

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 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 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Richard Proulx

1. Diapasons
2. Cornet
3. Ayre
4. Trumpet Tune

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. 645

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

*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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock
of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son,
that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 51:1-6

Pew Bible, page 594

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 138

Antiphon: LORD, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.



- ¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.
- ³**When I called, you | answered me;**
you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,**
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. *Antiphon*
- ⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.
- ⁷**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;**
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.
- ⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;**
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands. *Antiphon*

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- The word of the Lord.
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***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 16:13-20**

Pew Bible, page 798

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th 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. 655

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

***Prayers of Intercession**

- Ⓛ 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:

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Rend Collective

Mike and Rachel Skunes

***Offering Hymn**

OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). 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."

*Offering Prayer

℣ Let us pray.

☩ **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

℣ 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:

℣ “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.*

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 — "Holy Spirit"

Francesca Battistelli

Hymn — No. 576

"We All Are One in Mission"

*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

Recognition of Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Mike Skunes

***Sending Blessings to Mike and Rachel Skunes**

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — “Go My Children, with My Blessing” *stanza 1* AR HYD Y NOS

“Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🎵 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Poco vivace” from *Kleine Präludien*

Hermann Schroeder



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Hall-Holt Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Rachel Skunes
Guitar	Mike Skunes
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Larry Christenson, Jane Rinehart (10:00) Dick Beckmen, Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Preparer	Craig Schultz
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Dale Schuette
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Duane and Marie Benson, Marilyn Boschee
Coffee	Rusty and Nancy Kløver
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Amy Boxrud, Sue Brockman, Otto and LaVerne Reitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Greg Pelletier, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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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.

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 tomorrow for returning members. Visitors and new members are invited to register at any time during the year. Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org, if you have questions regarding programming.

Children and Youth Ministries Need You!

*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 on a Sunday Morning or Wednesday afternoon/evening. We need volunteers to teach and/or help with a variety of activities. Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org 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!*

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Gene Schrader by family and friends. 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 13 & 17 and October 1, 15, 22 & 29. 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

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.

Pitch in to help build the 2017 Habitat for Humanity House

Thursday, August 31, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity helps our community with one of its most pressing problems - affordable housing. We are looking for 6 volunteers (age 18+ no experience necessary) for the build site, and 4 people to provide a mid-day meal that day. To sign up contact Shared Ministry Co-Coordinator Christy Hall-Holt by phone at 507-645-4429 or email at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Hope to see you on the build site!

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.

Mike & Rachel’s Goodbye Reception

Today, from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.



Join us for worship,
a reception after 2nd service in St. John’s Hall,
followed by lunch out at Central Park.

We will have a pizza lunch (if you are coming for lunch,
please bring your beverage and a snack to share).

Everyone is welcome!

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Harold L. Brooks (brother of Regina Wilson)

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

Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman

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, or contact a pastor.

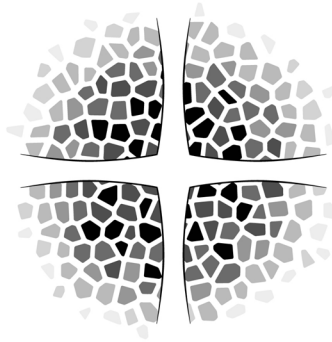
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Aug. 28	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205 Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Undercroft Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Aug. 29	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
Wed., Aug. 30	12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, Aug. 31	8:00 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity - St. John's Build Day, Offsite
Friday, Sep. 1	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 2		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Sep. 3	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery
Monday, Sep. 4		Labor Day - Building Closed

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 3):

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21 † Psalm 26:1-8 † Romans 12:9-21 † Matthew 16:21-28



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