



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 26, 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** — “Duet in B-flat”

Nicholas Chédeville, arr. A. den Arend

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 408

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

**\*Confession** — *page 94, front of the hymnal*

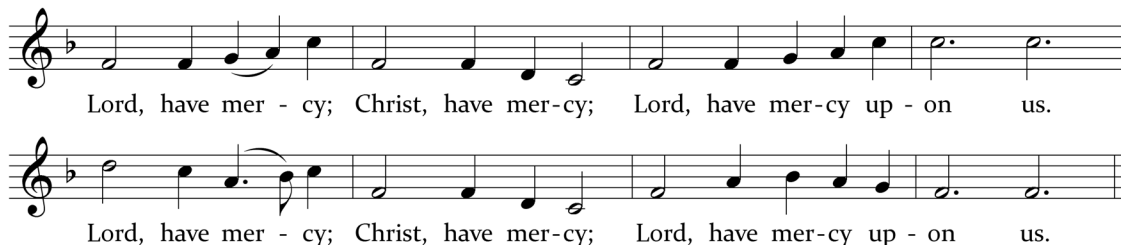
## \*Greeting

**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

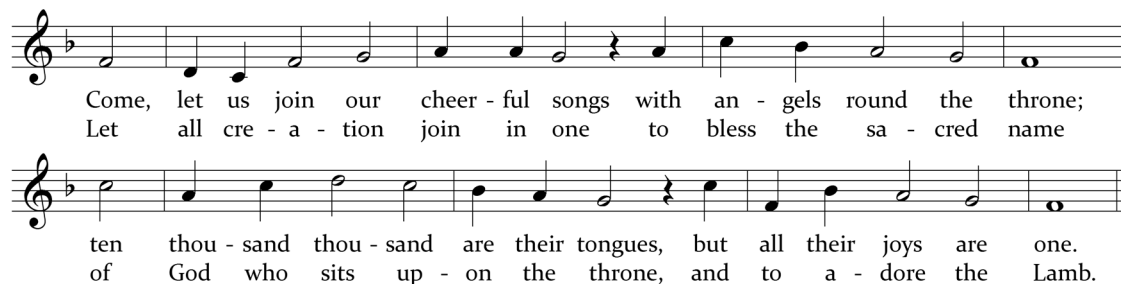


Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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## \*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**

- ☐ Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal.  
Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing  
what is false and evil, we may live in you, through you Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

**Children’s Message**

**Psalmody** — Psalm 34:15-22

Antiphon: Bruce Bengtson

*Antiphon: The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous.*



- <sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,  
and God’s ears are open | to their cry.
- <sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,  
to erase the remembrance of them | from the earth.**
- <sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them  
and delivers them from | all their troubles.
- <sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted  
and saves those whose spir- | its are crushed. Antiphon**
- <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles | of the righteous,  
but the LORD delivers them from | every one.
- <sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe | all their bones;  
not one of them | shall be broken.**
- <sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death | to the wicked  
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
- <sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. Antiphon**

*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel — John 6:56-69**

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

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<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 of the Day — No. 810

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

## \*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:*

Sonata No. 1 from *Six Canonic Studies*

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Paul Beck and Fletcher Coolidge, trombone*

## \*Offering Hymn

OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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.

**A** **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

- 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:

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. 494

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Hymn — No. 689

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

## 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 — “Blessed Assurance”**

ASSURANCE



Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
watching and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.





This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude — on ASSURANCE**

Dan Miller



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	David Norman
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Viveka Hall-Holt
Trombones	Paul Beck and Fletcher Coolidge
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Brenda Bultman, Angie Gehring, Shirley Keltto
Nursery	Anne France, Elsa Hoff
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Bill and Char Carlson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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



# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Nathan Proctor's four year 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. Dates available: September 23 & 30 and October 14, 21 & 28. 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**

Tomorrow Night's Topic: *Is Pub Theology a Waste of Time?*

As we close out our summer season of Pub Theology, it is a good chance to reflect on this weekly gathering. We'll be discussing what these weekly discussions mean for you and your life of faith. How has this group been influential in your own spiritual journey? What opportunities or avenues of discussion would you like to tackle in the future? Check out this article to ground our discussion:

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/bryan-berghoef/pub-theology-is-a-waste-o\\_b\\_4213274.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/bryan-berghoef/pub-theology-is-a-waste-o_b_4213274.html).

Contact Pastor Jonathan ([jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org)) to add your name to the email list.

## **St. John's is Searching for a Kitchen and Hospitality Coordinator**

This position is 10-15 hours a week, coordinating St. John's hospitality on Sundays, at funerals, and in other special events, with special attention to roles that require kitchen use. This position will replace Mary Kelvie's now that she has moved. Applications are due September 30. A position description may be found at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Coordinator of the Prayer Chain**

The St. John's Prayer Chain is a group of people who agree to be part of an email group that periodically receives notices on behalf of those who would like people to pray for themselves or loved ones. The Prayer Chain is completely separate from notifications for the Sunday service bulletin and is confidential. St. John's is seeking a new volunteer coordinator of the Prayer Chain. The coordinator's name, phone number, and email appear in the bulletin, and s/he is responsible for setting up an email group, receiving periodic calls or emails from the pastors or congregation members, and then passing them along to the rest of the members of the Prayer Chain. If interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Pastor Pam or Pastor Jonathan.

## **Meals on Wheels Sign Up on Sundays in the Commons**

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

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **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](mailto:connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

### **One More Sunday of Summer Sunday Hospitality Left:**

#### **Greeters, Communion Prep/Clean Up, & Coffee Service Needed**

Will you be in town next Sunday? This is the last Sunday that our whole congregation is asked to provide hospitality on Sunday morning. Haven't done this before? No problem! Let Christy Hall-Holt, or Leah Garlie in the church office know, and we will provide training. Sign ups are available online, or on the Commons sign up sheets, emailing [Christy](mailto:Christy) or simply call us at 507-645-4429.

### **Love to be with children? Enjoy leading children in music? Good at organizing/paperwork? Can prepare/assemble snacks? Enjoy assisting/team teaching? Children's Ministry needs you!**

Flexible dates for most volunteer positions including Sunday mornings and Wednesday after school programs. Contact Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or check out the St. John's website; click on "Serving Others," "Volunteer Opportunities" to see descriptions of volunteer opportunities. Thanks for considering!

### **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.

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

### **Online Registration for Children and Youth 2018-2019 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 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 if you have questions.

## 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 celebrating the marriage of*

Meagan Britain and Bradley Cain

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Richard Dahlin

Family of Dorothy Anderson (mother of Mary Polzin)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, 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*

Donna Kallestad, Joan Carlson, Arlene Sivanich

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

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 2):**

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 † Psalm 15 † James 1:17-27 † Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

# This Week At-a-Glance

<b>Monday, Aug. 27</b>	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner Followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottom's Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 28</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	*SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room Church Council, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Aug. 29</b>	5:15 p.m.	Youth Transition Team: Youth Session, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Aug. 30</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Friday, Aug. 31</b>	8:45 a.m.	*SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Sep. 1</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Sep. 2</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery

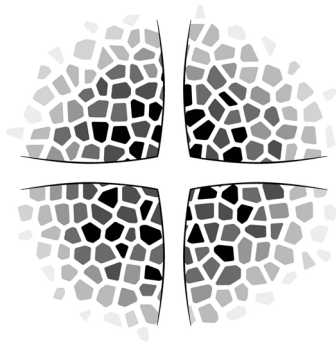
*\*Bone Builders is now SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life)*

## **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.*



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