

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 18, 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.*

Pastor, Leader (Assisting Minister), 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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Nun danket alle Gott” BWV 657

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 632

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Confession

P 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.

C Amen.

P 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.

P O God, our merciful redeemer,

C **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.**

P 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.

C 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

- ☐ Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Daniel 12:1-3

Pew Bible, page 729

After the reading:

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

(8:30) Psalmody — Psalm 16

O WALY WALY

Pre - serve, O Lord, my trust - ing soul, count me a -
How man - y are their schemes, O Lord, who tempt me
You, Lord, are my in - her - it - ance; through gen - er -
At your right hand I find de - light in all the
mong the saints in light; may I with them your mer - cy
from the way I know; their gods of gold and strength and
a - tions I am heir to right - eous - ness in place of
bless - ings kept in store; the full - ness of your love, my
gain, and right - ful fa - vor in your sight.
thought con - front me ev - 'ry step I go.
sin, your grace to save me from de - spair.
joy; I praise your glo - ry ev - er - more.

Psalm paraphrase Michael Morgan, 1999.

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Come, Sing Your Thanks to the Lord”

Terry D. Taylor

All singing when directed:

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Jubilate Choir

Second Reading — Hebrews 10:11-25

Pew Bible, page 976

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel** — Mark 13:1-8

Spark Story Bible, page 346; Pew Bible, page 825

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 757

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

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

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- Ⓐ 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

Music at the Offering:

“The Church's One Foundation”

AURELIA, arr. Kevin McChesney

Rejoice Ringers

*Offering Hymn — “Now Thank We All Our God” *stanza 2*

NUN DANKET

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

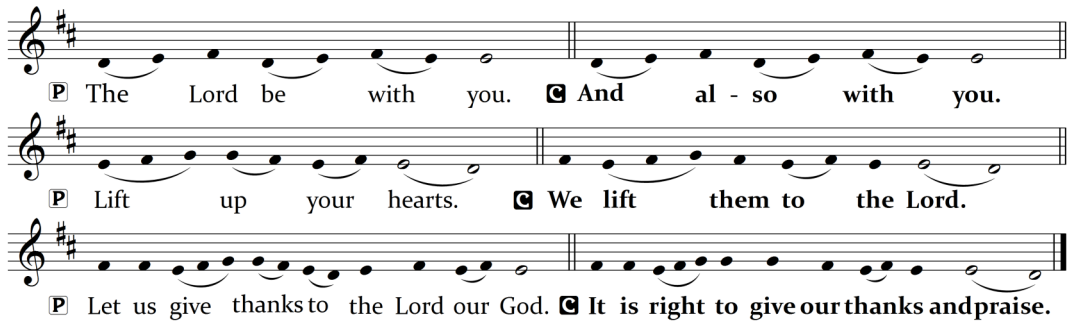
*Offering Prayer

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

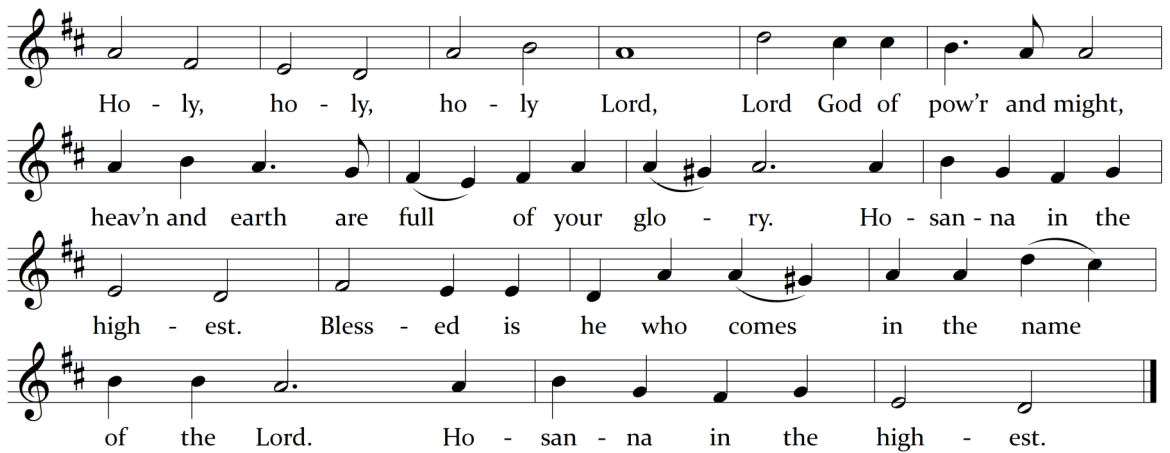


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Anthem — "Gift of Finest Wheat"

arr. Michael Helman

Hymn — No. 686

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Hymn — No. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

*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. 426

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Siegfried Karg-Elert



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Ruth Smestad Anglin
Organist	Joanne Rodland
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers, Zack Pelletier, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Amanda Goldberg, Youth Choir Intern
Piano	(10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Percussion	(10:45) Jaida Gehring
Acolytes	(8:30) Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie (10:45) Ava Little, Kailee Jo Little
Communion Preparers	TBD
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Jerry Kipp, David and Sue Schorr (10:45) Rose Berthelsen, Bruce and Audrey Moe, Joyce Revne Stoffit
Coffee and Refreshments	Rose Berthelsen, Gretchen Hardgrove, Jon Kerr, Audrey Moe
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Jerry Kipp, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m., St. Dominic's Church (104 Linden St.)

St. John's is providing the ice cream for the festivities!

Sign ups are available in the Commons or
contact Mary Kelvie at sharedministry@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (November 25):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Today's Learning Topics

St. John's Forum:

A Teen's Experience with Climate Action and Why I Don't Cry About Climate Change (Every Day)

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

Katie Schroeer cares a lot, knows a fair bit about climate change, and somehow still hasn't succumbed to total despair. Come hear how she manages that and have a good conversation about climate pessimism, optimism, realism, and, most importantly, climate action. Guaranteed sugarcoating-free forum (that still has some hope).

Manna & Mercy Video Discussion Group Continues Today

9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Topic: *Truth is Larger than Fact*

Some spiritual leaders of old would say, "I don't know if it happened this way but I know it's true." Alan Storey suggests that Genesis 3, the Adam and Eve story, is a parable: it's true but I don't know if it happened this way. Facts can't hold the miracle of truth. You have to *reach* for a story or metaphor. Parable is a metaphor that can hold truth that facts are unable to hold. Join us in the Fireside Room for this small group discussion!

Middle School Youth Group!

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Come to the Youth Room for highs and lows, a video, and exploring the topic of "Listening to God."

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Mary Virginia Shaw by her family. She died on November 22, 2014. 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, 24, 25 & 30. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

High School Club Event (Grades 9-12)

Today, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Home of Peggy Hanson

Come enjoy a fun afternoon with friends at Peggy's cozy home! You can expect delicious treats along with activities and conversation! Friends are always welcome! Don't miss out! Questions? Contact Peggy at 952-210-2358 or peggyjhanson@gmail.com.

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, November 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m., The Hideaway

"Is gratitude enough?" In popular culture practices of thankfulness and gratitude are taking hold. Most of us view this as a good thing and a far better attitude than resentment and dissatisfaction. But is there a flip side? Does gratitude lead beyond itself, or does it just help us focus on how well we are doing to the exclusion of others? Is it a lens for looking at reality, or an end point after we've considered our reality? Join us at The Hideaway.

Peace & Justice Group Meeting

Monday, November 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Undercroft

Howard White for the Northfield Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby will be joining us. All are welcome!

Operation Joy (Sharing Tree), November 14 - December 9

The Christmas Sharing Tree with a new title "Operation Joy" is a program sponsored by the Northfield Community Action Center and is displayed in the Commons. 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 9**. **Bring your child(ren) along to help find a gift for a child.** Thank you for your donations!

Community Christmas Day Dinner Sign Ups

St. John's will again host a community Christmas dinner. This dinner is St. John's gift to the community and is open to anyone who comes at no cost. Beginning next Sunday, November 25, we will be recruiting donations of food and labor from members of the congregation. Sign ups will be in the Commons.

Announcements (continued)

Advent Fair

Wednesday, November 28, St. John's Hall

5:15-6:15 p.m. - Wednesday Night Meal / 5:45-7:00 p.m. - Advent Fair Activities

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! Everyone is invited. And, we encourage you to bring friends. The more the merrier!

Can you help with Advent Fair?

- Dinner (set-up, serve or clean-up)
- Help with crafts/shops
- Food demonstrations – show how to make your favorite Christmas treats

Contact Julie Brehmer if you have questions at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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 the account titled '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 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.

Here's how you can help those affected by the California fires...

The Lutheran Disaster Response team has committed dollars for initial relief response. Currently, they are providing gift cards to support the immediate needs of families impacted by the multiple fires. **To double the impact, Thrivent is now matching gifts given to Lutheran Disaster Response through InFaith Community Foundation.** To give and support communities devastated by the fires, please donate here: <http://ow.ly/eNiN3omDi6m>

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

Jane Koskovich, Will McLaughlin

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

Linda Beckman, Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson

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 25):

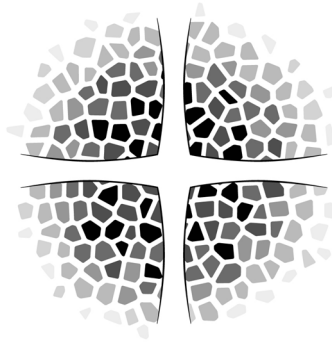
Christ the King

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 † Psalm 93 † Revelation 1:4b-8 † John 18:33-37

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 19	12:00 p.m. Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room 5:30 p.m. Grief Coalition: Coping with the Holidays, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. Pub Theology, The Hideaway 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Peace & Justice Group, Undercroft
Tuesday, Nov. 20	7:30 a.m. Executive Committee, Fireside Room 8:45 a.m. SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 21	7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at St. Dominic's Church 7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Social at St. Dominic's Church
Thursday, Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day - Church Office and Building Closed
Friday, Nov. 23	8:45 a.m. SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 24	No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Nov. 25	8:30 a.m. Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> 10:45 a.m. Worship / Nursery

 <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Wednesday Night</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MEALS</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">in St. John's Hall</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Menu for Wednesday, November 21:</p> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>No Meal - Thanksgiving Eve</i></p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">All are welcome!</p>
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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.