



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 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 — “Praeambulum in G Major”

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*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

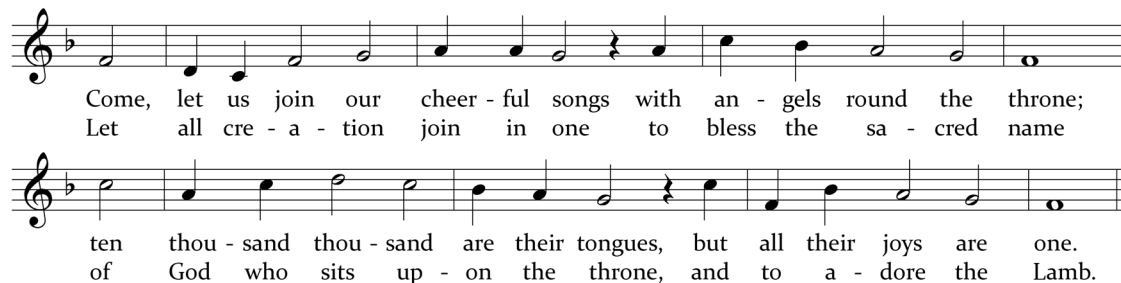


Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

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

*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

P O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Pew Bible, page 140

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.


C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 15

DOVE OF PEACE



Lord, who may dwell with - in your house or on your ho - ly
Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or
You pure in heart on Zi - on's hill, your joy - ful songs now



hill? Those who do good and speak the truth, whose
gain; all those who do such things shall live and
raise. In one ac - cord lift up your voice, sing



lives are blame - less still, whose lives are blame - less still;
safe from harm re - main, and safe from harm re - main.
forth your songs of praise, sing forth your songs of praise!

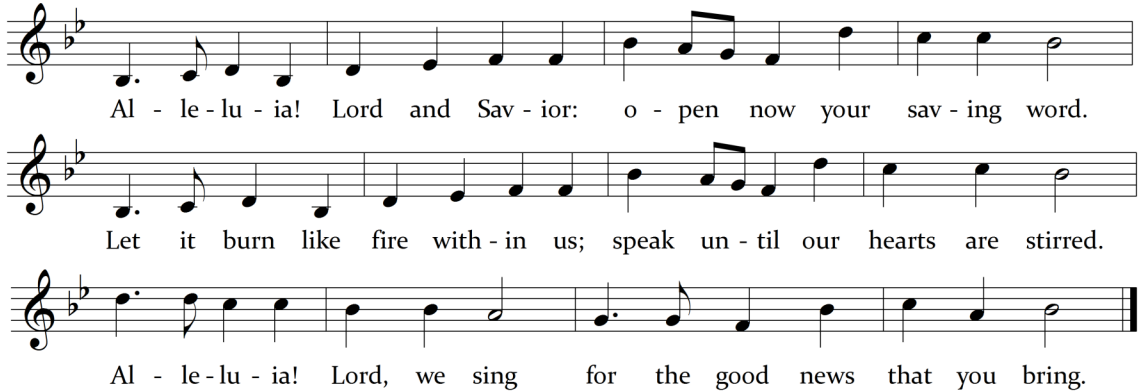
Psalm paraphrase by Christopher Webber and Hal Hopson.

After the reading:

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

***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 — Mark 7:1-23**

Pew Bible, page 818

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th 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. 717

“Let Justice Flow like Streams”

*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:

"This Is My Father's World"

Mark Sedio

***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**

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. 772

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Hymn — No. 676

"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

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 — “This Is My Father’s World”**

TERRA PATRIS



This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

***Dismissal**

☪ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☪ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Declamation on ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’”

Craig Phillips



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Sue Brockman
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Dale and Karen Schuette
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Char Carlson, Chuck and Anita Hellie, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, 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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Portions of the Liturgy: *ELW Holy Communion, Setting Ten*.

Fall Worship Schedule

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.*

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Brynhild Rowberg in memory of Andrew, Marie, and Leland Rowberg. 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.

Pub Theology Moves to Fall Schedule

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

**Please Note: We will not meet Monday, September 3, due to Labor Day.*

Contact Pastor Jonathan (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.

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 Sundays September 9, 16 & 23 (or until the spots are filled). You can also sign up online (you can find a link on our website). St. John's has 98 spots to fill for delivering Meals on Wheels from September 16 - October 13.

Harvest Bounty - BYOB (bring your own bag)

Sogn Valley Farm will be sharing excess organic produce with St John's again this year. The first donations arrived last week, and will continue through the end of harvest time. Bring a bag with you on Sundays and on Wednesdays (Wednesday Night Meals resume on September 19) to take advantage of the delicious produce. Not sure what about what things might be, or how to use them? Just ask Kristy Harms.

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.

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 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.

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.

Children and Youth Ministries

Online Registration for Children and Youth 2018-2019 School Year!

Check out St. John's website at 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 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 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 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

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, Cliff Gilomen

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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 9):

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:407a † Psalm 146 † James 2:1-10, 14-17 † Mark 7:24-37

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sep. 3		Labor Day - Church Office and Building Closed
Tuesday, Sep. 4	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	*SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., Sep. 5	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite NAIA Meeting, St. John's Hall
Thursday, Sep. 6		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, Sep. 7	8:45 a.m.	*SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 8	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Sep. 9	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery

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

Important Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 12

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.

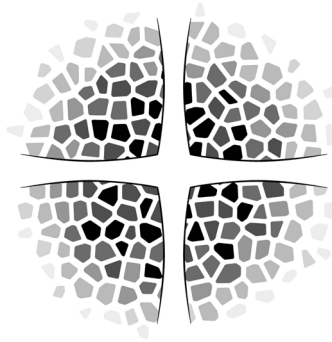
Sunday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 19

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.



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Melissa Berthelsen, *Parish Nurse*

Julie Brehmer, *Director of Children's Ministry*

Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*

Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*

Angie Gehring, *Youth Support Staff*

Christy Hall-Holt / Mary Kelvie, *Shared Ministry Coordinators*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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