



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 11, 2018 † 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 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.

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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Long known as Armistice Day, it was replaced in our national calendar by Veteran's Day. The Armistice of 1918 ended the horrendous slaughter of World War I, called the war to end all wars. When the Armistice was signed, exuberant joy broke out around the world. For many years bells rang 11 times at that 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month. Then it slowly faded away, especially in the U.S.

Now we ring bells again, many bells, many places, 11 times. With a moment of silence, we remember the soldiers and civilians killed in warfare in every country. We pray today for all who work for peace, all who give of themselves to protect the freedoms of others, and we commit to work and pray for peace for our nation and for our world.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Song of Peace”

Jean Langlais

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord!”

Traditional

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 858

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

***Confession**

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

☞ **Amen.**

- ☐ One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- ☐ O God, our merciful redeemer,

- ☑ **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.**

We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.

We turn our ears from voices that cry out.

We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service
to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- ☐ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was give to die for you,
and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you!
Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

- ☑ **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** — “This is the Feast,” *front of hymnal, page 149*

***Greeting**

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

- ☑ **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- ☐ O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us
in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your
promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 146

Antiphon: David Sims

Antiphon: Praise to the Lord, to the God of creation! Join me in glad adoration!



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³**Put not your | trust in rulers,**

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish. Antiphon

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷**who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.**

The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those**

who | are bowed down;

the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Hebrews 9:24-28

Pew Bible, page 976

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Mark 12:38-44**

Spark Story Bible, page 342; Pew Bible, page 825

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

***The Apostles' Creed — front of hymnal, page 127**

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

☐ Lord, in your mercy,

☒ **hear our prayer.**

Our prayers end with the tolling of the bell 11 times.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C 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) "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Rollo Dilworth

Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before his presence with singing, glorious singing. Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Know that the Lord is God: it is he that hath made us. We are the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless his name. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

-Text based on Psalm 100:2-4

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Just Enough Oil" from *Elijah! God's Faithful Prophet*

Mark Patterson

*Offering Hymn — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

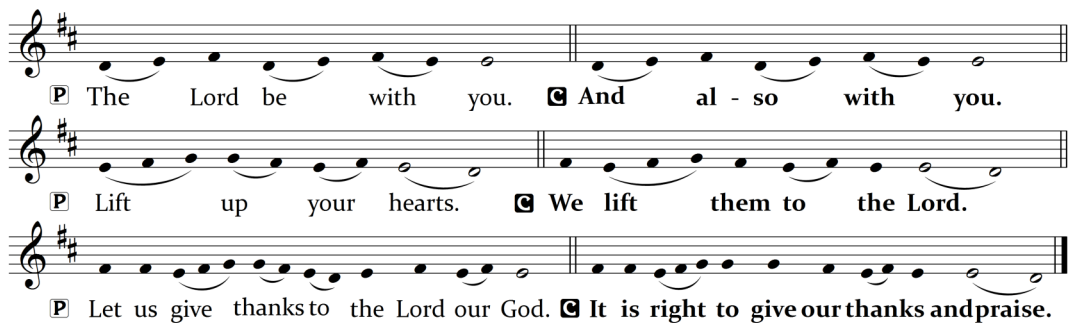
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.
Fill us with your love. Join us to the saints before us in a holy and
boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

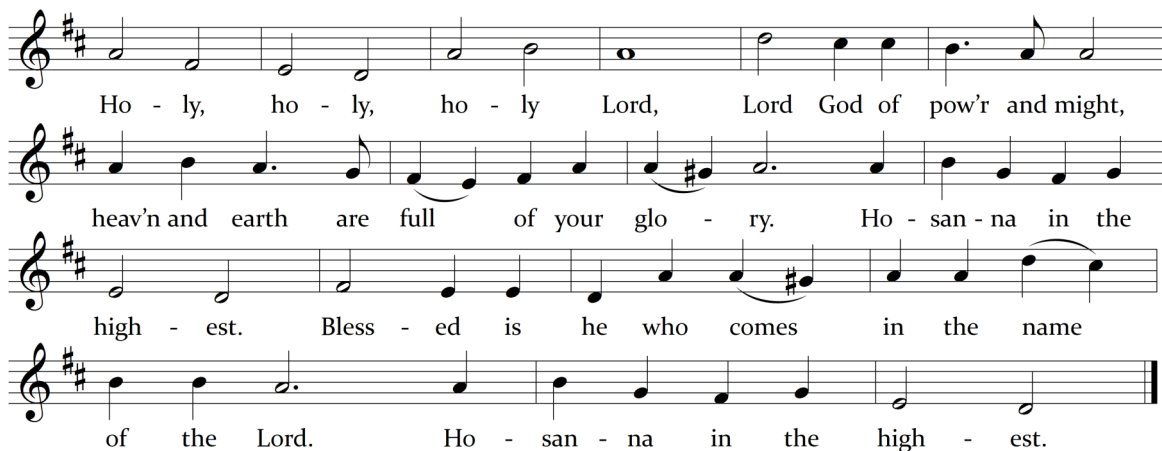


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Hymn — No. 790

"Day by Day"

Hymn — No. 695

"As Saints of Old"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray.

A Holy God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 88o

“O God, beyond All Praising”

Stanza 1

***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	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Dave Zdenek
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) Alleluia Choir, Arielle Loy, director (8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(8:30) Mary Davis
Cantor	(10:45) Tarkel Price
Acolytes	(8:30) Marshall Nelson, Emmett Norrie (10:45) Luke Redetzke, Will Redetzke
Communion Preparers	Paul and Maribeth Beck
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Paul and Maribeth Beck
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) David Norman (10:45) Gretchen Hardgrove
Coffee and Refreshments	Paul Beck, Shirley Keltto, Gary and Lynette Schroeter
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Dan Franklin, Bob Tabery, Elden and Solveig Zempel
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 11):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Questions of Faith Panel (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

Next Week (November 18):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: A Teen's Experience with Climate Action (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Manna and Mercy Video Discussion Group (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Today's Forum: Questions of Faith Panel Discussion

9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Recently, many adults have been expressing their desire (and fear) to ask questions of faith. People long to be honest about their doubts and wonderings about God, Christianity, and faith, but too often people were told to not question and not doubt. Too often we are told to "just believe." In light of this, we want to make space to hear and wrestle with the deep questions that are alive in our congregation. Join us for this **Questions of Faith Panel Discussion** where the pastors and a panel of St. John's members will read and discuss questions of faith. To help with this, we would love to know what questions you have always wanted to ask but never felt encouraged to do so. There is "Questions of Faith" Box in the Commons where we hope you will write down your questions of faith that will be used for this panel discussion.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 14:

Tater Tot Pot Pie

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Joyce Schrader by family and friends. 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. Dates available: November 25 and December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

No Manna and Mercy Gathering Today

There will be no Manna and Mercy Discussion Group today due to interest in the “Questions of Faith” forum. See you next week, on November 18!

Creative Arts Group: “Music & Art Technology Night”

Wednesday, November 14, 6:00 p.m., St. John's Library

We will have a variety of creative technology available to explore together including drawing and musical instrument apps on iPads! Come willing to meet new people and try something new! The group will be led LBSA's art specialist, Bridget Novak and music therapist, Jenny Solar.

ELCA World Hunger - November Appeal

ELCA World Hunger fights hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world by supporting numerous projects in health, agriculture, business development, education, and disaster relief. There is an envelope in the St. John's packet marked for 'World Hunger.' Please write your check to St. John's with 'World Hunger' on the memo line. For those who use the online donation system, use account 302 - ELCA World Hunger. Our church in the past has consistently raised \$10,000 in our November appeals. Thank you for your generosity and your heart for others.

Bus Tour to the American Swedish Institute

Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The bus will be on 3rd Street at St. John's for boarding around 9:45 a.m., leaving at 10:00 a.m. We will tour the mansion around 11:30 a.m., eating after that (plate lunch from FIKA). There should be time to wander (there's a gift shop) on your own. The bus should return to Northfield by 3:00 p.m. Duane Engstrom will be our tour leader. The Adult Education & Ministry Board is sponsoring this trip.

- You can sign up on Sundays, November 18 & 25 and December 2, in the Commons. The cost is \$50 (due at sign up) and includes the bus ride, tour, and lunch.

You can find more information about the Institute online.

St. John's Website

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

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

Lillian Anderson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Margo Otte (mother of Doneen Vial)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Gasho, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Sally Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Bette Quinnell, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Bob Noreen, Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud

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 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.

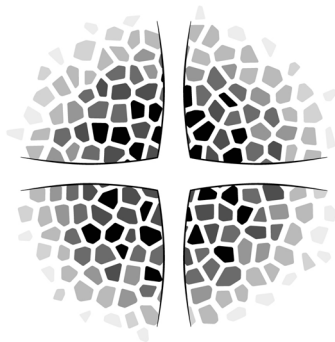
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 18):

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 † Psalm 16 † Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 † Mark 13:1-8

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 12	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Nov. 13	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall 1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Nov. 14	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) 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 Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library "Waking Up White" Book Study, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 15	7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilting, Fellowship Hall Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Nov. 16	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 17		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Nov. 18	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12) Worship / Nursery High School Club (Grades 9-12), Offsite



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