



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2017 † 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 red books at the end of the pews.
Please pass them down 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.*

***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.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Two settings of O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUGEN HÄTTE

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 833

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

Stanzas 1 — all singing

Stanza 2 — bass voices

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanzas 4 and 5 — all singing

***Confession**

P Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

***Absolution**

***Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things
that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Pew Bible, page 685

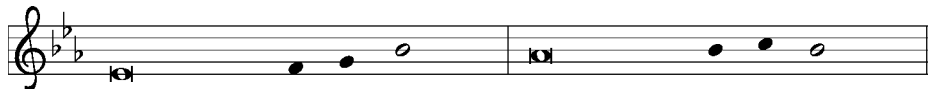
After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 25:2-9

Antiphon: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Antiphon: Marty Haugen



²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

**³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.**

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.

**⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long. *Antiphon***

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.**

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

**⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way. *Antiphon***

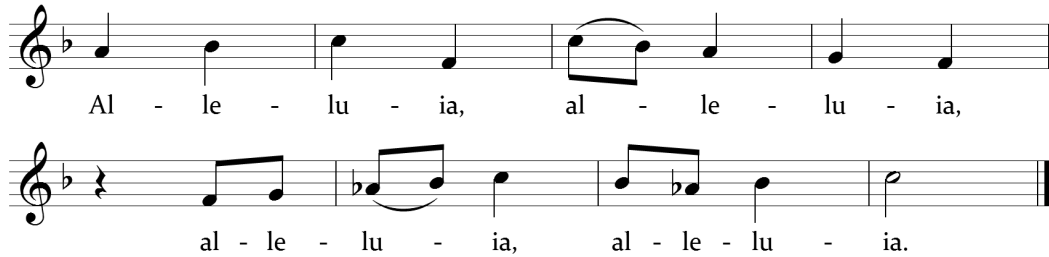
Second Reading — Philippians 2:1-13

Pew Bible, page 954

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 21:23-32**

Pew Bible, page 802

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st 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 — No. 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

(8:30) ***The Apostles’ Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of hymnal, pages 227-231*

*The Triune God claims **Alice Jayne Langford** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Alice’s parents are Jake and Natalie Langford, and her sponsors are Hanna Henderson and Collin Svoboda.*

☐ People of God, do you promise to support Alice and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☒ **We do.**

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — No. 211 “You Have Put on Christ”
During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — No. 211 “You Have Put on Christ”

***Prayers of Intercession**

☞ 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) “Awake, Awake to Love and Work” Kenneth Dake
St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUGEN HÄTTE Walter Pelz

***Offering Hymn** — “For the Fruit of All Creation” *stanza 1* 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 sowing, tending, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

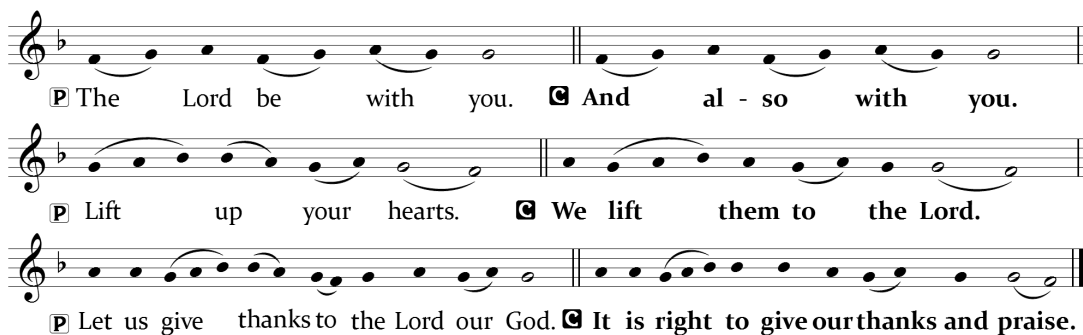
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, 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

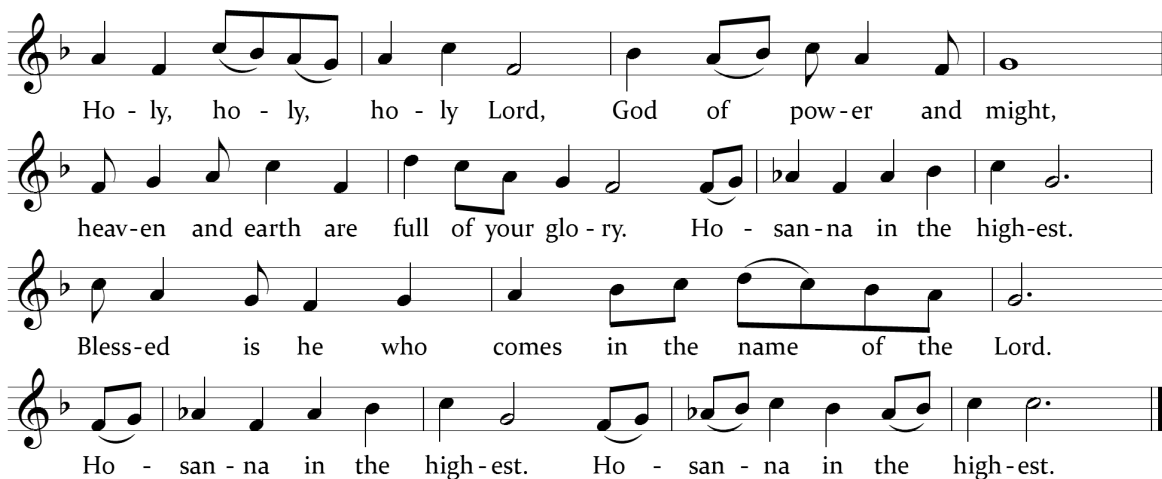


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.*

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter 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** — "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"

Johann Crüger, setting G. F. Handel

Hymn — No. 847

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

Hymn — No. 712

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

P God, you have fed us with your very self.

A We say thank you.

P You have made us one in the body of Christ.

A We say thank you.

P You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.

A We say thank you.

P Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing,
may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace,
and bless you now and forever.

A Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “How Can I Keep from Singing” *stanza 1*

HOW CAN I KEEP
(Music at: Hymn 763)

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to the Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Adagio” from *Sonata I*

Felix Mendelssohn



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rhoda Van Tassel
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Flute	(8:30) Jenny Pelletier
Oboe	(8:30) Julia Porter
Bassoon	(8:30) Elizabeth Bade
Cantor	(10:45) Michael Berger
Acolytes	(8:30) Thea Benson, Gunnar Benson (10:45) Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) Rebekah Thomas, Dan Van Tassel (10:45) Angie Gehring, Dan Van Tassel
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Steen (10:45) Ruth Smestad Anglin, Mary Steen
Coffee and Refreshments	Ruth Smestad Anglin, Trish Babbini, Sue Brockman, Dawn Tommerdahl, Alysa Toov
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Amy Boxrud, Marilyn Calcutt, Alyssa Ness, Ted Peterson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 8):

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 † Psalm 80:7-15 † Philippians 3:4b-14 † Matthew 21:33-46

WELCOME STATEMENT

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.*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 1):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

Life Groups: Grades 6-9 & Life Group Guides: Grades 10-12 (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

St. John's Forum: What is it? - A Reformation Crash Course for Dummies (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

Next Week (October 8):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

Life Groups: Grades 6-9 & Life Group Guides: Grades 10-12 (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

St. John's Forum: Who Cares? - Why the Reformation Matters for Our Children and Grandchildren

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

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)



Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Marilyn and Ralph Haugen by the Haugen and Gaffey Families. 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 29, November 12, and December 10, 24 & 31. 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.

Accompany Newcomer Gatherings

Today, 9:45 a.m., Undercroft

Accompany, St. John's process of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone continues.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, October 2

6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms

Topic: *Faith and Climate Change*

In the creation stories, God gives humanity the responsibility to care for the earth - not to dominate it. How does this Biblical imperative impact our faith in action in light of the science of climate change and the effect we are having on God's creation? It has been said that if the mosquito becomes extinct - the ecosystem on this planet would crumble; if humanity became extinct - the ecosystem would thrive. Is this political conversation? Is this a faith conversation? Both? To help ground our discussion, please read the following article (copies are available at the Welcome Desk):

https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/climate-change-failure-incarnational-nerve?utm_campaign=80e2e727-&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Christian%20Century%20Newsletter&utm_term=0bo0cd618da-80e2e727-86118899

Lutheran Social Services: "It All Started With Children"

This Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.

Mark Petersen (retired CEO of LSS) and his wife Mary, will speak to us about LSS' work with refugees and immigrants, how it began, and its adaptation to changing global needs. This event is open to the public. Sponsored by St. John's Women and Adult Education & Ministry Board.

Calling All Food Shelf Advocates

In the interest of "sprucing up" the area where St. John's donations for the food shelf are kept, we are asking all food shelf advocates to please check in with any of the church staff members. Thank you!

Announcements (cont.)

Party People Gather Round!

The 150th Anniversary Steering Committee invites you to hear about event ideas for our 150th celebrations in 2019. Fun seekers and those who enjoy gathering a crowd are invited on **Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft** to an informational session about how we can gather our whole faith community for this occasion.

Disaster Relief funds given to Lutheran Disaster Response will be directed wherever they are most needed in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your gifts! You can direct a check to St. John's with "Disaster relief" on the memo line, or you can go directly to www.elca.org to donate online.

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.

Shared Ministry

Sign-ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

A really big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in the kitchen serving for Apple Sunday and to those who brought the delicious apple treats. What a wonderful giving community we have at St. John's! Your generosity is such a blessing! **THANK YOU!** Don't forget, if you brought an apple treat - pick up your pans and dishes this week.

Can you help with Children's Programming?

We are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday and Wednesday Programs. Here's where you can lend a hand:

- A team teacher for 5th grade.
- Help on Wednesdays with our buses at Bridgewater and Sibley (takes about 10 minutes taking attendance and making sure kids are on board our bus).
- Caregivers in the Nursery.

Please email Julie Brehmer, children@StJohnsNorthfield.org, if you have questions.

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 recovering

Lorene Hastings, Bobbie Maakestad, Thomas Severson, Carol Solid

Those celebrating the baptism of

Alice Jayne Langford, daughter of Natalie and Jake Langford

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of John Schoen (Father of Carol Schoen)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gaggioli, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Grace Madson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Donna Kallestad, Jessie Lindberg, Wilbur Christensen

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 and Carol 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

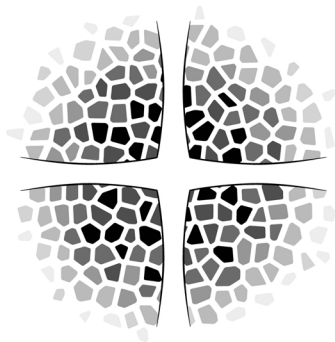
Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 2	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 3	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
Wed., Oct. 4	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	“ROCK” Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Room 19 / Grade 5 - Undercroft
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
		College Admissions Info Session, St. John’s Theater
	7:00 p.m.	St. John’s Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 5	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John’s General Meeting, St. John’s Hall
Friday, Oct. 6	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 7	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway
Sunday, Oct. 8	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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