

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 2018 † 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.*

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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” BWV 654

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 488

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

*Confession — page 94, front of the hymnal

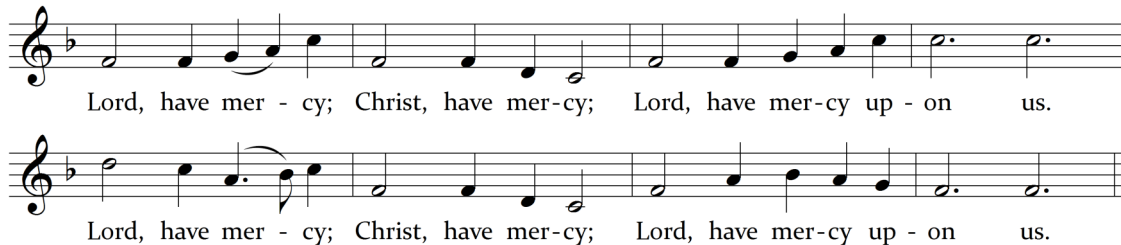
*Greeting

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

C And also with you.

*Kyrie

LAND OF REST

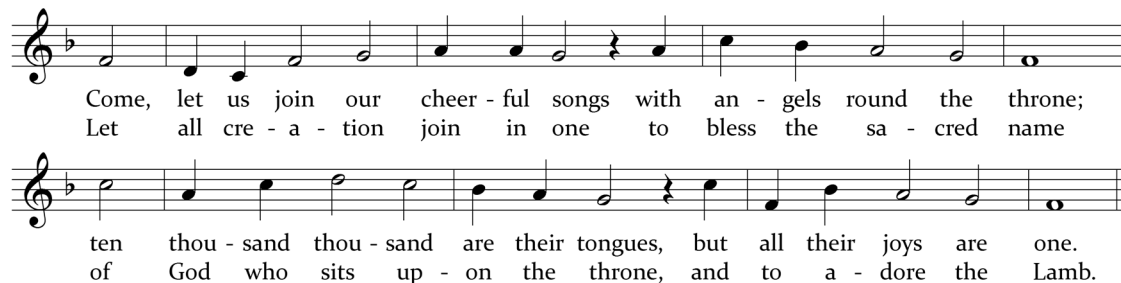


Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

*Canticle of Praise

NUN DANKET ALL



Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Proverbs 9:1-6

Pew Bible, page 516

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 34:9-14

Antiphon: Kristina Langlois

Antiphon: Those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.



- ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**
- ¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.
- ¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**
- ¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.
- ¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.** *Antiphon*

After the reading:

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

***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 — John 6:51-58**

Spark Story Bible, page 426; Pew Bible, page 868

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 426

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,
- Ⓑ hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

Tarkel Price, trombone

***Offering Hymn**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple here be-low;
praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. A-men.

***Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

AI **Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you present to us not only this bread and this cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.**

Fill us again by these signs of your grace that we may hunger, not for food, but for your justice, and thirst, not for drink, but for your righteousness.

In your name we pray. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.**
- ☐ Lift up your hearts.
- ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y! Ear - ly in the
morn - ing our song shall rise to thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and
might - y! God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*Eucharistic Prayer

*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.

Hymn — No. 469

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

Anthem — “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

John Rutter

Hansen Family Choir

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- P** God, you have fed us with your very self.
- A** We say thank you.
- P** You have made us one in the body of Christ.
- A** We say thank you.
- P** You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
- A** We say thank you.
- P** Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing, may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace, and bless you now and forever.
- A** Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “Voices Raise to You”**

SONG OF PRAISE

Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the
songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es -
for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

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***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Fanfare”

Michael Helman



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Olaf Hall-Holt
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Tarkel Price
Trombone	Tarkel Price
Piano	Karen Fossum
Choir	Hansen Family Choir
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	TBD
Coffee Service	Marilyn Boschee, Barbara Dettle, Herb and Pat Fick, Marilyn Jacobson, Georgene Johnson
Nursery	Anne France, Cora McBroom
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:00) Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Portions of the Liturgy: *ELW Holy Communion, Setting Ten*.

Our Summer Worship Schedule

Summer worship services will be at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
with coffee and fellowship between services.

Our fall worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 16, 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.*

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Ralph Nitz by his children Christine, Carolyn, David, and Mary on the 100th anniversary of his birth in Milwaukee, WI. 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. Dates available: September 2, 16, 23 & 30. 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 Flowers are given in honor of Ruth Hansen's 95th birthday. Her family will be serving birthday cake between services.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

Tomorrow Evening's Topic: Religious freedom is often cited as an American value, but its meaning in practice has often been in dispute. What does it mean to you that you have freedom of religion? What does it mean to support someone else's religious freedom if their views are very different from yours? And who defines what a religion is? When might one person's freedom impinge on another's? These thorny issues are discussed in an article available at the Welcome Desk, and we'll talk about how faith and freedom intersect. Join us at Froggy Bottoms - all are welcome! Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

Usher in the fall season on August 26 with Apple Sunday!

Everyone is invited to enjoy an apple concoction between services in St. John's Hall. Join in creating the celebration by bringing a dessert, or offering your services in helping to make coffee, plate desserts, or clean up. Decorators and donators of cut flowers and greens are needed! Please sign up in the Commons, or online, or by calling Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429.

Accompany Newcomer Gatherings 2018-2019

St. John's welcomes people new to our community into life together through a series of gatherings called *Accompany*. This year these will start in September, and culminate in the Easter season of 2019. Have you been wanting to learn more about St. John's? Please let Pastor Pam, Pastor Jonathan, or Christy Hall-Holt, Accompany Coordinator, know so that we can get in touch with you about upcoming events. Christy can be reached at 507-645-4429 or by email at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Back -2- School Supplies

This year St. John's is adding the local TORCH program to our annual LWR school kit/backpack program. 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.

Announcements (continued)

Meals on Wheels Sign Up on Sundays in the Commons

Sign ups will be available on Sundays August 19 & 26 and September 9, 16 & 23 (or until the spots are filled). You can also sign up on-line. St. John's has 98 spots to fill for delivering Meals on Wheels from September 16 - October 13.

Might You Be Our Next Northfield CROP Hunger Walk Champion?

We are looking for a St. John's person or people who would be enthusiastic about working on the Northfield CROP Hunger Walk steering team and acting as a point person for St. John's this year. St. John's participation has historically been integral to the success of the walk and we hope to continue our congregation's support. For more information, please contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org or by phone at 507-645-4429.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at 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.

Children and Youth Ministries

Volunteers do make a difference! An ambitious array of children and youth activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John's members - parents, grandparents, anyone! Please consider volunteering with programming this fall on a Sunday Morning or Wednesday afternoon/evening. We need volunteers to teach and/or help with a variety of activities. Please talk with Julie Brehmer or Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or check out the volunteer opportunities in the registration packet. P.S.: High School students - talk with Julie how you can connect with our younger kids on Sundays and Wednesdays!

Online Registration for Children and Youth 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 school year plus information on how to volunteer for upcoming events and programs. We appreciate registrations turned in by August 26 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.

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

Jane Koskovich, Micah Sponheim

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Dick Dahlin, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg,
Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Bette Quinnell,
Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Rodney and 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; Randy 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.

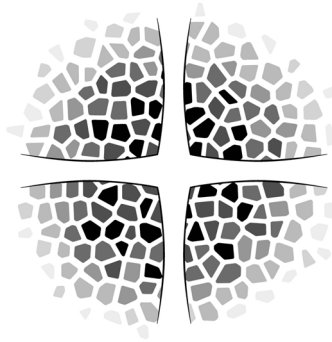
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 26):

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 † Psalm 34:15-22 † Ephesians 6:10-20 † John 6:56-69

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Aug. 20	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottom's Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Aug. 21	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bone Builders - SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Personnel Committee, Undercroft Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Aug. 22		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, Aug. 23	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, Aug. 24	8:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bone Builders- SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Wedding Rehearsal - Britain / Cain, Sanctuary
Saturday, Aug. 25	3:00 p.m.	Wedding - Britain / Cain, Sanctuary
Sunday, Aug. 26	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Apple Sunday with Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery



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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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