

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Day of Pentecost

June 9, 2019 † 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.

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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.

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Libby Larsen

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 400

"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind"

*Thanksgiving for Baptism



*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

- P God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain: (first time cantor, then all singing)



Cantor: O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all. All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made. All that lives looks to you in hope to give them their food in due season: you open your hand, they feast on good things, you hide your face and they are lost.

Refrain — all

When you take their breath they perish and return to the dust from which they came; when you send forth your spirit, they are brought to life; you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of God endure forever and may God rejoice in all these works: God, who looks on the earth and it trembles; at the touch of God, the mountains smoke.

Refrain — all

I will sing to my God while I live; may the prayer of my heart please my Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Holy One! Forevermore give praise to God.

Refrain — all

Reading — Acts 2:1-21

Spark Story Bible, page 498

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. ²¹All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

After the reading:

- Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida. (Word of God, word of life.)
- **☑** Te alabamos, Señor. (Thanks be to God.)

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation — "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Caribbean traditional





*Gospel — John 14:8-17

Pew Bible, page 880

Before the reading:

- P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 401

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Verses 1, 2, and 3

*Nicene Creed — Front of hymnal, page 104

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

*Peace

- P 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:

"Arioso" J. S. Bach

Tarkel Price, trombone

*Offering Hymn — "Thank You, Lord"

African-American traditional
Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you Lord.

Music: Traditional African-American; harmony J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix

*Offering Prayer

- **L** Let us pray.
- Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **1** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

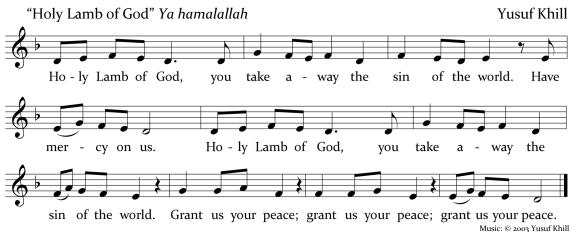
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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



Hymn — No. 403

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

*Post-Communion Blessing

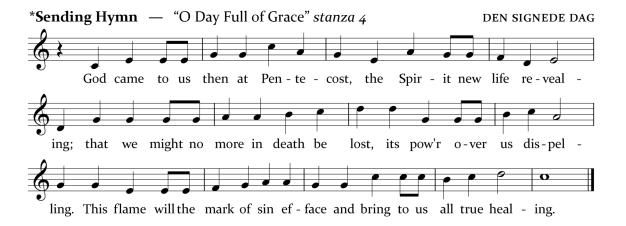
*Prayer after Communion

- **L** Let us pray.
- O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: C Amen.



*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **⚠** Thanks be to God.

Postlude — "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Aaron David Miller



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Ionathan Davis

Assisting Ministers Jenn Welbaum, Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson

Organist Nathan Proctor
Trombone Tarkel Price

Communion Preparer TBD Communion Cleanup TBD

Greeters / Welcome Desk (8:30) Arielle Loy, Amy McBroom

(10:00) TBD

Nursery Anne France

Counters Bill and Char Carlson, Brent Mueller, Bob Tabery

Ushers (8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom,

Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell,

Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

OUR LITURGY TODAY

In the spirit of Pentecost, our liturgy music during June lifts up musical traditions other than our western Lutheran style. One of the gifts of music is the ability to help us expand our view of the world and recognize Christian communities in many different times and places. It is important to remember when singing a variety of songs like this that we do this not to claim an understanding of a whole community or tradition, but to acknowledge and honor a variety of cultures with our voices. We sing to help us create new feelings of empathy for those around us and a better understanding of ourselves.

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St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebrations and Grace Overflowing Projects

Anniversary Celebration Events

We invite you to mark your calendars for these special anniversary events:

Saturday, July 13 Congregational Picnic 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Way Park

We will get outdoors together and celebrate with a family-friendly social event. Lunch, games, fun, and fellowship provided.

October 26-28

Our **Capstone Event** will include something for everyone... kids, neighbors, history buffs, and people who just love to get together, share food, and celebrate.

Farewell to the Fellowship Hall Floor!

On Monday, June 17, we will begin replacing the 100-year old wood floor of Fellowship Hall. The wood has deteriorated over the years and the Properties & Grounds Board has planned demolition of the old floor and pouring of a new concrete foundation underneath it for this month. This project is one of our 150th Anniversary capital projects.

Volunteers are needed on Monday the 17th beginning at 8:00 a.m. for the work of taking out the old floor. Wear work clothes and closed-toed shoes for this work.

Sunday, June 16, we will have one last coffee hour on the old floor downstairs (pending repair of our elevator). Join us as we say good-bye to the floor that served so many generations so well!

Painting of the Sanctuary Complete

We celebrate as the painting of the Sanctuary, one of our Grace Overflowing projects, is now complete. Thank you for your generosity to Grace Overflowing, to all who worshipped in St. John's Hall during the project, and to those who helped move items to make this possible.



Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Omar and Margery Otterness by the Otterness Children. 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 by phone. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: July 7, 14 & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) — cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today is Rhubarb Sunday

Join us between services in St. John's Hall for delicious rhubarb desserts!

Pub Theology is back for the summer! It will be good to gather again! Weekly on Mondays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Froggy Bottoms

Topic for Tomorrow Evening: Rituals - Do we need a rival of them?

Over the past few years, I've noticed my own longing for and appreciation of rituals - particularly in the Christian Church. I've heard people refer to worship, or the sacraments, or funerals, or weddings as "just silly rituals." And yet, the more I've paid attention to the nuances of these "silly rituals," the more I've realized how deeply meaningful, profound, and necessary they are. David Brooks, in a recent article, articulated something similar - about how we need more rituals in our society. So, why have we lost rituals? When does a ritual become empty and when does it carry great meaning? What rituals in the church have you found to be most meaningful and why? Please read David Brook's article in preparation for our discussion. You can find it at: https://nyti.ms/2GAcmv8. Contact Pastor Jonathan to add your name to the email list.

150th Anniversary *Grace Overflowing* Creative Arts Group Wednesday, June 12, 6:00-7:00 p.m., at Laura Baker Services, Assembly Room (211 Oak Street)

These monthly groups focus on building community through shared art and music experiences. Please join us and support this effort to foster connections between St. John's members and your Laura Baker neighbors. No previous art or music experience required! The next group will be a Karaoke and Art Night hosted at Laura Baker Services. Come ready to make music and art! You can sing, enjoy others' karaoke performances, make art, or just come to enjoy time with others. All ages are welcome! The group will be led by LBSA's Music Therapist, Jenny Solar, and Art Specialist, Bridget Novak.

Sunday Hospitality Is a Great Way to Serve AND Get to Know People at St. John's!

During the summer, we open up sign-ups for the roles of greeting, coffee service, and communion preparing & cleanup to the whole congregation. Yes, that means everyone is invited! Please look at your calendars to see when you are in town, and let us know when you will join in the fun of serving together! Sign-up sheets are in the Commons on an easel, or sign up online at: https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group_id=136.

Announcements (continued)

Bus Tour to the Minnesota Landscape Artoretum Tuesday, June 18, 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sign Up Today in the Commons

Cost: \$60

The bus will be arrive at St. John's to begin boarding around 9:15 a.m. and will leave at 9:30 a.m. We will eat lunch together (Flower Pot Lunch Box) in the Azalea Room and then take a 50 minute narrated tram tour around the grounds of the Arboretum. There should be time to wander (there's also a gift shop) on your own. The bus should return to Northfield by 3:30 p.m. Bob and Sandra Nyvall will be our tour hosts. The Adult Ministry & Education Board is sponsoring this trip. You can find much information about Minnesota Landscape Arboretum online at www.arboretum.umn.edu.

Movie Night for Pub Theology

On Monday, June 17, a screening of the documentary "Emanuel" will be shown at the Emagine Lakeville cinemas. This film is showing for two nights only in our area. We invite any and all to join us at 7:00 p.m. (the film is 80 minutes). Those who wish can debrief together at Harry's Scratch Kitchen after the movie. This showing is part of the 60 days of Reflection on Gun Violence of the ELCA (see announcement below).

Call to Reflection on Gun Violence

This spring marks two significant anniversaries of gun violence connected to ELCA churches. Ten years ago on May 31, a shooter killed Dr. Glenn Tiller on a Sunday morning at Reformation Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas. June 17 marks the 4th anniversary of the shootings at Mother Emanuel AME in Charleston, South Carolina. One of the victims was a graduate of an ELCA seminary; the shooter was a member of an ELCA congregation. The ELCA calls the church to a "60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence" beginning June 16 this summer. A guide to prayer, Scripture, and church teaching will offer activities for each day. Paper copies will be available at church but the full guide is best accessed online at

https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Addressing-Social-Concerns/60-Days

St. John's Pizza Evening at the Red Barn Farm Wednesday, June 19, 5:30 p.m., 10063 110th St. East

The Adult Ministry & Education and Youth Ministry Boards invite St. John's members of all ages for pizza, conversation, and an outdoor meal at Red Barn Farm. Matt Browne will provide the music. The combination of beautiful summer weather, music, and pizza can result in large turnouts at the Red Barn, so come early! Board members will arrive early and stake out an area for St. John's members. Organize your pizza purchases with other members. Check out the Red Barn Farm website to explore the pizza menu. Need a ride? Email Merilyn Calcutt or Rob Quanbeck by Monday, June 17, so we can make arrangements.

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Edith Nerstad (mother of Liz Rowley)

Family of Johnny Nerstad (brother of Liz Rowley)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen,

Bob Matta, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Joanne Sommers,

Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen, Elouise Quinnell

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

lambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich,

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 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 16):

The Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 † Psalm 8 † Romans 5:1-5 † John 16:12-15

This Week At-a-Glance

The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

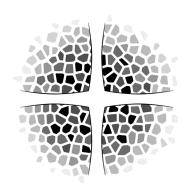
Mon., June 10	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	VBS (Age 2-2 nd Grade), St. John's Hall and Lower Level Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., June 11	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall VBS (Age 2-2 nd Grade), St. John's Hall and Lower Level Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Sunday Hospitality Orientation, St. John's Hall Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., June 12	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	VBS (Age 2-2 nd Grade), St. John's Hall and Lower Level Creative Arts Group, at Laura Baker (211 Oak St.)
Thursday, June 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	VBS (Age 2-2 nd Grade), St. John's Hall and Lower Level Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
Friday, June 14	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
Saturday, June 15	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Hospitality Orientation, St. John's Hall
Sunday, June 16	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

Open House in Celebration of Mary White's 101st Birthday

You are invited to join Mary today between 2:00-4:00 p.m. to help her celebrate her 101st birthday.

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







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Carol Benson, Director of Jubilate Choir
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Angie Gehring / Christy Hall-Holt, Shared Ministry Coordinators
Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir
Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers
Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants
Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts
Bernie Renander, Financial Manager

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