



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2017 † 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 red books 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.*

*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.*

***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.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude** — ON RHOSYMEDRE

R. V. Williams

*Sonja Wermager, violin*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

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

**G** Amen.

Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Eternal God our creator,

**G** **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.

**G** Amen.

\*Gathering Hymn — No. 705

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

## \*Greeting

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

**A** **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

**P** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son  
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us  
your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — 1 Kings 3:5-12

Pew Bible, page 266

*After the reading:*

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** — Psalm 119:129-136

Antiphon: Thomas Attwood

*Antiphon: Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes.*



- <sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with | all my heart.
- <sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened | it gives light;**  
**it gives understanding | to the simple.**
- <sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant  
because I long for | your commandments.
- <sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,**  
**as you always do to those who | love your name. *Antiphon***
- <sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
- <sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those | who oppress me,**  
**and I will keep | your commandments.**
- <sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant  
and teach | me your statutes.
- <sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed | streams of tears,**  
**because people do not | keep your teaching. *Antiphon***

*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!

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**\*Gospel — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Pastor John Quam

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn — No. 732**

“Borning Cry”

*Please note: the hymnal is confusing on this hymn.  
Remember to save verse 4 until the end.*

\*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:*

"La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin"

Claude Debussy

**\*Offering Hymn** — "For the Beauty of the Earth" *stanza 5*

DIX

**For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**\*Offering Prayer**

- Ⓐ Let us pray together.
- Ⓑ **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!

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## \*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"

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.

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**Solo** — "Serenade"

Franz Schubert, transcribed Carli Zoeller

**Hymn** — No. 592

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"



**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ 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** — “As We Gather at Your Table” *stanza 3* IN BABILONE

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
- 🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor John Quam
Assisting Minister	Dan Van Tassel
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Rachel Skunes
Violin	Sonja Wermager
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Larry Christenson, Phil Eaves (10:00) Dick Beckman, Keith Homstad
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) Mary Kelvie (10:00) David and Mary Kelvie
Communion Clean Up	Eva Posfay
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Duane and Marlene Engstrom, Paul Peterson (10:00) Ralph and Marcia Yernberg
Coffee	Bob and Pat Tabery, Jean Wakely
Nursery	Elizabeth Evenson, Sylvi Hanson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Jim Enestvedt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

## **Shared Ministry**

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

**Night to Unite is only a few days away! Can you help us as we serve our neighborhood community on August 1?**

- Setup (3:30-5:00 p.m.) - 3 people
- Help cooks serve (6:30-7:30 p.m.) - 1 person
- Clean up and tear down (7:00 p.m. until complete) - 5 people

**Did you know we have 31 unfilled serving opportunities in Sunday Hospitality for the month of August?** Can you help bless the St. John's community by filling these openings today? Signups are in the Commons. You can also sign up by contacting Mary Kelvie by phone 507-645-4429, by email at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), or by following this [link to CCB](#).

## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

*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.*



**NIGHT to UNITE!**  
Neighbors Joining Together

**Tuesday, August 1**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**All Are Invited!**

**St. John's Parking Lot**

Emergency  
Vehicle  
Visits

Bouncy  
Tent

Picnic  
Style  
Meal

Vintage  
Cars

Free  
Bicycle  
Tune-Ups

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Elvin and Corrine Heiberg in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 3. 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: August 27 and September 13 & 17. 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.

## **Weekly Summer Pub Theology**

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

Pub Theology is a weekly conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. All are welcome.

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals**

Wednesday, August 2, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

United Methodist Church (1401 S. Maple St.)

Featuring: Bob Henstein, organist

## **Peace & Justice Group**

### **Monday, August 7, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room**

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Tommerdahl at: [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com).

## **Climate Reality Presentation with Climate Reality Leader Naomi Bartley**

### **Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Theater**

“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.” *TheEarthCharter As quoted in Laudato Si*

## **School Kit Donations for Lutheran World Relief**

School Kits happen because of the generous donations supplied by YOU! Supply lists are available in the Commons. Buy one or more supplies and place them in the “school bus”. Monetary gifts are awesome – we’ll buy the supplies for you! Make checks payable to St. John’s WELCA and write school kits in the memo line.

## Announcements (cont.)

### **Think Global, Think Local**

While filling a backpack for LWR school kits, provide one for a Northfield student, too! Northfield has a nonprofit, Operation Backpack, which was begun in 1993 through the Community Action Center, to address this need. The Methodist Church has been especially active in staffing this project, but all members of the community are invited to make financial donations and to volunteer. Last year almost 600 children were served by Operation Backpack. The CAC identifies families and oversees participation. The St. John's Benevolence & Social Concerns Board approved sending \$500 to Operation Backpack. If you would like to make a personal donation, send your check to: Operation Backpack, PO Box 804, Northfield, MN 55057.

### **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## Children and Youth Activities

### **Magical Mystery Tour III**

**When:** August 9, 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Meet at Bethel Lutheran Church

**Cost:** \$25 (covers transportation, admission, and pizza for lunch)

**What:** Magical Mystery Tours are events organized by the youth directors of churches in Northfield for middle school youth who've completed grades 5-8. The 'mystery' part of it is that we try to keep our destination a secret from our youth. We meet in the parking lot of Bethel on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays during the summer.

# 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 recovering*

Corrine Heiberg

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Gert Brosz, Fred Gaggioli, Fred Gonnerman, Corrine Heiberg, Elvin Heiberg,  
Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Grace Madson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen,  
Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Myron Solid, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl,  
Laila Burns Hedstrom, David Diehl, Andrew Gray, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson,  
George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

*All who are homebound, including*

Donna Kallestad, Jessie Lindberg, Wilbur Christensen

*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 and Carol 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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

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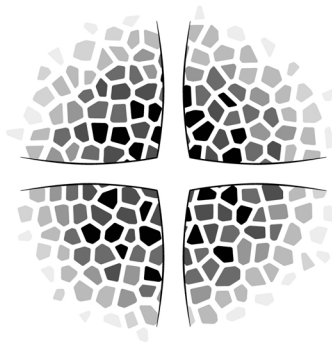
## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, Jul. 31</b>	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	3:30 p.m.	Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 1</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	5:00 p.m.	Night to Unite, St. John's Parking Lot
<b>Wed., Aug. 2</b>	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Divorce Support Group for Men, Youth Room
<b>Thursday, Aug. 3</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Friday, Aug. 4</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Aug. 5</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Aug. 6</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 6):**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Genesis 32:22-31 † Psalm 17:1-7, 15 † Romans 9:1-5 † Matthew 14:13-21**



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