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Service of Holy Communion

Day of Pentecost

June 4, 2017 † 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 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.

> **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.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS:

Youth: Willa Kmoch, Viveka Hall-Holt, Katie Schroeer, Andrew Becker, Aidan Nutt, Jack Rizzo, Peter Neeb, Wayne LaVine, Dylan Gehring Adult Chaperones: Mike Skunes, Julie Becker, Rachel Skunes, Bill Rizzo, Nick Neeb

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Soaring" from Phantasiestücke

Robert Schumann

"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house." -Acts 2:2

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Gathering Hymn — No. 399

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

*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, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever
- **G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD



(Cantor) O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all. All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made. All that lives looks to you in hope to give them their food in due season: you open your hand, they feast on good things, you hide your face and they are lost. **Refrain** — **all**

When you take their breath they perish and return to the dust from which they came; when you send forth your spirit, they are brought to life; you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of God endure forever and may God rejoice in all these works: God, who looks on the earth and it trembles; at the touch of God, the mountains smoke. **Refrain** — **all**

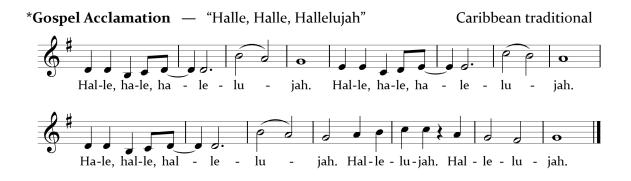
I will sing to my God while I live; may the prayer of my heart please my Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Holy One! Forevermore give praise to God. **Refrain** — **all**

Reading — Acts 2:1-21 Spark Story Bible, page 498; Pew Bible, page 885

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

After the reading:

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



*Gospel — John 7:37-39

Pew Bible, page 869

Before the reading:

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 7th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 401

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Verses 1, 2, and 3

*The Nicene Creed — Front of hymnal, page 104

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Children's Message

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G And also with you.

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

Offering of Our Gifts

"As the Wind Song"

Swee Hong Lim, arr. David Sims

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire so it is with the Spirit of God. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God. Making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.— Shirley Erena Murray

*Offering Hymn — "For the Beauty of the Earth" *stanza* 5

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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.

*Offering Prayer

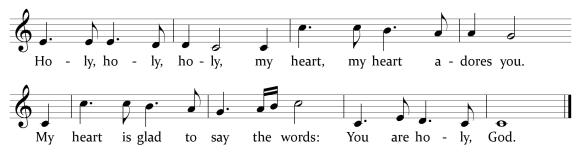
Let us pray together.

 Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us.
 Open our hands to receive it.
 Open our hearts to embrace it.
 Open our lives to live it.
 We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P** It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Music and text: Argentine traditional

*Eucharistic Prayer

*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. This morning we commune by means of **intinction** (dipping the wafer into the chalice). You will be given a wafer and offered a choice of two chalices. The **wine** is red; the **grape juice** is white. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center, and there is a chalice of grape juice in the center for the gluten-free wafers only. If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.

"Bread of Life from Heaven" ARGENTINE SANTO of life blood Bread from heav-en, and bod your y giv - en, this bread and drink this cup un - til you come we eat a - again. Music: Argentine traditional, Text: Susan Briehl © 2001 GIA Publications, Reprinted under Onelicense A-708009 Hymn — No. 407 "O Living Breath of God" "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" Hymn — No. 582

Music during Communion

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- Let us pray.
- Jesus Christ, host of this meal, your have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

(10:00) Commissioning of High School Mission Trip

*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — "O Day Full of Grace" stanza 4

DEN SIGNEDE DAG

God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing; that we might no more in death be lost, its pow'r over us dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude — ON DEN SIGNEDE DAG

arr. Charles W. Ore

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Reader Children's Message Organist	Pastor Jonathan Davis Pastor Pam Fickenscher Sam Lotegeluaki, Stefany Perez Kuchceang Mangok Nathan Proctor (8:30) Marcia Yernberg (8:30) Nathan Proctor, Pam Fickenscher (10:00) Rachel Skunes
Offering Solo	(8:30) Elizabeth Bade
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD
	(10:00) Dick and JoAnn Kleber, Char Nelson
Coffee and Refreshments	Genevieve Quarberg, Mike Roth
Nursery	Todd Menssen, Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen
Counters	David Norman, Ted Peterson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard,
	Doug Johnson, Keir Johnson, Andy Nelson
	(10:00) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson,
	Brandon Kimber, Dale Kimber, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 11):

First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4 + Psalm 8 + 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 + Matthew 28:16-20

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 Georgia Braulick, Ruth Hansen, Dale Kimber, Siri Thompson

Those with ongoing health concerns

John Bade, Gert Brosz, Fred Gaggioli, Fred Gonnerman, Corrine Heiberg, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Grace Madson, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Myron Solid, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, David Diehl, Andrew Gray, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including Donna Kallestad, Jessie Lindberg, Joan Carlson

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.

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.



Blessing of the Bikes Sunday, June 11

As VBS week kicks off, ride your bike to church on Sunday, June 11. After both services, free bike checks and adjustments will be available. Riders of all ages are welcome. Rain or Shine!

Shared Ministry

Sign-ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie at <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>, by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.

Sunday Morning Hospitality this Summer - Everyone is Invited to Sign Up!

There are no monthly hospitality groups during the summer months because it takes ALL of us to make summer schedules work to provide Sunday Hospitality. **How can you help?**

- Decide how you feel most comfortable serving St. John's on Sunday mornings. "Church Chores" are like house chores - we all take turns, but there are some we like better than others! Here are the options: Greeting, Welcome Desk Attending, Communion Set &/or Clean Up (hint: no glass cups to wash during summer!!!), Coffee Set, Serve, & Clean Up. Training is provided - just let us know you want it.
- 2. Sign up on the sheets in the Commons, or email <u>sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>, or call 507-645-4429, or online through CCB.

We will all be so grateful for YOUR service! Thank you!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Shirley Falck in celebration of the high school graduations of granddaughter Alaina Falck and her St. John's classmates. 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: July 9 and August 6, 13, 20 & 27. 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.

Nashville Mission Trip

From June 10th-18th, a group of fourteen high school youth and adults will be taking part in our summer mission trip to Nashville. We will be partnering with "Center for Student Missions," a group that facilitates youth service groups in urban areas nation-wide, year-round. We will be engaged in supporting food ministries and after-school programs while building relationships with the people of Nashville.

Fair trade coffee/tea/chocolate will be offered for sale between services today in the Commons.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology Returns

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

Topic: Who was Jesus?

Join us at Froggy Bottoms (new location!) tomorrow for Pub Theology. This week we will be talking about Jesus. Who was Jesus Christ? Was he the all-loving incarnation of God? Was he simply a wise prophet attune to God's will? Was he the Messiah? Was he even human? Did he even exist at all? These questions and many more have persisted in the world's consciousness from his first followers to today. We hope you will add your voice to this time of fellowship and faith conversation. Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

9th annual June film series returns to Bethel Lutheran Church

Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m.

The films this year will focus on how activists use peaceful methods to try getting rid of the occupation of Palestine. This week's film is entitled "Open Bethlehem". Everyone is invited to come and join the conversation after the film.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. 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.

Children and Youth Activities

Adopt-A-Highway

When: Thursday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Where: Meet in the HS parking lot; pick-up at Culver's
Who: Anyone 12 and up (friends welcome!)
What: We'll work on cleaning up our stretch of highway then end with a treat at Culver's.

VBS is Coming June 12-15 for kids who are 3 years old (by 9-1-17) to 4th grade completed.

There's still time to register. Registration forms are available in the Commons or go to <u>http://stjohnsnorthfield.org/youth/children-overview/sunday-school/</u> for more information and the registration form. **Scholarships are available for all summer camp opportunities.**

Summer Camp for Grades 2-8

June 18-23

There's still room to go to camp this summer! We'll be heading to New London, MN on Sunday, June 18, to attend Bible camp at Shores of St. Andrew and Green Lake. It's not too late to register! Go online to <u>www.gllm.org</u> and check out information about the camp. Each child receives \$125 from St. John's towards the registration fee. Partial and full scholarships are also available.

Magical Mystery Tour I

When: June 14, Time TBD

Where: It's a Mystery! (But meet at Bethel)

What: Magical Mystery Tours are events organized by the youth directors of churches in the Northfield area every second Wednesday during the summer for youth who've completed 5th-8th grades. The 'mystery' part of it is that we try to keep our destination a secret from the participants. Watch your mailbox for a letter detailing where we're going.

Volunteers do make a difference! An ambitious array of children's activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John's members—parents, grandparents, anyone! Many volunteer opportunities can be on a rotating schedule. Even teaching Sunday school can be as little as a 2-3 Sunday commitment! Check out the volunteer page in the registration packet or contact Julie Brehmer if you are interested! P.S.: High School students – talk with Julie how you can connect with our younger kids on Sundays and Wednesdays too!

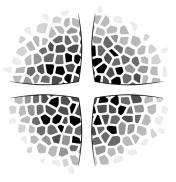
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, June 5	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 6	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
Wed., June 7	9:30 a.m.	3-Links Communion, Offsite
Thursday, June 8	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Adopt-A-Highway, Meet at the High School Parking Lot Website Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, June 9	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 10	9:00 p.m.	Departure for Mission Trip to Nashville, Meet at St. John's
Sunday, June 11	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Worship / Nursery

Open House in Celebration of Mary White's 99th Birthday

You are invited to join Mary to help her celebrate her 99th birthday on Saturday, June 10, between 2:00-4:00 p.m. The celebration will take place in the Parkview West Dining Room at Northfield Retirement Center.







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