

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 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 — Concerto for Clarinet, K.V. 622 II. Adagio W. A. Mozart

Jo Ann Polley, clarinet

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

 Amen.

*Absolution

*Gathering Hymn — No. 461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day

- P Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible, page 26

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **9** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 145:8-9, 14-19

Antiphon: I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.



⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are | good to all,

and your compassion is over | all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season. Antiphon

¹⁶You open | wide your hand

and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works.

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call up- | on you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you; you hear their | cry and save them. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5

Pew Bible, page 920

After the reading:

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.



*Gospel — Matthew 14:13-21

Pew Bible, page 796

Before the reading:

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

*The Apostles' Creed — Front of hymnal, page 105

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

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

*Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **4** And also with you.

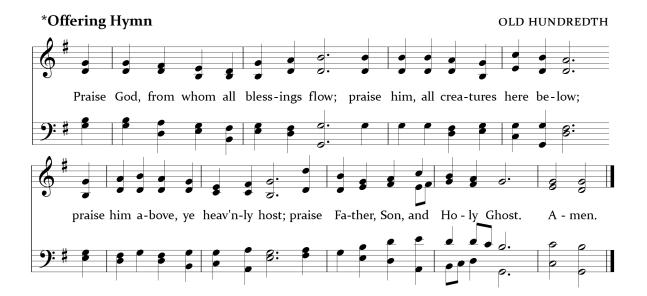
You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Monodie"

Charles Koechlin



*Offering Prayer

- **L** Let us pray.
- Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor.

 Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here.

 Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus 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.
- **Q** 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:
- Tholy, Holy, Holy"

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

^{*}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



Solo — *Drei Romanzen*, Op 94 II. Einfach, innig.

Robert Schumann

Hymn — No. 480

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

^{*}Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- Let us pray.
- Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

(8:30) *Farewell to Franklin-Fowler Family

(10:00) *Recognition of Becky Malcolm

*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — "O Living Bread from Heaven" stanza 4

AURELIA

Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear; and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy, where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — "Intermezzo on AURELIA"

Robert Hobby



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis

Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Assisting Minister Larry Christenson

Organist Nathan Proctor
Cantor Chuck Hellie

Clarinet Jo Ann Polley

Communion Preparer TBD

Communion Servers (8:30) TBD

(10:00) TBD

Communion Clean Up TBD

Greeters / Welcome Desk (8:30) Eric Lund, Mary Ellen North

(10:00) Donna Paulson, Marily McRae Raadt

Coffee Gordie and Dodie Mickelsen Nursery Jennifer Paulson, Elsa Hoff

Counters Brenda Bultman, Chuck and Anita Hellie, David Norman Ushers (8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard,

Doug Johnson, Keir Johnson, Andy Nelson

(10:00) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson,

Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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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.

Shared Ministry

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

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, or online thru CCB.

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 North-field 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 2nd Wednesdays during the summer. **Hint:** You'll want to bring a swimsuit, towel, and athletic wear.

Dive in on August 9!

Wednesday, 5:00-7:30 p.m., Northfield Pool

Northfield area churches invite families with children in 5th grade and younger to our Annual Pool Party at the Northfield Outdoor Pool on Wednesday, August 9, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The cost for admission is \$3.00 per person or you may use your pool pass. Churches will be providing free food at the event so come eat, swim, and enjoy! (This event is canceled if the pool closes due to weather.)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Judy Swanson in memory of Stephen Swanson and his immediate family Dot, Cully, and Marilyn. 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, September 13 & 17, and October 8, 15, 22 & 29. 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 this week will focus on "God calling." How have you experienced a sense of God calling or nudging you? Do you think of your call from God being a stable thing for your lifetime, or a shifting conversation? Can you get your calling "wrong"? Join us Monday at Froggy Bottoms from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for a free-wheeling conversation and good company.

Peace & Justice Group

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

Everyone is welcome! If you have an questions, please contact Dawn Tommerdahl at: dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Wednesday, August 9, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Featuring: Emily Rudquist, organist

Painters Needed...

Alex Dell will be doing his Eagle project here St. John's. The project will be painting the lower level classrooms, along with the orange hallway. He could use your help with this big project.

- Friday, August 11, from 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., he will repair the walls and start painting.
- Saturday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., he will continue painting.
- Sunday, August 13, he will hopefully finish up painting from 1:00 5:00 p.m.

Lunch and snacks will be provided at noon on Friday and Saturday for anyone who can come help with this project. Come for a whole day or just a few hours. All help is appreciated. Contact Alex Dell at adell741741@gmail.com, or call 507-645-5429.

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." The Earth Charter As quoted in Laudato Si

Announcements (cont.)

Singles Group - 2nd Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 1:30 p.m., 1000 Cannon Valley Drive

All are welcome. For additional information contact Shirley Tollefson at 507-645-5800 or email shirleytoll@charter.net.

Positions Open

St. John's has posted part-time job openings for the Jubilate Choir Director (grades 3-5) and for a Parish Nurse. Descriptions and how to apply can be found at:

http://stjohnsnorthfield.org/who/employment/

Please pass the word if you know someone qualified for these positions!

It's 2017-18 Registration time for Open Door Preschool!

Open Door Preschool, located in the basement of St. John's, will be hosting an upcoming Open House. Please come and visit. Enrollment is open to children ages 3-5. Our Open Houses will be offered:

- Saturday, August 12, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

We will be accepting registration at that time. Scholarships are available. Open Door is a 4 star Parent Aware Program. Hope to see you there!

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.

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.

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

Vera Haugen, Corrine Heiberg, Barb Knaak, Jane Koskovich, Avis Reed

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Andrew Gray

Family of Eric Wright (Nephew of Eric and Sally Lindell)

Family of Chris Sergeant (Brother-in-Law of Alan and Lynette Marks)

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, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Lorene Hastings, Joan Carlson, Margaret Nokelberg

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 lambi, 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, or contact a pastor.

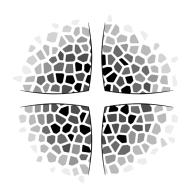
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Aug. 7	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205 Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Aug. 8	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall 1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters, Offsite Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Aug. 9	9:15 a.m. 12:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Magical Mystery Tour, Meet at Bethel Lutheran Church Noontime Organ Recitals, Sanctuary Pool Party (Grade 5 and Younger), Northfield Pool Divorce Support Group for Men, Youth Room
Thursday, Aug. 10		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, Aug. 11	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Alex Dell's Painting Project, Lower Level Classrooms
Saturday, Aug. 12	9:00 a.m.	Alex Dell's Painting Project, Lower Level Classrooms
Sunday, Aug. 13	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery
	1:00 p.m.	Alex Dell's Painting Project, Lower Level Classrooms

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 13):

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 † Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 † Romans 10:5-15 † Matthew 14:22-33





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