

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 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** — Violin Sonata No. 2, Op. 13  
II. Allegretto tranquillo

Edvard Grieg

*Cate Carson, violin*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### \*Confession

**P** Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**C** Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Source of all life,

**C** we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen.

### \*Absolution

### \*Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

### \*Prayer of the Day

**P** O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading — Ezekiel 33:7-11**

Pew Bible, page 701

*After the reading:*

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

**Psalmody — Psalm 119:33-40**



<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.

<sup>35</sup>**Lead me in the path of | your commandments,**  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees**  
and not to | unjust gain.

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.

<sup>39</sup>**Turn away the reproach | that I dread,**  
because your judg- | ments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;**  
by your righteousness en- | liven me.

## **Second Reading — Romans 13:8-14**

Pew Bible, page 923

*After the reading:*

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

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef, a key signature of one flat, and common time. It contains four measures of music with lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia,' followed by a fermata over the last note. The second staff continues the melody with the same lyrics: 'al - le - lu - ia.'

## **\*Gospel — Matthew 18:15-20**

Pew Bible, page 799

*Before the reading:*

- ❑ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<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 — No. 648**

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

## **\*The Apostles’ Creed — Front of hymnal, page 127**

## \*Prayers of Intercession

**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:*

Partita No. 1 in B Minor, BWV 1002  
III. Sarabande - Double

J. S. Bach

## \*Offering Hymn

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

L Let us pray.

C God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

## \*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. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. Gluten-free wafers are available in the middle. After you have been served the bread, you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.*

## Music during Communion

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn — No. 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Hymn — No. 656

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

## \*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- P** God, you have fed us with your very self.  
**All** We say thank you.
- P** You have made us one in the body of Christ.  
**All** We say thank you.
- P** You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.  
**All** 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.
- All** Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” stanza 2

THE ASH GROVE

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

## \*Dismissal

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

## Postlude — on HYMN TO JOY

Albert L. Travis



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Tony Becker and Rebecca Judge
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Acolytes	(8:30) Carl Welbaum, Gus Welbaum (10:45) Mason Babbini, Max Williams
Violin	Cate Carson
Cantor	Cate Carson
Communion Preparers	David and Susan Rudser
Communion Clean Up	Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) David Brown, Mary Cisar (10:45) David Brown, John and Barbara Walters
Coffee and Treats	Michael Berger, Merilyn Calcutt, Brad and Nancy Kmoch, Anne Sovik
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brent Mueller, Alyssa Ness, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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### **St. John's Wednesday Night Meals**

Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall

Menu for Wednesday, September 13:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
with Coleslaw and Watermelon

All are welcome!

# **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.

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (September 10):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Peace & Justice Group: Table with Information on Municipal IDs, Commons

Accompany Sample Session (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

### **Next Week (September 17):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)

Life Groups: Grades 6-9 & Life Group Guides: Grades 10-12 (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Intergenerational School Kit Event (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

**YAY! It's that time of year again!**



■ **St. John's Annual  
bagging of the  
backpacks**

- This event is for everyone
- See you in St. John's Hall
- September 17, during the Sunday School hour

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Cora (on her birthday) & Elmer Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss and Family. 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 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.

## **Accompany Sample Session**

### **Today, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room**

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

## **Calling All Musicians!**

Rehearsals for all of our vocal and handbell choirs begin this week. Whether you are 6 or 96, there is a choir for you! New faces are always welcome. Any questions, contact Nathan Proctor at [music@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:music@stjohnsnorthfield.org).

## **Discover Who You Are - Lifekeys Book Study**

### **Saturdays (September 16-December 2), 8:00-9:00 a.m., The Hideaway (Downtown Northfield)**

Christy Hall-Holt will be leading a book study group this fall. It is open to anyone who would like to take a closer look at your uniqueness and where you can use your strengths and gifting. One of the purposes of this is to prepare for holding a class at St. John's called LifeKeys that uses the material in the book. (Meet at 7:30 a.m. in St. John's parking lot if you want to walk together to the Hideaway).

## **Kneeding Knitter for Knew Knitting Ministry!**

Knovice or Knowledgeable. Knit Baptismal blankets and Prayer shawls. Meet us this month, September 20 at 6:15 p.m. or 28 at 10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Contact Sue Sharow at [sue\\_sharrow@msn.com](mailto:sue_sharrow@msn.com) or 507-301-3083.

**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.

## **Reminder: Meals on Wheels**

St. John's is responsible for distributing Meals on Wheels from Sunday, September 17, through Saturday, October 14. Paper sign ups are available in the Commons. 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 [rnlkluver@gmail.com](mailto:rnlkluver@gmail.com).

## **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.*

### **Wednesday Night Meal Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are need to help with this week's Wednesday Night Meal. Sign ups are available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

### **Reminder: September Hospitality Group...**

There are still spots available for you to serve in September. Sign ups are available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

## **Children and Youth Activities**

### **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.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, September 17**

Students of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks to either the 8:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. service for a backpack blessing.

### **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.

### **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, Jane Koskovich, David Legvold, Clifford Gilomen

### *Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marie Benson, 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*

Arlene Graham, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

### *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.

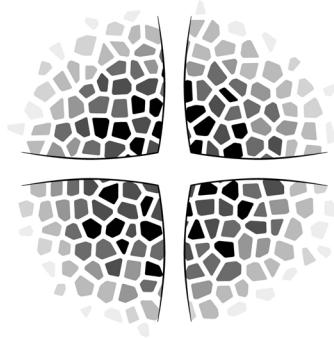
## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 17):**

### ***Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Genesis 50:15-21 + Psalm 103:8-13 + Romans 14:1-12 + Matthew 18:21-35**

## This Week At-a-Glance

<b>Monday, Sep. 11</b>	9:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Recruiting Event, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Sep. 12</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters, Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	9:00 p.m.	Men's Night Out, Contented Cow
<b>Wed., Sep. 13</b>	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle / Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Eric Lund, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee, Undercroft
		NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	"ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5)
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:00 p.m.	Preschool 1 Open House, Room 15
		Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Sep. 14</b>	8:00 a.m.	Northfield Public Schools, Undercroft
		3 Links Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Sep. 15</b>	8:30 a.m.	3 Links Board Meeting, St. John's Hall
	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Sep. 16</b>	9:00 a.m.	Set Up for School Kit Event, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Sep. 17</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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