

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 † 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 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 hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal (All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section, and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.

> An asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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 and hymns 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 — "Earth and All Stars!"

Sally Drennan Mossing

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 731

"Earth and All Stars!"

*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

- Cod among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message and Blessing of Backpacks

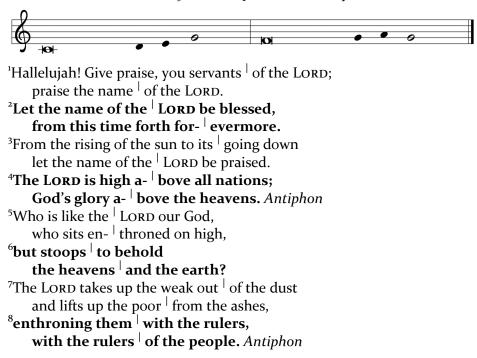
First Reading — Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 113

Antiphon: From the rising of the sun and until its setting, let the servants of the Lord praise God's holy name.



Second Reading — 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation Al lu al le _ le ia. lu ia. al - le lu al - le - lu ia. _ ia. _

*Gospel — Luke 16:1-13

Spark Story Bible, page 384

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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Text: W. Bruce Benson; Music: European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius

*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:

- **L** Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G 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) "God, You Made All Things for Singing"

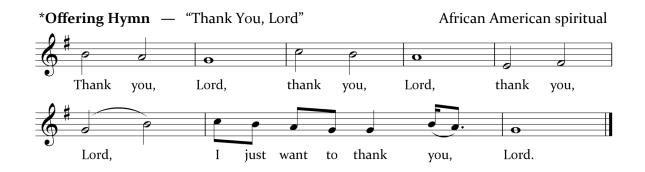
arr. John Ferguson

God, you made all things for singing, even canyons carved from stone. Thunder sets the hard rock ringing with the hymn the skies intone. Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone. As the clap and roll of thunder give the rocks their notes to start, Spirit, free the songs of wonder waiting in the thankful heart. Alleluia! Help each voice to sing its part. Join with us in all our singing. Make our music, Lord, your own. Be the bass note deeply ringing. Be the highest overtone. Alleluia! Yours the praise and yours alone. –Thomas Troeger

> St. John's Chorale Sung in loving memory of Carol James

(10:45) ON PUER NOBIS

Dale Wood

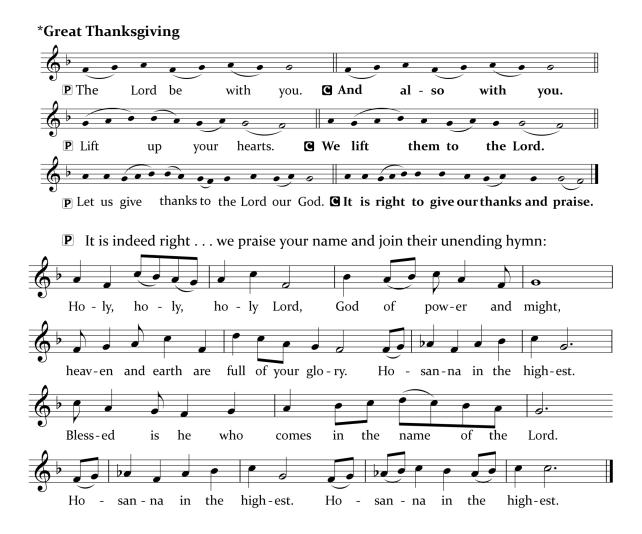


*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER



*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.

Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. 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





(8:30) Anthem — "Thee We Adore"

Ralph Johnson

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who in thy sacrament art pleased to be, both flesh and Spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow. O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: may what we thirst for soon our portion be, to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace. Amen. —Thomas Aquinas

"In the Singing"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

■ God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

*Blessing

Response: **G** Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 678

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson, arr. David Sims

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching Assisting Ministers	Pastor Pam Fickenscher (8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) McBroom Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) David Sims
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Brass Quartet	Polaris Brass
	Luke Sargent, Ian Dimundo; trumpet
	Siena Olson, horn
	Carson Aldrich, trombone
Communion Service	TBD
Greeters	TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	TBD
Counters Ushers	Merilyn Calcutt, Michelle Kramer-Prevost, Bob Tabery (8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

<u>Welcomefest, Ministry Fair, and the Start of Sunday School</u> Today Between Services

Welcomefest kicks off the start of a new school year at St. John's!

- Welcomefest Breakfast Treats and Activities outside (weather permitting) or in St. John's Hall between services.
- Ministry Fair in St. John's Hall Check out the various service and ministry groups, annual community events, along with volunteer opportunities that St. John's offers. Once you know about the opportunities to engage and serve, you can decide what fits your interests and strengths. We're all getting back in the swing of being together after practicing remote socializing. The Ministry Fair is a chance to find out all of the ways to use your skills and interest, build friendships and help make a difference!
- First Day of Sunday School
 - **Preschool** (age 3 by 9/1/22) **grade 5**, **along with parent(s)**, begins in the lower level at 9:45 a.m. with an Open House. Check out where your classroom is and connect with your classroom leaders and friends.
 - Youth meet in the Youth Room with Emmanuel from 9:45-10:00 a.m. to reconnect.
 - At 10:00 a.m., Sunday school children, youth and parents are invited to the Welcomefest breakfast and activities.

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice. Printed copies of the September 8 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Curtis Reed by Avis Reed and family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. Available Dates: October 16 and November 6, 13 & 27.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Ed Youngquist on his birthday, September 20, by his family.

Wednesday Night Meals Return

Wednesday, September 21, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

Menu: Sloppy Joes with vegetarian option, chips, and veggies or fruit.

All are invited to enjoy a community meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during the programming year! Meals are free-will offering to help cover the cost of food.

• Can you help support Wednesday Night Meals by donating a dessert (store-bought or homemade treats)? Sign up to donate a dessert by contacting email Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, September 19, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Kristin Partlo (213 Orchard St. N) Topic: Sam Wells' Short Piece "Three reasons progressive Christians shouldn't give up on conversion" Pub Theology is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. The topic will be different each time and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the E-Voice, and an email list. Contact the church office (<u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>) to add your name to the email list. Paper copies of the article are at the Welcome Desk.

Men's Bible Study to begin in September

Wednesday, September 21, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room

The Adult Ministry & Education Board would like to announce the beginning of the Men's Bible Study! Rev. Grant Aaseng will lead a study on the Gospel of Matthew. This group plans to meet on the third Wednesday of each month going forward. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch if joining the group during their lunch hour.

Dialogues on Race Continues this Fall

We will complete the book, beginning with chapter 5 "Whither the Women: Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression" on Sunday, September 25. We will meet from 9:45–10:40 in the Fireside Room. Other dates for discussion are October 23 and November 20. If you didn't have the chance to join the discussion in the spring, please join us now! Books are available for \$10. Contact Merilyn Calcutt, chair of the Adult Ministry & Education Board.

Announcements (continued)

We are producing a new picture directory! Sign up today!

We are partnering with Universal Church Directories for this important project. They are providing the directory at no cost to our church. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Monday, October 17–Friday, October 21 and Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00-9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at <u>www.ucdir.com</u> (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429.

Where Politics Meets Faith: Wednesday Conversation Revived Wednesdays, Starting September 21, 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested, an informal conversation on faith and politics on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at church will launch September 21. Questions of interest: Where do faith and politics intersect? Is the gospel essentially political? What is Christian nationalism? When loaded terms such as "fascism," "authoritarianism," or "socialism" crop up, what do they actually mean? What does "rule of law" signify? What is "ideology"? How openly and in what format should we confront systemic injustices in a church community? What, indeed, does "systemic" entail? We'll have short readings to prime the pump, but informal conversation is our goal. If interested, contact David Sudermann at 507-663-1097 or <u>dsudermann@charter.net</u> or catch him at church.

From the Stewardship Board: Amnicon and St. John's Middle School Youth

St John's middle school youth participated in wilderness camp experiences through Amnicon, a member of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries affiliated camps and retreats. The mission of Amnicon is to equip people to experience grace beyond their comfort zone through adventure-centered programming, life in Christian community and access to wild places in God's creation. The core values of the organization are:

- Welcome people just as they are, valued and loved by God.
- Foster Christ-centered community that affirms the individual and builds meaningful relationships.
- Promote growth, confidence and change through wilderness challenge and adventure-based camping.
- Mold and teach stewardship of God's creation and nurture of nature.
- Provide Christian programming that helps participants find faith on the trail and equips them to navigate life's challenges.

• Develop and train competent staff who plan and lead fun and safe wilderness experiences. We've asked a few of the St. John's middle school youth who participated in the 2022 summer experience to share what they discovered on their wilderness adventure. You'll see their responses in the coming weeks!

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 Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Guenther Moesler, Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one Family of Otto Reitz Family of Constance Lovaas Beck (stepmother of Paul Beck)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson

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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

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 <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.

Children and Youth

Children Pre-K through Grade 5

• Wednesday, September 21, 3:45–5:15 p.m.: The start of Wednesday After-school Programs

Middle School and High School Youth

- Wednesday, September 21, 6–7:30 p.m.: Confirmation and High School Youth Group Begin
- Saturday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

Monday, Sept. 19	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Mental Health First Aid Course, St. John's Hall Girl Scout Troop #27517, Undercroft Pub Theology, Home of Kristin Partlo Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sept. 20	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Otto Reitz, Commons Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Funeral - Otto Reitz, Sanctuary Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Mental Health First Aid Course, St. John's Hall Girl Scout Daisy Troop #27545, Undercroft Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Sept. 21	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, St. John's Library Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept. 22	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Book Buddies, St. John's Library Executive Committee via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sept. 23	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Sept. 24	8:00 a.m.	PEO Chapter Fundraiser Event, St. John's Parking Lot
Sunday, Sept. 25	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room Dialogues on Race, Fireside Room Worship (3 rd and 4 th Grade Catechisms), Sanctuary





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