



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 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 — "Aria"

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***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 Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples,
and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and
wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Psalmody — Psalm 90:1-9, 12

Antiphon: Hal Hopson

*Antiphon: Teach us to know the shortness of our days;
may wisdom dwell within our hearts.*



- ¹Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.
- ³**You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”**
- ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**
- ⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
- ⁶in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
- ⁷**For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.**
- ⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**
- ⁹When you are angry, all our | days are gone;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- ¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. *Antiphon*

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in a single system. The top staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The bottom staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together.

***Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30**

Spark Story Bible, page 316; Pew Bible, page 807

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 Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 757

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

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

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism with New Members** — *Front of hymnal, pages 234-236*
Presentation

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 235*

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?
- ☑ **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

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.*

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“With Heart and Hands and Voices”

Douglas Wagner

Based on tunes NUN DANKET, KREMSE, and DIX

Rejoice Ringers

***Offering Hymn** — “Now Thank We All Our God” *stanza 1*

NUN DANKET

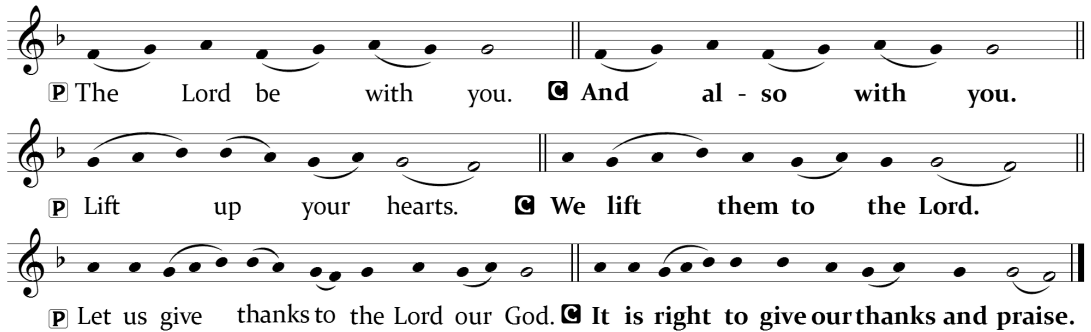
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Offering Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray.
- Ⓑ 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

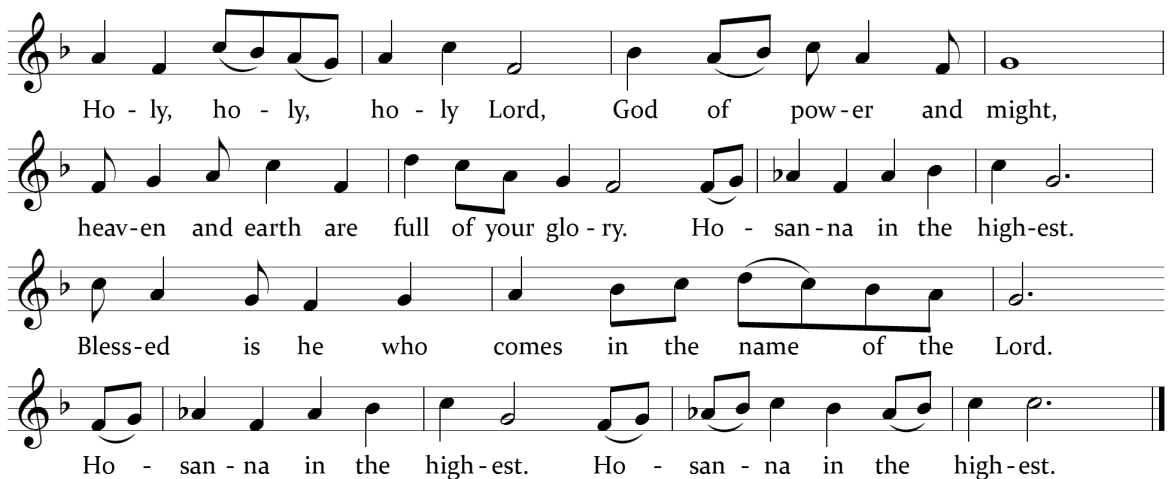


Ⓐ The Lord be with you. Ⓑ And al - so with you.

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. Ⓑ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ⓑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ⓐ 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 image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. 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.

Anthem — “With Thankful Hearts”

Douglas Wagner

Based on tunes ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, KREMSE, WIR PFLÜGEN

Hymn — No. 689

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

Hymn — No. 870

“We Praise You, O God”

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- P** God, you have fed us with your very self.
A We say thank you.
- P** You have made us one in the body of Christ.
A We say thank you.
- P** You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
A 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.
A Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “For the Beauty of the Earth” *stanza 1 and 5*

DIX

Music at ELW 879

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — “Wir glauben all’ an einen Gott” BWV 680

J.S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kathy Shea
Organist	Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Acolytes	(8:30) Bailey Sauve, Jackson Volkert (10:45) Madison Hansen, Seth Hansen
Communion Preparer	Tricia Peterson
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Tricia Peterson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Shirley Keltto, David Norman (10:45) Doug and Margaret O'Leary, Pamela Schwandt
Coffee and Refreshments	Paul Beck, Melissa Berthelsen, Cheryl Buck, Shelley DeBernardi, Shirley Keltto, Margaret O'Leary
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Dwayne Hoffrogge, Gordon Jorgenson
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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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.

Affirmation of Baptism

Those affirming their baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. worship service:

*Charles and Shirley Anderson, Melissa Berger,
Tamara and Demian Jackman & Quinn, Imogen, Frances,
Tom Kaiser, Tracy Kochendorfer, Wanda and Rick Koehler,
Arielle and Adam Loy & Anders and Isaac, Janet Monson, Julie Monson,
David and Sue Schorr, Joyce Stofft, Bruce Blomberg & Ben and Jackson,
Inger and Dan Hanson & Sylvi, Mari, Thea,
Brent and Melissa Pellinen & Edie and Iris,
Wally and Roberta Wegner*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (November 26):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Forum: Introduction to the Gospel of Mark (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his family. 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: *Benevolence Partners for St. John's 150th Anniversary*

The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board invited community organizations to submit grant requests. The four grant recipients selected by the board and the church council are:

- TORCH, Tackling Obstacles, Raising College Hopes, a program with Northfield High School
- Community Building through Music, Arts & Technology, a program with Laura Baker Services Association
- Community Action Center, support for building Homeless Emergency Housing
- Rice County Habitat for Humanity, support for a Faith Build House

The four grant recipients will each give a presentation to inform the congregation about their project.

Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

This Wednesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m. at St. John's

We need help and we need PIES! Our joint Thanksgiving Service with St. Dominic's followed by pie & ice cream social is WEDNESDAY! Can you help setup, plate pies, make coffee, scoop ice cream, bus tables, or clean up? Can you bring a pie or 2? If so, please let Mary Kelvie know as soon as possible, sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org, 507-645-4429, or sign up online thru [CCB](#).

Children and Youth Programming Takes a Break This Week

No Wednesday program on November 22 and no Sunday School / Life Group on November 26.

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 Commons.

Announcements (cont.)

The Christmas Sharing Tree, Now-December 3

Our annual “Christmas Sharing Tree,” a program through the Northfield Community Action Center, is displayed in St. John’s Commons thru 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!

Thank you for your 2018 intent to give!

We are about halfway to our goal of 300 households pledging gifts for our ministry next year. Your pledge helps us plan ministry and mission for the year ahead. This year one goal is to alleviate the need for additional children and youth fundraising by supporting our programs and camps through regular giving. You can submit your intent card to the church office at any time, or by emailing our Finance Manager at finance@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thanks!

Attention High School Students!

All High School students are invited to a caramel apple making party on Sunday, November 26, at Peggy Hanson's house, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tea, cocoa, cookies, etc. will be served. Come for a short while or stay the afternoon. Friends are invited even if they are not St. John's members. We will also be discussing a Christmas Party and would love your suggestions. Hope to see you on the 26th. Any questions please email or call: peggyjhanson@gmail.com or 952-210-2358.

Holden Village 2018?

Last summer nearly 30 St. John's members made the pilgrimage to Holden Village in the northern Cascades for a week of worship, hiking, learning, creativity, rest and renewal. Registration for groups begins this year on December 1. If you would be interested in traveling to Holden the first or second week of July, contact Pastor Pam before November 30. With at least 15 people going we can receive a group rate.

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.

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, Don Sahling, Bob Scholz, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of

Family of Rev. George Pósfay, father of Éva Pósfay, father-in-law of Pepe Kryzda, and grandfather of Cecilia Kryzda

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 Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Sylvia Solberg, Berta Diem, Dorothy Ostlie

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

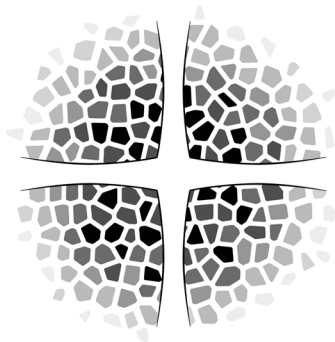
Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 20	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Nov. 21	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 22	6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Sanctuary Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social, St. John's Hall
Thursday, Nov. 23		Thanksgiving - Church Office and Building Closed
Friday, Nov. 24	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 25		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Nov. 26	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery

	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, November 22: <i>No Meal - Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social</i></p>
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<p><u>Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 26):</u></p> <p><i>Christ the King Sunday</i></p> <p>Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 † Psalm 95:1-7a † Ephesians 1:15-23 † Matthew 25:31-46</p>	
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.