



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 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** — “Allegretto” from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 641

“All Are Welcome”

*Verses 1-3*

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** God of mercy,

**C** **we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and  
distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else.  
We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors  
in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ,  
forgiving us † all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.  
For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*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.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

- P** O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

First Reading — Proverbs 25:6-7

Pew Bible, page 530

*After the reading:*

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 112

TALLIS' CANON

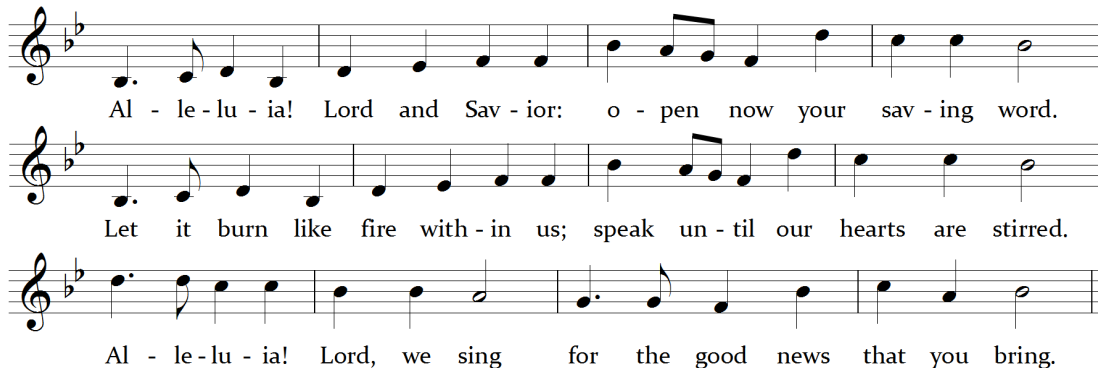
How blest are those who fear the Lord, and great-ly love God's ho - ly will.  
A - bound-ing wealth shall bless their home, their right-eous-ness for - e'er en - dure.  
The peo - ple who be - friend the weak in jus - tice shall their cause main-tain.  
By e - vil tid - ings not dis-mayed the right-eous trust in God a - lone.

Their chil - dren share their great re-ward, and bless-ings all their days shall fill.  
To them shall light a - rise in gloom, for they are mer - ci - ful and pure.  
True peace shall their whole life at-tend, and long their mem-ory shall re - main.  
Their heart is stead - fast, un - a - fraid, for they shall see their foes o'er-thrown.

*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.

**\*Gospel — Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<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. 479

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

**\*Apostles' Creed**

*Front of hymnal, page 105*

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** 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:*

"I Come with Joy"

Walter Pelz

**\*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.*

## 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. 468

"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

Hymn — No. 656

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## \*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. 482**

“I Come with Joy”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude — “Finale” from Concerto No. 5**

G. F. Handel



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

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Server	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Darlene Hand
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marcia Yernberg (10:00) TBD
Coffee Service	John and Gordeen Gorder
Nursery	Anne France
Counters	David Norman, Ted Peterson, Elden and Solveig Zempel
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:00) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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## **Fall Worship Schedule**

Our fall worship schedule will begin on Sunday, September 15, with worship services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. with learning and fellowship between services.

## **Important Dates to Remember**

### **Wednesday, September 11**

Orientation for Wednesday Programs for Grades K-12 and Parents  
Open House for Preschool Sunday School  
St. John's Chorale begins new season. Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, September 15**

Sunday School (Preschool - Grade 5) and Middle School Youth Group Begins

### **Wednesday, September 18**

Afterschool Programming Begins  
Confirmation and High School Youth Group Begin  
Wednesday Night Meals Resume

*Check the Voice for times and locations as well as other upcoming events.*

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

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

### **Thursday, October 24**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

### **Friday, October 25**

Silent Movie with John Ferguson

### **Saturday, October 26**

Morning Talks & Tour and Capstone Evening Dinner

### **Sunday, October 27**

Church Services Debuting 150<sup>th</sup> Commissioned Music  
Intergenerational Event Between Services

*Check the Voice and the posters around the church for more details including times and locations.*

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Phil and Barb Eaves in gratitude for St. John's radio ministry. 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.

**An All Congregation Photo** is planned for Sunday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. After a Sunday School Open House where children have met their teachers, we will all gather in the Sanctuary for a group picture to mark our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Bring your best smiles and join us for a picture that will be included in a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary time capsule as we capture this moment in time of our congregation.

## **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 today 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) Kathy Shea at 507-581-6047 or [kathleen.louise.shea@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.louise.shea@gmail.com).

## **Pub Theology Moves to Fall Schedule**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the Month, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms**

*\*Please Note: We will not meet Monday, September 2, due to Labor Day.*

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

## **Courageous Conversations: Bold Actions - Stories from the Border**

**Thursday, September 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Kathy Chatelain (Assistant to the Bishop for Global Missions) will share stories and video from interfaith border ministries in the El Paso/Las Cruces region. Opportunities will be offered for making a difference through local efforts as well as signing up for week-long immersion/volunteer trips to the border. Open to the public.

## **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).

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **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.

### **150 Years of Great Music – Organ and Clarinet Recital**

**Sunday, September 15 at 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Join Nathan Proctor and Jo Ann Polley for a fun afternoon of music for organ, piano, and clarinet!

### **Thank you to all who supported our August 19<sup>th</sup> blood drive.**

We are at 77 pints toward our goal of 150 pints for 150 years! Our final blood drive in St John's Hall is October 24, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **Accompany Newcomer Gatherings 2019-2020**

*Accompany* is the entry point for newcomers to St. John's. Based on the ancient catechumenate, it is grounded on the assumption that becoming part of a church is both a spiritual process as well as a relational one. We expect that we all will be "re-formed" by your presence with us.

What will *Accompany* look like this year?

- Come find out at the Newcomer Welcome Lunch with St. John's staff after second service on Sunday, September 22.
- Brings newcomers and longer-time members together on Sundays between services for coffee, treats, and time together.
- Invites the sharing of life experiences, asking questions, and reflecting on scripture through *lectio divina*.
- During the 2019-2020 program year, we will have two sessions of *Accompany*, one in the fall and the other beginning in February.

Have you been wanting to find out more about St. John's? Do you have questions about this? Please get in touch with Pastors Pam or Jonathan, or Christy Hall-Holt to talk about *Accompany*.

## **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.

## **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*

Mary White

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Fred Gonnerman

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, 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*

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

*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 8):**

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 † Psalm 1 † Philemon 1-21 † Luke 14:25-33

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

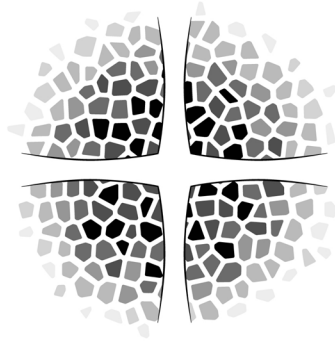
*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Sep. 2</b>		Labor Day - Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Tue., Sep. 3</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Sep. 4</b>	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Sep. 5</b>	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Visitation - Walter Lee, Commons Funeral - Walter Lee, Sanctuary Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Sep. 6</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, Sep. 7</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Sep. 8</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
<b>Monday, Sep. 9</b>	8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Visitation - Fred Dahl, Commons Funeral - Fred Dahl, Sanctuary Canceled - Manna & Mercy Text Study

## **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.