



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 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 — “Fête”

Franklin Ashdown

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — No. 836

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

## \*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

☐ O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.  
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 146

JOYOUS LIGHT



Bless the Lord, give praise and hon - or un - to God who lends me  
Blest are they whose hope is vest - ed in the God of Is - ra -  
breath; may my tongue God's great - ness nev - er cease to  
el; in the hour of deep - est an - guish, God's pro -  
tell be - fore my death. And in songs of sover - eign  
vi - sions will not fail; free - dom for the wea - ry  
good - ness, let me sing be - yond the grave; God, whose  
spir - it, strength and stay to those who fall; bless - ings  
grace my life to ran - som, God, who will my soul to save.  
of - fered with - out mea - sure, right - eous - ness e - nough for all.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan, © 1999 *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Witherspoon Press

## Children's Message

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

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

**\*Gospel** — Luke 16:19-31

Spark Story Bible, page 386; Pew Bible, page 851

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Natalie DeGrego, Lillian Almen, Oden Hoff, Rob Nutt

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 879

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Stanzas 1-4*

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

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

*Front of hymnal, page 105*

### \*Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition:*

ℒ Lord, in your mercy, ☩ **hear our prayer.**

### \*Peace

ℙ 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 Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ" BWV 639

J. S. Bach

(10:45) "Poor Man Lazrus"

arr. Jester Hairston

*Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled, dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame. He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table, dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame. Rich man Divies he lived so well, and when he died he went straight to hell. I love to shout, I love to sing, I love to praise my heavenly King.*

*St. John's Chorale*

\*Offering Hymn — "For the Beauty of the Earth" stanza 5

DIX

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

### \*Offering Prayer

ℒ Let us pray.

☩ **God our provider,**

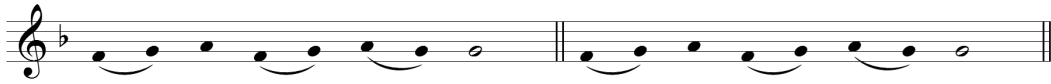
**We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it.**

**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

**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.**

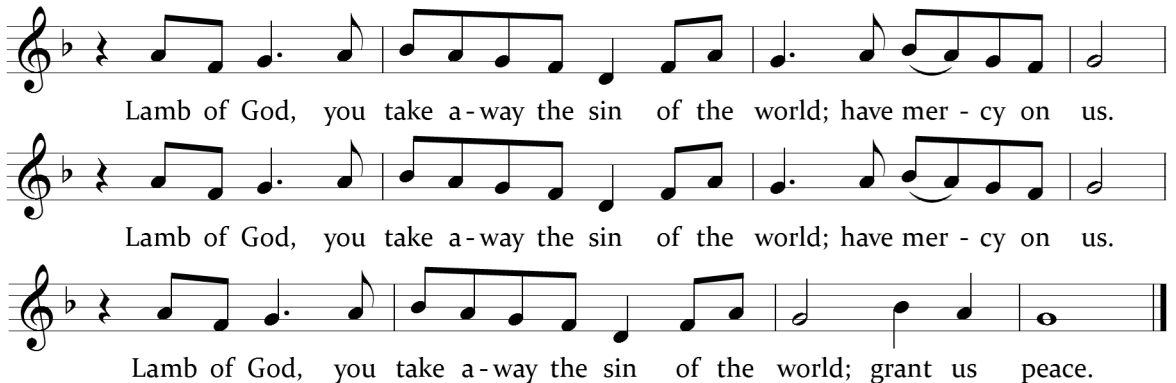
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*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.*

*On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.*

## 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) **Hymn** — No. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Now We Join in Celebration"

arr. Robert Scholz

*This anthem was commissioned for 125th anniversary of St. John's in 1994.*

**Please join in singing stanza 3 of Hymn 462.**

**Hymn** — No. 690

"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"



**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

*Stanzas 3 and 4*

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — on HYMN TO JOY

Albert Travis



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(10:45) St. John's Chorale
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jennifer Edwins, Alyssa Ness (10:45) Kristin Partlo, Mark Rydberg
Acolytes	(8:30) Cora McBroom, Dyson McBroom (10:45) Lillian Almen, Elizabeth Tracy
Communion Preparer	Angie Gehring
Communion Server	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Susan Rudser
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brent Bash and Trish Goodrich, John and Gordeen Gorder (10:45) David and Martha Brown, John and Barbara Walters
Coffee Service	David and Martha Brown, Trish Goodrich, Ronald and Carol James, David Rudser, Dale Schuette, Allison Skoglund
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Chris Erickson, Alyssa Ness, Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 6):**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 † Psalm 37:1-9 † 2 Timothy 1:1-14 † Luke 17:5-10**

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

Jonah Brownlee, Alarya Cook, Tegan DeGrego, Michaela Gummow,  
Micah Hassanally, Jacob King, Wyatt Norrie, Trevor Volkert

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

**St. John's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Capstone Weekend Celebrations**

We invite you to mark your calendars for these special anniversary events:

**Thursday, October 24**  
American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Friday, October 25**  
Silent Movie with John Ferguson

**Saturday, October 26**  
Morning Talks & Cemetery Tour and Capstone Evening Dinner

**Sunday, October 27**  
Church Services Debuting 150<sup>th</sup> Commissioned Music  
Intergenerational Event Between Services

*Check The Voice and the posters around the church for more details including times and locations.*

**Wednesday Night**



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

Wednesday, October 2  
Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

**All are welcome!**

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Pamela Groves-Gaggioli in loving memory of her husband, Fred J. Gaggioli, who left this physical world on September 30, 2017. 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. Help us keep this ministry alive and sponsor a broadcast! 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.

**Our 2020 Stewardship Appeal** begins this week as we hear about ministry with children, youth, and families (see the insert). This year the Stewardship Board is urging every household to PLEDGE their operating support for 2020. You'll receive a mailing and pledge card in early November and be asked to respond before Thanksgiving with your support for our ministry in 2020. Thank you for all you've helped us accomplish in 2019!

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Topic: *Learning to Pray*

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.

## **150 Pints for 150 Years**

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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767 or call Bonnie Peterson at 218-686-8769.

## **Update on Cemetery Tours: Walking History of St. John's Members**

**Saturday, October 26, 11:00 a.m. , Northfield Cemetery**

The Tours will take place at the Northfield Cemetery (across from the High School), not Oak Lawn Cemetery as indicated in various celebration literature. Enjoy a leisurely guided walk from one headstone to another as current St. John's members recount five interesting life stories of former members. Please note the terrain may be uneven.

## **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory.

# Children and Youth Ministries

## **NEW! Sunday Morning Youth Group! Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room**

On Sunday mornings, during the school year, all youth (grades 6-12) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for treats, highs and lows, and interactive faith discussion! Other young adults and church members are encouraged to attend for intra and inter-generational connections. These gatherings will be led by Emmanuel Kaghondi and other adults.

## **Catechism for Grades 4-5 Begins Wednesday, October 2**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at St. John's will begin Catechism starting this 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. 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.

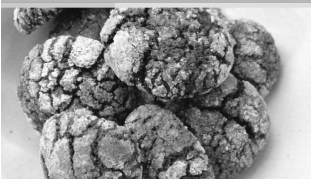
- **Wednesday Afternoons:** Bus Angels, Help with Snack

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*

Charles Anderson, Myron Dack, Vern Faillettaz, Carolyn Jennings, 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*

Gloria Knutson, Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson

*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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> for the November Edition

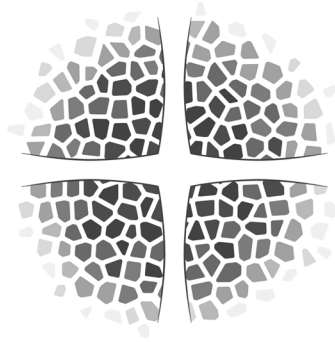
Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Sep. 30</b>	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Nominating Committee, Undercroft
<b>Tue., Oct. 1</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee, St. John's Hall Northfielders for Justice and Peace, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Oct. 2</b>	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m.  6:15 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4-Undercroft / Grade 5-Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 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
<b>Thursday, Oct. 3</b>	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Offsite at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
<b>Friday, Oct. 4</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level
<b>Saturday, Oct. 5</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Oct. 6</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  9:45 a.m.  10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Youth Room St. John's Forum, Sanctuary Accompany Gathering, Undercroft Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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