



August 20th, 2023, 9:00 am 12th Sunday after Pentecost

worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in the red hymnal (**ELW**). If you are a visitor, please sign the red worship pad found in the pew. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please enjoy coffee & conversation after worship (Fellowship Hall)!

about the readings:

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Liturgical Preludes: *Prelude Tranquillamente e dolente*”

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WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Congregation: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(silence for reflection)

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

(silence for reflection)

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“All Are Welcome” ELW#641

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.**

KYRIE

“In peace let us pray to the Lord” ELW Setting 3, page 138

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast” ELW Setting 3, page 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Miss Ann

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2,29-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?”
ELW Setting 3, page 142

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 15:10-28

Before: Glory to you, O Lord

After: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Pastor David Weeks

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ, There Is No East or West” ELW #650

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“We believe in one God...” ELW p.104

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition: Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

“Andante espressivo”

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- All are invited and welcome to participate in Communion.
- Communicants should approach the altar down the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Ushers will guide you.
- Non-alcoholic juice is available. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.
- Please notify the ushers if you would like Communion from your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lamb of God” ELW Setting 3, page 146
“One Bread, One Body” ELW#496

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Rise, Shine, You People!” ELW#665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

by John Stanley (1713-1786)
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Announcements

*Be sure to subscribe to receive weekly emails from us!
You can do so on our website at www.northfieldstp.org/email*

Sonshine Middle School Youth Event | Wednesday, August 23rd

8.23 | Scavenger Hunt | Downtown Northfield, Pick-up and drop-off at The Blast | 6:30-8pm.
Bring \$5 for ice cream.

Wednesday Night Worship + Confirmation

Wednesday night worship services and confirmation start Wednesday, September 20th. **Worship will begin at 6:30pm this year.** All confirmation students and their families are asked to join us for worship. Confirmation class will follow worship and end at 7:30pm, as usual.

Interested In Joining A Music Group?

Worship Choir practices begin on September 6th, 7 pm.

Jubilee Bells practices begin on September 13th, 5:30 pm.

Rally Day

Mark your calendars! **Rally Day** is Sunday, September 17th!

Volunteer Announcements

Sunday School Classroom Teacher Volunteers Needed

We need Sunday School classroom teacher volunteers for the upcoming school year. All lesson materials will be provided. Miss Ann will lead the Large Group Opening at the beginning of the hour followed by music w/Miss Zoe and then classroom time.

There will be a training session on Wednesday, September 20th from 7-7:30pm in the Sunday School Large Gathering Room. Come learn how easy and rewarding it is to share God's love with children! Contact Miss Ann at cariannstrauch@northfieldstp.org

Sign up to be a Sunday School Teacher through the QR code.



Youth Sunday School Helpers Wanted!

Does your youth like working with young children and is looking for ways to volunteer at church? We're looking for middle and high-school students to help our Sunday School teacher volunteers in the classrooms this school year.

The teachers will be leading age-specific lesson plans including discussions and activities in our Pre K-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5 classrooms following the Large Group Opening and music class. The youth will be there to assist the teachers and to help the young children, as needed.

Please ask your youth to consider signing up through the QR code.



Time + Talent Forms

For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.... Jesus God has blessed each of us with gifts. Together, we are the Body of Christ, called to serve the world. Time & Talent forms for the 2023-2024 year are now available. We invite you to take a step of faith and indicate how you want to share your God-given gifts here at St. Peter's and beyond. We value and appreciate all gifts and offerings. There are no gifts so small that God cannot bless and use them. Forms are available at the welcome desk to fill out. An online form is available as well on the website homepage or through St. Peter's weekly emails.

Prayer Ministry

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

Today we pray especially for:

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Marilyn F., Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Larry O., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char), Jon W., Thelma W.

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.

Today's Worship and Fellowship Leaders

Reader: Michon Weeks

Ushers: Mickey Brodin + Janet Gilbertson + Joan Paulson

Communion Servers: Sheryl Kleppe + Jolene Manzey + Michon Weeks

Hospitality: Bill + Mary Bleckwehl

Live Stream: Bill Bleckwehl

Organist: Joanne Rodland

Would you like to follow along with today's readings?

For today's lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone's camera:



Thank you!

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter's. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



