



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 25, 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.*

**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.  
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 — Gavotte et 5 Doubles

Jean Philippe Rameau

*Jo Ann Polley, clarinet*

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Gathering Hymn — “How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
3. “When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
4. “When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
5. “The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,  
is laid for your faith in God’s ex - cel - lent word!  
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;  
What more can be said than to you God has said,  
I’ll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
I’ll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake.”

Text: J. Rippon, 1787

### \*Greeting

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

### \*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us the strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### (10:00) Children's Message

**First Reading** — Isaiah 58:9b-14

Pew Bible, page 600

*After the reading:*

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

### \*Gospel Acclamation

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.

*Before the reading:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> 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. 521

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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

*The Triune God proclaims **Marit Rose Wanken** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Marit's parents are Bridget Draxler and Matthew Wanken, and her sponsors are Lindsey and Nicholas Spence.*

☐ People of God, do you promise to support Marit and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☑ **We do.**

\***Profession of Faith** — *page 229*

\***Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

\***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *page 230*

**Baptism**

**Welcome**

**Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”

(10:00) \*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:

2<sup>me</sup> Gigue en Rondeau

J. P. Rameau

\*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

- Ⓐ Let us pray.
- Ⓒ **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

- Ⓐ 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!

## \*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.*

*On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.*

## 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 — 1<sup>er</sup> Menuet and 2<sup>me</sup> Menuet

J. P. Rameau

Hymn — No. 614

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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:*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 673

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — “Poco vivace” from *Kleine Präludien und Intermezzi* Hermann Schroeder



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

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Emmanuel Kaghondi
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Keith Holmstad, Jane Rinehart (10:00) Kristin Partlo, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	(8:30) Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:00) Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Cleanup	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:00) Jane Gelle, Marilyn McRae Raadt
Nursery	Julie Brehmer
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Ruth Dahl, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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# St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

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

**October 26-28**

Our **Capstone Event** will include something for everyone...kids, neighbors, history buffs, and people who just love to get together, share food, and celebrate.

## Children and Youth Ministries

### Online Registration for Children and Youth 2019-2020 School Year!

Check out St. John's website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org) 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 as soon as possible for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer or Emmanuel Kaghondi/Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429, if you have questions regarding programming.

### *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 Emmanuel Kaghondi/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!*

## Shared Ministry

*Sign ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.*

### Summer Sunday Hospitality Ends Sunday, September 1!

During the summer, we open signups for the roles of greeting, coffee service, and communion prep and cleanup to the whole congregation. Yes, that means everyone is invited! **We still need volunteers for next Sunday, September 1.** Please check out what opportunities are still available to help serve. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Commons, or sign up online at: [https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group\\_detail.php?group=136](https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/group_detail.php?group=136).

### Attention September Hospitality Group...

Signups are now available for you to commit to serving in September. You can sign up are on the bulletin board in the Commons or online thru CCB. Thank you!

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Nathan Proctor's fifth anniversary as our Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts by his parents Duane and Jewel Proctor. 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: October 20 & 27 and November 3, 10, 17 & 24. 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.

**Join us in St. John's Hall today between services as we celebrate Nathan Proctor's five years of ministry at St. John's.**

**Rejoice Ringers** is looking to add musicians to the adult handbell ensemble as regular ringers and on call substitutes. Join Zachery Pelletier (director) and current Rejoice members today between services and/or this Thursday, August 29, at 6:00 p.m. for a handbell 'open house.' We will gather in the balcony to answer questions and take a lesson on ringing techniques. We hope that you will consider joining a fun, dedicated, and hard working group that enhances the worship life of St. John's and beyond. Contact Zack directly, [bells@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:bells@StJohnsNorthfield.org), with any questions.

**Are you interested in a piece of the old Fellowship Hall floor?**

Wood pieces are available downstairs by the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Help yourself. The pieces will be available until August 29.

**Summer Pub Theology Book Read**

**Monday, August 26, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Home of Patsy Ophaug (6385 134th St. E, Northfield)**

For the last two Pub Theologies of the summer, we've decided to have a little book club. We will be reading *Dear Church: A Love Letter From a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US* by Rev. Lenny Duncan. Please consider purchasing the book at Content, if you can. We will discuss Part 2 of the book tomorrow. Please bring a beverage of your choice to enjoy and/or to share!

**Meals on Wheels**

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 15, through Saturday, October 12. Many volunteers are needed to fill the 98 spots. You can sign up for this important ministry of care for elderly and disabled members of our community on Sundays August 25 or September 1, in the Commons or online thru CCB. For further information contact Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429 or [connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or Kathy Shea at 507-581-6047 or [kathleen.louise.shea@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.louise.shea@gmail.com).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **St. John's Pizza Evening at Berne Wood-Fired Pizza**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Zwingli United Church of Christ (23148 County Highway 24, West Concord, MN 55985)**

Feeling bad that you missed St. John's Pizza evening at Red Barn Farm? Wipe away those tears - the Adult Ministry & Education Board has another summer pizza opportunity for you. All are invited to Zwingli United Church of Christ for wood-fired pizza and music. Check out the website for more information: [www.bernepizza.org](http://www.bernepizza.org). It's a 45 minute drive from St. John's to Zwingli UCC. One carpool will depart from the St. John's parking lot at 4:30 p.m., another at 5:15 p.m. Need a ride? Have an extra spot in your vehicle? Email Merilyn Calcutt or Rob Quanbeck.

## **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 list in the Commons.

## **Eighteenth Convention of the Southeastern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization**

**Saturday, September 21, 9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna**

Green registration forms can be found on the Women of St. John's bulletin board in the Commons or by contacting Maribeth Beck at 507-663-0562.

## **Fantasy Football Leagues to Benefit St John's Youth**

Open to everyone of all ages...let's make this an inter-generational activity. 100% of entry fees will go to support St John's youth. Participants will have fun and play for a trophy that will be engraved with the winner's name. Depending on the number of participants there will be multiple leagues of 10-12 teams each. The cost is \$20 per team. Please email Scott Boehning to sign up and get more information: [sboehning329@gmail.com](mailto:sboehning329@gmail.com).

## **Time to Join in the Fun!**

Open Door, a four star parent aware program, located in the lower level of St John's, is accepting enrollment for the 2019-20 school year. Open Door offers Pathway / Parent Aware scholarships as well as scholarships through Open Door Preschool. For further information and to see what makes our program unique, be sure to visit our website: [www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org](http://www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org) or call our Director, Barb Howe at: 507-645-8532 x1.

## **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://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.

## **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*

Fred Gonnerman, Mary White

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Marit Rose Wanken, daughter of Bridget Draxler and Matthew Wanken

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Walter Lee

*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*

Lester Gunderson, Bob Noreen, Elaine Feroe

*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 [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 1):**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 25:6-7 † Psalm 112 † Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 † Luke 14:1, 7-14

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

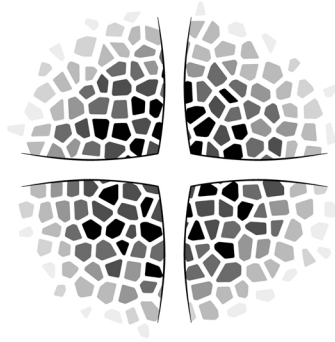
*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Mon., Aug. 26</b>	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Home of Patsy Ophaug
<b>Tue., Aug. 27</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wed., Aug. 28</b>	5:00 p.m.	Pizza Evening at Berne Wood-Fire Pizza, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Aug. 29</b>	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Open House, Balcony
<b>Friday, Aug. 30</b>	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Tai Chi Chih, St. John's Library
<b>Saturday, Aug. 31</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Sep. 1</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
<b>Monday, Sep. 2</b>		Labor Day - Church Office and Building Closed

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> for the October Anniversary Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)  
Thank you.



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