



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 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.

*Large print bulletins are now available for Sunday worship services.
Please ask an usher if you would like one.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Menuet gothique” from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Leon Boëllmann

Welcome and Announcements

Stanzas 1 and 2 — unison

Stanza 3 — harmony

Stanza 4 — unison

***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.

All **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

P Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 45:1-7

Pew Bible, page 588

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 96:1-3, 6-8

Antiphon, Paul Manz

Antiphon: Sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth!



- ¹Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
- ²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pew Bible, page 959

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel** — Matthew 22:15-22

Spark Story Bible, page 306; Pew Bible, page 803

Before the reading:

After the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

TERRA PATRIS

We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be; all
The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring, to
that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
teach the way of life and peace— it is a Christ - like thing.
May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive, and
And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be: what -
glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

*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:

(8:30) "A Song of Thanksgiving"

John Ferguson

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) LOBE DEN HERREN

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

*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

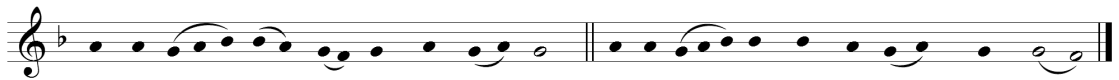
*Great Thanksgiving



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"

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.

Hymn — No. 685

"Take My Life, That I May Be"

Hymn — No. 690

"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"

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 — “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *stanza 1* RUSTINGTON
Music at ELW 678

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

*Dismissal

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — ON LOBE DEN HERREN

David Cherwien



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Mike and Melissa Berthlesen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Anthem Organist	Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Acolytes	(8:30) Johann Schroeer, Thomas Weber (10:45) Benjamin Blomberg, Jackson Blomberg
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	Mike and Melissa Berthelsen, Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Ruth Hansen, Mary Steen (10:45) Bernie and Sue Renander, Mary Steen
Coffee and Refreshments	Peggy Hansen, Sharol Nau, Robin Ness, Rob Quanbeck, Sue Renander, Dawn Tommerdahl
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Dick Dahlin, Chris and Martha Erickson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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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>Menu for Wednesday, October 25: <i>Chili</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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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 22):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
St. John's Forum: Tour Our Building (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (October 29):

(Root) Beer and Reformation Festival, 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)

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.

Help serve November 9 at Thursday's Table!

This is Northfield Community Action Center's free evening meal. After you serve, enjoy the meal with others in our Northfield community. Sign up by contacting Mary Kelvie or paper sign ups are available on the bulletin board next to the church office or online thru CCB.

- Room Set Up (2:30 - 3:00 p.m.) - 1 person
- Set Tables (3:00 - 4:00 p.m.) - 2 people
- Table Cleaners and Re-Setters (4:45 - 6:45 p.m.) - 3 people

Attention: November Hospitality Group...

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

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Elsie Nelsen in memory of Arne Nelsen. 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. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m./Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Touring Our Building – What We've Accomplished and What's Next!*

The building of St. John's has changed over the years – from the major additions years ago to the more recently updated tuck pointing, new flooring, and windows. As we approach the 150th Anniversary in 2019, it is important that we look at all that we have done to care for our building as a place of worship and resource to the community. Join us for a tour of the building to see what we've accomplished and what's needed next.

Thank You St. John's!

Thank you for your gifts to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund. St. John's has raised over \$9,000 since August.

"Walking With South Sudan"

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Clark Cary, chair of the Southeast Minnesota Synod Task Force, will speak to the community. His topic: "Walking With South Sudan," a six year-old country where people suffer from civil war, hunger, migration of refugees, and lack of health care. The Southeast Minnesota Synod is in companionship with the church in South Sudan to support their ministry. Everyone is welcome.

Perspectives on Palestine

Saturday, November 4, 8:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

A conference on the latest prospects for peace will be held here at St. John's. This is an opportunity to hear from Dr. Mark Braverman, the former director of the Israel-Palestine office of the Carter Center. Two other speakers will also be presenting. For more information, see the poster on the Community bulletin board or on the website: www.njpmn.org/perspectives-on-palestine-2017/ A Palestinian lunch will be served to all registrants.

Northfield Schools Referendum Info Session

Superintendent Matt Hillmann to speak about what the upcoming school referendum means for our community. Please join us on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:15 p.m. in the St. John's theater on the 2nd floor (handicap access available through the elevator) for a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The nursery will be open for families with children that would like to attend.

Announcements (cont.)

Manna and Mercy Mondays: Alan Storey on White Privilege

Recently, Alan Storey recorded a presentation on White Privilege. The next three Mondays, Manna and Mercy Mondays will be listening to and discussing parts of his presentation. Join us on Mondays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fireside room. All are welcome.

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.



Reformation Festival

9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Everyone is invited to St. John's Hall to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Activities for all ages include:

- Root Beer Keg with a Martin Luther Take-Home Cup
- Luther Rose Crafts
- Nail Pounding on the Affirmation Door
- "Diet of Worms" Treats
- Check out Martin "Loofahs"
- Martin and Katie Luther Skit

Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing with the Flesh Pots of Egypt!

Imminent Brewing, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The ELCA churches in Northfield are hosting at Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing at Imminent Brewing. Come out with your 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.

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 Audrey Lindley, sister of Barbara Johnson

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

Richard and Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen

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.

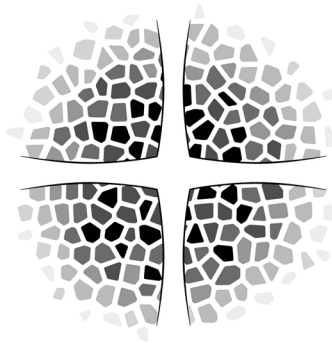
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 29):

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 † Psalm 46 † Romans 3:19-28 † Matthew 22:34-46

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Oct. 23	11:30 a.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Undercroft
	6:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside / St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Oct. 24	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Oct. 25	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 10-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Oct. 26	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Oct. 27	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Oct. 28	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway
	9:00 a.m.	3rd Grade Bible Retreat, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Oct. 29	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	2:30 p.m.	CROP Walk, Begins at St. Dominic Catholic Church
	3:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra (CVRO), St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Reformation Beer and Hymn Sing, Imminent Brewing



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Melissa Berthelsen, *Parish Nurse*

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