



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 † 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.

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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Spiritual, arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 526 “God Is Here!”

*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

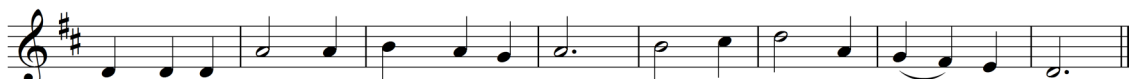
- ☐ O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

(8:30) **Children’s Message and Affirmation of Baptism**

(10:45) **Presentation of Catechisms to Fourth Graders and Affirmation of Baptism**

Response — “Blessed Be God, Who Chose You” Music: Anne Krentz Organ

Sing two times.



Bless-ed be God, who chose you in Christ. Live in love as Christ loved us.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pew Bible, page 622

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 54

Antiphon: John Bell

Antiphon: *The LORD will listen to the brokenhearted.*



- ¹Save me, O God, | by your name;
in your might, de- | fend my cause.
- ²**Hear my | prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words | of my mouth.
- ³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.
- ⁴**Behold, God | is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.
- ⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;
in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.
- ⁶**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.
- ⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,
and my eye looks down | on my enemies. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

Pew Bible, page 982

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

***Gospel** — Mark 9:30-37

Spark Story Bible, page 324; Pew Bible, page 821

Before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th 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. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

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

*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) "When the Poor Ones"

Miguel Manzano, arr. David Cherwien

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others strength and healing; we see God, here by our side, walking our way. When compassion gives the suffering consolation; when expecting bring to birth hope that was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred all around us: we see God, here by our side, walking our way. When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble: we see God, here by our side, walking our way. When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor: we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

- José Olivar, tr. Martin Seltz

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "When the Poor Ones"

Miguel Manzano, arr. Al Roberts

*Offering Hymn — "For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

**For the tending, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

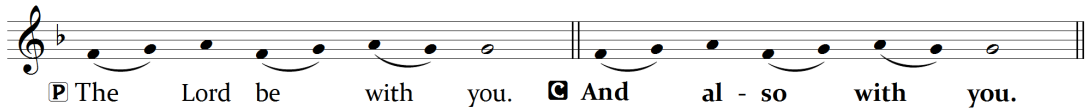
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

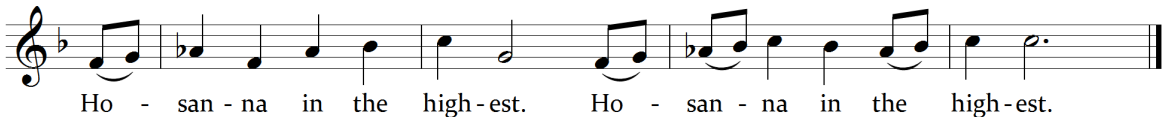
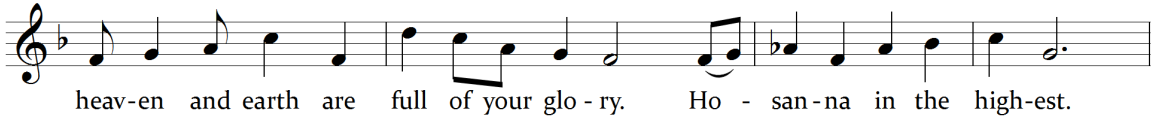
A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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



***Words of Institution**

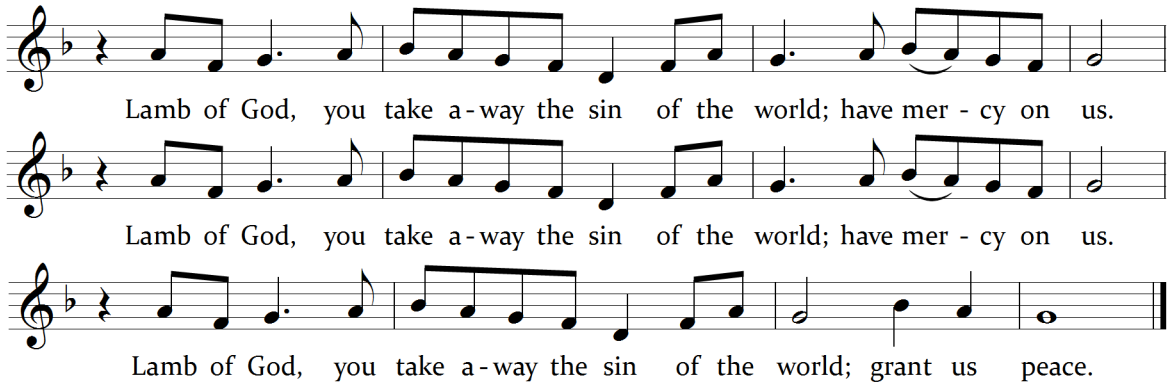
***The Lord's Prayer**

**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"



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. 781

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Hymn — No. 464

"Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray.

A Holy God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

(8:30) Prayer of Thanksgiving and Godspeed for Eric and Cindy Lund

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 876

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Mark Rydberg
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Guitar	(8:30) Neil Rowley
Cantor	(10:45) Elizabeth Bade
Acolytes	(8:30) Lillian Almen, Kate Sand (10:45) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Prep	Nancy Ordahl-Kmoch
Communion Clean Up	Wally and Roberta Wegner
Greeters / Welcome Desk	David and Martha Brown, Mary Cisar, Wally and Roberta Wegner
Coffee Service	Brent Bash and Trish Goodrich, Mary Holleque, Roberta Wegner, Steve and Sheri Williams
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jim Enestvedt, Ted Peterson. Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Liturgy: *ELW Holy Communion, Setting Two*

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, September 26:
Pulled Pork

All are welcome!

The following Fourth Graders will be receiving their Catechisms today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

Anna Bash, Joshua Faust, Hunter Heath-Williams, Tobias Hebzynski,
Genevieve Knutson, Dyson McBroom, Will McLaughlin, Isabelle Paulson,
Selius Price, Noah Tracy, John Tracy, Braden Van Sickle

Please pick up your Catechism book on the bridge before the service.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Beginnings (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

St. John's Forum: Manna & Mercy Video Discussion Group (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Children and Youth Ministries

High School Club at Peggy's House!

Today, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 205 Elm Street

All high school youth are invited to a fun afternoon of treats, conversation, games, and cookie making for the college care packages that will be assembled this Wednesday night. Friends are welcome! Please come! Questions? Contact Peggy at 952-210-2358 or peggyjhanson@gmail.com.

Middle School Youth Group!

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

Come to the Youth Room for yummy treats, fun, and an interesting discussion led by our new youth staff member, Emerson, on the topic of **if**, or even **how** it can be proven that God exists!

Catechism Class for Grades 4-5 Begins this Week

Wednesday, September 26, 4:00-4:45 p.m., Lower Level

4th grade meets in Room 20 and 5th grade in the Undercroft (under the main level Library). CAT includes a snack. Let Julie Brehmer know if your child wants to ride the bus just on CAT days. And, remember your Catechism books.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge. 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. Dates available: October 14, 21 & 28 and November 4, 11, 18 & 25. 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Todd Menssen's 50th birthday today by his wife and daughters.

Manna and Mercy Sundays Begins Today!

Sundays, September 23 & 29, and October 7 & 14, from 9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Want to learn more about the Bible? Want to learn more about theology - how we think and talk about God? You are invited to join this discussion group where a short video will be shared followed by small group discussion. South African pastor and justice activist Alan Storey has created a video series that asks and invites questions of faith on how to read scripture, think about a particular Bible story, or how to think about God. The beauty of this time is that each video stands on its own and there is no experience necessary for each week - just show up on the Sundays that you can make it.

"Beginnings: A St. John's Forum Speaker Series" Starts Today!

9:45-10:30 am., Sanctuary

The Bible begins with the book of Genesis, which includes the stories of how creation began and the beginning stories of God's relationship with God's people, including Noah and the ark, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers. Join us for this forum on everything you need to know about the Book of Genesis, led by St. Olaf Religion Professor, Jim Hanson.

Hurricane Response

You're encouraged to donate to hurricane disaster response in one of 3 ways:

1. Donate online directly to Lutheran Disaster Response at elca.org; the link is prominent on the home page.
2. Donate through St. John's by noting "disaster response" on your check or online gift.
3. Thrivent members can donate through Trivent.com; Thrivent is matching up to \$1 million given by its members.

Meals on Wheels Help Needed

We are still in need of help with Meals on Wheels...we are down to only 6 spots! Any help you give us is truly appreciated! Signups will be available today in the Commons. You can also sign up online (there is link on our website).

Announcements (continued)

WindWorks Concert

Friday, September 28, 7:00 p.m., Urness Recital Hall at St. Olaf

Join WindWorks, a professional woodwind quintet, for their 25th anniversary recital. There is no admission charge. The ensemble features clarinetist and church member Jo Ann Polley; Kay Sahlin, flute; Dana Maeda, oboe; Cindy Bailey, bassoon; Becky Jyrkas, French horn. The program comprises works by Malcolm Arnold, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Giovanni Cambini, Jim Parker (a New Orleans-style jazz composition), and St. Olaf Orchestra Conductor Steven Amundson.

The Southeastern Minnesota Synod will be Electing a New Bishop in May 2019

As part of the process of discernment, each conference has a focused conversation scheduled in the next few weeks. The conversation will be facilitated and contribute to a ministry profile for the synod. Our conference is gathering at Our Savior's Lutheran in Faribault on **Sunday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.** Child care will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

St. John's is Searching for a Kitchen and Hospitality Coordinator

This position is 10-15 hours a week, coordinating St. John's hospitality on Sundays, at funerals, and in other special events, with special attention to roles that require kitchen use. This position will replace Mary Kelvie's now that she has moved. Applications are due September 30. A position description may be found at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

From the Peace & Justice Group...

Each week from now until Election Day, St. John's Peace & Justice Group will offer you the chance to reflect on an issue highlighted in the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Poverty Progress Report. Look for handouts at the Welcome Desk and outside the back of the Sanctuary. Check the news blasts for the topic of the week. For more information on each topic, visit jrlc.org. This week's topic is "*Provide Safe, Efficient, Affordable Transportation Across Minnesota.*"

Northfield CROP Hunger Walk 2018 - A Community Walk Along the New East River Trail

Sunday, October 28, Registration - 12:30 p.m., Walk - 1:00 p.m., Lions Riverside Park

Northfield CROP Hunger Walk is the only community-wide event to raise awareness for global poverty and hunger issues. You can donate and/or register to walk online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/northfieldmn/stjohns> or just do so at the Walk.

Lutheran World Federation's Augusta Victoria Hospital Needs ELCA Members' Help

The historic and beautiful Augusta Victoria Hospital, standing on the very top of the Mount of Olives overlooking the city of Jerusalem, is on the verge of closing. Reports say that the United States will not continue to fund the hospital. For additional information and ways to help ensure there is not interruption of assistance for those in need of treatment for cancer and additional life-threatening diseases go to www.elca.org.

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

Jane Koskovich

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Bette Quinnell, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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 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.

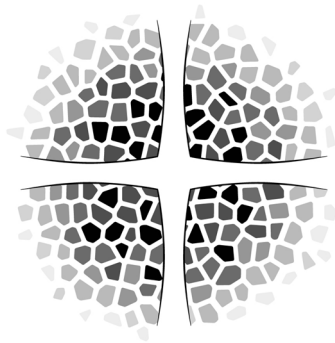
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (September 30):

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 † Psalm 19:7-14 † James 5:13-20 † Mark 9:38-50

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Sep. 24	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Scouts Pack LWR School Kits, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Sep. 25	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Personnel Committee, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Sep. 26	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 "DOG" - Discovering Our Gifts (Grade 3), Undercroft CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 – Room 20 / Grade 5 - Undercroft Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Kid's Club (Grades K-2), Fellowship Hall Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Homework Café (Grade 5), Resource Room Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Sep. 27	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Sep. 28	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Sep. 29	9:30 a.m.	Carleton College Choir Retreat, St. John's Hall / Room 209
Sunday, Sep. 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Rings*

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