



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 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 — “Andante Cantabile” from *Violin Sonata No. 2*

J. S. Bach, arr. Rhett Barnwell

Elinor Niemisto, harp

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. 532

“Gather Us In”

*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 God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon
you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and
constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

*Gospel — Matthew 15:21-28

Pew Bible, page 797

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th 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 — No. 721

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Sing twice.

(8:30) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of hymnal, pages 227-231*

*The Triune God claims **John Michael England** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. John's parents are William and Kristin England, and his sponsors are Sarah Breit, Hannah Freeman, and John Ophaug.*

☐ People of God, do you promise to support John and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

☑ **We do.**

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — No. 211

“You Have Put on Christ”

During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of hymnal, page 230*

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Baptism

Welcome

P People of God, John is our new brother in Christ,
Let the people say, Amen!

A Amen!

P He is a worker with you in the kingdom of God,
Let the people say, Welcome!

A Welcome!

P John belongs to God forever,
Let the people shout Alleluia!

A Alleluia!

Baptismal Hymn — No. 211

“You Have Put on Christ”

(10:45) ***The Apostles’ Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

*Prayers of Intercession

Sing refrain as directed:

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*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:

“Spirituals Medley”

arr. Joyce Rice

Elinor Niemisto and Jeanette Pelletier, harp

***Offering Hymn**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

***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.

Solo — "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Rhett Barnwell

Hymn — No. 471

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

***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** — No. 650

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Fanfare on MCKEE”

Charles Callahan



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruth Smestad Anglin
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Harp	Elinor Niemisto and Jeanette Pelletier
Communion Preparer	Debby Becker
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) Pam Schwandt
Communion Clean Up	Janet Lotegeluaki
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rick Hillard (10:00) TBD
Coffee	Herb and Pat Fick, Kristin Partlo
Nursery	Connie Menssen, Lucy Menssen
Counters	Char Carlson, Chris and Martha Erickson, Dwayne Hoffrogge
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:00) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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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.

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 17 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 with thanks for God's many gifts by Bob and Marilyn Matta. 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.

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

We are happy to announce the launch of our new website at 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

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.

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!

From the Peace & Justice Group...

Learn more about municipal IDs for Northfield during coffee time on Sundays from August 20-September 10. Look for the marked table in the Commons.

The Pastors' Emergency Fund is a fund designated for providing for the emergency needs of members of the congregation and the Northfield community. Your gifts might keep someone's heat on or help them stay in their home in a time of crisis. The fund is currently low; gifts can be designated in the offering to Pastors' Emergency Fund.

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 or Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or rnkluver@gmail.com.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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.

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (August 27):

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 † Psalm 138 † Romans 12:1-8 † Matthew 16:13-20

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

Bob Gelle, Ruth Hansen, Avis Reed

Those celebrating the baptism of

John Michael England, son of Kristin (Ophaug) and William England

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Myron Solid

Family of Rosemary Roehl (Mother of Carolyn Melby)

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, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom,

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

All who are homebound, including

Cliff Gilomen, Richard and Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen

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

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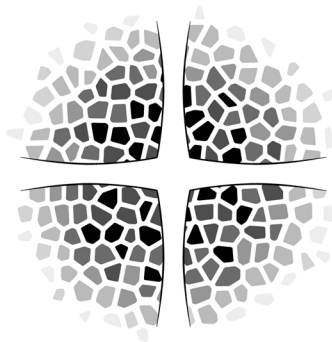
Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

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. 21	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
Tuesday, Aug. 22	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Laura Baker Services Association Learning Fair
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters, Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Aug. 23	6:00 p.m.	Divorce Support Group for Men, Youth Room
		Summer Suppers, Offsite
Thursday, Aug. 24	9:30 a.m.	School Kit Event Planning, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Myron Solid
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Myron Solid, Sanctuary
Friday, Aug. 25	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Aug. 26		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Aug. 27	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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