

FOR WE HAVE THIS
TREASURE IN
EARTHEN VESSELS



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 3, 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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Variations on “Duke Street”

arr. G. Krapf

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 521

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from empty desires.

**By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

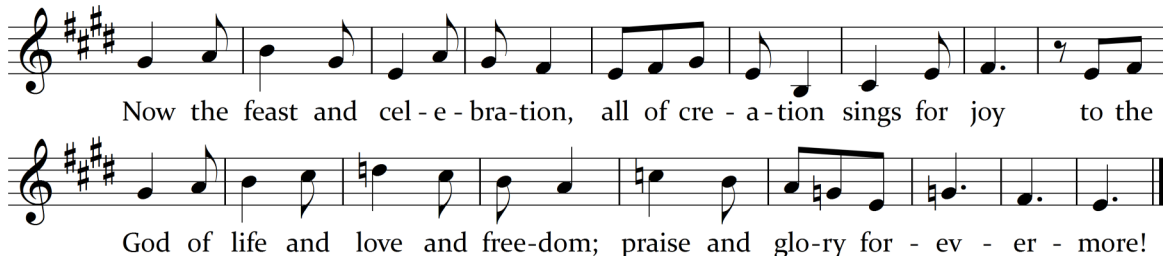
***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C 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**

- ☐ Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Pew Bible, page 142

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Pew Bible, page 939

After the reading:

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

*Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, 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 2:23—3:6

Pew Bible, page 814

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day — No.526

“God Is Here!”

(8:30) *The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

(10:00) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of hymnal, pages 227-231*

The Triune God claims Nora Mae Lauer as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Nora's parents are Stephanie and Matthew Lauer, and her sponsors are Melany and Cory Jans, and Katie Lauer.

- People of God, do you promise to support Nora and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- We do.**

*Profession of Faith — *page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn — No. 211**

“You Have Put on Christ”

During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

***Thanksgiving at the Font — page 230**

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — No. 211

“You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

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

You are invited to share God’s peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. L. Rossi

***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

- L** Let us pray together.
- A** **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.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*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.*

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. 398

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Hymn — No. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

***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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

℣ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 848

“Give to Our God, Immortal Praise!”

***Dismissal**

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

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Ellacombe”

setting by M. Burkhardt



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Sam Froehle
Organist	Rhonda Reese
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Server	Beret Froehle
Communion Clean Up	Craig Schultz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Ellen North, Elden and Solveig Zempel (10:45) TBD
Coffee	TBD
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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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, Richard Nau, Micah Sponheim, Bob Tabery

Those celebrating the birth of

Joseph Edward Gebler, son of Marie and Adam Gebler

Those celebrating the baptism of

Nora Mae Lauer, daughter of Stephanie and Matthew Lauer

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 Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, Cliff Gilomen

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, or contact a pastor.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Gene Schrader by family and friends. 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: July 8 & 29 and August 5, 12, 19 & 26. 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of LaVerne and Otto Reitz's 62nd wedding anniversary.

Fair trade coffee/tea/chocolate will be offered for sale between services today in the Commons.

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

Sign up today in the Commons between services to donate blood to the American Red Cross. The Faith & Health Board urges eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood. Since the Red Cross is in need of donors, they are offering a \$5 Amazon Gift Card to everyone who donates.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

Mondays, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms

Topic: *Can We Talk About Guns?*

School shootings and other events of gun violence seem numbingly common and then we enter into the three-day (or less) news cycle spin of all the debates on each side. I don't know about you, but I have questions that don't always seem safe to ask. So, can we talk about guns? If we are our brother's and our sister's keeper, what does that look like in this environment? What does our faith say about this? Check out these two articles. Nicholas Kristof takes the approach of going right after the debate questions. David Brooks thinks it begins with mutual respect. What do you think?

- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/03/opinion/gun-control-youtube-shooting.html>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/19/opinion/parkland-gun-control-shootings.html?login=email&auth=login-email>

We hope you will add your voice to this time of fellowship and faith conversation. Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

Tuesday Night Films in the 9th Annual June Film Series

Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church

This week is the first week of the annual three Tuesday Palestinian movies shown at Bethel Lutheran Church. This year's film festival explores the past and future of the Palestinian story. This week's film is entitled "Radiance of Resistance". Everyone is invited to come and join the conversation after the film.

Announcements (continued)

Curtis and Katie Kline to Visit Next Sunday, June 10

Curtis and Katie Kline, our missionaries in Colombia, will be back at St. John's for a visit. Some of you may remember their visit in the summer of 2016. Curtis works with IELCO (the Lutheran church body in Colombia) in peacemaking and reconciliation efforts, and Katie works in women's education and health. Both of them blog regularly about their work at 8000 feet and counting: <http://8000feetandcounting.blogspot.com/>

If you would like to join the global mission team for a small group luncheon with the Klines following the 10:00 a.m. service that day, please contact Pastor Fickenscher.

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.

Shared Ministry

Sign ups for all events are available in the Commons, by calling 507-645-4429, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org or Mary Kelvie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, or online thru CCB.

Do we want to have coffee service this summer?

Summer is sneaking up on us! So far no one has signed up for any of the coffee times between services this summer. If we don't have volunteers, we can't have coffee.

- **Game Plan:** We will have coffee service if at least THREE people have signed up by the TUESDAY before each Sunday. Please check your calendars for June, July, and August and sign up if you are available. You can switch with someone if a conflict arises.

Rhubarb Sunday is Next Sunday 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!

Children and Youth Ministries

VBS is Coming for Age 3 (by 9/1/18) – 2nd Grade (completed)

June 11-14, 9:00– 1:30 a.m., Emmaus Church

Experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. St. John's, Bethel, Emmaus, and St. Peter's Churches come together to provide this fun-filled summer camp experience. The cost is \$15.00 per child with a \$30.00 family limit. Register [online](#) or pick up a registration form in the Commons. (*Scholarships available*)

Volunteer Opportunity for Middle School and High School Youth!

What: Come help with Vacation Bible School (VBS) activities!

When: June 11-14 (Monday-Thursday)

Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Where: Emmaus Church

Volunteers can help in these fun ways:

- decorate and help with prep (prior to the start of VBS)
- be a station leader or assistant for leading music, crafts, games, storytelling, and snacks
- be a small group helper for leading groups of children to various activity stations
- help take care of small children in the nursery

You can sign up to help on whatever days work for you! Contact Julie Brehmer if interested at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

Photo Scavenger Hunt at St. Olaf!

When: Wednesday, June 13

- **Time:** 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
- **Who:** All high school and middle school youth from St. John's, Bethel, St. Peter's, and Emmaus are invited! Bring a friend!
- **What:** Meet at Buntrock Commons at St. Olaf for lunch. Following lunch we'll divide into small groups for a photo scavenger hunt on campus! There will be a prize for the group who finishes first!
- **Cost:** Bring money for lunch.

Adult chaperones will be needed. (*One adult per 5 - 7 kids*). Sign up by emailing Angie at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 10):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15 † Psalm 130 † 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 † Mark 3:20-35

This Week At-a-Glance

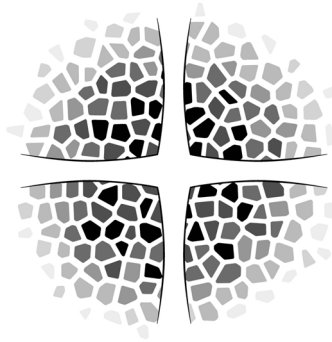
Monday, June 4	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 5	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., June 6	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall 3 Links Communion, Offsite Youth Transition Team, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 7		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, June 8	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 9	8:30 a.m.	Saturday Morning Discussion Group, The Hideaway
Sunday, June 10	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery Nancy Ordahl Knoch Piano Recital, Sanctuary

Open House in Celebration of Mary White's 100th Birthday

You are invited to join Mary
on Sunday, June 10, between 2:00-4:00 p.m.
to help her celebrate her 100th birthday.

The celebration will take place in the Parkview West Dining Room
at the Northfield Retirement Center.





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