



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 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 FAITHFULNESS

Dan Miller

**Welcome and Announcements**

## \*Confession

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**G** 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,

**G** 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. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

## \*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** O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and  
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Pew Bible, page 30

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-19

Antiphon: Know that God is Good.

from Democratic Republic of Congo



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,**  
**and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's | holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength | of the LORD;**  
**continually | seek God's face.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels | God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,**  
**O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones. Antiphon**

<sup>16</sup>Then God called for a famine | in the land  
and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.

<sup>17</sup>**The LORD sent a | man before them,**  
**Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.**

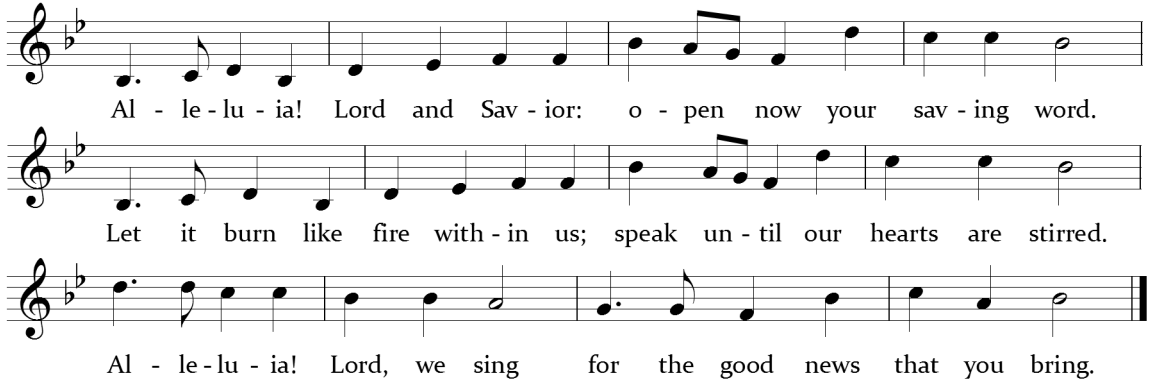
<sup>18</sup>They bruised his | feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an | iron collar.

<sup>19</sup>**Until his prediction | came to pass,**  
**the word of the LORD | tested him. Antiphon**

Children's Message

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

UNSER HERRSCHER



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.  
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33**

Pew Bible, page 796

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn — No. 796**

“How Firm a Foundation”

**\*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:*

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

arr. Bradley Ellingboe  
(Anthem text at ELW 763)

### \*Offering Hymn

OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### **\*Offering Prayer**

**L** Let us pray.

**C** **God of abundance,**  
you take the gifts we offer and you make them plenty.  
Receive these gifts we bring: our selves, our time, our possessions.  
Bless all we offer here and make it enough,  
that the world may know your steadfast love,  
through Jesus Christ we pray.  
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:

**A** "Holy, 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**

“Lamb of God”

TWENTY-FOURTH

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**Anthem** — “Thy Holy Wings”

Swedish folk tune, arr. Nancy Grundahl  
(Anthem text at ELW 613)

**Hymn** — No. 767

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

☩ **Gracious God,**  
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at  
your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.  
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,  
and to proclaim the truth of your grace this day and evermore,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — “How Can I Keep from Singing” *stanza 4*

HOW CAN I KEEP  
(Music at: Hymn 763)

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — “Allegretto” from Op. 101

C. V. Stanford



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Patsy Ophaug
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Women's Ensemble	Kristin Partlo, Elizabeth Bade, Nancy Ordahl Knoch, Ruth Legvold, Ruth Smestad Anglin
Communion Preparer	Marie Benson
Communion Servers	(8:30) John Ophaug (10:00) John Ophaug
Communion Clean Up	Shelley DeBernardi
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Donna Paulsen, Julie Thorsheim (10:00) John and Barbara Walters, Julie Zdenek
Coffee	TBD
Nursery	Amy McBroom, Cora McBroom
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Brent Mueller, Mark Ulmer
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

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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](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.**

### **Attention September Hospitality Group...**

Signups are now available for you to commit to serving in September. You can sign up in the Commons before or after services with your Co-Leaders, on CCB, or by contacting Mary Kelvie.

### **Summer is almost over! Can you serve just once?**

We still need 25 more Summer Sunday Hospitality Roles filled before summer is over. Would you please look at your schedules and sign up to serve in one of these remaining open spots, today? Signups are available in the Commons, online, or by contacting Mary Kelvie.

## **Children and Youth Activities**

### **Online Registration for Children and Youth Programming!**

Online registration is now available on the newly designed St. John's website. You will find all the forms needed for registering children and youth for the 2017-2018 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. We appreciate registrations turned in by August 27 for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact [Julie Brehmer](#) or [Mike Skunes](#) at 507-645-4429, if you have questions regarding programming.

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of George Posfay by Eva Posfay, Pepe Kryzda, and Cecilia Kryzda. 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. 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.

**Today's Altar Plant** is given by Gordie & Dodie Mickelsen in memory of their son Brian Mickelsen who died 10 years ago this week. They have given a donation to the St. John's Campership fund in Brian's name.

## **St. John's Launches New Website...*Check It Out!***

We are happy to announce the launch of our new website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). We believe that our refreshed online presence reflects the vibrancy of our congregation and the welcoming and inclusive nature of our church.

## **Weekly Summer Pub Theology**

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

This Monday's Topic: *Does God Ever Endorse Our Violence?*

This past week, President Trump responded to threats made by North Korea by saying he'd "rain fire and fury" on them if they persisted. In response, an evangelical pastor who advises President Trump made waves by saying that, "God has given the authority to President Trump to take out Kim Jong Un." Author Shane Claiborne notes the sadness of this whole exchange given it took place on the anniversary of when America dropped the atomic bomb on Nagasaki. He writes that we ought to make August 9 a day of repentance for our country's "addiction to violence." In light of this dialogue, we'll discuss whether or not God ever sanctions the violence of nations or individuals. If God doesn't ever endorse our violence, must we repent as a people and a country? And if God does sometimes sanction our violence, how do we know when it's allowable? Should be interesting - hope to see you there!

## **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*

## **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](mailto:shirleytoll@charter.net).

# **Announcements (cont.)**

## **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 House: Monday, August 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

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. 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!

## **Meals on Wheels**

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 17, through Saturday, October 14. Many volunteers are needed. You can sign up for this important ministry of care for elderly and disabled members of our community on Sundays in the Commons beginning next Sunday, August 20. You can also sign up online thru CCB. For further information contact Mary Kelvie at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or [rnkluver@gmail.com](mailto:rnkluver@gmail.com).

## **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, Barb Knaak, Jane Koskovich, Avis Reed

*Those celebrating the marriage of*

Michael Berger and Melissa Burch

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Marvin Schuette

*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*

Arlene Sivanich, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

*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.

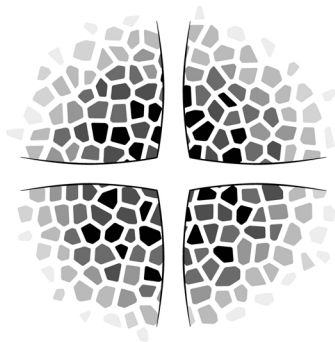
## This Week At-a-Glance

<b>Monday, Aug. 14</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	3:30 p.m.	Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205
	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 15</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
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Benevolence & Social Concerns Board, Commons Personnel Committee, Undercroft
<b>Wed., Aug. 16</b>	1:30 p.m.	Singles Group - 2nd Meeting, Offsite
	5:30 p.m.	St. John's Spring Welcome Reunion for New Members, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Divorce Support Group for Men, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	Climate Reality Presentation, St. John's Theater
<b>Thursday, Aug. 17</b>	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
<b>Friday, Aug. 18</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Aug. 19</b>	1:00 p.m.	Wedding Reception - Berger/Burch, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Aug. 20</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery

### Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 20):

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 45:1-15 † Psalm 133 † Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 † Matthew 15:21-28



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