



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — on ELLACOMBE

arr. Albert L. Travis

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C **in you we live and move and have our being.**

Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from empty desires.

**By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God ✚ forgives you all your sins.

C Amen.

*Gathering Hymn — No. 722

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

*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

- ☐ God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

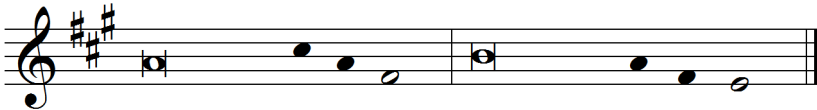
First Reading — Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Spark Story Bible, page 34; Pew Bible, page 12

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Antiphon: I will call upon the name of the LORD.



- ¹I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
- ²**for the LORD has given | ear to me**
whenev- | er I called.
- ¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?
- ¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation**
and call on the name | of the LORD. *Antiphon*
- ¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.
- ¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,**
is the death | of your servants.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! Antiphon**

Second Reading — Romans 5:1-8

Pew Bible, page 917

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

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***Gospel** — Matthew 9:35-10:8

Pew Bible, page 790

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th 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 — “God Has Made Laughter”

arr. John Bell

Verse 1 — cantor

Verse 1 & 2 — all singing



1. God has made laugh-ter, laugh-ter for me. God has made

2. Ev-'ry-one who hears will laugh with me. Ev-'ry-one who

(1.) laugh-ter, (2.) hears will laugh with me. Oh, God has made

laugh-ter for me. Is an-y-thing im-pos-si-ble for God? laugh with me. Is an-y-thing im-pos-si-ble for God?

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*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

*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.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“God It Was”

Gaelic Air, Text: Iona Community

God it was who said to Abraham, “Pack your bags and travel on!” God it was who said to Sarah, “Smile and soon you’ll bear a son!” Trav’ling folk and aged mothers wand’ring when they though they’d done– This is how God call God’s people, losing all because of One. God it was who said to Joseph, “Down your tools and take your wife!” God it was who said to Mary, “In your womb I’ll start my life!” Carpenter and country maiden leaving town and trade and skills– This is how God calls God’s people, moving them through what God wills. Christ it was who said to Matthew, “Leave your books and follow me!” Christ it was who said to Martha, “Listen first, then make the tea!” Civil servants and housekeepers, changing places at a cost– This is how Christ calls disciples, finding those he knew were lost. In this crowd of common people, once unknown, whom we revere, God calls us to share God’s purpose starting now and starting here. So we celebrate God’s calling, so we prize and praise the choice, as we pray that through this company God will act and raise God’s voice.

Kristin Partlo, soprano

***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.
- C** And also 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 are you, God of pow - er and might;
Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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*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. 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.

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
2. Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all: have



mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Hymn — No. 575

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

☩ **Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you 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

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — “God of Grace and God of Laughter” *stanza 1* NETTLETON

**God of grace and God of laughter, singing worlds from nought to be
sun and stars and all thereafter joined in cosmic harmony:
give us songs of joy and wonder, music making hearts rejoice;
let our praises swell like thunder, echoing our Maker's voice.**

Text: Carl Daw

***Dismissal**

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

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Fugue in G Major”

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Dennis Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Kristin Partlo
Recorder	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Communion Preparer	Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Karen Schuette
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Dell Family, Kristy Harms (10:00) Mary Hoff
Coffee and Refreshments	Herb and Pat Fick, Ralph and Marcia Yernberg
Nursery	Kristy Harms, Ariana Beeby
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jim Enestvedt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:00) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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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

Dale Kimber

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Siri (Thompson) Raskob

Family of Laura Tverberg

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

Cliff Gilomen, Richard and Sigrid Gronning, Bob Noreen

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.*

Shared Ministry

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

Strawberry Sunday is June 25!

God could have made a better berry, but he never did. - Isaac Walton. We love strawberries. We love to eat strawberry desserts. We love sharing with one another. We love talking with each other at church on Sunday. Okay, let's combine them all into one FANTASTIC **Strawberry Sunday!** **Mark your calendars, and please, sign up to help and/or bring a dessert.** Today in the Commons, or online in CCB, or by calling Christy at the church office at 507-645-4429. Thanks!

Summers are a time to try out new roles at St. John's!

Every Sunday morning we need:

- 4 people to prepare and serve coffee (donut holes provided by St. John's)
- 4 people to welcome people in at the doors
- 1 person to be at the Welcome Desk during the first service
- 1 person to prepare the wine and wafers for communion before first service
- 1 person to wash up the dishes from communion after second service

Can you see yourself participating in the life of St. John's by volunteering to do one of these vital tasks one Sunday during the summer? If so, please call Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie and we will make sure you feel ready to go! Blessings on all of you!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Judy Swanson in memory of Cully, Dot, Marilyn, and Steve Swanson. 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: 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.

Today's Flowers are given in memory of our father, Ed Youngquist, by his children.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Monday's Topic: What is the Gospel?

We hear the phrase "the Gospel" a lot, especially in church. But what does that mean? What is the Gospel? A couple of years ago, the *Christian Century* asked 23 authors to put "the Gospel" into 7 words or less. What would the Gospel sound like to you in 7 words or less? Join us on Monday evening as we wrestle with what the gospel means for us and for others. You can find a copy of the *Christian Century* article by going to <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/2012-08/gospel-seven-words#>. Contact Pastor Jonathan (jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org) to add your name to the email list.

A brief service of inurnment for Basil Mroz will be held at the St. John's Columbarium on Tuesday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m. Friends and neighbors of Basil are welcome to attend in the courtyard.

The Benevolence Committee along with the Refugee Resettlement Team request your help.

Lutheran Social Services is in immediate need of items for newly arriving refugee families. Items include: light bulbs (pack of 4), shower curtain liner and rings, large kitchen trash can with swinging lid, 13 gallon trash bags, box fan, electric alarm clock, pots with lids, brooms and dustpan, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, and dish scrubber. Donated items will be collected on the following Sundays: June 18, June 25, July 2 and July 9. You will find a deposit box for donations located in the Commons. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Schuurman at 507-645-9617 or at kathy.schuurman@gmail.com. Thank you.

Tuesday Night Films in the 9th Annual June Film Series

Tuesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church

What do you know about BDS? Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions will be explained by a Palestinian leader in the field of Peace and Justice. Everyone is welcome to see this presentation and join in the discussion.

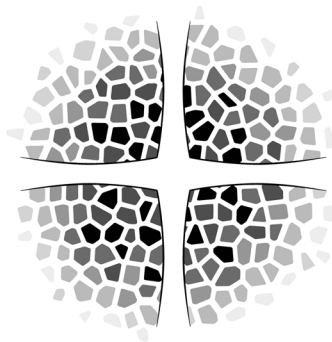
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, June 19	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	6:30 p.m.	Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 20	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	3:00 p.m.	Basil Mroz Inurnment Service, Courtyard
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., June 21		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, June 22	8:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, June 23	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, June 24		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, June 25	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Strawberry Sunday, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 25):

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21 † Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 † Romans 6:1b-11 † Matthew 10:24-39



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.