



150
YEARS OF
GRACE
OVERFLOWING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 14, 2019 — 9:30 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!

We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

Please pass them down to the center and then back so you can greet those worshipping around you. Ushers will gather these following worship.

*An * invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

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

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.

For our youngest worshippers,

nursery care is available on the lower level for children under 5.

You may choose to take them there after the Children's Message and return with them for Holy Communion.

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.

OUR LITURGY TODAY

Our liturgy music for July is by composer Richard W. Hillert. In our current hymnal (ELW) it is setting three but it was first published as setting one in Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) in 1978. This setting's music was groundbreaking in our Lutheran tradition and also included new texts, responses, and prayers. Imagine singing "This Is the Feast" for the first time! LBW, lovingly referred to as the "green book," was first used for worship at St. John's on Thanksgiving Day in 1978. This liturgy was first sung in its entirety on Easter Sunday in 1979 and has been part of our worship life for almost 40 years.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Quintette en Ut”

Claude Arrieu

- I. Allegro
- II. Andante
- V. Allegro vivace

WindWorks

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

*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.**

*Kyrie

Front of hymnal, page 138

***Hymn of Praise** — “This Is the Feast”

Front of hymnal, page 140

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.
Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors
with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Pew Bible, page 163

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 25:1-10

DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, in you, O God I trust;
Make me to know your paths, O God, and lead me in your way;
The Lord is good-ness, truth, and love, God's path the saints have trod;
Be mind-ful of your mer - cy, Lord, your love from a - ges past;

let all vain thoughts be put to shame, and lan - guish in the dust.
to learn your sav - ing truth my heart shall med - i - tate each day.
and chil - dren of the cov - e - nant still walk be - side their God.
for - give the weak - ness of my youth and bring me home at last.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999, *Psalter for Christian Worship*

Second Reading — Colossians 1:1-14

Pew Bible, page 956

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.



After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 737

"He Come to Us as One Unknown"

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

after each petition:

- ☐ Lord, in your mercy,
- ☒ **hear our prayer.**

*Peace

- ☐ The peace of the risen 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:

"Heliotrope Bouquet"

Scott Joplin and Louis Chauvin
arr. Marsha Schweitzer

WindWorks

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Vineyards"



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.

Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

- ☐ Let us pray.
- ☒ **Merciful God,**
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na. 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.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

AU 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"

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.

"Novelette in C"

Francis Poulenc
arr. Geoffrey Emerson

Hymn — No. 639

"When We Are Living"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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 and Sending Christikon participants**

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — No. 729**

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Suite, Opus 57
III. Finale

Charles Lefebvre



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David Norman
Organist	Nathan Proctor
WindWorks Quintet	Kay Sahlin, flute Jo Ann Polley, clarinet Dana Maeda, oboe Cindy Bailey, bassoon Becky Jyrkas, horn
Communion Preparer	Georgene Johnson
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Georgene Johnson
Greeters	Duane and Marie Benson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Brent Mueller
Ushers	Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

CHRISTIKON PARTICIPANTS

Our high school youth head to Billings, MT,
for hiking and camping in the majestic Rocky Mountains.
They leave on Saturday, July 20, and will return home on Sunday, July 28.

Youth:

*Gunnar Benson, Thea Benson, Nicholas Boehning, Ada Gabert-Nicholson,
Clayton Garlie, Prescott Garlie, Ellie Hall-Holt, Oden Hoff, Peder Lindell,
Kaylee Malecha, Peter Neeb, Ainsley Nutt, Jeanette Pelletier,
Apolline Philippe (French exchange student hosted by the Hall-Holt family),
Mary Rizzo, Nolan Stepka, Carl Welbaum*

Adults:

*Christy Hall-Holt, Erik Lindell, Nick Neeb, and
Emmanuel Kaghondi (St. John's new Director of Ministry with Youth and Families) or Rob Nutt*
Blessings as they embark on this adventure in the great outdoors of God's creation!

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Our Worship in July

For the month of July, St. John's will gather together once again for **one** worship service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. After experimenting with one service in July last year, the Worship & Arts Board received a lot of positive feedback. Many members appreciated the opportunity to meet folks "from the other service" and enjoyed the energy of coming together. Sit somewhere new and introduce yourself to someone you might not know. Let July be a month full of welcome for everyone in our community. Fellowship time will follow the service each Sunday this month.



**Berry Sunday
TODAY**

**Please join us
for a berry good treat !**



St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

We invite you to mark your calendars for this special anniversary weekend:

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.



Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Shirley Falck in gratitude for the numerous volunteers who contribute their time and talents to keep St. John's functioning smoothly. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays in July. 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: August 4 & 18. 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's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the marriage of Kirstin Buck and Jarred Lienke on July 13.

Welcome WindWorks Quintet

WindWorks, a Northfield and Twin Cities area professional woodwind quintet, was founded in 1993. This year marks the ensemble's 26th anniversary. The group's goal is to promote woodwind quintet music, as well as instrumental chamber music of all kinds, by performing recitals throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area, greater Minnesota, and surrounding states. On Friday, August 2, they will perform at 10:30 a.m. at the NRC Chapel, and at 4:00 p.m. at the Northfield Public Library as part of the Vintage Band Festival. Thank you for being with us this morning!

Introducing St. John's Prayground

St. John's Children's Board is trying out a new concept this month - a Prayground. The Prayground is a place in the front of the sanctuary by the Baptismal Font where young children are welcome to experience worship in a different way. Preschool activities include books, coloring books, drawing materials, and soft toys. Parents are asked to sit near their children when using the Prayground. Thank you for celebrating that God put the wriggles in children and we welcome their sounds and activity!

Summer Pub Theology

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

Tomorrow's Topic: *Learning to Pray*

Who taught you how to pray? Perhaps it was a parent or a grandparent or a pastor. Or perhaps no one ever taught you how to pray. Prayer is a central component of the Christian life and, yet, it can also be hard to know how to pray or even uncomfortable when asked to pray out loud and for others. Has your prayer life gone quiet? In a recent article in the *Christian Century*, Dr. Andrew Root says that when our prayer life goes silent, we tend to miss how God is active in the world. And, he argues, less and less people are being taught how to pray. At this week's Pub Theology, we will talk about prayer and how it is (or isn't) part of our life and what difference that makes. Please read the article by Dr. Root in preparation, which found in the Commons. Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to be added to the email list.

150 pints for 150 years - American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, August 19, 1:00-7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

If you donate blood at another site and want to give St John's credit, just let the office know where and how many pints. Questions? Contact Bonnie Peterson at 218-686-8769 or call 1-800-733-2767 or go to RedCrossBlood.org.

- On Sunday, July 21, Caroline Olstad, from American Red Cross, will be at worship to speak to the continuous need for blood in saving lives and our goal of 150 pints for 150 years. Members of the Faith & Health Board will be available after services to register donors in the Commons and Narthex areas.

Thank You from the McLaughlin Family

Thank you for the beautiful blessing and sendoff at worship on June 30. While we are going to miss all of you this next year, we feel blessed to be surrounded by your prayers, support, and beautiful prayer shawl. We look forward to rejoining everyone in July 2020. Warmly, *Betsy, Jeff, Edy and Will McLaughlin*

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 17, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College

Organist: Brian Carson

See the June/July edition of the *Voice* for the full recital schedule.

Hearing Loop Technology, which allows individuals with hearing aids to tap directly into our sound system, will be installed in the sanctuary later this month. The Church Council seeks designated donations to finish funding the project. If you would like to donate, you can designate any check or online offering for "Hearing Loop." For more information about the project, contact Mark Gleason of the Evangelism & Communications Board.

Have photos of St. John's members and events that you want to share?

Please send pictures to photos@StJohnsNorthfield.org. It would be very helpful if you can name and date the photos.

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 directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Children and Youth Ministries

Online Registration for Children and Youth 2019-2020 School Year!

Check out St. John's website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org where you will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2019-2020 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. We appreciate registrations turned in by August 25 for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429, if you have questions regarding programming.

Shared Ministry

Sign ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

Sunday Hospitality is a great way to serve and get to know people!

During the summer, we open signups for the roles of greeting, coffee service, and communion prep and 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. **If you would like some more information about these groups or just want a refresher course, an orientation will be held on Sunday, July 14, after the service at 11:00 a.m. This will be less than an hour.** Sign-up sheets are in the Commons on an easel, or sign up online at: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/groupdetail.php?group=136>.

Openings for Next Sunday, July 21: If you'll be here and can help, let us know. If you have never done this before, let us know and we will walk you through your role.

- **Communion Prep** (1 person) Begin by 9:00 a.m. to set up plates and chalices for communion. Detailed instructions available in the Sacristy.
- **Greeters** (1 people) for the one service at 9:30 a.m. Arrive to get a nametag at the Welcome Desk 25 minutes before service begins, smile, shake hands, and say "Good to see you!"
- **Coffee Service** (3-4 people) Begin at 8:00 a.m. to brew coffee and put donut holes in baskets. Detailed instructions provided. During the summer, coffee will be in St. John's Hall.

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

Fred Gonnerman

Those celebrating the birth of

Hannah Lynn Skunes, daughter of Rachel and Mike Skunes

Those celebrating the marriage of

Kristin Buck and Jarred Lienke

Those celebrating the ordination of

Hayden Kvamme

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, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson

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;

Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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

Henry Burt

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 (July 21):

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a + Psalm 15 + Colossians 1:15-28 + Luke 10:38-42

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., July 15	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., July 16	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., July 17	6:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room Creative Arts Group, Offsite at Laura Baker Services Association (211 Oak St.)
Thursday, July 18	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, July 19	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
Saturday, July 20		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 21	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

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/September Edition
Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org
Thank you.



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