



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 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** — *Concerto for Bassoon, K.V. 191*  
II. Andante ma Adagio

W. A. Mozart

*Thea Groth, bassoon*

**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. 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

### \*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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the  
sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of  
obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 15:15-21

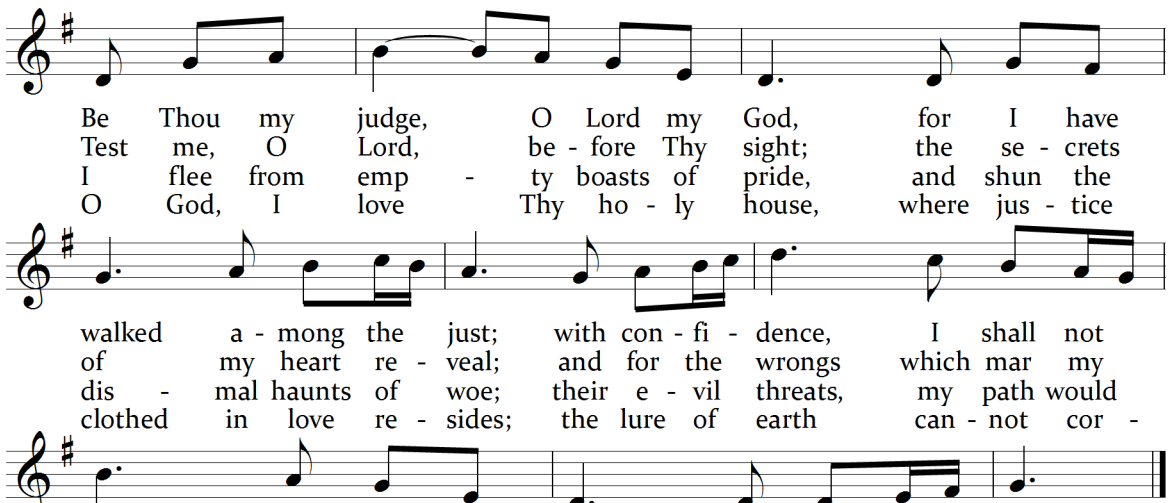
Pew Bible, page 626

*After the reading:*

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

Psalmody — Psalm 26:1-8

O WALY WALY



Be Thou my judge, O Lord my God, for I have  
Test me, O Lord, be - fore Thy sight; the se - crets  
I flee from emp - ty boasts of pride, and shun the  
O God, I love Thy ho - ly house, where jus - tice  
walked a - mong the just; with con - fi - dence, I shall not  
of my heart re - veal; and for the wrongs which mar my  
dis - mal haunts of woe; their e - vil threats, my path would  
clothed in love re - sides; the lure of earth can - not cor -  
fall, for al - ways Thou hast been my trust.  
cause, to thy great mer - cy, I ap - peal.  
spurn; Thy truth, my light, wher - e'er I go.  
rupt the soul which in thy grace a - bides.

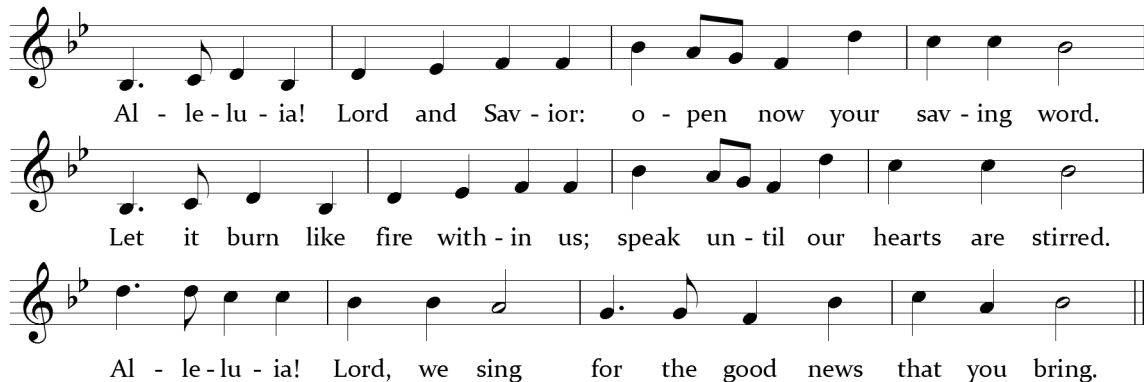
Text paraphrase by Michael Morgan.

*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 — Matthew 16:21-28**

Pew Bible, page 798

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16<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 — No. 798

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

\*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:*

"I Must Tell Jesus"

arr. Gary Lanier

**\*Offering Hymn**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

### \*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.*

## 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. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — “O Jesus, I Have Promised” *stanza 4*

MUNICH

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — “Lord God, Now Be Glorified” BWV 601

J. S. Bach



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Bassoon	Thea Groth
Communion Preparers	David and Susan Rudser
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Suzanne Pfau
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) David and Susan Rudser, Craig Schultz (10:00) Kristin Partlo, Marilyn McRae Raadt
Coffee	TBD
Nursery	TBD
Counters	David Norman, Ted Peterson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Keir Johnson, Andy Nelson (10:00) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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## **Fall Worship Begins on Sunday, September 10**

Our schedule will be:

8:30 a.m. – Worship

10:45 a.m. – Worship

## **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.*

## **Children and Youth Activities**

### **Orientation for Wednesday Afterschool Programming, CAT, and Confirmation**

#### **Wednesday, September 6**

- 5:30-6:00 p.m. - Wednesday After School Programming and CAT (Grades K-5)
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. - Confirmation (Grades 6-9)

### **Open House for Preschool 1 Sunday School**

#### **Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.**

All preschool children who are 3 by 9-1-17 are invited to attend our Preschool 1 Sunday school class this fall. St. John's Preschool Open House is September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 15 (lower level). This is a great chance to meet the teachers and help your little one feel more comfortable before the first day of Sunday school. Registration forms are available in the Commons or online at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

### **Sunday School and Life Groups Begin September 17**

#### **9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level**

Sunday School classes are for children who are age 3 (by 9-1-17) through grade 5, Life Groups are for youth in grades 6-9 and Life Group Guides are for youth in grades 10-12.

### **Remember to Register your Children and Youth Prior to the Start of 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. Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org), if you have questions regarding programming.

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Ginny Shaw by Brian and Nancy Gaffey. 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: October 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.

## **From the Peace & Justice Group...**

For more information about municipal IDs or to sign a petition of support, stop by the Fair Trade coffee table between services today and next Sunday.

**Relief for Hurricane Harvey** is underway through our ELCA partners at Lutheran Disaster Response. You can direct a check to St. John's to "hurricane response," or donate directly at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) by clicking on the Harvey banner.

## **Accompany Sample Session**

**Sunday, September 10, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room**

Accompany, St. John's process of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone, begins again on September 17. A *sample session* will be open to anyone curious next Sunday. We will meet to explain the process and give you a chance to try "dwelling in the Word."

## **Installation of Pastor Mark Johnson at First English Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, September 10, 9:00 a.m.**

Next Sunday, Pastor Mark Johnson will be installed as Lead Pastor at First English Lutheran Church in Faribault. There will be coffee hour following the service and a congregational meal served from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. All are welcome.

## **St. John's Women "Reconnection & Revelation"**

**Thursday, September 7, 1:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. View inspirational photos and video messages from July's Triennial. Be enlightened by anecdotes from women who experienced the Triennial first hand. And St. John's Women 2017-2018 theme revealed.

## **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](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or [rnkluver@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **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. You can also access the church calendar.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (@StJohnsNF). If you have pictures we could add to our Facebook site of the happenings of our church, please email them to: [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## Shared Ministry

*Sign-ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto: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 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](mailto: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!

# 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*

Myron Dack, Ruth Hansen, Avis Reed

*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*

Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson, 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; 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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

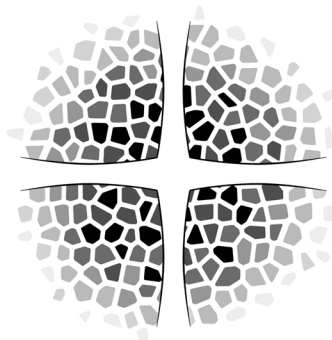
## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, Sep. 4</b>		Labor Day - Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 5</b>	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
<b>Wed., Sep. 6</b>	9:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Orientation: CAT and Wednesday Programming (Grades K-5) Orientation: Confirmation (Grades 6-9) Fundraising / 150th Sesquicentennial, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, Sep. 7</b>	1:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's "Reconnection & Revelation" Gathering, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Sep. 8</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Sep. 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, Sep. 10</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 10):**

#### *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Ezekiel 33:7-11 † Psalm 119:33-40 † Romans 13:8-14 † Matthew 18:15-20**



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.