

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 8, 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.*

***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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Movement I from *Three Festive Pieces*

Jacobus Gallus, arr. E. A. Wienandt

St. John's Trombone Choir

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Come, Come, Everybody Gather”

Natalie Sleeth

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 527

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

***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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good.
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things
that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Great Is Our God”

John Ylvisaker

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Isaiah 5:1-7

Pew Bible, page 552

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Philippians 3:4b-14

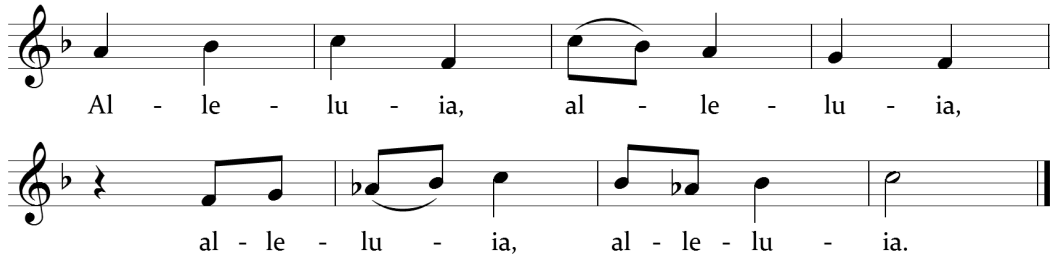
Pew Bible, page 954

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 21:33-46**

Spark Story Bible, page 302; Pew Bible, page 803

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 343

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Stanzas 1, 2, and 6

***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**

℣ 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:

"Alleluia"

William Boyce, arr. Jon Bohls

***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.

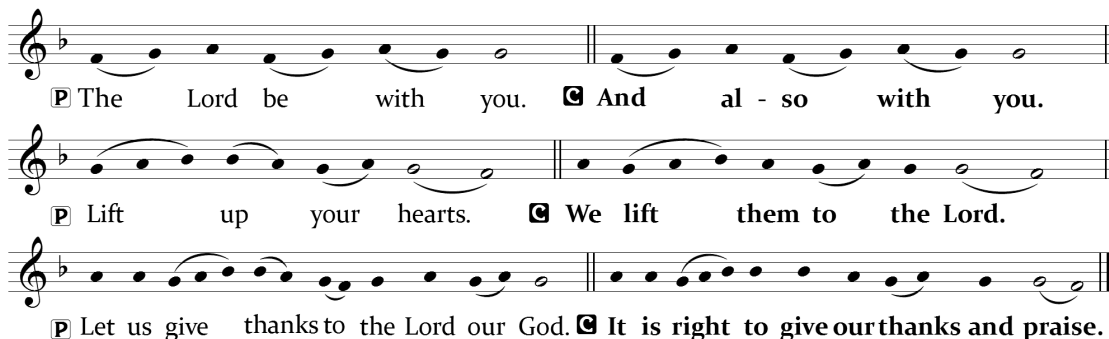
*Offering Prayer

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

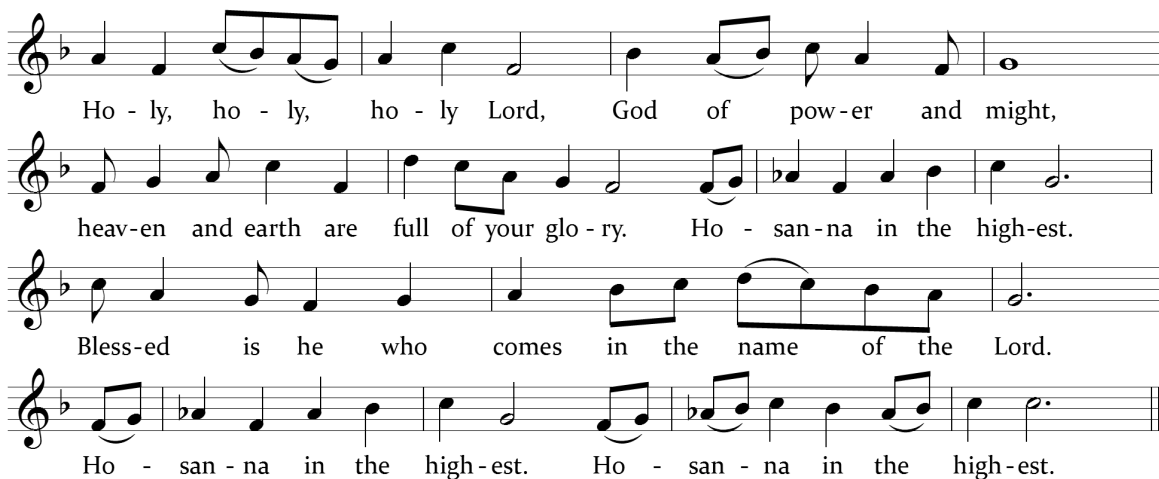


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of a series 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.

Anthem — "Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan" Severus Gastorius, arr. Robert King
("Whate'er My God Ordains is Right")

Hymn — No. 695

"As Saints of Old"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

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

All We say thank you.

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

All We say thank you.

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

All 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.

All Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *stanza 1*

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Movement II from *Three Festive Pieces*

Hans Leo Hassler, arr. E. A. Wienandt



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Minister	The Kelvie Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Trombone Choir	Paul Beck, Tarkel Price, Ralph Yernberg, Dylan Gehring, Alex Dell, David Nitz, David Legvold, Paul Niemisto, Mike Legvold
Choirs	(10:45) Alleluia Choir; director, Carol Benson Jubilate Choir; director, Carol Benson
Choir accompanist	(10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Percussion	(10:45) Sylvi Hanson
Acolytes	(8:30) Clayton Garlie, Rhett Garlie (10:45) Natalie DeGrego, Cora McBroom
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) The Kelvie Family (10:45) The Kelvie Family
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Becky Ness, Chris Weber (10:45) Paul Peterson, Bernie and Sue Renander
Coffee and Refreshments	Trish Babbini, Sue Brockman, Sharol Nau, Robin Ness, Dawn Tommerdahl, Alysia Toov
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Marilyn Calcutt, Brent Mueller, Otto and LaVerne Reitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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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 8):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

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)

Next Week (October 15):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

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



The logo features the text "Wednesday Night" in a large, black, handwritten-style font at the top. Below it, the word "MEALS" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a white oval. The oval is flanked by a fork on the left and a knife on the right, both rendered in a simple, black, stylized manner. The entire logo is set against a dark gray background.

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

All are welcome!

Menu for Wednesday, October 11:
Lasagna with Bread and Salad

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Teddy Miller by Van Miller. 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.

Sunday School Offering Supports the "Blessing Box"

St. John's Sunday school children's offering is supporting a new mission at St John's this year, a "Blessing Box." It is similar to the Little Libraries found around town except the Blessing Box is filled with donated, non-perishable food, and personal hygiene products. The idea is that anyone who may be struggling can use the donated goods to make ends meet. *"Take something if in need; leave something when blessed."*

- The offering, along with a gift of \$500 from St. John's Foundation, will be used to buy items to fill the box. You are also welcome to donate items. A donation area is set up in the lower level to drop off items. **Donation suggestions:** Body soap, detergent (powder and small size), paper towels, toothbrush, toilet paper, towels, diapers (size 4, 5, 6), pull-ups (size 5, 6), bedding (full or queen). Food items such as: pasta, flour, sugar, coffee, crackers, rice, and box dinners.
- **On Sunday, October 8, we will bless the Blessing Box during Sunday School.**
- Thank you in advance for your donations! And, many thanks to Scott Swanson for building our box. It is located in the drive-up on the north side of St. John's.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Invitation to “Claiming Our Voices Conversation”

Wednesday, October 18, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Undercroft

We have the chance to join with hundreds of other Minnesotans in a conversation about how issues like immigration, incarceration, racism, and economic justice impact us - and how our faith and values influence how we act upon these issues. We will also spend time discussing how we can work together in our community and in our state as a group of people of faith to transform our politics, to build relationships with one another, and to build the power we need to ensure that the next Governor of Minnesota is committed to an agenda grounded in love and justice. This conversation is part of the Claiming Our Voices project of ISAIAH, an organization of people of faith working on racial and economic justice. Please RSVP to Dawn Tommerdahl (dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet on the Peace & Justice Group's bulletin board in the Commons.

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.

Be sure to follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter** (@StJohnsNF). If you have pictures we could add to our Facebook site of the happenings of our church, please email them to: photos@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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.

Attention: November Hospitality Group...

Sign ups are now available in the Commons or online thru CCB.

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:

- 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

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, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Sherwin Hansen

Family of Fred Gaggioli

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, 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

Joan Carlson, Margaret Nokleberg, Arlene Sivanich

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.

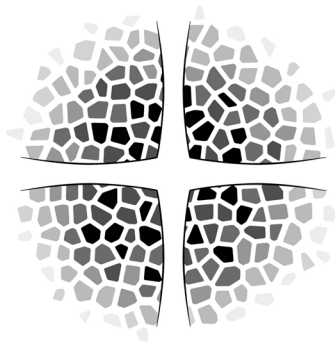
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 15):

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9 † Psalm 23 † Philippians 4:1-9 † Matthew 22:1-14

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 9	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Sherwin Hansen
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Sherwin Hansen
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Oct. 10	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	9:00 p.m.	Men's Night Out, Contented Cow
Wed., Oct. 11	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Eric Lund, St. John's Hall
	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
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-9), Fellowship Hall / Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 12	9:00 a.m.	Sons of Norway, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Oct. 13	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 14	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway Confirmation Rehearsal, Pictures, and Breakfast
	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Oct. 15	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Rite of Welcome) <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Rite of Confirmation)



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