



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Reformation Sunday
October 27, 2019 — 8:30 and 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! We are grateful to share this time of worship with you!

All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders 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.

An * invites you to stand as you are able.

P Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), C Congregation

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary or from an usher.

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.

For our youngest worshippers, **nursery** care is available on the lower level for children under 5.

You may choose to take them there
and return with them for Holy Communion.

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.

Grace Overflows!

This morning marks the capstone of our 150th anniversary celebrations. Today we give thanks once again that grace has been overflowing in this congregation for 150 years. Grace is also the central theme of the Reformation, the promise Martin Luther clung to 502 years ago as he boldly called for reforms in the church and society.

This morning's readings for Reformation Sunday give a word of caution about boasting—our gratitude should never be cause for comparison. We need not overstate our contributions compared to those of any other community of faith. Instead we point over and over again to what God has done within us and among us. It is by God's grace that St. John's is still a place where God's people gather in joy and in sorrow. By God's grace we have resources to share with our whole Northfield community. By God's grace we can be assured of forgiveness of wherever we fall short, and have hope for what is yet to come. *Thanks be to God!*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "O Day Full of Grace"

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. Bryan King

Please stand and face the entrance.

*Anniversary Litany

- P As we celebrate the anniversary of this congregation with thanksgiving for all who have gone before us, give us faith to celebrate our past
- **M** with memories of grace overflowing.
- As melodies ring in the rafters, and our hearts hold the songs of our faith, give us joy as we sing praises yet unknown
- **M** 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
- **a** with new hopes of grace overflowing.
- As we pause, stepping into the future, leading to ventures unknown, give us spirits expectant and joyful
- **1** to join in God's grace overflowing!

*Processional Hymn — No. 627

"O Day Full of Grace"

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — treble voices

Stanza 3 — all

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — all

*Greeting

- P 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 Let us pray.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Anthem

(8:30) "With a Voice of Singing"

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- Isaiah 48:20b; Psalm 66:1-2

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "God Made the Song"

Carolyn Jennings

We are the Church, together we sing; sharing our faith, our voices ring.

Singing together, sharing our faith, we join the song of the Church.

The song is not just for me and for you, the song is not meant for only a few; all are invited, feeble or strong, together we sing the song.

God gave us voices and God made the song, and God's Spirit sings in us to make our courage strong.

We have been blessed by God and we are called to share the story of God's boundless love for people everywhere.

We are the Church, together with you; the song of the Church is calling for you.

Singing together, sharing our faith, the song is heard anew.

The song of God is ours to sing; sharing our faith, our voices ring.

Alleluia! Sing to God who gives us a song to sing.

- Carolyn Jennings

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 642

After the reading:

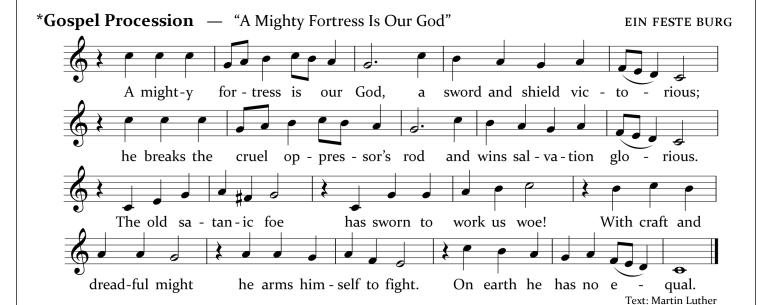
- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **©** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, page 915

After the reading:

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



*Gospel — Luke 18:9-17

Spark Story Bible, page 396; Pew Bible, page 853

Before the reading:

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

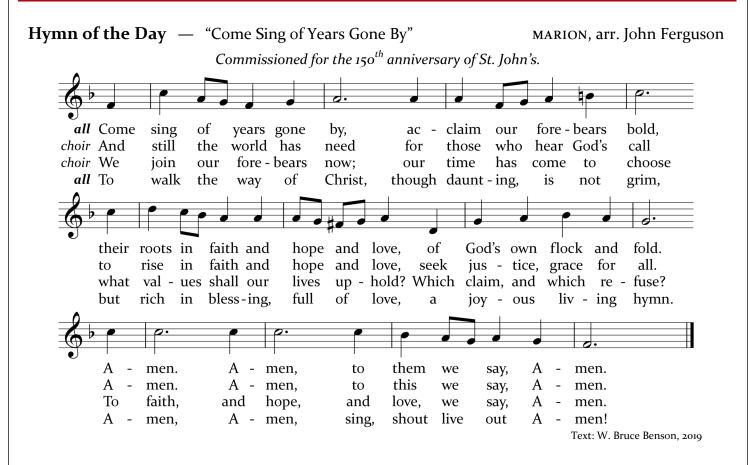
After the reading:

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



Sermon Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*Litany of Thanksgiving

- **P** Eternal God and Creator of all things, we thank you for drawing us into community in this church which so many have called home for 150 years.
- M We give you thanks, O God.
- P On this day of thanksgiving, may we join our voices with the generations of Scandinavian immigrants that founded this church, the Wahpekute tribe first to live on this land, the Eastern European, Southeast Asian, and Ethiopian refugees cared for by this congregation, our fathers and mothers, our grandparents, and our neighbors in your great song of love that is celebrated today and for generations to come.
- **⚠** We give you thanks, O God.
- Inspire us with the lives of those marked by this community: those baptized at the font, those who have confirmed their faith, those celebrating marriages, the newcomers welcomed, the friends that have departed from our community, those who have felt excluded, those who wrestle with faith, and those who now rest in your eternal care.
- M We give you thanks, O God.
- P Hold us within the faith of these forebears, who chose to meet you in this place, who recognized the community of St. John's Lutheran Church as one marked by faith and hope and love, and who daily witnessed your overflowing grace.
- Me give you thanks, O God.
- P Challenge us that we may now be moved by your grace into all the places that make up this community of Northfield: those seeking long-term housing, those working for new college educations, those new to this country needing legal assistance, and those who create loving spaces for vulnerable adults. Help us share what you have given abundantly.
- **■** We give you thanks, O God.
- P Call us from the past to this specific moment in our church history, in your Word proclaimed, in your holy meal shared with all, in our singing and praying, in the laughter of children and youth, in quilting and studying, in cooking and dishwashing, in our tears as we grieve, and in times of great joy and celebration, knowing that we are held in your grace. We give you thanks for this church, its rich history, those who have come before, those who are here now, and those who are still to come. For all these blessings,
- **⚠** Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

after each petition:

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

*Peace

- **P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **a** And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

"When at Creation's Dawn There Was No Sound"

Daniel Kallman

Commissioned for the 150th anniversary of St. John's.

Conducted by the composer.

When at creation's dawn there was no sound, God hummed a brooding song of birth profound: the symphony of nature all around. Alleluia.

For every sound comes from the Maker's hand, the cleansing rush of river, drift of sand. Each scraping insect sings across the land, Alleluia.

That music stirs in us through day and night, a unity of soul and body's light, through which our breath and voice rise into flight. Alleluia.

So let our songs now echo nature's praise. All strings and cords in sweet vibration raise to glorify our God through all our days. Alleluia.

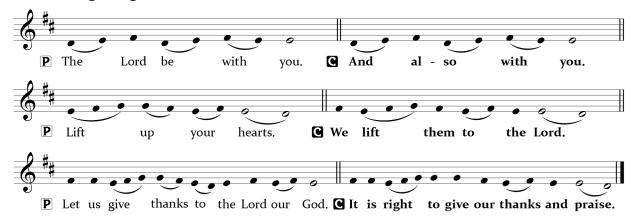
- Jean Janzen

*Offering Prayer

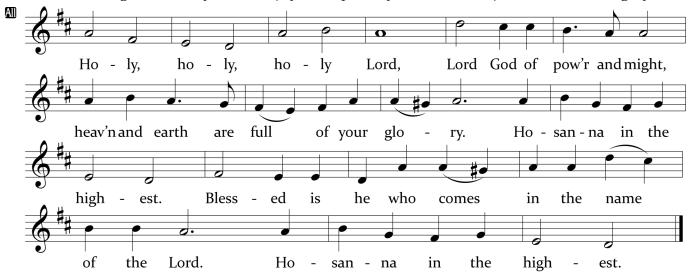
- Let us pray.
- Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of heaven and earth.
 Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to
 new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise
 you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord.
 Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*Word 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.

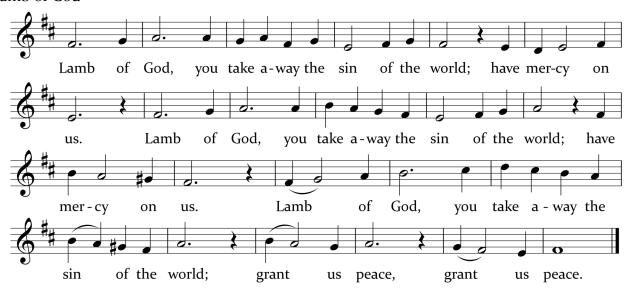
Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward.

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.

Music during Communion

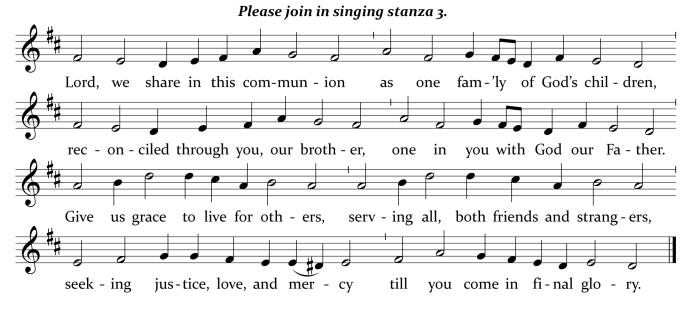
"Lamb of God"



(8:30) **Anthem** — "Now We Join in Celebration"

arr. Robert Scholz

This anthem was commissioned for 125th anniversary of St. John's in 1994.



Hymn — No. 838

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn — No. 679

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- **L** Let us pray.
- M 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:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 840

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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

Postlude — "Trumpet Tune in D Major"

David N. Johnson, arr. David Sims

Polaris Brass



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis, Associate Pastor Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Senior Pastor

Assisting Ministers Joseph M. Shaw, Nancy Shaw

Organist Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship, Music, and Arts

Choirs St. John's Chorale, Nathan Proctor, director

Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director

Polaris Brass Jacob West and Eric Holdhusen, trumpet

Neil Hutcheon and Robb Hallam, trombone

Delaney Breen, horn

Church Music Interns Amanda Goldberg, soprano

Emily Chmielewski, alto

Noah Han, Richard Spahn tenor

Eugene Sandel, bass

Anthem Accompanist (10:45) Marcia Yernberg

Acolytes (8:30) Kate Sand, Bailey Strese

(10:45) Ava Little, Kailee Jo Little

Communion Preparer Georgene Johnson

Communion Servers (8:30) Peder Lindell, Sally Lindell, Scott Swanson

(10:45) Rev. John E. Quam

Communion Cleanup Jill Enestvedt

Greeters/Welcome Desk (8:30) Kibby Errington, Dan Franklin

(10:45) Kibby Errington, Bernie and Sue Renander

Nursery Erica Anderson

Counters Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson

Ushers (8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert

(10:45) David Rudser, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser,

Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist



The final event celebrating St. John's 150th Anniversary is today!

Come to St. John's Hall to enjoy a variety of delicious pumpkin desserts and a special program, including music, and a presentation of the Time Capsule! See what will be placed inside and then hidden away for the next 50 years!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of St. John's 150th anniversary. 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: 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.

Community Beer and Hymn Sing with the Fleshpots of Egypt

Today, 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! Today Imminent Brewing is hosting a Community Beer and Hymn Sing. Come out with yours friends and sing some good ol' church hymns, led by The Flesh Pots of Egypt. Imminent has committed 10% of the proceeds to the Community Action Center Food Shelf. As with all events, everyone is welcome.

Attention: November Hospitality Group...

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

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning Monday, November 4 - No School Day

9:00-11:00 a.m., Meet in the Commons for Breakfast / Movie in St. John's Theater

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's! Come for breakfast and stay to watch a movie! Feel free to bring friends! Children younger than kindergarten need to be accompanied by a parent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated! Let Julie know if you can lend a hand.

Upcoming Middle School Event: Romans and Christians Game Night AND Potluck Dinner for parents and siblings of middle schoolers prior to the game! Get to know other families of middle school youth!

Friday, November 8, Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Romans and Christians Game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and visit with other parents of middle schoolers. Parents are welcome to stay as long as they would like, or leave when they wish. R & C game for the middle schoolers starts at 7:30 p.m. and finishes by 10:00 p.m. Signups are now available on the bulletin board in the Commons. Friends are welcome!

Write a Psalm

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to write a Psalm in your words, about our natural world, our place in it, and God's place in it. Use Psalm 8 as a model and write a psalm. Submit it to Genevieve Quarberg at davidquarberg@hotmail.com. Do this as we transition into winter in the months of November and December and it can be printed in *The Voice* after the New Year.

St. John's Forum

Next Sunday, November 3, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: Creation Care - Kristi Pursell & the Cannon River Watershed Partnership

The Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) is your local partner in clean water. Founded in 1990, CRWP has tackled a lot of projects over the years, but what are they up to today and how can you help maintain this critical resource? This interactive session with Kristi Achor Pursell, CRWP's Executive Director, will be focused on the current status of water bodies in the Cannon River Watershed, what CRWP is doing currently, as well as our plans to achieve a future of cleaner water.

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 directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

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 Karen Swenson

Family of David Thennes (brother of Tricia Peterson)

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

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Berta Diem

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

lambi Lutheran Church in lambi, 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 (November 3):

All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18 + Psalm 32:1-7 + 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 + Luke 19:1-10



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

Wednesday, October 30 Sloppy Joes

All are welcome!



Reminder! Daylight Savings Ends Next Sunday, November 3

Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.

This Week's Schedule

The calendar below contains only St. John's events.

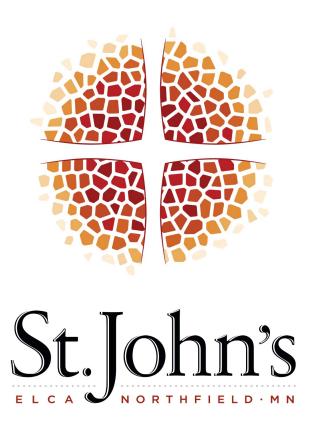
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Mon., October 28	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tues., October 29	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Sail (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Visitation - Karen Swenson, Commons Funeral - Karen Swenson, Sanctuary Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
Wed., October 30	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m.	Afterschool Snack (Grades K-5), St. John's Hall Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 "DOG" (Grades 3-5), Lower Level Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Kids Club (Grades K-2), Fellowship Hall Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Homework Café (Grade 5), Resource Room
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
	6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thurs., October 31	6:15 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Offsite at St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Fri., November 1	8:45 a.m.	Sail (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Sat., November 2		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sun., November 3	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Worship/Nursery Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Sunday School Rooms Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8), Youth Room St. John's Forum, Sanctuary Accompany Newcomer Gathering, Undercroft
	10:45 a.m.	Worship/Nursery

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