



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 — “Prière” from *Four Pieces*, Op. 37

Joseph Jongen

Andy Jacob, organ

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Arise and Welcome Now the Year”

PUER NOBIS

A - rise and wel - come now the year With joy and
The sea - sons, day by day, un - fold E'en more than
Let peace and par - don be our way; Let joy and
God's love a - bun - dant far ex - ceeds The vol - ume
gra - ti - tude sin - cere. Re - joice! Re - joice! With
eye and ear be - hold. As we re - ceive in
jus - tice fill each day. For this shall be, what -
of a whole year's needs. Re - joice! Re - joice! With
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
time and space An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
'er we face, An - oth - er year of God's good grace.
thanks em - brace An - oth - er year of God's good grace.

Text: W. Bruce Benson, used with permission

*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

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Blessing of Backpacks

(10:45) **Installation of Sunday School Teachers**

First Reading — Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible, page 42

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 103:8-13

Antiphon: Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy.

Antiphon: Dan Kallman



- ⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love;
- ⁹**you will not al- | ways accuse us,
nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.**
- ¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,
nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.

¹²As far as the east is | from the west,
so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion | for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible, page 923

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, with some slurs and rests, and the piece ends with a double bar line.

***Gospel** — Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible, page 800

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 807

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

*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:

(8:30) “I Will Arise”

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Paul Manz

*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.**

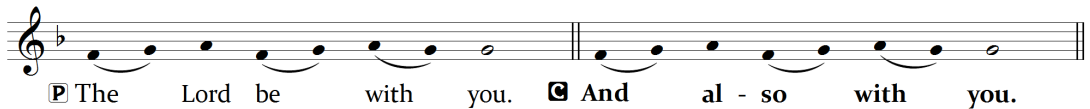
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

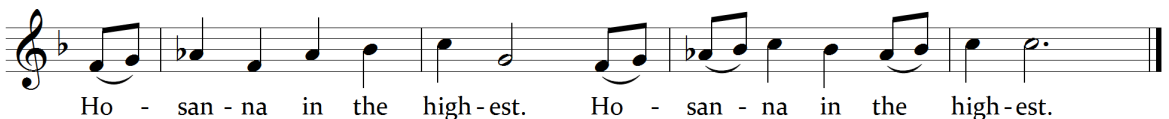
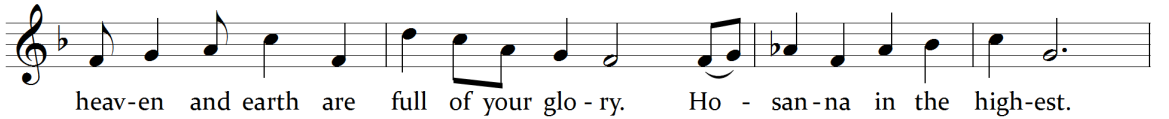
C God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



***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.

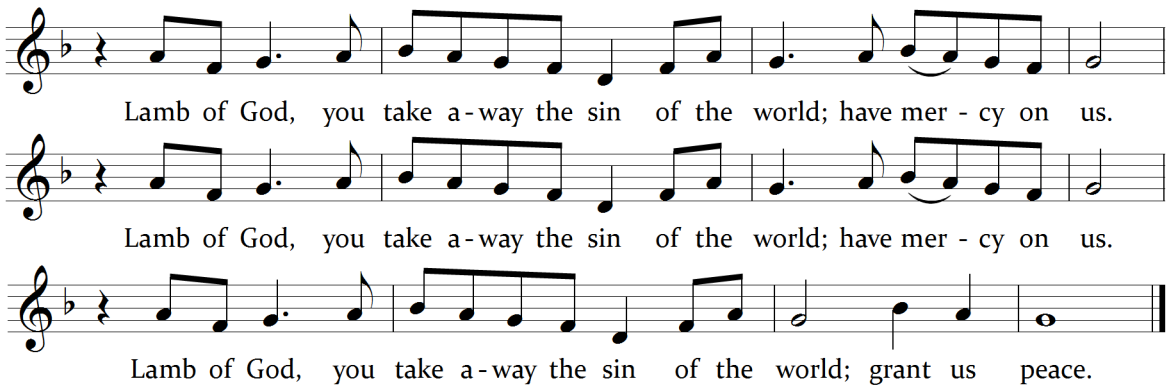
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**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”



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Thee We Adore”

arr. Ralph Johnson

Hymn — No. 482

“I Come with Joy”

Hymn — No. 544

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

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 — “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen” *stanza 1*

SURGE ECCLESIA

Music at: ELW 548

**Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.**

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Trumpet Tune in D Major”

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	John, Keri, Emmett, and Joran Peterson
Organist	Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale, Conducted by Ruth Legvold
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Acolytes	(8:30) Mia Becker, Will Becker (10:45) Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen
Communion Preparer	Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Communion Clean Up	Dale and Karen Schuette
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rick Hillard, LaVerne Reitz (10:45) Jennifer Pelletier, Dale and Karen Schuette
Coffee and Treats	Mary Cisar, Karen Schuette, Anne Sovik, John and Barbara Walters
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, Gordon Jorgensen
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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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 20:

Hot Dogs
with Chips and Veggie Trays

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 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)

Next Week (September 24):

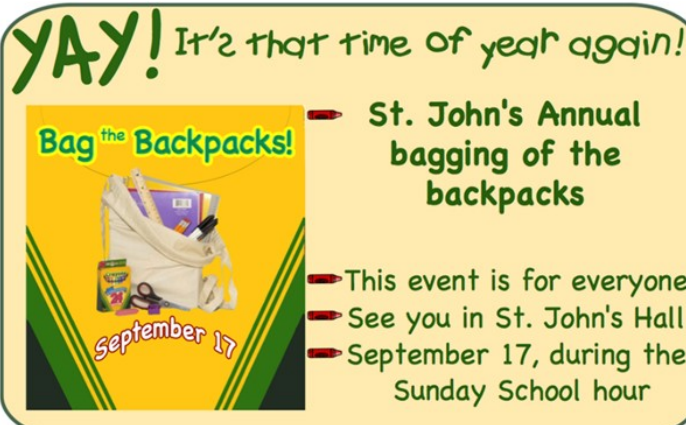
Celebration of John Quam and his Ministry, St. John's Hall

Apple Sunday, St. John's Hall

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YAY! It's that time of year again!

Bag the Backpacks!

September 17

- 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 by Brynhild Rowberg in memory of her brother, Leland Rollag Rowberg. 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 29 and November 5 & 12. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00.

Accompany Newcomer Gatherings

Today, 9:45 a.m., Undercroft

Accompany, St. John's process of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone, begins today. We will meet in the Undercroft at 9:45 a.m.

Celebration of Pastor John Quam and his Ministry

Next Sunday, September 24

Pastor John Quam is retiring after 20 years as our Visitation Pastor on September 30. Next Sunday, Pastor Quam will preach at our Sunday services. Between services, we will celebrate in St. John's Hall with a reception and program for John and Louise. We welcome your words, cards, and stories of John's ministry. A collection of cards will be taken up on September 24. If you cannot be there in person, you can send them to the church office to be gathered with the others.

*****Rides are being organized for those who need assistance to come to the celebration. Contact Jane Rinehart at 612-840-6450 if you would like help with transportation.***

Invitation to Tanzania Summit

The Synod invites us to reconnect with our friends in the Central Diocese of Tanzania at the Tanzania Summit on Sunday, October 8, 3:00-6:00 p.m., at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester. A variety of workshops will be offered at the summit, including sessions on Health Ministries, congregational partnerships, and Tanzanian culture. These interactive workshops are designed to help you ask questions, engage with current issues in the Tanzanian church, and have some fun! A Tanzanian meal will also be provided. Special guests, Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi and Deborah Lyanga, will update us on the most recent Central Diocese news. Contact Jane Rinehart at janesrinehart@gmail.com by September 25 if you want to attend.

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).

Announcements (cont.)

Disaster Relief funds given to Lutheran Disaster Response will be directed wherever they are most needed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your gifts! You can direct a check to St. John's with "Disaster relief" on the memo line, or you can go directly to www.elca.org to donate online.

Lutheran Social Services: "It All Started With Children"

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Petersen (retired CEO of LSS) and his wife Mary, will speak to us about LSS' work with refugees and immigrants, how it began, and its adaptation to changing global needs. This event is open to the public. Sponsored by St. John's Women, and Adult Education & Ministry Board.

Seeking Stitchers

Soliciting sewers to finish tied quilts during our monthly meetings, to complete quilt tops at home, and crafters to cut 9½ inch squares. Quilts are needed for the abundance of disasters happening around the globe today. Meet us this month, September 18 and/or 21 in Fellowship Hall, 8:30 a.m. OR pick up a quilt top kit in the basket by the Women of St. John's bulletin board in the Commons. Questions? Contact Sue Sharrow at 507-301-3083 or sue_sharrow@msn.com.

Kneeding Knitters 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 September 28 at 10:00 a.m., in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Sue Sharrow at sue_sharrow@msn.com or 507-301-3083.

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 or Nancy Kluver at 507-581-0896 or rnkluver@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, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

Wednesday Night Meal Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are need to help with Wednesday Night Meals. Sign ups are available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

Attention: October Hospitality Group...

Sign ups are now available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

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

Marie Benson, Myron Dack, Cliff Gilomen, Jane Koskovich, Dave Legvold, Carol Solid

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Corrine Heiberg

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gaggioli, Fred Gonnerman, 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, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

Thanksgiving for the healing of

David Diehl

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Sylvia Solberg, Sherwin Hansen

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.

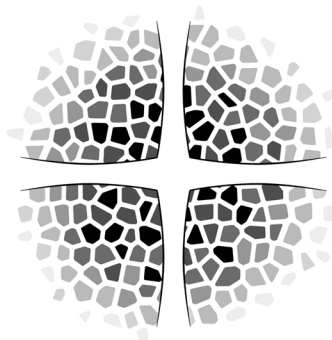
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 24):

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jonah 3:10-4:11 † Psalm 145:1-8 † Philippians 1:21-30 † Matthew 20:1-16

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sep. 18	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Undercroft
	5:30 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 19	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Dan Dimick: Speaking on Divorce, St. John's Hall
Wed., Sep. 20	12:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	"ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
		Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sep. 21	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sep. 22	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 23	8:45 a.m.	10th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Gustavus College
Sunday, Sep. 24	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
		<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.