



150
YEARS OF
GRACE
OVERFLOWING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN † NORTHFIELD, MN

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 — “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Dan Miller

Welcome and Announcements

***Anniversary Litany**

P As we begin this month
with thanksgiving for all who have gone before us,
give us faith to celebrate our past

All **with memories of grace overflowing.**

P As melodies ring in the rafters,
and our hearts hold the songs of our faith,
give us joy as we sing praises yet unknown

All **with songs of grace overflowing.**

P As we stand on the faithful promises of God's beloved
that taught us of love and of beauty,
give us arms that reach wide in welcome

All **with new hopes of grace overflowing.**

P As we pause, stepping into the future,
leading to ventures unknown,
give us spirits expectant and joyful

All **to join in God's grace overflowing.**

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***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

- ☐ Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Sing Alleluia”

Sue Ellen Page

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

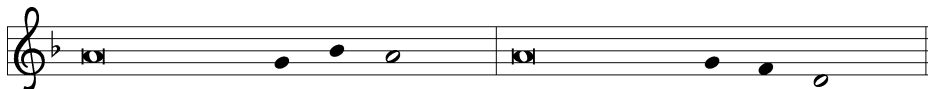
Pew Bible, page 762

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 37:1-3, 6, 7, 9

Sung by all using the tone below.



- ¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ²For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.
- ³Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.
- ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the | one who prospers.
- ⁹For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel — Luke 17:5-10**

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th 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. 659

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

***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

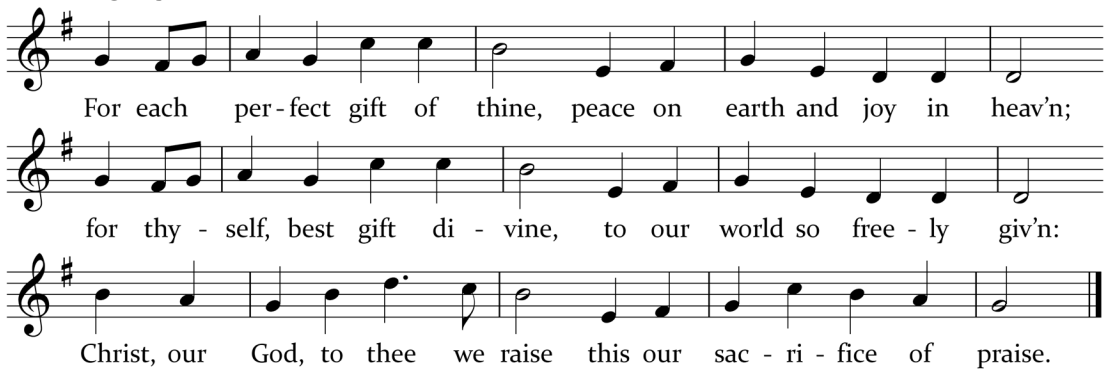
Music at the Offering:

“Song” from the *St. Olaf Organ Book*

F. Melius Christiansen

*Offering Hymn — “For the Beauty of the Earth” stanza 5

DIX



For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*Offering Prayer


- Ⓛ 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

*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, grant us peace.

Hymn — No. 556

"Morning Has Broken"

Hymn — No. 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

*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. 835

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

Stanzas 1 and 6

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Processional in D Major”

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching and Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Minister	David Legvold
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director
Piano	(10:45) Ruth Legvold
Percussion	(10:45) Jenna Leonard, Youth Choir Intern
Acolytes	(8:30) Anna Bash, Isabelle Paulson (10:45) Jacob King, Mason Vatter
Communion Preparers	Craig Schultz
Communion Servers	(8:30) Trish Goodrich, Emmanuel Kaghondi (10:45) The Norrie Family
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Steen (10:45) Trish Babbini
Coffee Service	Sue Brockman, Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl, Alysa Toov
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Brenda Bultman, David Norman, Ted Peterson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson

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 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, October 9 Pulled Turkey Breast</p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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St. John's 150th Anniversary **Capstone Weekend Celebrations**

Please plan to celebrate with us!

Thursday, October 24
American Red Cross Blood Drive
1:00-7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Friday, October 25
Silent Movies with John Ferguson at the Organ
6:30-8:30 p.m., Commons and Sanctuary
Refreshments will be Served

Saturday, October 26
History of St. John's with Joe Shaw and Jeff Sauve
9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

The Norwegian Connection with DeAne Lagerquist
10:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Cemetery Tours
11:15, 11:30, 11:45 a.m., Northfield Cemetery (across from the High School)
There are signups in the Commons for the Cemetery Tours.
Don't miss out on this interactive presentation in which actors bring to life
the story of former congregation members from long ago.

Capstone Evening Dinner
Starting at 5:00 p.m. with Pre-Dinner Music,
Dinner at 5:30 p.m., and Dessert & Program at 6:30 p.m.
Signups for the Anniversary Dinner will continue until October 15th.
Space is limited due to seating restrictions in St. John's Hall.
You can sign up through email or on the bulletin board in the Commons.

Sunday, October 27
Church Services Debuting 150th Commissioned Music
8:30 and 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary

150th Celebration Program and Pumpkin Sunday
Between Services in St. John's Hall
Please sign up in the Commons to bring a pumpkin inspired dessert
or to be part of the set-up or clean-up crews.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Ruth Anna and Van Miller in memory of Teddy Anne Miller. 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.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *TEDxStJohns: Jon Kerr - Struggling with Balancing Definitions of Faith and Justice*

TEDxStJohns is an ongoing series where St. John's members give a TED Talk Style presentation on stories and ideas that are worth sharing. In the course of researching and writing a book (Mohamed's Dream: Overcoming tragedy & coverup from the Midwest to West Africa) about the 2013 landslide in Saint Paul's Lilydale Park, Jon Kerr became close to the family of one of the two boys killed. Their Muslim-faith-based ability to both forgive and put total faith in God has been a wondrous revelation, along with a silver-lining story of generosity inspired by their son. But it has also challenged his journalist & western rationalism-influenced approach to faith that has probably often focused more on human responsibilities (and earthly justice) than divine plans.

Courageous Conversations Book Discussion Returns

Wednesdays, October 9 & 23 and November 6 & 20, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

This fall's book discussion is *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. Contact

Dawn Tommerdahl at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.

150th Anniversary Grace Overflowing Creative Arts Group

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00-6:45 p.m., St. John's Library

These monthly groups focus on building community through shared art and music experiences. Please join us and support this effort to foster connections between St. John's members and your Laura Baker neighbors. No previous art or music experience required! The group will be led LBSA's Art Specialist, Bridget Novak.

Courageous Conversations:

Bold Actions Presents "*Human Rights in Palestine: Obstacles and Opportunities*"

Thursday, October 10, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Rev. Mark Brown (St. Olaf '78), longtime advocate for human rights in Palestine/Israel, serving 14 years as Lutheran World Federation (LWF) advocate for health and education at Augusta Victoria Hospital, in the West Bank, and Gaza, and currently serving LWF as Middle East Advocate in Washington D.C., will offer insights into recent developments. Co-sponsors, NJP (Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel), will share local advocacy efforts. Open to the public. Refreshments provided.

Announcements (continued)

Attention: October Hospitality Group...

Signups are now available on the bulletin board by the office or online thru CCB.

Request for Gourds and Small Pumpkins

The 150th Anniversary committee is looking for gourd or pumpkin donations. If you have any extra gourds or small pumpkins (5" tall, 8" wide or smaller) that you are willing to donate, please bring them to the church and put them in the box located by the bench seating in the Commons.

Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 12, 8:00-11:00 a.m. (Rain Date will be October 19)

St. John's is a very active facility in a very active community. It takes a lot to properly care for a facility that is as busy as this one. Sometimes, we need help doing this. We have decided to have a fall clean up day on the exterior of the property. We will be sweeping debris from the curbs in the parking lot, sweeping sidewalks and steps to the entry ways, pulling weeds and raking leaves as needed. All who are able are encouraged to join us. Even if all you can spare is an hour, every little bit makes a large difference. Don't be shy! Come out and enjoy fellowship and the satisfaction of a job well done!

Pub Theology

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

Topic: *What Keeps You Awake? What Brings you Peace?*

We're plowing ahead into the future. We've never gone this far. Join us for a conversation on how we are dealing with our world as of October 7, 2019.

Children and Youth Ministries

NEW! Sunday Morning Youth Group!

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

Topic: *Nooma - Why Do We Go to Church?*

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 13):

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c + Psalm 111 + 2 Timothy 2:8-15 + Luke 17:11-19

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, Ruth Hansen, Ester Hustvedt, Gertrude Johannsen

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Linda Beckman

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, 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

Bob Noreen, Elaine Feroe, Lois Pearson

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

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.

This Week At-a-Glance

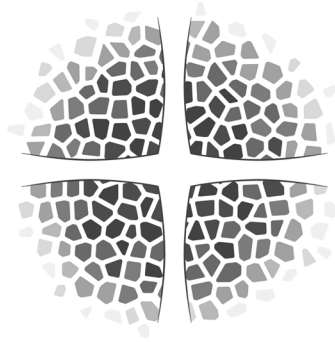
The calendar below contains only St. John's events.

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Oct. 7	8:15 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms

This Week At-a-Glance (continued)

Tuesday, Oct. 8	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Oct. 9	9:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle / Bible Study, St. John's Hall 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 Courageous Conversations Book Group, Fireside Room Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library 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, Oct. 10	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Offsite at St. Peter's Lutheran Church Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Oct. 11	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level
Saturday, Oct. 12	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal, Pictures, & Breakfast, St. John's Hall Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room Chancel Guild, Undercroft
Sunday, Oct. 13	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 (Rite of Confirmation)



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