



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 17, 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 — “Prelude and Fugue in B Flat” BWV 560

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

***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**

☐ O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Ezekiel 17:22-24

Pew Bible, page 684

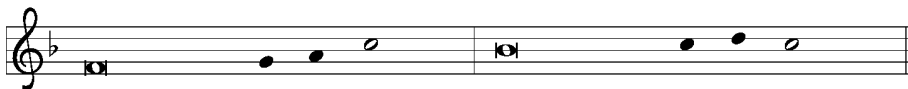
After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Antiphon: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²**to herald your love | in the morning
and your faithful- | ness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre,
and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. Antiphon**
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts | of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age;
they shall be | green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how up- | right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. Antiphon**

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Pew Bible, page 939

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** — Mark 4:26-34

Spark Story Bible, page 320; Pew Bible, page 815

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

*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

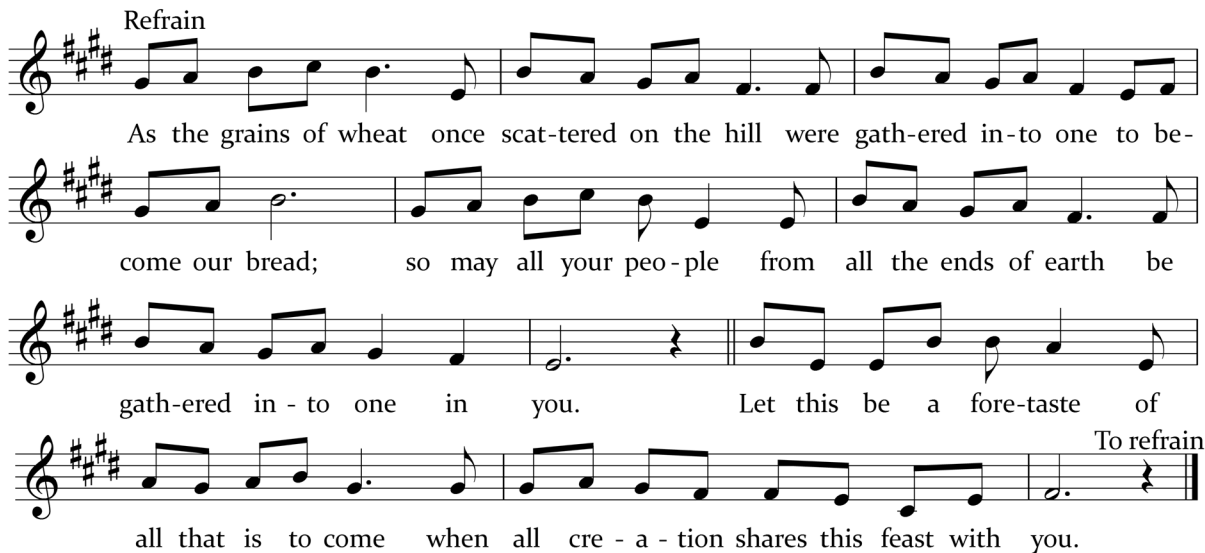
Music at the Offering:

“Beloved, God's Chosen”

Robert Hobby

***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.
- All** **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.

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

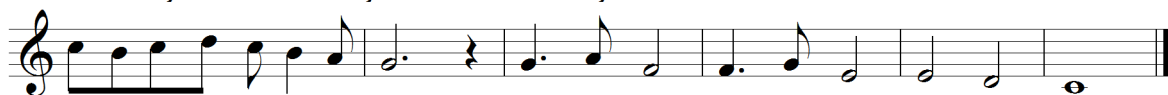
“Lamb of God”



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. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*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. 551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

*Dismissal

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

☩ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Craig Phillips



All Together for Worship in July

For the month of July, St. John's will gather all together for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. The Worship & Arts Board has recommended this experiment in response to the many people who say they wish for more opportunities to be together with people from "the other service." Fellowship time will follow the service each Sunday in July, with our July 15 Berry Sunday also taking place after the 9:30 worship time.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Julie Zdenek
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Servers	(8:30) Melissa Berthelsen, Jonah Berthelsen (10:00) Dave and Ruthie Neuger
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Brent Mueller, Otto and LaVerne Reitz
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:00) Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Richard and JoAnn Kleber in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 14. 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 9. 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 by John and Louise Quam in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 16.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Week's Topic: *#MeToo and What We Do with Stained Legacies*

In this #MeToo moment many of us are forced to reckon with the legacies of leaders and teachers we once admired but whose inappropriate actions now stain their legacies. Can we separate the person from their writing or work? How do we remember people who shaped us in positive ways but also abused their power? For a story with a few years of distance on it, consider this article about theologian John Howard Yoder: <https://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/12/us/john-howard-yoders-dark-past-and-influence-lives-on-for-mennonites.html>. 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 19, at 7:00 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church

This year's film festival explores the past and future of the Palestinian story. This week's film is entitled "The Great Book Robbery". Everyone is invited to come and join the conversation after the film.

Pastor Pam and Pastor Jonathan invite those who are grieving or suffering loss to join them for dessert and social time on Wednesday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

After losses, many find comfort being in the company of others who have also experienced loss. This is an opportunity for fellowship, to make new friends, and to spend time with our pastors. If you have questions or need a ride to this event, please call the church office at 507-645-4429.

Save the Date: Women's Day at Good Earth Village

Saturday, June 30, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Online Registration through June 29 The \$25 registration fee includes coffee, snacks, and lunch. Register at www.goodearthvillage.org/womensday/. Contact Marilyn Calcutt for transportation at merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com or 507-645-2814.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Begin Next Wednesday

Wednesday, June 27, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College

Organists: Martha Barth, Andrew Jacob, Matt Tykutki (St. Olaf Organ Students)

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at 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.

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.

Summer Coffee Service

Game Plan Reminder: We will have coffee service if at least THREE people have signed up by the WEDNESDAY 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.

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: July 15th for the August Edition

Please send submissions electronically to 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, Richard Nau, Margaret O'Leary, Jim Thompson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Dennis Starkweather (brother of Don Starkweather)

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

Linda Beckman, Maggie Lindell, Gloria Porter

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 24):

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11 † Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 † 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 † Mark 4:35-41

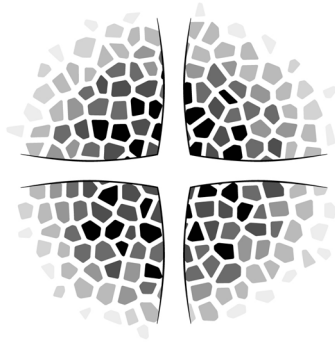
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, June 18	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 19	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed, June 20	8:30 a.m.	Assembly of Baby Care Kits for LWR, Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 21	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilting, Fellowship Hall
Friday, June 22	8:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Wedding Rehearsal: Alyssa Cheadle / Paul Pearson
Saturday, June 23	4:00 p.m.	Wedding: Alyssa Cheadle / Paul Pearson
Sunday, June 24	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Worship / Nursery

Members of St. John's
are warmly invited to attend the wedding ceremony of

Paul Pearson and Alyssa Cheadle

at St. John's on Saturday, June 23rd, at 4:00 p.m.



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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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