



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 † 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 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.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

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.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Two settings of “Vater unser im Himmelreich”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 864

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

***Baptismal Hymn** — “From the Waters I Will Rise”

RISE

From the wa - ters I will rise— I will rise and
From my won - d'ring I will know— I will know and
From my death I'm born a - new— born a - new, I
walk. Wipe the wa - ter from my eyes— walk with
dream. Shar - ing wis - dom we will grow— dream with
live. Come and see what God will do— live with
me in Christ. Walk with me in Christ.
me in Christ. Dream with me in Christ.
me in Christ. Live with me in Christ.

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*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.

*Prayer of the Day

☐ Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 138

Antiphon: African American Spiritual

Antiphon — choir/cantor

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you Lord.

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**

³When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

Antiphon — all singing

⁵They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right | hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;**
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands.

Antiphon — all singing

Children's Message

*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 ties to indicate phrasing.

*Gospel — Luke 11:1-13

Spark Story Bible, page 278; Pew Bible, page 845

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 11th 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. 710

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

☒ 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) "There Are Children at the Door"

David Cherwien

There are children at the door, thousands, millions, many more, and my Jesus makes me think, "Take them eat and take them drink." Jesus, Jesus I will go, when the heart is high and low. There are beggars at the gate, waiting long and waiting late, and my Jesus makes me say, "Take them coat upon their way." Jesus, Jesus I will go, when the heart is high and low. There are lonely at the tree, resting there to talk to me, and my Jesus makes me stay, with him, till the end of day. Jesus, Jesus I will go, when the heart is high and low. There are weary at my side, washed ashore in angry tide, and my Jesus makes me go where the storm and waters blow. Jesus, Jesus, I will go, when the heart is high and low.

-Herbert Brokering, 1977

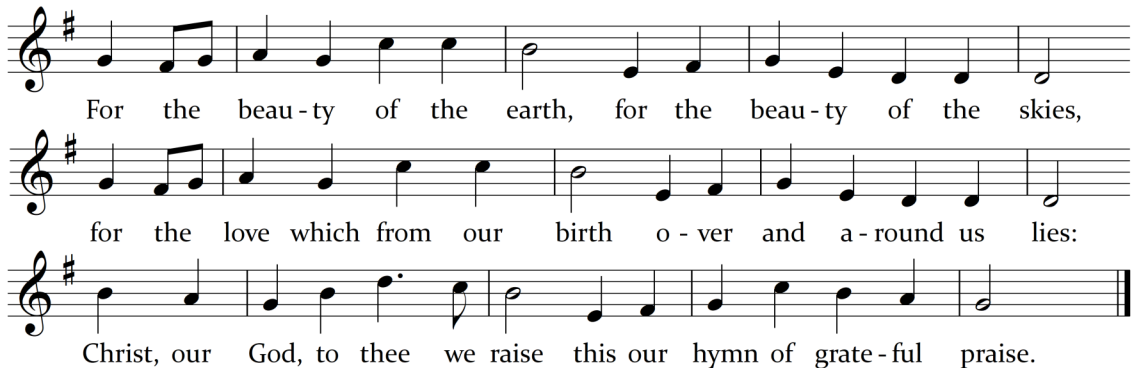
St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "The Lord's Prayer"

Cambodian folk tune, arr. Mark Sedio

*Offering Hymn — "For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX



For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God our provider,

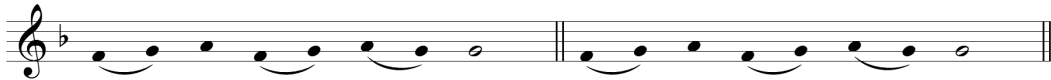
We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it.

Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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**

- P** Our Creator, Our Mother,
- C** **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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "The Lord's Prayer"

Cambodian folktune, arr. Mark Sedio

Hymn — No. 790

"Day by Day"

Hymn — No. 464

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℣ **God of blessing,**

**at this table we have seen you face to face,
and in the gift of Christ's body and blood,
our hearts have been refreshed.**

**Send us now to shine with your goodness
and bear witness to the one we have received:
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

℣ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn — No. 887**

“This Is My Song”

Stanza 3

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℣ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — ON FINLANDIA

Robert J. Powell



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Eric Sponheim
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	Madeline Miller
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Piano	(8:30) Marcia Yernberg
Acolytes	(8:30) Will Becker, Madison Hansen (10:45) Lillian Almen, Marissa Vatter
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rick Hillard, Dale and Karen Schuette (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Rick Hillard, Erik and Mary Holleque, Jennifer Pelletier, Bonnie Peterson, John and Barbara Walters
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 29):

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 † Psalm 146 † 1 Timothy 6:6-19 † Luke 16:19-31

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and family. 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 by phone. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! Dates available: October 20 & 27 and November 3, 10, 17 & 24. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Ed Youngquist by his family.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you for your generosity in filling 97 slots for Meals on Wheels from September 15 to October 12. We only have three opening left (Blue Route on 10/4 and 10/12 and Green Route on 10/8). Please sign up online through CCB. If you have questions please contact Kathy Shea (kathleen.louise.shea@gmail.com) or Christy Hall-Holt (connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Because of construction coolers should be picked up at the main hospital entrance.

150 Pints for 150 Years Update: We are at 88 pints!

Thank you again for your generous donations, and to those reporting donations at other locations. Our final drive is October 24 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall. Register at RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 or call Bonnie Peterson at 218-686-8769. Other upcoming blood drives in the Northfield area:

- Friday, September 27, Eagles at 304 Water St., 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Together in Hope Choir

Saturday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., Boe Memorial Chapel at St. Olaf College

The Together In Hope Choir, accompanied by present and former members of the St. Olaf Orchestra, will perform two landmark works by brilliant Norwegian composer Kim André Arnesen: *So That the World May Believe: a Motet for Unity and Service* and *The Holy Spirit Mass*. This program was originally performed at the invitation of the Vatican in Rome on the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, October 31, 2018. Bring your friends and join us on **September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Boe Memorial Chapel, St. Olaf College**, Northfield, MN. No ticket required—join us for this **free** concert!

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.

St. John's Forums in September

The St. John's Forum gathers on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 a.m. During the program year, the forum is a time of learning and conversation for adults of all ages around topics that are important to our life of faith and the world in which we live. Our congregation has a rich history of adult education through the St. John's Forum for over 50 years! Everyone is welcome to this time of community building and growing in faith between services on Sunday mornings.

Today

Creation Care: Climate Crisis with Professor Ann Gothman (Sanctuary)

How does climate change affect sustainability? What is the impact of climate change? How does climate change affect development? How does climate change affect us? What is the solution? The Benevolence & Social Concerns and Adult Ministry & Education boards have been meeting to jointly sponsor some adult forums to address these questions and the many others that we all have about Sustainability and Climate Change. A series of topics have been selected and will be covered over the course of six months. Leading the first Forum on "Climate Crisis" will be Anne Gothmann, Assistant Professor of Physics and Environmental Studies at St. Olaf College where she teaches an interdisciplinary global climate change course

Next Sunday, September 29

Learning to Pray (Sanctuary)

At a Pub Theology in July, a group of St. John's members thought it would be good if we had an adult forum on prayer and learning to pray. So here it is! Who taught you how to pray? Perhaps it was a parent or a grandparent or a pastor. Or perhaps no one ever taught you how to pray. Prayer is a central component of the Christian life and, yet, it can also be hard to know how to pray or even uncomfortable when asked to pray out loud and for others. In this forum, Pastor Jonathan will lead some teaching and discussion around prayer and how it might become a deeper part of our individual life and our congregational life.

Wednesday Night



MEALS



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

Wednesday, September 25
Chicken Pot Pie Casserole

All are welcome!

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

On Sunday mornings during the school year, middle school youth are invited to gather together to talk about their week, explore faith questions, and connect with each other. And, of course, there are delicious treats!

Catechism for Grades 4-5 Begins Wednesday, October 2

4th and 5th grade students at St. John's will begin Catechism starting on Wednesday, October 2. CAT class meets in the lower level from 4:00-4:45 p.m. (snack is included). CAT meets 12 Wednesdays throughout the school year. 4th graders receiving their Catechism book on Sunday, September 29, at the 10:45 a.m. service. Please contact Julie Brehmer if your child would like to ride the St. John's afterschool bus on Wednesdays to CAT. The bus picks up at Sibley, Bridgewater, Greenvale, and at the Middle School for PCCS kids.

Can you help with Children's Programming?

An ambitious array of activities means lots of volunteer opportunities for St. John's members - parents, grandparents, anyone! Are you able to help on Wednesdays or Sundays? Whether you enjoy working with large or small groups of children or behind the scenes, there is a place for you. Many opportunities can fit into your schedule.

- **Wednesday Afternoons:** Bus Angels, Recreation Assistants
- **Sunday Mornings:** Sunday School Team Teachers for Kindergarten.

Please call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429, if you have questions. Our thanks to you in advance!

DO YOU LIKE TO SERVE? CAN YOU HELP?

*The October Hospitality
Group needs
YOU!!!*

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE COMMONS - TODAY!



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 in or in need of healing

Vern Faillettaz, Marland Madson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Bob (B.J.) Johnson,
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson,
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning

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;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt

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 macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, *The Voice*: October 15th for the November Edition

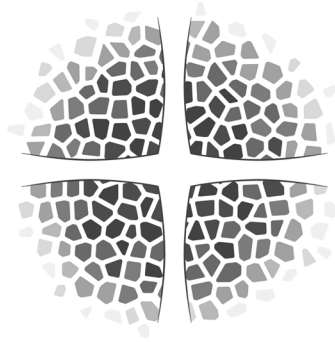
Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Sep. 23	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	10:45 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tue., Sep. 24	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Sep. 25	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	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 (Grade 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sep. 26	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sep. 27	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level
Saturday, Sep. 28		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Sep. 29	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
		St. John's Forum: Learning to Pray, Sanctuary
		Accompany Gathering, Undercroft
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (4 th Graders Receive Catechisms), Sanctuary



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