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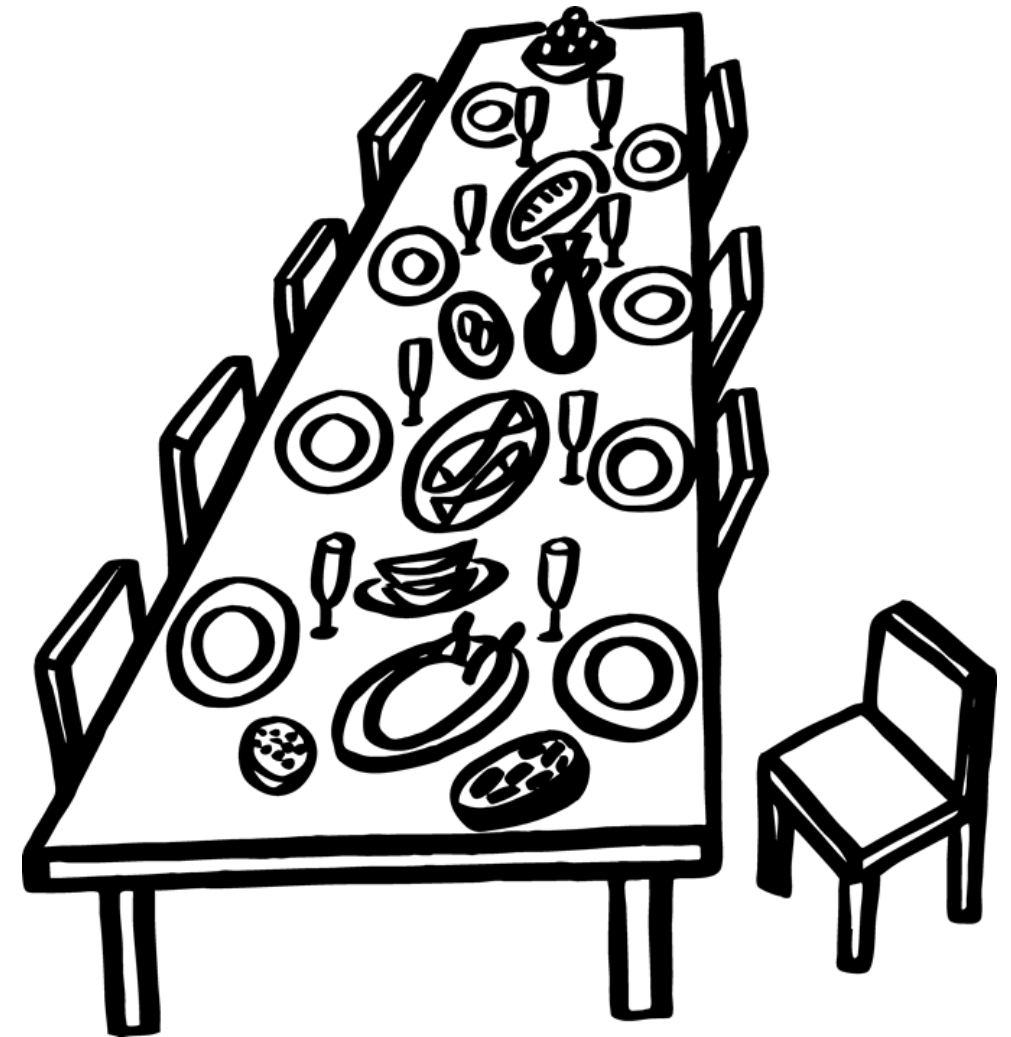
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## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE FIFTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013 † 8:30 AND 10:00 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 red books at the end of the pews.  
Please pass them down to the center and then back  
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

*In the pew hymnal,  
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,  
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section.*

*An asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as you are able.*

*The **nursery** is located on the lower level.*

***Children's Bibles and activity bags**  
are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary  
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

## **OUR MUSIC TODAY**

Most worshippers think of a procession as something that happens at the beginning of the service when choir and clergy process to the front of the church. Because our choirs mostly sing from the balcony and the clergy enter in time to hear the prelude, processions are rather rare at St. John's. Right? No, wrong! Every week we all take part in a processional when we move to and from the front to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Many newer hymns and Psalm settings have been written with this "communion processional" in mind and this program year we will be singing some of them during communion along with other hymns and Psalm settings with refrains. Today we will sing one of the most beautiful of these newer hymns, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart." Cantor Ron James will sing the stanzas and all are encouraged to sing the refrain even when moving to and from communion. The refrain is easy to learn and the text is printed in the service folder if you wish to carry it along when coming forward to receive the sacrament. Please, do sing the "processional hymn" when "processing" today.

And, thanks to Ron James, not only for providing special music today but also leading the Psalm and singing the stanzas of our communion processional hymn.

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, Sept. 2</b>		Labor Day ~ Church Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	9:30 a.m.	3-Links Communion, Offsite
	9:30 a.m.	Knitters, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Bible Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music and Dance Class, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Soap Box Derby Practice, Southwest Parking Lot
<b>Wed. Sept. 4</b>	6:30 p.m.	Sunday School Teacher Orientation, Fireside Room
<b>Thurs., Sept. 5</b>	8:00 a.m.	Small Group Ministry Team, Commons
	1:00 p.m.	WELCA General Meeting, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Sept. 6</b>		Sunday School Teacher Orientation
<b>Sat., Sept. 7</b>		Sunday School Teacher Orientation
	6:00 a.m.	Soap Box Derby, Southwest Parking Lot
	10:00 a.m.	Assisting Ministers, Church Office
	10:30 a.m.	Baptism Prep, Library
<b>Sunday, Sept. 8</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Prayers for Healing and Intercession, Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Nursery

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

**St. John's Women of the ELCA meets Thursday, September 5th, 1:00 pm in St. John's Hall.** Installation of officers followed by a program by Bernadette Galvin and Steve Johnson of Red Wing, co-founders of Journey of Hope to Color Our World, a non-profit organization, which has included helping the Lost Boys of Sudan and the children of East Africa. Its mission is to provide educational opportunities and distribute creative and educational supplies to villages and schools in South Sudan and areas in East Africa. Coffee and dessert will be served. All women are welcome!

## Children and Youth Activities

**Children and Youth Registration packets for the 2013-14** are available. The packet includes the Health & Permission form, CAT/Confirmation and Sunday School registration, and a list of the many areas we need your support to make St. John's an ideal community. If for some reason you did not receive a packet, there are extras in the Commons. We appreciate having registrations turned in as soon as possible. Have friends that don't belong to a church? Invite them to summer services or have them take a look at what kinds of things we'll be offering this next year for youth and families.

**Preschooler Open House** will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 15 (lower level) to meet the teachers and help with this important transition.

**Catechism and Confirmation Orientation** for students in grades 3-9 will be held on Wednesday, September 11, starting at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Rock, Reaching Out to Christ's Kids**, begins on Wednesday, September 18, for children in grades K-5. St. John's will be providing bussing for children from Greenvale, Bridgewater and Sibley Schools and from the Middle school for Prairie Creek students who are interested in participating in our Wednesday afterschool programs. **Registration forms need to be in prior to riding the bus.**

**Confirmation Retreat** is Saturday, September 21, from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. All Tenth graders are expected to attend. This retreat holds special surprises – We look forward to being with you!

**Blessing of Backpacks!** Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks to either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 22 for the "Blessing of Backpacks". We want to join with your family in praying for your students as they begin their new school year.

**Open Door Nursery School** has openings for the 2013-14 school year. ODNS offers 2 and 3 day morning and afternoon sessions. Combinations and extended day options are also available. Visit our website at: [www.opendoornurseryschool.org](http://www.opendoornurseryschool.org) or contact Barb Howe at 507-645-5786 or Sue Anderson at 952-652-2937 for further information.

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Preludes** — on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Max Reger, Helmut Walcha

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 858

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### \*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**First Reading** — Proverbs 25:6-7

Pew Bible, page 530

*After the reading:*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 112



Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
 and have great delight in | God's commandments!  
 Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
 the generation of the upright | will be blessed.  
**Wealth and riches will be | in their house,**  
**and their righteousness will | last forever.**  
**Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**  
 It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending  
 and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.  
 For they will nev- | er be shaken;  
 the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.  
**They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;**  
**their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.**  
**They have given freely to the poor,**  
**and their righteousness stands | fast forever;**  
**they will hold up their | head with honor.**

Second Reading — Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Pew Bible, page 979

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

\*Gospel Acclamation



Apple Sunday was quite a success, all thanks to our fantastic bakers who spent time Saturday whipping up their apple desserts and the remarkable kitchen crews. You're the best! The fun returns next June with Rhubarb Sunday. Stay tuned...

Facebook: Please "like" our Facebook page: St. John's Lutheran Church-Northfield. We've switched to a page— come follow us!



Another point to celebrate at St. John's! Volunteers just completed 12 weeks of serving Wednesday noon Meals for Kids. Thank you to the 30 volunteers that gave of their time to support the kids and the CAC's program of meals for the summer.

Join us for the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 15!

The Ministry Fair provides an opportunity to learn about different ways to connect and learn and serve at St. John's.

It's Meals on Wheels time for St. John's church. Beginning the week of Sunday, September 22nd and running through Saturday, October 19th there are several opportunities for volunteers to sign up for delivering. You can go to [volunteerspot.com](http://volunteerspot.com) and sign up online or you may use the sign up sheets on the Volunteer bulletin board outside the Church Office. Any further questions you may have please contact Jonathan Norrie.

Wednesday Night Meals -They are an intergenerational event each Wednesday evening from 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm in St. John's Hall. Linda Anderson, Peggy Dell and Kristy Harms have graciously agreed to take charge of this event AND do the cooking again this year. There are things we need others to volunteer to do. Bringing desserts, cleaning up the kitchen, cleaning up St. John's Hall and running the dishwasher are jobs that need to be done each night.

I can help with Wednesday Night meals:

- \_\_\_ I can bring a dessert                      On: \_\_\_ Sept 11
- \_\_\_ I can help clean up                         \_\_\_ Sept 18
- \_\_\_ I can run the dishwasher                 \_\_\_ Sept 25

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop this off in the Church Office or at the Welcome Desk. Thank you.

## **Between Services**

### **Today (September 1):**

Coffee and Fellowship in St. John's Hall  
Prayers for Healing and Intercession (9:30 a.m., Chapel)

### **Next Week (September 8):**

Coffee and Fellowship in St. John's Hall  
Prayers for Healing and Intercession (9:30 a.m., Chapel)

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Bruce and Audrey Moe in memory of her parents Christine and Orval Hoyt. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM from 8:30-9:30 central time on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the Church Office by phone to sign up for a date. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: September 15 & 29, and October 6, 20 & 27.

**Faith Alive—in the Bible and In Us:** A six-session inquiry into faith: how it begins, how it develops, how it persists when challenged, and how it is expressed. Inquiry will include personal experiences, biblical witness, and witness of Christians throughout history. Three options offered: Sunday mornings, beginning Sep 22, 9:45-10:45 and Wednesdays, beginning Sep 18, 4:15-5:30pm or 7:00-8:15pm. Leaders: David & Genevieve Quarberg, 645-0089.

**Spiritual Practices:** A four-week exploration of spiritual practices that can enhance one's awareness of God's presence in our lives and how that presence affects our finding peace, forgiveness, and insight in scripture and empowerment to follow Christ. Practices to be explored include meditation and contemplation, daily life, and prayer. Offered on Sunday mornings, Sep 22-Oct 13, 9:45-10:45. Leader: Dick Beckmen, 664-3882.

**School supplies are needed for the LWR School Kits** for third world countries. Please put your purchases in the basket on the table in the Commons. You do not need to sort the items into packages. A kit assembly team will do that. Here is a list of the supplies that are still needed:

Four 70-sheet notebooks (wide or college ruled) paper approx. 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper  
One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other  
One pencil sharpener  
One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)  
One box of 16 or 24 crayons

**\*Gospel** — Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Pew Bible, page 849*

*Before the reading:*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** — “Look Who’s Invited to Dinner”

Pastor Orlin Mandsager

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 712

“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service”

**\*Apostles’ Creed** — *page 105, front of the hymnal*

**\*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:*

“If With All Your Hearts” (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Offering Hymn — No. 835

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

**All creatures, worship God most high!**

**Sound every voice in earth and sky:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;**

**sing, sister moon and stars of night:**

**Alleluia!**

\*Offering Prayer

☞ Let us pray.

📖 **Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## 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 recovering*

Mary Falkenberg, Arlene Rudser, Dalton Skrove

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Bob Bastian, Jennifer Koenig, Bryce Korba, Joyce Madole, Becky Ness, Arnie Ostebee, Dalton Skrove, Ed Sovik, Muriel Sovik, June Swanson, Miriam Wellumson, Phil Anderson, Earl Hoffbeck, Cora Hoffman, Leland Hoffman, Maureen Johnson, Paul Wolff

*All who are homebound, including*

Phil Anderson, Kathy Hinsverk, Helen Radtke

*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; Randy and Carol Stubbs & Family, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

*Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including*

Gretchen Colby, Daniel Rinehart, Alison Hartke, Paul Nichol, Kristofer Coffman

### Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call Joan Halvorson at 645-8445 or one of the pastors, 645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

*Prayers for healing, care, and guidance are offered between services in the Prayer Chapel on the second floor (Room 202). The elevator is available for your use.*

## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Orlin Mandsager
Presiding	Pastor John E. Quam
Organist	John Ferguson
Special Music	Ron James
Assisting Minister	David and Genevieve Quarberg
Cantor	Ron James
Communion Preparers	Jill Enestvedt, Judy Smith
Communion Servers	(8:30) Bill Carlson
Greeters	Doug Johnson, Eric Lund, Bette Quinnell
Welcome Desk	Lois Bakko
Nursery	Todd and Connie Menssen
Counters	Sue Brockman, Otto and LaVerne Reitz, Amy Boxrud
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Alan Alberg, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Gordon Mickelsen (10:00) Wes Pearson, Brian Boyum, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Brandon Kimber, Dale Kimber

## SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*Great Thanksgiving — page 129

### “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer — page 134, left-hand column

*Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal of the baptized children of God, our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*This morning we commune by means of **intinction** (dipping the wafer into the chalice). You will be given a wafer and offered a choice of two chalices. The **wine** is red; the **grape juice** is white. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center, and there is a chalice of grape juice in the center for the gluten-free wafers only.*

### Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 8):

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

**Psalm 1**

**Philemon 1-21**

**Luke 14:25-33**

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## 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.

Hymn — No. 484  
stanzas - Cantor  
Refrain - All

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

**You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.**

### \*Post-Communion Blessing

- ☞ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☞ Amen.

### \*Prayer after Communion

- ☞ Let us pray.
- ☞ We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

### \*Blessing

*Response:*

- ☞ Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn — No. 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**Praise to the Lord!  
Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!**

### \*Dismissal

- ☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Gottfried Walther