



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 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 — “Menuet gothique” from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Leon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Stanza 3 — sung in harmony

*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

☐ Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you.
Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.


☑ **Amen.**

Children's Message: Review of Summer Trips 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 — Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pew Bible, page 113

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 9:38-50

Spark Story Bible, page 326; 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 Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 580

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

***The 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,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** **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) “Come, Thou Fount”

arr. Eric Nelson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. -Robert Robinson

St. John's Chorale

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

Edwin Childs

***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**

☞ Let us pray together.

☞ **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 The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

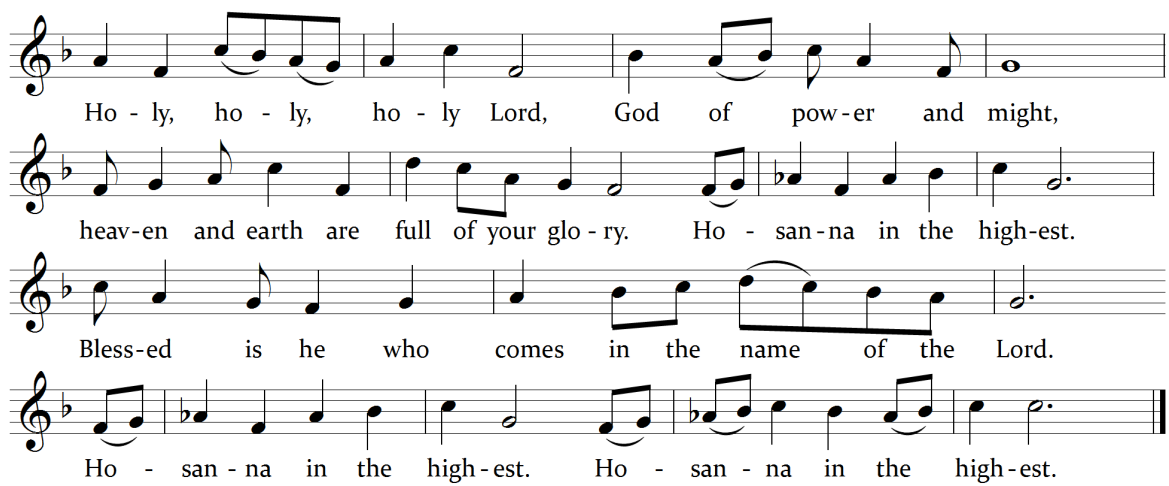


P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **G** 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

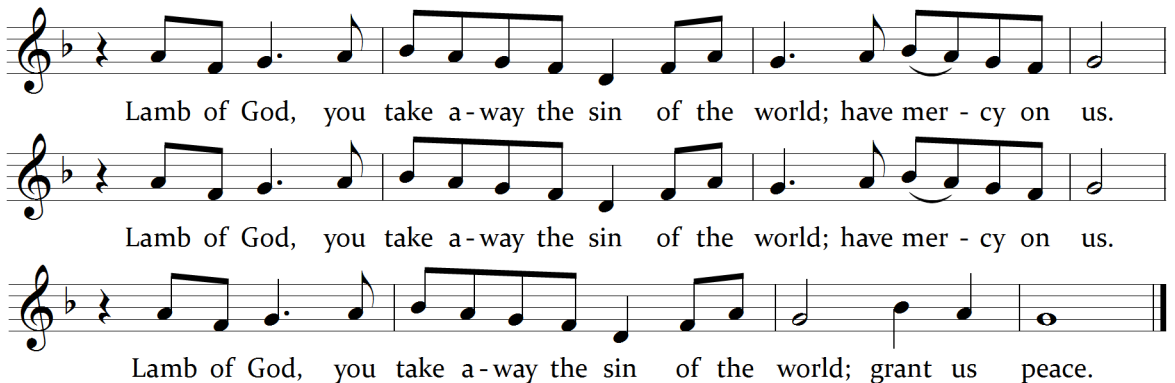
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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"



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. 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** — "I Will Arise"

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Hymn — No. 614

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn — No. 767

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

*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

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *stanza 3* NETTLETON

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rodney Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Garrett Bond
Acolytes	(8:30) Madison Hansen, Katherine Organ (10:45) Marissa Vatter, Mason Vatter
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jennifer Edwins, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Prep	Erik and Mary Holleque
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Brian Boyum
Coffee Service	Ronald and Carol James, Zack and Jennifer Pelletier, Anne Sovik
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

Mission Trip and Summer Camp Participants

High School Mission Trip

Mia Becker, Clayton Garlie, Dylan Gehring, Viveka Hall-Holt, Kaylee Malecha, Aidan Nutt, Tarkel Price, Jack Rizzo, Katie Schroeer, Carl Welbaum

Middle School Mission Trip

Will Becker, Ada Gabert-Nicholson, Rhett Garlie, Annelise Hall-Holt, Seth Hansen, Clara Lippert, Charlie Neeb, Ainsley Nutt, Jeanette Pelletier, Halle Pinc Sutterfield, Vassar Price, Mary Rizzo, Bailey Sauve, Johann Schroeer, Gus Welbaum, Mason Vatter

Summer Camp

*Elise Melby, Kerste Melby, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson
Halle Pinc-Sutterfield, Marissa Vatter, Nick Viall*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (September 30):

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)

Next Week (October 7):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

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

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

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

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Today's Learning Topics

Manna and Mercy Sundays Continue

Sundays, September 30, 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.

St. John's Forum: "Beginnings - The Big Bang and New Science on the Beginning of the Universe"

9:45-10:30 am., Sanctuary

Many people struggle to see how faith and science can go together. St. John's member and St. Olaf Physics Professor, David Nitz, is both a person of faith and a scientist. He will present on what new research is saying about how the universe began and how the questions that faith and science are asking are different and not necessarily opposed to each other.

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, asking the question "Is God Male?"

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of husband, father, friend Fred Gaggioli, Jr. on the first anniversary of his transition to eternal life. 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 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.

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 **today at 6:30 p.m.** Child care will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

Pub Theology

Monday, October 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottom's

Tomorrow Night's Topic: *Is there enough for all in Minnesota?*

The main questions for discussion will be - what role should government play in addressing these issues vs. what can individuals/private sector and non-profits do? The JRLC's Poverty Progress Report can be found at (there are also copies at the Welcome Desk):

https://jrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/JRLC_Web_PovertyProgressReport.pdf

From the Peace & Justice Group...Educate Minnesotans for Success

God's plans, laid out in scripture, describe a just and equitable future for God's people. In Minnesota that just and equitable future begins with addressing income, race, and geographical differences in our education system. We can create a positive future for all children by offering early education programming to vulnerable populations and ensuring that schools are prepared to meet students' needs. **Join us on Wednesday, October 3, from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary as we discuss the JRLC's Poverty Progress Report.**

Religion & Politics

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Dan Hofrenning, St. Olaf professor of Political Science, will be speaking on religion and politics. Hofrenning's teaching focuses on American politics including campaigns and elections, environmental politics, and the intersection of religion and politics. Expect to be challenged concerning words, actions, and boldness in 2018's volatile political arena. This event is sponsored by St. John's Women as part of this year's "Courageous Conversations" theme. Refreshments served. Open to the public.

Announcements (continued)

Habitat for Humanity - October 4 is St. John's Build Day

Volunteers (18 yrs old +) needed to:

- Help with building the House in Faribault (7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- Help provide and deliver a meal to the build site by 11:15 a.m., eat with the crew, and cleanup

Please contact Christy Hall-Holt if you are interested in serving with Habitat.

Rejoice Ringers, your adult handbell choir, is always appreciative of adding members looking to apply their music talents. Regular ringers require the occasional Thursday evening or Sunday morning off. Would you be willing and able to step in? Come join a rehearsal to see what bell ringing at St. John's is all about. Contact any Rejoice Ringers member or send an email to bells@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

“Waking Up White” Book Study


Wednesdays, October 17-November 14, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

As part of our *Creative Conversations* theme we are hosting a book study, Debby Irving's “Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race.” Books are available at Content Book Store for 10% off if you mention St. John's. Please RSVP to Dawn Tommerdahl at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com or Jo Franklin at jo_franklin50@yahoo.com.

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.

 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, October 3: <i>Lasagna</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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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

Tim Byers, Jane Koskovich, Eldora Seitz, Joe Smith, Julie Zdenek

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

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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.

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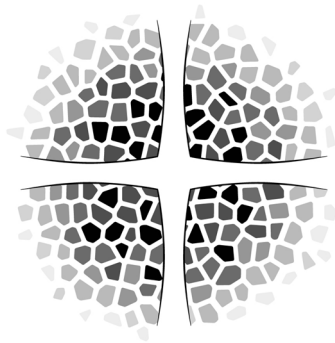
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Liturgy: *ELW Holy Communion, Setting Two*

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 1	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Oct. 2	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Rice County Social Services - Kids in the Kitchen, St. John's Kitchen Capstone Gathering, Undercroft Northfielders for Justice & Peace for Palestine/Israel, Fireside Room
Wed., Oct. 3	9:30 a.m. 3:45 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) 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 Peace & Justice Group Gathering, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 4	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers , Balcony Religion & Politics with Dan Hofrenning, St. John's Hall
Friday, Oct. 5	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 6		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Oct. 7	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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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.