

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 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.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary.

*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 — “Reflections on ‘E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “On This New Day”

Robert Leaf

Alleluia Choir

***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.

A And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Amos 5:18-24

Pew Bible, page 747

After the reading:

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

(8:30) **Psalmody** — Psalm 70

Antiphon: Paul Manz



¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back
and | be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the LORD!”

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry.

*Antiphon: E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All.*

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Praise, Rejoice and Sing!”

Allen Pote

Jubilate Choir

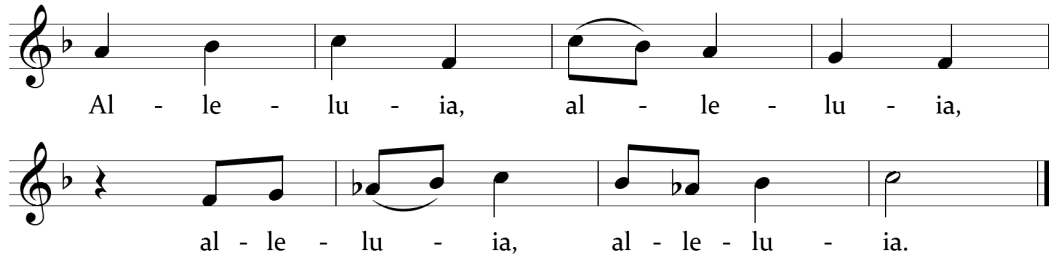
Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Pew Bible, page 960

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13**

Pew Bible, page 806

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th 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 — No. 715

“Christ, Be Our Light”

(8:30) ***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of hymnal, pages 227-231*

*The Triune God claims **Quinn Irene Erickson** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Quinn's parents are Nicholas and Lynnette Erickson, and her sponsors are Sara Bultman, Stacy Erickson, and Simeon Peterson.*

☐ People of God, do you promise to support Quinn and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

☒ **We do.**

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — No. 211 “You Have Put on Christ”
During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — No. 211 “You Have Put on Christ”

***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.

Children’s Message

Offering of Our Gifts and Intent Cards

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) “Keep Your Lamps!” Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Adagio” from *Sonatine No. V, Op. 96* H. Köehler

***Offering Hymn** — “For the Fruit of All Creation” *stanza 3* AR HYD Y NOS

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

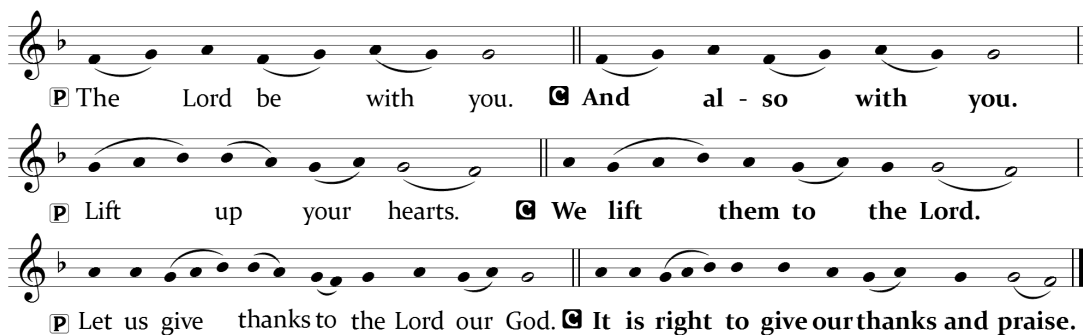
*Offering Prayer

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

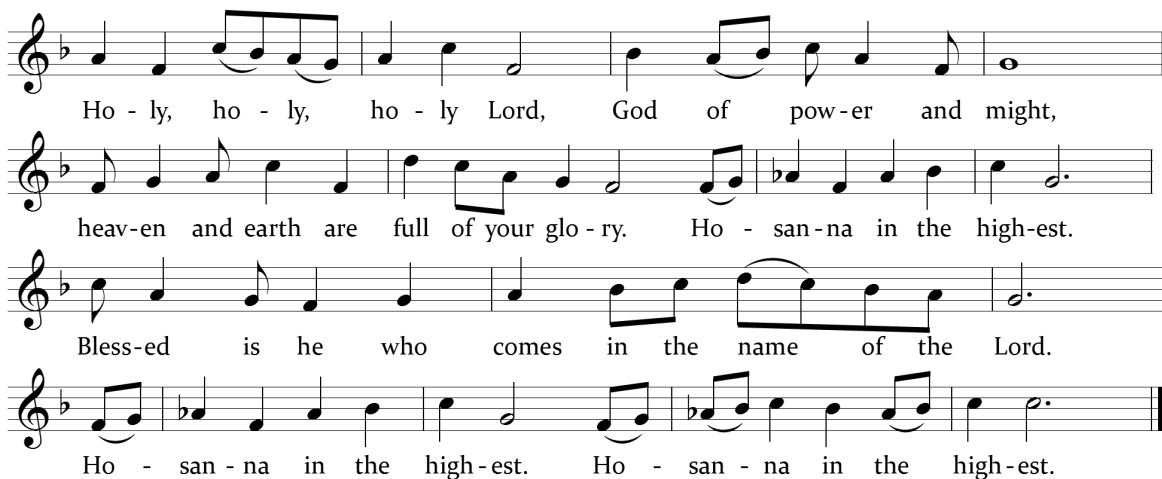


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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. 686

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn — No. 488

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

P God, you have fed us with your very self.

All We say thank you.

P You have made us one in the body of Christ.

All We say thank you.

P You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.

All 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.

All Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “O God beyond All Praising” *stanza 3*

THAXTED

Music at ELW 88o

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — on THAXTED

Jeffrey Blersch



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir; Carol Benson, director Jubilate Choir; Carol Benson, director Brian Klein, Children's Choir Intern
Percussion	(8:30) Paulo Gladney
Piano	(10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Flute	(10:45) Jenny Pelletier and Jennifer Solar
Handbells	(10:45) Jeanette Pelletier
Acolytes	(8:30) Emmett Norrie, Tate Sand (10:45) Lillian Almen, Ainsley Nutt
Communion Preparer	Will Schroeer
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Tricia Peterson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Wil Brosz, Audrey Moe (10:45) Wil Brosz, Audrey Moe
Coffee and Refreshments	Melissa and Michael Berthelsen, Gretchen Hardgrove, Andrea Hoff, Jon Kerr, Audrey Moe, Donna Werdahl
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Gene and Lois Bakko, Brenda Bultman, Brent Mueller
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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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

Next Week (November 12):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: Busyness and the Pace of Our Lives - Sleep (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

Next Week (November 19):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: 150th Anniversary Benevolence Partners (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 15:
Chili Mac

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Tony Becker and Rebecca Judge. 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: December 24 & 31. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Busyness and the Pace of Our Lives: Sleep*

We live in a dizzying and busy culture that struggles to slow down. What impact does this have on our sleep? St. John's member and sleep specialist Dr. Bryan Hoff will lead us in talking about what normal sleep looks like throughout the ages of life, but especially in the teenage and family years. There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers at the end. Parents and grandparents of school-aged children are encouraged to attend!

Summer 2018 Mission Trip Information Meeting

Today, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room

High school youth and parents are invited to learn more details about this summer's mission trip to Houston. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, November 13

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

Pub Theology is a bi-monthly conversation 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. All are welcome.

Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's

Please sign up to bring a pie! Sign ups are available in the Commons or contact Mary Kelvie at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Advent Fair

Wednesday, November 29

Meal from 5:15-6:15 p.m. / Activities from 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Advent Fair is St. John's annual celebration to ring in the season of Advent. St. John's will turn into an international bazaar with stations with crafts, activities and food appropriate for all ages. Come for the regular Wednesday Night Meal and stay for all sorts of fun! Check out the volunteer opportunities in the Common.

Announcements (cont.)

The Christmas Sharing Tree, November 13 - December 3

Our annual “Christmas Sharing Tree,” a program through the Northfield Community Action Center, will be displayed in St. John’s Commons from **November 13-December 3**. The Sharing Tree is decorated with paper stars. Each star has a gift idea, along with the name, age and gender of a child whose family needs help purchasing Christmas gifts this year. Purchased gifts should be placed, unwrapped, with the paper star attached, and put under the tree by **Sunday, December 3**. **Bring your child(ren) along to help find a gift for a child.** Thank you for your donations!

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

The 2017 goal for the ELCA World Hunger is to raise \$24 million to support the ELCA worldwide network of companion churches and partners in the fight to end hunger. From micro loans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, the work of ELCA World Hunger supports solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Through this comprehensive approach, including advocacy and education, the work addresses hunger from all angles, locally and around the world. There is an envelope in the St. John’s packet for ELCA World Hunger, and we encourage you to make that donation now. For those who use the on-line donation system, there is a specific account named ELCA World Hunger. St. John’s hopes to again raise at least \$10,000. Thank you.

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.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: November 15th for the December Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 19):

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 † Psalm 90 † 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 † Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jerry Kipp, Barb Knaak, Brynhild Rowberg, Bob Scholz, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those celebrating the baptism of

Quinn Irene Erickson, daughter of Lynnette and Nick Erickson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Wesley Pearson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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

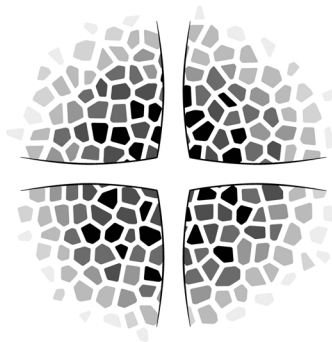
Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 13	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Wes Pearson, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
		Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Undercroft
Tuesday, Nov. 14	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	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
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Contented Cow
Wed., Nov. 15	12:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	"ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5)
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft
		High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 16	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Bold Café - Hideaway Thursdays, The Hideaway
Friday, Nov. 17	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 18	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - LifeKeys Book Study, Hideaway
Sunday, Nov. 19	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
		<i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Affirmation of Baptism)
	12:00 p.m.	Newcomer Welcome Lunch, St. John's Hall



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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

Melissa Berthelsen, *Parish Nurse*

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