

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 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. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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. For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.

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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Valse à Louis

À Râse de Têre

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 533

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — treble voices Stanza 3 — bass voices **Stanzas 4 and 5 — all**

*Confession and Forgiveness

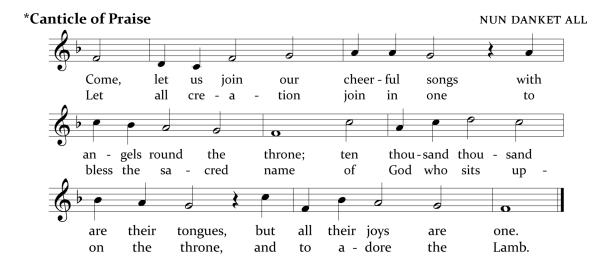
- Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- G Amen.
- Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- **P** God of mercy,
- we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care.
 We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!
- **G** 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.
- **G** And also with you.



*Prayer of the Day

- Creating God, in Christ you embrace us as your daughters and sons, making a new family of faith. Revive us wherever human differences keep us divided, stir our hearts to repentance, and give us humility to see what love means in your steadfast love through Christ our Lord.
- **C** Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Antiphon: Robert Buckley Farlee

Antiphon: We give thanks to you, O LORD, for your wonderful works.



the redeemed of the [LORD proclaim] that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,
³gathering them in | from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.
⁴Some wandered in | desert wastes; they found no path to a city where | they might dwell.
⁵They were hun- | gry and thirsty; their spirits lan- | guished within them.
⁶Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD, and you delivered them from | their distress.
⁷You led them | on a straight path to go to a city where | they might dwell.
⁸Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love and your wonderful works | for all people.
⁹For you satisfy the | thirsty soul and fill the hungry | with good things. Antiphon

Reading — Hosea 11:1-11 *After the reading:*

Psalmody — Psalm 107:2-9

G Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pew Bible, page 737

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 735

"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

*Apostles' Creed

Front of hymnal, page 105

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

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

*Peace

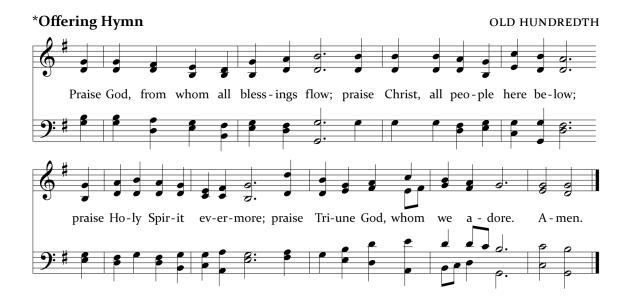
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering: Marche de procession



*Offering Prayer

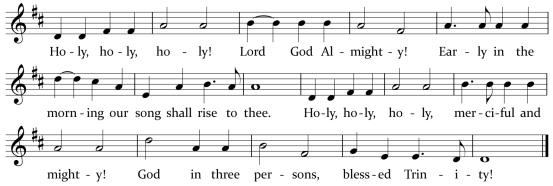
- Let us pray.
- **G** Merciful God,

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



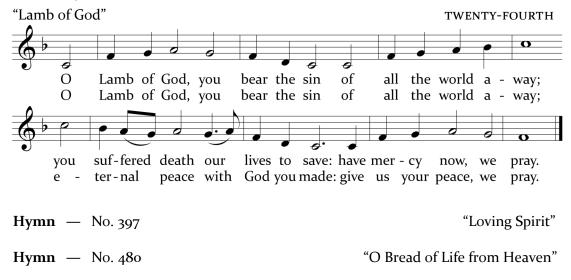
*Words of Institution

*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.

Music during Communion



*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.

*Sending Hymn — No. 825

"You Servants of God"

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Valse à Mélian



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Assisting Minister	Pastor Jonathan Davis Pastor Pam Fickenscher Tarkel Price
	David Fienen
A Râse de Têre	Géry Dumoulin, flugelhorn
	Pierre-Noel Latour, cornet à pistons
	Gilles Dropsy, euphonium
	Laurent Stordeur, helicon
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Phil and Barb Eaves, Jennifer Edwins, John and Elizabeth Bade
Coffee Service	Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	Ted Peterson, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard,
	Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow
	(10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

David Fienen is Emeritus Professor of Music at Gustavus Adolphus College, where he served as Cantor at Christ Chapel, chaired the Music Department, taught Organ and Music Theory, and was Provost and Dean of the College for his last two years. In retirement he is a freelance church musician, accompanies two community choirs in Mankato as well as the tenor/soprano Carpenter Duo, and will be leading a study tour in Sept. 2020 to Oberammergau and music capitals in Austria, the Czech Republic, and Germany.

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Our Music Today

The ensemble "À râse dè têre" (literally meaning "at ground level" in Walloon language) was created in 2005. They play dance tunes called "arguèdènes" in the Walloon dialect spoken in southern Belgium. Traditionally, the melody line is orally transmitted and the accompaniment is improvised. A flugelhorn, a cornet, a euphonium and a helicon form a balanced ensemble that is well suited to this musical genre in vogue from the mid-19th century until the turn of the 20th century. The group is composed of four passionate amateur brass musicians: a museum curator, a psychologist, a postman, and a police officer. They received their initial musical training in Belgian village bands before improving their skills in music academies or conservatories. They learned numerous "arguèdenes" on the job when they were young bandsmen, alongside older musicians. They want to perpetuate this rustic and old-fashioned music, and thus prove that it can also be charming and full of subtleties.

St. John's 150th Anniversary Celebration

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

October 24-27

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 Judith Stoutland in remembrance of the dates of the first use of atomic bombs on the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (August 6 & 9, 1945). 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: August 18 and September 1. 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.

Summer Pub Theology

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

Topic: Criminal Justice and Prison Reform

A couple of weeks ago, Pastor Pam addressed many of the injustices that exist in our criminal justice system and the need for prison reform. She referenced the ELCA Statement on Criminal Justice and the action steps that need to be taken. Let's talk about this call to action from the ELCA and how our community might be in need of this. Please read the summary of the ELCA Statement, and please read the action steps, beginning on page 39 of the Social Statement. Both are available in the Commons.

150 pints for 150 years - American Red Cross Blood Drive

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

Sign-ups will be available this Sunday, August 4, and next Sunday, August 11, between services in the Commons. 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.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, August 7, 12:15-12:45 p.m., United Methodist Church

Organist: Stephen May

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.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

LWR School Kit Donations and TORCH Back to College Gift Bags

LWR school kits are sent to children in third world countries. These supplies often mean the difference between getting an education or not. TORCH provides support to at-risk Northfield students attending college. Information and shopping lists can be found in the VOICE, or you can pick up a flyer in the Commons.

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 <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u> 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 <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

Would you like to help with the Night to Unite event?

We need help with the following items this Tuesday, August 6:

- Set up tables, chairs, and serving area outside at 3:30 p.m. (2 people)
- Set up and serve food from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (3 people)
- Put away chairs, tables, and clean up picnic from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (5 people)

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 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 Lyla Arneson Paulson, Carol Carlson, Janice Helgeson
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

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 <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 11):

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 + Psalm 33:12-22 + Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 + Luke 12:32-40

This Week At-a-Glance

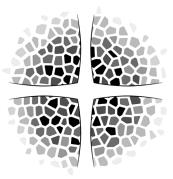
The calendar below contains only St. John's events. The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

Mon., Aug. 5	8:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., Aug. 6	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Night to Unite, St. John's Parking Lot
Wed., Aug. 7	9:30 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
Thursday, Aug. 8	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
Friday, Aug. 9	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
Saturday, Aug. 10		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 11	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons 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 <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u> Thank you.





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