



150
YEARS OF
GRACE
OVERFLOWING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 20, 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 — “Partita on ST. ANNE”

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

*Anniversary Litany

P As we prepare to celebrate the anniversary of this congregation
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. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*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

P O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 32:22-31

Spark Story Bible, page 46; Pew Bible, page 26

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 121

DUNDEE

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
God will not let your foot be moved; your guard - ian nev - er sleeps;
Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your shel - ter and your shade.
From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro - vide for all you need.

My help is from the Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
God's watch - ful and un - slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
Your go - ing out, your com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Pew Bible, page 967

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 18:1-8

Pew Bible, page 853

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th 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. 767

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

***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:

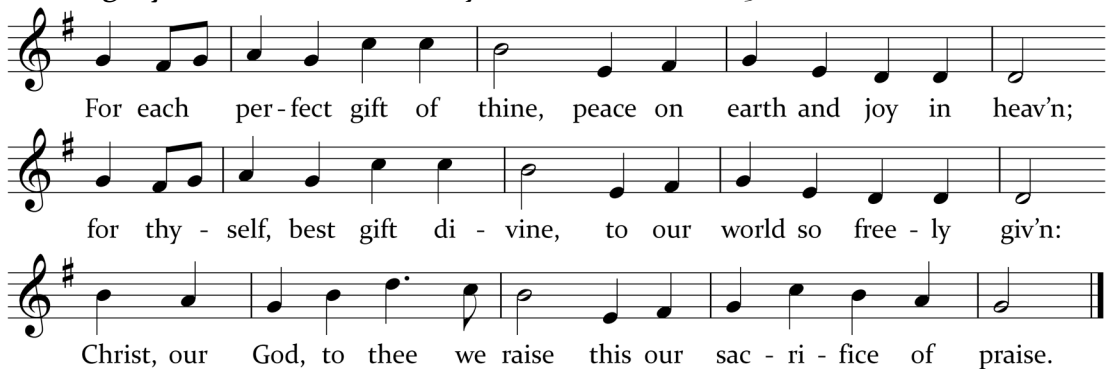
"Morning Prayer"

BUNESSAN and DIX, arr. Kevin McChesney

Rejoice Ringers

*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.

Anthem — "How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION, arr. Ron Mallory

Hymn — No. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

*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. 873

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Stanzas 1-3

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Prelude in F Major

Vincent Lübeck, jr.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Alyssa Ness
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee (10:45) Jackson Volkert, Trevor Volkert
Communion Preparer	Brian Evenson
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Sue Brockman and Brian Evenson, Mary Hoff, Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl, Alysa Toov
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Ruth Dahl, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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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 23 Chicken and Wild Rice Casserole</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., Sanctuary

The Norwegian Connection with DeAne Lagerquist
10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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.
Reservations required as space is limited due to seating restrictions in St. John's Hall.

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 Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge. 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! Dates available: October 27 and November 3 & 10. 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: *Creation Care: Martha Larson and Energy and Sustainability on Carleton's Campus*

The world is facing a new era of energy technology, policy, and planning. Carleton College is in the midst of transitioning its 100-year-old legacy of campus steam to a new hot water geothermal heating system. The new system will address much-needed plant maintenance, support the campus master plan, and permanently reduce annual operating costs, and carbon emissions. Join Carleton Manager of Campus Energy and Sustainability, Martha Larson, for how this project fits into Carleton's overall energy strategies within the broader context of global concerns over energy and climate.

Today is Bread for the World Sunday

On this Bread for the World Sunday, together with other congregations of all faith traditions who participate in Bread for the World, we remember and offer prayer today for those who live in hunger in our own country and abroad and for our nation's decision makers who can change the policies and conditions that allow hunger to persist. Trusting in the abundance of God's creation, people of faith rededicate themselves to seeing that those who struggle with hunger are able to move out of poverty and feed their families.

Pub Theology

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

What is Pub Theology? It is conversation led by Pastor Pam and/or Pastor Jonathan around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences. Feel free to invite family and friends, neighbors, and strangers. Each week, the topic will be different and will be published ahead of time on Facebook, in the News Blast, and an email list. Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the list.

Courageous Conversations Book Discussion Continues

Wednesdays, October 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.

Announcements (continued)

Attention: November Hospitality Group...

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

150 pints for 150 years Update

We are up to 93 pints toward our goal of 150 pints! Look for our thermometer in the Commons for a visual of our progress. You can donate to the American Red Cross at any location; but let Bonnie Peterson know the location and number of pints donated (218-686-8769). There are a few spots left for St. John's drive on Thursday, October 24, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Register at [RedCrossBlood.org](#) or call 1-800-733-2767 or call Bonnie Peterson. Your gift of one pint of blood helps up to three people. Truly this is a life-giving gift. Thank you.

Community Beer and Hymn Sing with the Fleshpots of Egypt!

Sunday, October 27, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Imminent Brewing

Have you ever wanted to sing church hymns in a pub with your friends? Now is your chance! Next Sunday, October 27, Imminent Brewing is hosting a Community Beer and Hymn Sing. Come out with your friends and sing some good ol' church hymns, led by The Flesh Pots of Egypt. Imminent has committed 10% of the proceeds that day to the Community Action Center Food Shelf. As with all events, everyone is welcome.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth Ministries

9th Grade Mentor / Mentee Dinner

Wednesday, October 23

9th Graders are invited to meet with their mentors *during the Wednesday meal*.

Your mentors will be contacting you.

High School Youth Event: A Trip to Mill Town Haunt in Dundas!!

Friday, October 25, 8:30-10:00 p.m. (or until finished)

After the Silent Movie (see information below), youth in grades 9-12 are invited to meet in the St. John's parking lot to carpool to the Mill Town Haunt in Dundas. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP by emailing Emmanuel at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Prior to the haunted house trip, all are invited to the family Silent Movie Event in the Sanctuary from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This event includes organ accompaniment by John Ferguson, a sing-a-long at intermission, popcorn, candy, and lots of fun!

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

Ruth Hansen, Gertrude Johannsen

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Ester Hustvedt

Family of Robert "B.J." Johnson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette,
Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Carol Carlson, Janice Helgeson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 27):

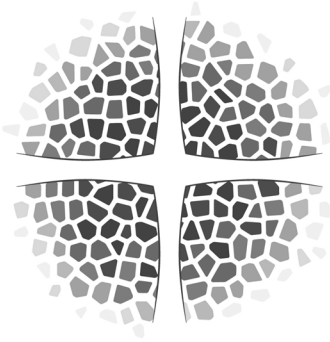
Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 † Psalm 46 † Romans 3:19-28 † Luke 18:9-17

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. 21	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tuesday, Oct. 22	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Nfld Schools Cross Country Team Potluck, St. John's Hall Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Oct. 23	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	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 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. 24	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Rejoice Ringers, Offsite at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Friday, Oct. 25	8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Lower Level Silent Movies with John Ferguson at the Organ, Sanctuary
Saturday, Oct. 26		<i>See page 11 for all 150th Anniversary Capstone Weekend Events</i>
Sunday, Oct. 27	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 6-12), Youth Room 150th Anniversary Celebration Program Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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