

Service of Holy Communion

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022 † 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 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 hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal (All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section, and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.

> An asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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 and hymns 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 — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 858

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Greeting

- The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

- P Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.
⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 84

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Irish ballad, arr. Daniel Kallman

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down, and the swallow she can build a nest where she may lay her young within the courts of the Lord of Hosts, my king, my Lord, and my God. And happy are those who are dwelling where the song of praise is sung. And I'd rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away. For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord is like a shield; and no good thing does God withhold from those who walk the way. – Jonathan Asprey

(8:30) St. John's Chorale

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel — Luke 18:9-14

 \mathbf{P} The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18^{th} chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰⁴⁷Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 615

"In All Our Grief"

*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

After each petition: **L** Lord, in your mercy,

Dord, in your mereDear 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

(8:30) "For This Joy"

LOBE DEN HERREN, arr. Susan LaBarr

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens; praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens; each glittering star shining from ages afar, driving away all that frightens. Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us; our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us; birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing, free us from all that restrains us. Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping, cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping. Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again; love now in memory keeping. Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation! Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation! Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise, singing in glad celebration! – Charles Anthony Silvestri

(10:45) ON LOBE DEN HERREN

Hans Fredrich Micheelsen

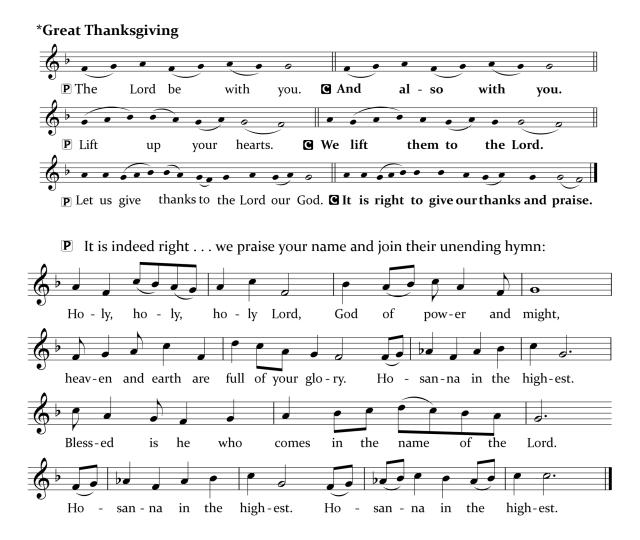


***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
 Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
 Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER



*Words of Institution

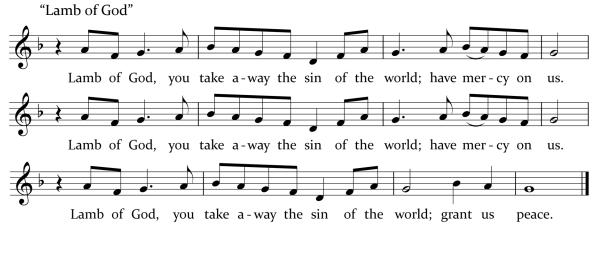
*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. 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.**

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

Music during Communion



Hymn — ELW No. 639

"When We Are Living"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

*Blessing

Response: **C** Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 893

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — "Fanfare"

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (October 30):

Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Psalm 46 + Romans 3:19-28 + Luke 19:1-10

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Paul Spicer

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher	
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis	
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Terrence Hassanally	
	(10:45) Younger / Simpson-Younger Family	
Organist	Nathan Proctor	
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale	
Piano	David Sims	
Clarinet	(8:30) Jo Ann Polley	
Cantor	(10:45) Nathan Proctor	
Healing Prayers	Kristin Partlo, TBD	
Communion Prep	Judy Smith	
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt	
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson (10:45) TBD	
Coffee and Refreshments	Dan and Carrie Dauner, Ted Peterson	
Counters	Sue Brockman, Shirley Keltto, David Norman	
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert	
	(10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim	

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 23):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Dialogues on Race (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Next Week (October 30):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level) Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room) Trunk or Treat (9:45–10:30 a.m., Outside at St. John's)

Have you signed up for the new picture directory?

Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00-9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at <u>www.ucdir.com</u> (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429. If you are unable to make it to the church for a photo session, you can submit a photo via email to the church office or dropped one off at the church. For additional assistance, call the church office.

<u>Announcements</u>

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice. Printed copies of the October 20 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Mary Beth Bremer by her family. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u> or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: December 18, 24 & 25.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday, October 26, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

Menu: Zuppa Toscana / Vegetarian Minestrone (Gluten Free)

All are invited to enjoy a community meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during the programming year! Meals are free-will offering to help cover the cost of food.

• Can you help support Wednesday Night Meals by donating a dessert (store-bought or homemade treats)? Sign up to donate a dessert by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. Thank you!

Planning Our Future Together Discussion #3

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Please join us to share your ideas and hear from others as we imagine building a strong future as a congregation. What ministries should be our priorities? How can we best use our facility to serve our mission? What are your dreams for St. John's? For more details please read the article in the October Voice.

• The Church Council invites your ideas for St. John's future. If you were not able to attend an in-person conversation, or have had ideas since those sessions, you can share your thoughts at this google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/

e/1FAIpQLSeZLxDeVWCNkauBEdNUQA7oROcjrumCVywdDFnD7VYRI8OROA/viewform

Courageous Conversations' Book Group via Zoom Begins Thursday, October 27

Our next book choice is *Trust Women: A Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice* by Rebecca Todd Peters. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Discussion dates are October 27, November 10, and December 1 from 4:00–5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Dawn Tommerdahl at <u>dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com</u> to receive the reading plan and Zoom link.

Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 30, during Sunday School

Last year's Trunk or Treat was so much fun, we're doing it again this year. Kids are invited to dress in costume and trick or treat at a variety of decorated car trunks. Games and activities too! If you are willing to decorate your car's trunk or help with games or activities, please email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Announcements (continued)

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans Monday, October 24, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's members, friends, neighbors, and the community are invited to consider attending this new gathering brought to you by St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board and the Northfield Area Retired Educators. This is an opportunity to meet for coffee, conversations, and interesting speakers followed by a box lunch. The day begins with check-in at 9:00 a.m., the speakers begin at 9:30 a.m., and programming should end at approximately 11:30 a.m. with the box lunch.

- One of this month's speakers will be Edna Thayer, from Elysian, who is known to many as the Laughter Lady. She has made over 800 presentations on laughter and the benefit it has to our health.
- The second speaker is Packy Mader, who is a retired educator who has written two books on Minnesota Olympians.

Pre-registration is over but walk-ins are welcome (remember to bring your own lunch). The cost for walk-ins is \$10 which is payable by cash or check the day of the event.

Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

All are welcome-prior attendance is not required.

Confirmation Pictures, Rehearsal, and Breakfast Saturday, October 29, 8:00 a.m., Sanctuary and St. John's Hall

3rd Grade Catechism Retreat

Saturday, October 29, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

All 3rd graders, along with a parent or parents, are invited to the first of three CAT retreats. This first retreat's theme is, "An Introduction to the Bible." If weather permits, we'll meet outside by Door #2; if indoors, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall, lower level. It is a really fun retreat! On Sunday, October 30, children and parents are invited to the 8:30 a.m. worship service where 3rd

graders will receive their own Spark Bible! Please let <u>Julie Brehmer</u> know if you are unable to attend one or both days.

Bible Overview for Grown-Ups Starts November 2

Manna and Mercy is the Bible curriculum being used by youth grades 3 through 9 this year. Based on a book by Pastor Dan Erlander, it presents the whole story of salvation with a contemporary lens. Kristin Partlo will be facilitating sessions for adults starting Wednesday, November 2. Parents of youth in programming are particularly encouraged to come and enrich their own knowledge alongside their kids. Sessions will be held from 6:30–7:30 p.m. on programming Wednesdays.

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 in need of healing Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Carolyn Jennings, Guenther Moesler, Paul Peterson, Lori Skoglund, Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melissa Simonett (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those celebrating the marriage of Allison Egge and Noah Krueger Meghan Trangsrud and Hudson Walton

Those with ongoing health concerns Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde

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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

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



This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

Monday, Oct. 24	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Out'n About - Conversations with Minnesotans, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Oct. 25	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room NHS Cross Country Potluck, St. John's Hall Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Oct. 26	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Personnel Committee, Undercroft Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary Facility Planning Conversation #3, St. John's Hall Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
Thursday, Oct. 27	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Christmas Dinner Team Meeting, Fireside Room Book Buddies, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony The Crossing of Northfield Association, St. John's Hall
Friday, Oct. 28	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Oct. 29	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Pictures and Rehearsal, Sanctuary Confirmation Breakfast, St. John's Hall 3 rd Grade CAT Retreat, St. John's
Sunday, Oct. 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship (3 rd Graders Receive Bibles), Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11) Worship (Confirmation), Sanctuary





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