

Service of Holy Communion

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Confirmation Sunday October 15, 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.

RITE OF WELCOME AND CONFIRMATION

Today we rejoice in the gifts of baptism: the promise of God's faithfulness and forgiveness, the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit, and life together in the body of Christ.

At our first service we welcome a number of newcomers to this community who are gathering weekly in our Accompany class. We pray for their entry into this community of faith with the Rite of Welcome, blessing them as we grow in faith together. Their journey will end with Affirmation of Baptism in November. They are:

Charles and Shirley Anderson, Izzy Anderson, Missy Berger, Tamara and Demian Jackman (Quinn, Imogen and Frances), Tom Kaiser, Tracy Kochendorfer, Wanda and Rick Koehler, Adam and Arielle Loy (Anders and Isaac), Janet Monson, Julie Monson, Craig Schultz, David and Sue Schorr, Joyce Stofft

At the second service, our 10th graders take part in the same Affirmation of Baptism – claiming God's promises for them at this moment in their lives. They have been through a long journey of catechesis in the faith, and many family members, teachers, and mentors have been part of this formation with them. We rejoice that they are ready to publicly claim God's promises to them stating their intentions to continue in the faith: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. They are:

Cate Carson, Alexander Dell, Peter Neeb, Jack Rizzo, Katarina Schroeer

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Fanfare and Processional"

Lynn Trapp

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening**/**Processional Hymn** — No. 807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(8:30) *Thanksgiving for Baptism — Front of hymnal, page 97

(10:45) *Presentation of Confirmands

*Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

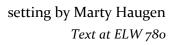
First Reading — Isaiah 25:1-9

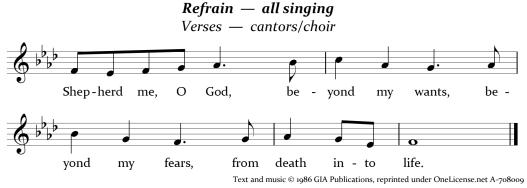
Pew Bible, page 568

After the reading:

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







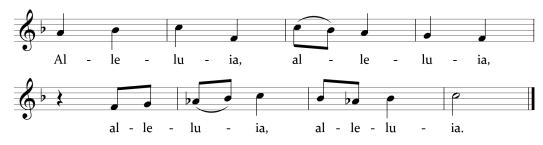
Second Reading — Philippians 4:1-9

Pew Bible, page 955

After the reading:

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Matthew 22:1-14 Spark Story Bible, page 304; Pew Bible, page 803 Before the reading:

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 641

"All Are Welcome"

(8:30) Introduction of Newcomers and Rite of Welcome

Signing of the Newcomers with the Cross

Brothers and sisters, you have indicated that you wish to share our life and hope in Christ. We now mark you with the sign of Christ's cross. The whole community welcomes you with love, and stands ready to help you.

(The congregation sings softly as they are signed with the cross)



- Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.
 It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love.
 Learn to know and follow him.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.

- Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.
- in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
- M Amen.

Concluding Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed — Front of the hymnal, page 127

(Worship at 8:30 continues on page 8)

(10:45) Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation

Front of Hymnal, page 234

Prayer

Response:

C Amen.

Profession of Faith

Following each petition:

- **P** Lord, I believe.
- **G** Help my unbelief.

Intent to Continue in Our Baptismal Covenant with God

Promise of the Assembly

- People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
- **G** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

G Amen.

Confirmation through Laying On of Hands and Prayer

Pastor, parents, sponsors, and mentors lay hands on the Confirmand's head and pray:

Stir up in *-name-* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

(The congregation sings softly while Confirmands are blessed.)



Celebrating with the Confirmands

- **P** Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.
- We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- **L** Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering: "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

Rejoice Ringers

ELLERS, arr. Lee Afdahl

*Offering Hymn —	"For the Fruit of All Creation" stanza 1	AR HYD Y NOS
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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

- Let us pray.
- 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



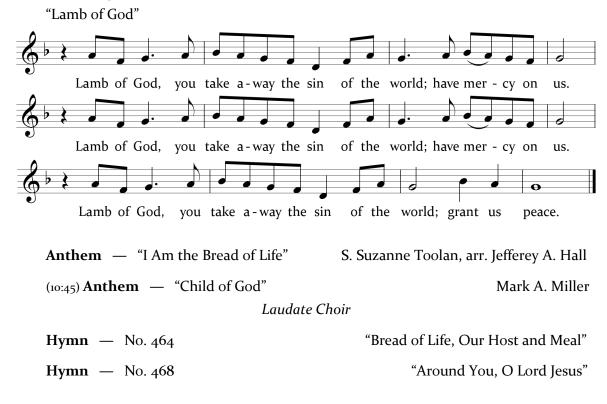
*Words of Institution

*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



DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- God, you have fed us with your very self.
- We say thank you.
- P You have made us one in the body of Christ.
- We say thank you.
- ▶ You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
- M We say thank you.
- Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing, may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace, and bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

*Sending Hymn — "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" stanza 2

THE ASH GROVE

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living, the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Share the good news.
- Thanks be to God.

Postlude — "Trumpet Tune in C Major"

David N. Johnson

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.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Larry Christensen
C C	(10:45) Confirmands
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
	(10:45) Laudate Choir; Nathan Proctor, director
Psalm cantors	(8:30) Julie Zdenek, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch,
	Carolyn Melby, Karen Christ
Acolytes	(8:30) Marion Williams, Sigrid Zillmer
	(10:45) Seth Knutson, Will Knutson
Communion Preparers	Erik and Mary Holleque
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD
	(10:45) Confirmands
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marilyn Boschee, Duane and Marlene Engstrom
	(10:45) Ruth Smestad Anglin, Paul Peterson
Coffee and Refreshments	Ruth Smestad Anglin, John and Marybeth Bremer, Sue Brockman,
	Peggy Hanson, Sharol Nau
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Chuck and Anita Hellie
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen,
	Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug
	(10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel,
	Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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 Bobbie Maakestad, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one Family of Lorene Hastings

Those with ongoing health concerns

Paul Beck, Gert Brosz, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Barb Knaak, 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 Richard Olson, Virley Brown, Cliff Gilomen

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 <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 15):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall 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) Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 19)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Norman Hope from his family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1 FM 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 and November 12. 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.

Today's Flowers are given by the Chancel Guild in memory of our dear friend and Chancel Guild member, Corrine Heiberg. Together with her husband, Elvin, they faithfully delivered flowers from church bouquets to homebound and sick members of St. John's as part of their "flower ministry."

Today we join with churches across the country to observe Bread for the World Sunday. Moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we pray for all of those who suffer from hunger and want, and we rededicate ourselves to ending hunger in God's world.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, October 16, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms

Topic: Holy Communion

A couple of months ago we took up the topic of baptism and many of us were interested in talking about Holy Communion as well. There are so many questions we could ask and discuss. What happens during Holy Communion? Are there any requirements before someone can receive it? Should there be? What is the appropriate age to begin receiving Communion? To help set the stage, feel free to read David Lose's reflection on Communion found here: <u>http://</u> <u>www.davidlose.net/2013/03/c-s-lewis-on-holy-communion/</u>. Join us for this conversation!

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, October 18: Meatloaf with Garlic Mashed Potatoes

All are welcome!

<u>Announcements (continued)</u>

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*." You are also welcome to donate items. A donation area is set up in the lower level to drop off items or just place them in the box. It is located on the north side of our building.

Children and Youth programming takes a break during MEA.

No Wednesday programming on October 18 and no Sunday school or Life Group on October 22.

Invitation to "Claiming Our Voices Conversation"

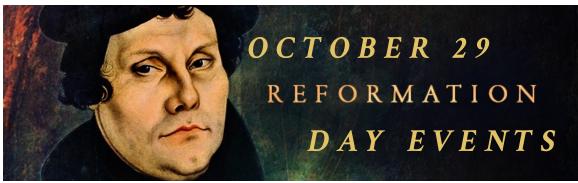
Wednesday, October 18, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Undercroft

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.

Wednesday Conversation Group

Next Meeting: October 18, 6:00 p.m., Fireside Room

For questions about the group, please contact Phil or Barb Eaves at <u>pbeaves@hotmail.com</u> or 507-645-4172.



(Root) Beer Pub and Reformation Festival 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther posting the 95 theses, we are gathering everyone together in St. John's Hall between worship services for a (Root) Beer Pub and Reformation Festival!

The Children, Youth, and Adult Ministry boards are partnering together to host this intergenera-

tional event filled with activities and games with a Reformation theme. There will be a Root Beer Pub, Reformation Trivia, nail-and-door hammering, a skit with Martin and Katie Luther, and much more!

Join us for this fun way to celebrate the 500th year of the Reformation.



Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing with the Flesh Pots of Egypt! Imminent Brewing, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to sing church hymns in a pub with your friends? Now is your chance!



On Sunday, October 29, the ELCA churches in Northfield are hosting at Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing at Imminent Brewing. Come out with yours friends and sing some good ol' church hymns, led by The Flesh Pots of Egypt. As an effort to reach out and build bridges in this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we

have especially invited members of St. Dominic's Catholic Church to join us. As with all events, everyone is welcome.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 16	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Peace & Justice Group, Undercroft
Tuesday, Oct. 17	8;45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p. m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Just Food Coop Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room 150th Anniversary Informational Session, Undercroft Personnel Committee, Room 212
Wed., Oct. 18	12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room Nominating Committee, Undercroft Wednesday Evening Meal, St. John's Hall Claiming Our Voices Conversation, Undercroft Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 19	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilting, Fellowship Hall Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony Bold Café - Hideaway Thursdays, Downtown Northfield
Friday, Oct. 20	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 21	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - Lifekeys Book Study, Hideaway Carleton College Choir Retreat, St. John's Hall / Room 209
Sunday, Oct. 22	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship/Nursery Coffee and Fellowship in the Commons and St. John's Hall St. John's Forum: Tour Our Building, Meet in the Sanctuary Accompany Newcomer Gatherings, Undercroft Worship/Nursery

Live Generously - Embrace St. John's Ministry Welcome the Future - Living Among God's People

St. John's is gifted with a creative pastoral and lay staff that is surrounded with talented people who all work together to make our congregation a welcoming Christian community. We have come to expect thoughtfully planned worship, beautiful and inspiring music, sound youth programing, and excellence in Christian education. We are thankful to be served by passionate members who serve, lead, teach, and administer - our many volunteers make St. John's a special place we embrace in our hearts.

A ministry as complex as St. John's needs up-to-date tools and resources for the wide range of ministries it offers. Your gifts allow St. John's to adequately address the essential issues facing your lives! Living together at St. John's invites each of us into a rich and abiding community for free agency does not exist in a church. We are united in faith, in worship, and in our life of prayer.

St. John's ministry requires holistic stewardship; not just money, but engagement in the life of this community through participation and leadership. Your gifts in the coming year will assist us in our response to the pressing issues in our changing world.

"There is always something special about going to church - sometimes it's the music, sometimes the message, and often, just the smile of my friends. I don't know what I would do without St. John's."

"Here at St. John's, welcome is at the heart of what we believe and do. There are many ways to show welcome, but the Evangelism & Communications Board focuses on how we communicate welcome."

"I was a little bashful to step forward to serve on the Board, but it has turned into one of my favorite volunteer activities."

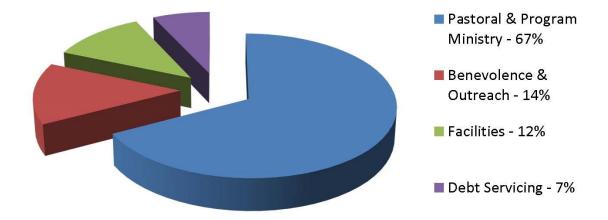
"Accompany is one of the most meaningful things I've been a part of at St. John's. When I see the faces of people I met at the gatherings around church or at Defeat of Jesse James Days, I have a sense of connection with them."

"Giving is not hard for me. I know we shouldn't give because we feel like we are getting something back, but I really feel like I receive much more than I give."

Hear God's Word:

For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:4-8

How Our Gifts Support Our Ministry



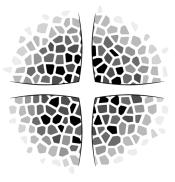
Estimated Ministry Cost in 2017 - \$991,248

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*Figures include designated gifts to benevolence, youth, and debt services.



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