



## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE HOLY TRINITY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 27, 2018 † 8:30 A.M. & 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 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),  
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.*

**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.*

*Large print bulletins 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.*

# Our Worship Today

Trinity Sunday, always the first Sunday after Pentecost, is traditionally a time to reflect on the whole of our Trinitarian faith. This Sunday, rather than have the proclamation of a single sermon, we will use this occasion to reflect on the Trinitarian character of our worship—how we as a worshipping assembly bear witness to God’s creating, redeeming and sanctifying work in the world. Each of our major movements of worship will be preceded by a short reflection.

**Prelude** — “Partita on NICAEA”

Charles Callahan  
Robert Buckley Farlee

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 532

“Gather Us In”

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

## WE GATHER

**Reflection**

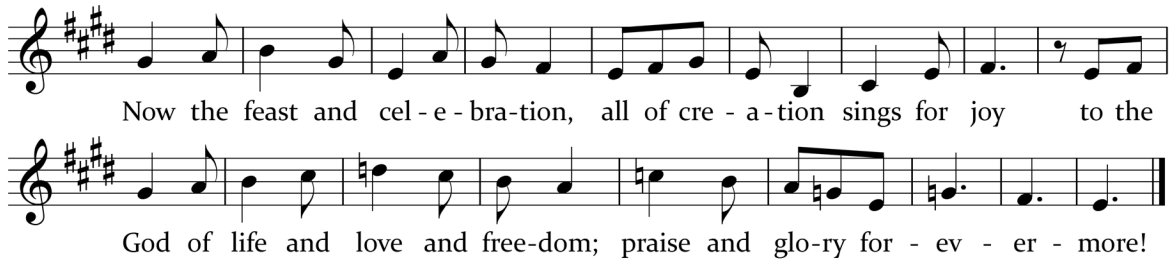
**\*Confession** — *Front of hymnal, page 94*

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn of Praise — “Now the Feast and Celebration”**

**Refrain — all singing, Verses — cantor**



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the  
God of life and love and free - dom; praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## THE WORD COMES TO US

### Reflection

**First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-8**

Spark Story Bible, page 166; Pew Bible, page 553

*After the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** — Psalm 29:1-6

Refrain from Hymn 574, “Here I Am, Lord”

*All singing:* **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling  
in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**



- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup>LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>1</sup>ry and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>1</sup>due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>1</sup>ty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of <sup>1</sup>glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>1</sup>mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- <sup>1</sup>erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a <sup>1</sup>voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the <sup>1</sup>cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup>dars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip <sup>1</sup>like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a <sup>1</sup>young wild ox. *Refrain — all*

**Second Reading** — Romans 8:12-17

Pew Bible, page 919

*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



**\*Gospel** — John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, page 863

*Before the reading:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### Reflection

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 413

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

**\*The Nicene Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 104*

### **\*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

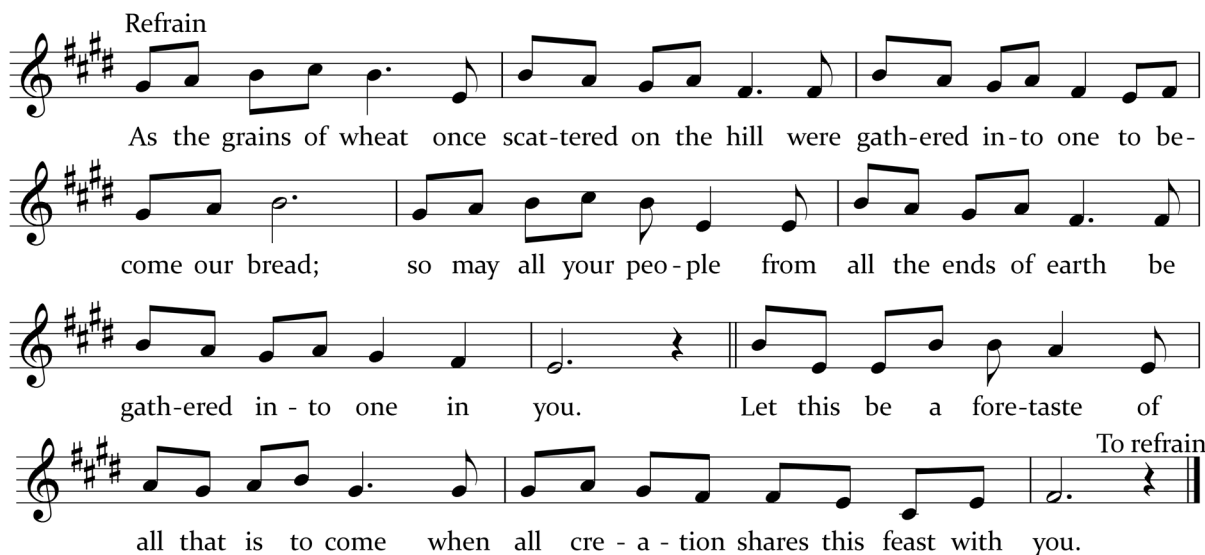
*Music at the Offering:*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Thomas Keesecker



### \*Offering Hymn — “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-  
come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you. Let this be a fore-taste of  
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you. To refrain

### \*Offering Prayer

-  Let us pray together.
-  Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE THE MEAL

### Reflection

## \*Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

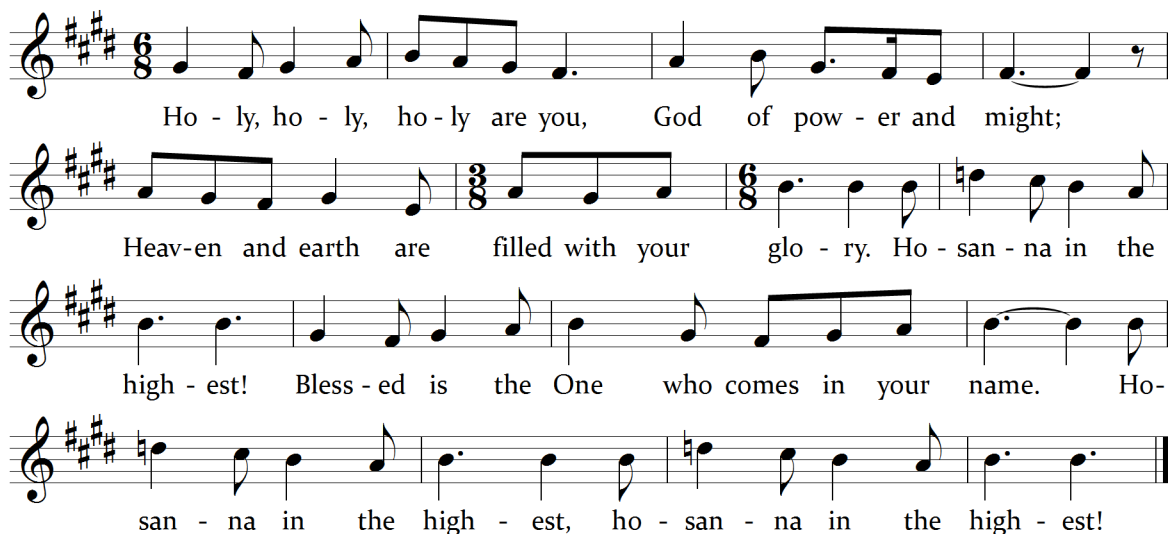
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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 are you, God of pow - er and might;  
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## \*Eucharistic Prayer

### \*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.



All God's children are welcome at the 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. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

## Music during Communion

“Lamb of God”

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
2. Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all: have  
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you  
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — No. 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

Hymn — No. 412

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

# WE ARE SENT TO THE WORLD

## Reflection

### \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.**

(10:00) **\*Blessing and Farewell to the Kelvie Family**

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

✠ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn — No. 414**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

*Stanzas 1 and 4*

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude — “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

Wayne L. Wold



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

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis and Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sue Brockman
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantors	Missy and Michael Berger
Trumpet	Michael Berger
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Phil Eaves, Jennifer Edwins (10:00) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	Marie Benson
Communion Servers	Brian Evenson
Communion Clean Up	Marie Benson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Vernon and Joan Koester (10:00) Vernon and Joan Koester
Coffee and Refreshments	Gene and Lois Bakko, Dave and Sue Hagen, Patsy Ophaug, Jennifer Paulson, Melissa Thorsheim
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Amy Boxrud, David Norman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 3):**

### ***Third Sunday after Pentecost***

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15 † Psalm 81:1-10 † 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 † Mark 2:23-3:6**

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge in dedication to the Class of 2018 from St. Olaf College graduating today. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: June 3 & 10 and July 8 & 29. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

## **Special Offering in May for Lutheran World Relief**

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) helps families in the world's poorest communities. In 2017, your support of LWR reached 3,163,673 people in 32 countries through 131 projects. LWR works to improve livelihoods and to assist in emergencies. All this is because of the generous support of people like you. Use the LWR envelope in your offering packet or make an online donation with your electronic giving to St. John's.

## **St. John's Faith & Health Board is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Wednesday, June 6, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Sign-up for an appointment time to donate blood today between services in the Commons. The Red Cross is in need of blood donors with the summer months approaching. To encourage donors, they are offering a \$5 Amazon gift card to anyone who donates. You may also contact Jennifer Edwins at 507-645-9653 or [jedwins@gmail.com](mailto:jedwins@gmail.com) to sign up for an appointment time.

## **Saturday Morning Discussion Group**

### **Featuring Ideas from *Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard***

### **May 12 - June 16 at the Hideaway downtown Northfield**

Start your Saturday mornings with a cup of Hideaway (fill in your favorite beverage) and humorous discussion! No reading required. Gather between 8:30-9:00 a.m. Informal topic discussion begins at 9:00 a.m. Come anytime. Questions? Contact Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429 or [connect@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:connect@stjohnsnorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429.

## **Summer Sundays are Coming!**

In the summer, we do not have hospitality groups to serve on Sunday mornings. This means we need extra help from everyone during the summer months to fill the roles of greeting, coffee service (making coffee, serving donut holes, and cleaning up), and also preparing for and cleaning up from communion by intinction (quick and easy setup and cleanup). Could you help? Please sign up today in the Commons, online thru CCB, or contact Mary Kelive at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Announcements (continued)**

**Rhubarb Sunday is coming in June!**

**Sunday, June 10, Between Services in St. John's Hall**

Can you aid with this special fruit Sunday? Can you bring in flowers or help with set up on Saturday, June 9? If you cannot help on Saturday, can you help on Sunday with the last minute details of making coffee, plating the desserts, serving, cleaning up, making coffee? Of course, we also need people to make the delicious desserts to serve on our special fruit Sunday, too! Sign ups are available in the Commons, online thru CCB, or by contacting Mary Kelvie at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or by calling 507-645-4429.

### **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (@StJohnsNF). If you have pictures we could add to our Facebook site of the happenings of our church, please email them to: [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

### **Reminder of Deadlines:**

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: June 15<sup>th</sup> for the July Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Thank you.

## 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*

Dick Dahlin, Sigrid Gronning, Bob Tabery

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,  
Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary,  
Bette Quinnett, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Donna Kallestad, Joan Carlson, Arlene Sivanich

*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 Stubbs & Family,  
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

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

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

*Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's*

Paul, Ariat, and their family

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Memorial Service for Angie (Johnson) Groth**

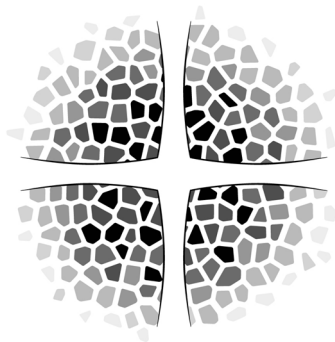
On Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Oaklawn Cemetery  
a short service for Angie will be held. Friends are welcome!

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

<b>Monday, May 28</b>		Memorial Day - Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, May 29</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Personnel Committee, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., May 30</b>	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, May 31</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Friday, June 1</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, June 2</b>	8:30 a.m.	Saturday Morning Discussion Group, The Hideaway
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Worship / Nursery



**Church Building and Church Office  
will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 28,  
in observance of Memorial Day.**



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.