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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 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.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

OUR MUSIC TODAY

Our special music today is provided by St. John's Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Mike Skunes and his wife Rachel. They have been married just 14 months and met at a Bible camp, Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin. (Mike comments that their marriage is new enough that he still thinks in months!) Rachel is a public school music teacher and they enjoy collaborating to contribute to worship in song.

In addition to providing special music, Mike and Rachel lead us in some of our congregational singing. Do note that again this week we will sing a song during communion with a refrain that we can "sing in procession." The refrain for all to sing is easy to learn, so do sing it as you move to and from communion.

Our music today is rich in its variety of styles reminding us that God's children have found many ways to sing praise. Certainly the good news of the gospel transcends time and place or style. It is good to be reminded of this significant dimension of the faith we claim.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sept. 9	9:30 a.m.	Visitation - Joyce Madole
	10:30 a.m.	Funeral - Joyce Madole
	12:00 p.m.	WELCA Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:00 p.m.	Tunes and Thrills Violin Lessons, Room 4
	7:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice Group, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Bible Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Homeschool Music and Dance Class, Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Call Committee, Room 9
	6:30 p.m.	Positive Path Coaching, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boards Meet, St. John's Hall
	9:00 p.m.	Men's Night Out, Contented Cow
Wed. Sept. 11	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Preschool Open House, Lower Level Room 15
	6:15 p.m.	Catechism / Confirmation Orientation, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
	7:15 p.m.	Laudate Choir, Room 205
Thurs., Sept. 12	7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Positive Path Coaching, Fireside Room
	8:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts, Room 9
Friday, Sept. 13	9:30 a.m.	Cannon Valley Elder Collegium Class, Room 209
	3:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner, Sanctuary / Fireside Room / Small Kitchen
	7:20 p.m.	Thoughtful Films Club, St. John's Theater
Sat., Sept. 14	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	10:00 a.m.	Assisting Ministers, Church Office
	10:00 a.m.	Thrivent - College Planning Workshop, St. John's Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Wedding, Sanctuary
Sunday, Sept. 15	8:30 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
	9:30 a.m.	Ministry Fair ~ Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Prayers for Healing and Intercession, Chapel
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School, Lower Level Classrooms
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Nursery
	11:00 a.m.	Picnic Lunch with Bouncy Tent (served until 12:30 p.m.)
	4:00 p.m.	Northfielders for Justice for Palestine (NJP), St. John's Hall

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Bible Study Leaders meet Monday, Sept. 9, at noon in the Fireside Room.

Circle Meetings listed below:

Abigail/Rebecca Circle: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2:00 pm, at NRC, Parkview East.

Elizabeth Circle: Thursday, Sept. 12, 1:30 pm, at Dolores Mickelsen's, 10684 Timberlane Dr.

Lydia Circle: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 9:30 am., at Judy Smith's, 12366 Ibson Ave.

Martha/Claudia Circle: Thursday, Sept. 12, 9:30 am, at Parkview West Dining Room, NRC.

Mary Circle: Friday, Sept. 13, 1 pm, at Rachel Stark's, 1021 Poppy Court.

Sarah Circle: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 9:30 am, at Marlene Engstrom's, 2031 Lake Drive.

Women's Breakfast Group: Saturday, Sept. 14, 8:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Coffee Sales will be next Sunday, Sept. 15. The Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project, in partnership with a fair trade organization, helps farmers overseas earn a fair share of income from the crops they grow and gain access to health care, education, training programs, and credit. It is good coffee!

Saturday, Sept. 21: Southeastern Minnesota Synodical Convention at Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea. Representing St. John's as a voting delegate is Jo Franklin. Registration is \$15.00 per person, due by Sept. 15. Sign-up sheet is on the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons. Meet in St. John's parking lot at 7:30am for car pooling. If questions, please contact Shirley Keltto, 785.317.9509, or kelttos@msn.com.

Small Groups

Monday

Prayer & Praise, 10:00am, home of Mary White, 1212 Parkview West, 645-4783

Peace & Justice, 7:30pm, Fireside Room. Update on Criminal Justice Statement from ELCA Churchwide Assembly. All are welcome. *Contact: Judith Stoutland, 645-7842*

Tuesday

Noon Bible Study, 12:00pm, Fireside Room. A preview of the texts for Sep 15. *Contacts: Pastors Mark or Orlin, 645-4429*

Wednesday

Grief Support Event, "How Grief Can Transfrom Our Lives," 7:00pm, Northfield Hospital, Conference Center (lower level). *Contact: Barb Knaak, 664-0444*

Thursday

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:30am, Fireside Room. Study: Gospel According to John. *Contact: Gary Knutson, 663-1522*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Partita on "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"

J.G. Walther

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 835

"All Creatures, Worship God Most High!"

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible, page 163

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats¹ of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching¹ day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading — Philemon 1-21

Pew Bible, page 970

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel** — Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible, page 850

Before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — “Costly Love”

Pastor Mark Johnson

Children and Youth Activities

Sunday, September 15th, is our first week of Sunday Morning Small Groups for youth. We will be meeting in St. John's Hall at 9:45 a.m. for donuts, fellowship, and to meet our group leaders. At 10:00, groups will split off with their leaders for forty minutes of discussion and devotion.

Rock, Reaching Out to Christ's Kids, begins 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 8:00 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.

Adopt-A-Highway: Saturday, September 28th, we will do our last highway clean up of the year. We will meet in the High School Parking Lot at 10:30 a.m. and clean till about 11:45 a.m. then proceed for a treat on the church afterwards. Parents, this is a great service event to do with your kids! Sign-ups will be posted outside the Sacristy.

“The Amazing gRace”: Sunday, September 29th, we are bringing back one of the most fun events from last year: “The Amazing gRace”. Gather your friends in teams of four-to-five to race around downtown Northfield to do fun and exciting challenges with prizes for the winners. We will gather in Bridge Square at 3:30 p.m. and will finish at St. John's at 5:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be located outside the Sacristy.

“6th Annual Northfield Retirement Community Walk to Remember”

Next *Sunday, September 15* at 900 Cannon Valley Dr. (Chapel Entrance). Registration is at 1:00 p.m., prayer in NRC Chapel at 1:20 p.m., with walk to follow. Everyone is invited to participate!

The Youth and Children's Boards will be hosting a Family Picnic for the congregation next *Sunday, September 15*. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served outside the main entrance starting at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m. There also will be tables, lawn games, and a bouncy tent for kids set up on the side walks outside. Come join the fun!

11th Annual Northfield Community Celebration of the International Day of Peace: “Education for Peace”: Event will be at Bridge Square on *Saturday, September 21* from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with drumming beginning at 1:30 p.m.



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 <http://vols.pt.mkiCBS> 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 at jnorrie@bassford.com

Wednesday Night Meals 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. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Church Office or email Joanne Sommers at sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org. Thank you.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 663

“Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”

*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:
“Wholly Yours”

David Crowder Band @ 2005

*Offering Hymn — No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

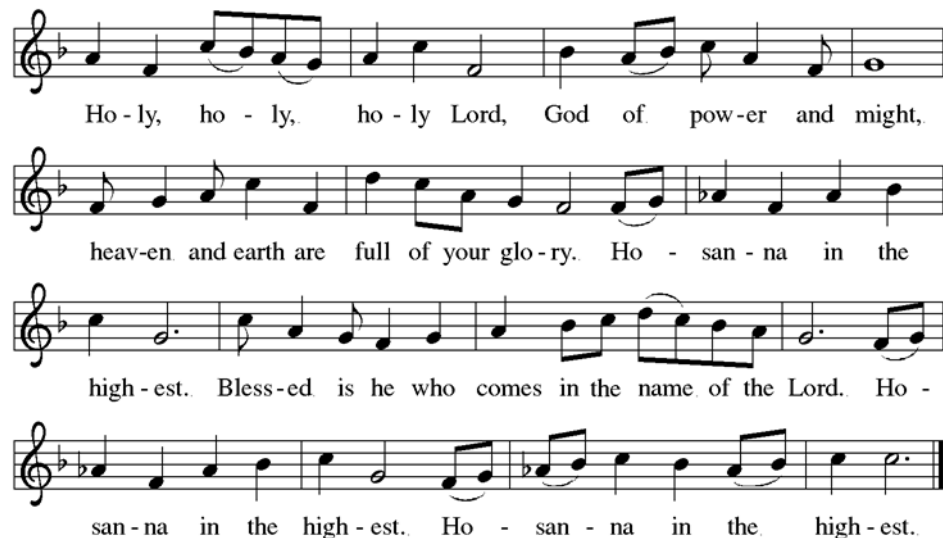
*Offering Prayer

- 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.**

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.*

Between Services

Today (September 8):

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

Next Week (September 15):

Fall Worship Schedule Starts - Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Ministry Fair ~ Coffee and Fellowship in St. John's Hall
Prayers for Healing and Intercession (9:30 a.m., Chapel)
Sunday School (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Howard and Julie Thorsheim in gratitude to God for 49 years of marriage. 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 20 & 27.

WelcomeFest Week - Invite your neighbors and friends!

Line up of Events!

Wednesday, September 11th

WelcomeFest Week Kick-Off Meal

from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

And . . .

6:00 p.m. Preschooler Open House

6:15 p.m. Orientation for Catechism and Confirmation

7:00 p.m. St. John's Chorale Resumes Practice

7:15 p.m. Laudate Choir Resumes Practice

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us!

Sunday, September 15th

Ministry Fair: between services in St. John's Hall

An opportunity to learn about different ways to
connect and learn and serve at St. John's.

(9:45) Sunday School Begins

Picnic Lunch (food served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) - All are welcome!

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, Pat Halsor, Helen Quello, Dalton Skrove

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Joyce Madole

Family of Peter Rand (stepson of Lois Rand)

Family of David Zebe (son of Dorothy Johnson)

Family of Herb Hoover (stepfather of Don Thompson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bob Bastian, Jennifer Koenig, Bryce Korba, Becky Ness, Arnie Ostebee, Arlene Rudser 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

Louise Edwardson, Marion Gilsdorf, Muriel Sovik

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.

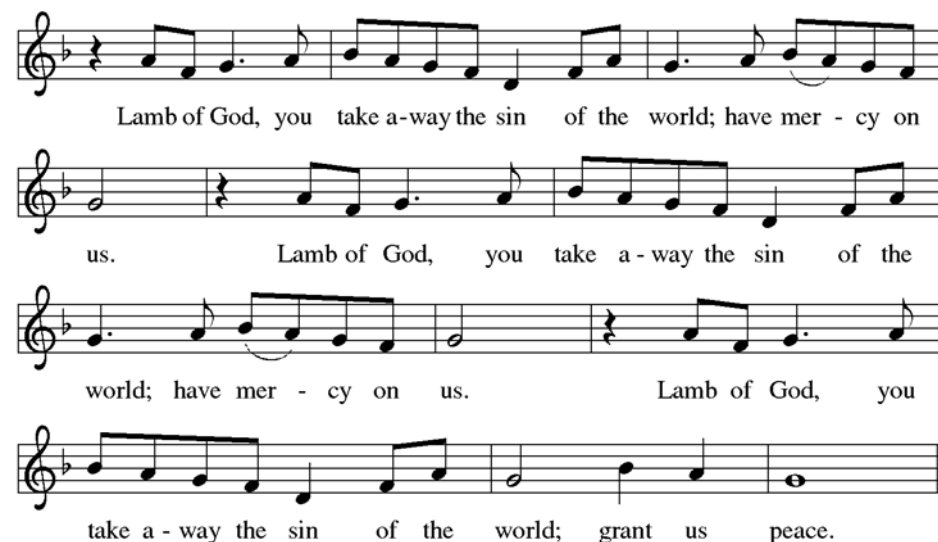
Prayer Chain Requests

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.

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.

Music — "Mighty to Save"

Hillsong @ 2006

Hymn — No. 513

"Listen, God is Calling"

Stanzas - Cantor

Refrain - All

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

*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, who over all things is wondrously reigning and,
as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen all that is needful
has been sent by his gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder a new what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Remember the poor.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — Setting of “Lobe Den Herren”

J.G. Walther

SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Mark Johnson
Presiding	Pastor Orlin Mandsager
Organist	Cathy Rodland
Special Music	Mike and Rachel Skunes
Assisting Minister	Paula Carlson
Cantors	Thomas Schattauer, Mike Skunes
Acolytes	(8:30) Amelia Becker, Andrew Becker (10:00) Courtney Nelson, Viveka Hall-Holt
Communion Preparers	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Servers	(8:30) Mary Cisar (10:00) Dennis Rinehart
Greeters	Duane and Marie Benson, Carol Carlson
Welcome Desk	Sue Anderson
Nursery	Betsy McLaughlin, Amelia Kneser
Counters	Elden Zempel, Otto and LaVerne Reitz, Dan Franklin
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Rob McCarthy, Brent Mueller, Ruthie Neuger, Don Sahling, Patrick Bougie, Dick Werdahl (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Zachary Bahler, Andrew Dell, Terry Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Michael Sylvester, Suzanne Sylvester, Steve Williams

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 15):

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10