



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 28, 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!

*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.*

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 — on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sonja Wermager, violin

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 527

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

*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

☐ Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Psalmody — Psalm 85

Taizé Community

Refrain, sung continuously under the verses

Do - na no - bis pa - cem

Cantor: I will hear what the Lord has to say; a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people and peace for his friends, and peace for those who turn to him in their hearts.

His help is near to those who adore him; his glory will dwell in our land.

*Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.*

*The Lord will grant us his joy and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall walk before him and peace shall follow his steps.*

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

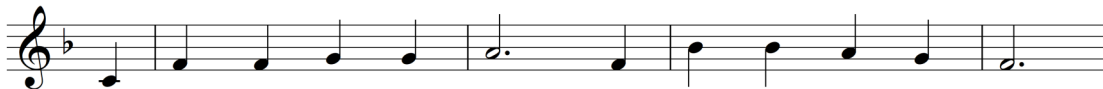
RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “My Song Is Love Unknown”

RHOSYMEDRE



My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior’s love to me,
He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
Here might I stay and sing— no sto - ry so di - vine!



love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior know.
Nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine.



Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could



flesh and die, my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend, who at my need his life did spend!
glad - ly spend, I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.

*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:

“The Galliarde to the Sixte Pavian”

William Byrd

*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

L Let us pray.

C 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.

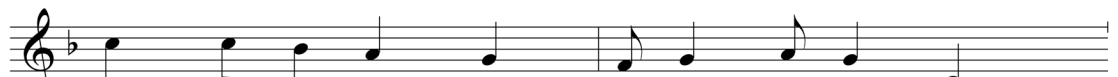


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

**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"



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.

Solo — Andante tranquillo, from *Six Studies in English Folksong*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn — No. 477

"I Received the Living God"

***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

***Thanksgiving for Conclusion of Ministry**

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Verses 1 and 3

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend” BWV 632

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Will Schroeer
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	Sonja Wermager
Cantor	Kristin Partlo
Healing Prayers	Melissa Berthelsen, Alyssa Ness
Communion Preparer	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Bruce and Audrey Moe
Coffee Service	Herb and Pat Fick, Jon Kerr, Bob and Pat Tabery
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert, David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

Thank You Melissa Berthelsen

Today we celebrate and say thank you to Melissa who has faithfully and gracefully served as our Parish Nurse, offering holistic care to the congregation.

Melissa's last day as our Parish Nurse will be this Wednesday, July 31.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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Our Summer Worship Schedule Resumes Next Sunday, August 4

Next Sunday our “normal” summer worship schedule will resume. Worship services will be at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship between services. Our fall worship schedule will begin on September 15 with worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. with learning and fellowship between services. **Please note this is a week later than usual.*

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebrations

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

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.

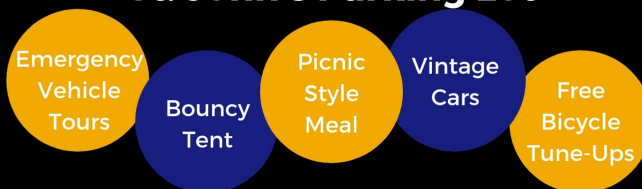


Tuesday, August 6

5:00-7:00 p.m.

All Are Invited!

St. John's Parking Lot



Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his wife and family. 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.

Introducing St. John's Playground

St. John's Children's Board is trying out a new concept this month - a Playground. The Playground 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 Playground. Thank you for celebrating that God put the wriggles in children and we welcome their sounds and activity!

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.

Summer Pub Theology

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

Pub Theologians: Can this text be saved? As St. John's spends two Sundays in the book of Hosea, Pub Theology will have a discussion about this story and other biblical stories that are hard to hear. When does biblical metaphor fail to communicate what it might have intended to? Can we still hear words of grace when the images used are so problematic? Join Pastor Pam tomorrow at Froggy Bottoms from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a discussion on Hosea.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 31, 12:15-12:45 p.m., All Saints Episcopal

Organist: Bill Peterson (Pomona College, CA)

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, has been installed in the Sanctuary this past week. 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.

Announcements (continued)

150th Capstone Weekend - Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping with the 150th Capstone weekend that will take place October 24-27? If so, please contact Patsy Ophaug (patsy@deskmedia.com) or Amy McBroom (amybmcbroom@hotmail.com) to start a conversation about how to be involved. The events range from a blood drive, a silent movie night, historical presentations, a dinner with program, and Sunday celebration that includes Pumpkin Sunday.

St. John's Seeks a Part-Time Parish Nurse

St. John's seeks a part-time parish nurse to coordinate care for a growing community of seniors, taking part in visitation, needs assessments, and connecting members with community resources. 20 hours/week. BSN required. Parish Nurse certification preferred. Submit resume and cover letter by August 20 to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Contact Pastor Pam Fickenscher at 507-645-4429. **Application Deadline: 8/20/2019**

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. Sign-up sheets are in the Commons on an easel, or sign up online at: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/groupdetail.php?group=136>.

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

David Beck

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Fred Dahl

Family of Margaret Mohn Spear

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Joanne Sommers,

Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie

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 (August 4):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 † Psalm 49:1-12 † Colossians 3:1-11 † Luke 12:13-21

This Week At-a-Glance

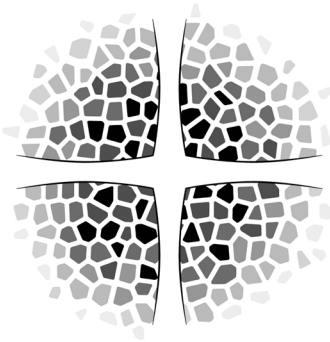
*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., July 29	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., July 30	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
Wed., July 31	5:30 p.m.	150 th Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, Aug. 1		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, Aug. 2	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
Saturday, Aug. 3		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 4	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

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: September 15th for the October Anniversary 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.