Vision”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

☒ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

☒ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☒ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

***Dismissal**

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Rhapsody on AR HYD Y NOS”

John Ferguson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Rod Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale Guest Conductor, Matthew Olson
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Sandra Nyvall
Greeters	(8:30) TBD; (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Treats	Merilyn Calcutt, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Judd Lohmann, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Those affirming their baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service:

*Beth, Tristan, Charlotte, Kip, & Cora Cox
Stephanie Frey
Daniel, Jennifer, Nora, Erin, & William Klaers
Brenda Nelson
Amanda, Mason, August, & Isaac Randall
Roger & Vikki Van Veldhuizen
Nan Winsell*

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 13:
*Pizza Burgers
(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!*

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Karl Jacobson's family in appreciation of the prayers of St. John's congregation for the Karl the past two years. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: December 8, 15, 22, 25 & 29.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Lois Wolff by her family.

St John's Forum Series: *Rediscovering Genesis*
Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

This fall, St. John's Forum has returned to the old, familiar stories of Genesis that many of us learned in Sunday School. See the schedule for this month below.

- Today: *Tamar and the Forgotten Ones* with Pastor Pam Fickenscher
- November 17: *Joseph—One Big Happy Family?* with Pastor Jonathan Davis

Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday Night Meal at 5:15 p.m. and Advent Fair Activities from 5:45–7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to St. John's Advent Fair on Wednesday, December 4, in St. John's Hall. Come enjoy our Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. We encourage you to bring friends. The more the merrier!

Can you help with Advent Fair?

- Dinner—set-up, serve or clean-up
- Help with crafts/activities
- Food demonstrations—show us how to make your favorite Christmas treat!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 10)

Coffee 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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 17)

Coffee 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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Announcements (continued)

Contact Julie Brehmer if you have questions at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Stewardship 2025 Appeal is Underway

Members should have received a mailing including a pledge card, or you may respond electronically on the website, or using the QR code. As you prayerfully consider your giving intentions for next year, the Stewardship Board challenges you to consider increasing your giving over 2024 by 1% of your income.



Reflections from Pastor Pam's Trip to Colombia

November 24, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

In October, Pastor Pam embarked on a trip to Colombia, accompanied by other ELCA members from across the United States. Their purpose was to build connections with the Lutheran church in Colombia, as well as to visit and gain insights into various ministry sites. At this forum, Pastor Pam will share personal stories and reflections from her trip.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church

The three ELCA congregations of Northfield will again join together for worship on Wednesday, November 22. We will gather at St. Peter's Lutheran Church for a Service of the Word. Our joint offerings will benefit the food shelf of the Community Action Center and the Racial Equity Fund of the Minnesota Council of Churches, designated especially for indigenous communities in greater Minnesota. A pop-up choir will sing two pieces. Any singers are welcome to join in by coming at 5:30 p.m. to rehearse together. Pie fellowship will follow the service. Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!

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.



A NOTE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD

There is a chill in the air, and the mornings are dark. We venture out from multiple places and join together for worship here on Sundays. Who are we? We are musicians, readers, ushers and greeters. We are coffee brewers and treat bakers. We are Reconciling In Christ welcomees. We are radio listeners and livestream watchers. We are handbells, choirs, the organ and the Altar Guild. We are beautiful services and thoughtful sermons.

We are St. John's

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, Sandi Gerdes, Fred Huemoeller, Erik Maakestad, Diane Melbye, Genevieve Quarberg, Carol Schoen, Craig Schultz, Kathy Vang

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of David Larson (brother of Marcia Yernberg)
Family of Walter Kuhlman (brother of Ed Kuhlman)

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

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager

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, or contact a pastor.

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This Week At-a-Glance

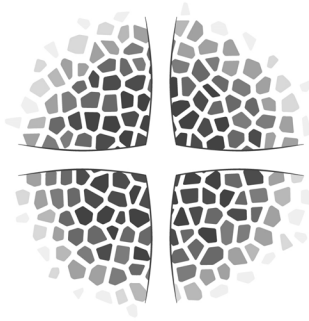
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Nov. 11	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Audit Committee, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Nov. 12	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 13	9:30 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), Undercroft
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 14	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 Conversation Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Sanctuary
Friday, Nov. 15	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 16	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Lois Pearson, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Lois Pearson, Sanctuary
Sunday, Nov. 17	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 17):

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 † Psalm 16 † Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 † Mark 13:1-8



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