



"Clear Vision" by Lauren Wright Pittman

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 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.

OUR MUSIC TODAY

This morning we hear the story from Genesis of Hagar and her son Ishmael. The bible tells us a little about them, but our western tradition of Christian hymnody includes next to nothing about this part of the story — which presents us with a creative challenge: how shall we musically explore Hagar's story, when no song in our hymnal even mentions her name? We have the opportunity to peer into God's holy imagination and wonder... What if Hagar sings songs about sight as she encounters the "God who sees me," or cries out to God in mourning, like the psalmist? Or what if she sings a gentle song about hope, which eventually propels her into songs of bold and exuberant praise? To close worship we borrow the words of Mary's Magnificat and imagine Hagar, generations earlier, standing cast out from her community, holding a child, and hoping for a better world.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — ON SLANE

Craig Phillips

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. 793

“Be Thou My Vision”

*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

☐ Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Psalmody — Psalm 86:1-10, 16

Antiphon: Have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant.



¹Bow down your ear, O LORD, and | answer me,
for I am poor | and in misery.

²**Keep watch over my life, for | I am faithful;
save your servant who | trusts in you.**

³Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you | are my God;
I call upon you all | the day long.

⁴**Gladden the soul | of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul. *Antiphon***

⁵For you, O Lord, are good | and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who | call upon you.

⁶**Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my | supplications.**

⁷In the time of my trouble I will | call upon you,
for you will | answer me.

⁸**Among the gods there is none like | you, O Lord,
nor anything | like your works. *Antiphon***

⁹All the nations you have made will come and worship | you, O Lord,
and glori- | fy your name.

¹⁰**For you are great; you do | wondrous things;
and you a- | lone are God.**

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

Antiphon

Reading — Genesis 21:8-21

Pew Bible, page 15

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 10:24-39

Pew Bible, page 791

Before the reading:

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th 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 — “In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness”

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the first light shone,
Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant, firm, and sure,
Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your match - less grace,
God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad A - bra - ham;
you, O God, be - yond all mer - it worked a won - der faith makes known:
faith - ful to your cov - enant prom - ise. Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure:
send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us, Word made flesh in time and space:
God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses, Fi - ery Pil - lar, great I AM:
in your mer - cy, in your mer - cy, you em - braced us as your own,
sing - ing prais - es, sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and breath en - dure,
Friend and Sav - ior, Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
lead us home - ward, lead us home - ward, to the love - feast of the Lamb,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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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:

“Hope”

Jason Robert Brown

I come to sing a song about hope. I'm not inspired much right now, but even so, I came out here to sing a song, so here I go. I guess I think that if I tinker long enough one might appear, and look, it's here. One verse is done.

The work's begun. I come to sing a song about hope, in spite of everything ridiculous and sad. Though I'm beyond belief, depressed, confused and mad, well, I got dressed. I underestimated how much that would take. I didn't break. Until right now. I sing of hope and don't know how. So maybe I can substitute “strength,” because I'm strong—I'm strong enough. I got through lots of things I didn't think I could, and so did you. I know that's true. And so I sing a song about hope. Though I can't guarantee there's something real behind it, I have to try to show my children I can find it, and so today, when life is crazy and impossible to bear, it must be there.

Fear never wins. That's what I hope. See? I said “hope.” The work begins.

Eric Parrish, bass

*Offering Hymn — “For the Beauty of the Earth” stanza 5

DIX

**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.*

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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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Solo — “Lift Up Your Voice!”

Gaelic folk melody, arr. J Bert Carlson

Hymn — No. 848

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

***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** — “Canticle of the Turning” *stanza 1* STAR OF THE COUNTRY DOWN
Music at ELW 723

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

***Dismissal**

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

🕊 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Fanfare and Processional”

Lynn Trapp



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Eric Parrish
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Larry Christenson, Phil Eaves (10:00) Dick Beckmen, Jane Rinehart
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Karen Schuette
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Hoff (10:00) Robert and Sandra Nyvall
Nursery	Amy McBroom, Cora McBroom
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Dwayne Hoffrogge, Gordon Jorgenson, Brent Mueller
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Myron Dack, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:00) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Greg Pelletier, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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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 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

Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman

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.

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 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: August 13, 20 & 27 and September 13 & 17. 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 is Strawberry Sunday!

Join us between services in St. John's Hall for delicious strawberry desserts!

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Monday's Topic: *What do we make of crazy stories in the bible?*

The Bible contains stories of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, stories of faithful disciples and prophets, stories of war heroes, and beautiful poetry. But it also contains stories of talking donkeys, floating axe heads, gruesome assassinations, prophets swallowed and spit out by fish, and she-bears mauling teenagers. Are these stories meant to be historical or metaphorical? Serious or humorous? Either way, can we still learn things about God in the midst of these bizarre stories? Let's talk about it on Monday! We challenge you to not only read the article but crack open the Bible and read the stories from the source. You can find the article at <http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/top-10-weird-bible-stories.html>

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 thru 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.

Come meet your neighbors at Share Your Colors!

Share Your Colors is a free event hosted by the Northfield Arts Guild. Two Northfield neighborhoods will transform into hubs of connection and artistic expression - exploring what it means to be a community. There will be art projects, sidewalk chalk, engaging conversations, dance performances, treats...and more! We invite everyone to create, perform, and to join the conversation!

Saturday, July 1

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Greenvale Park School greenspace (Rain location: St. Dominic Church)
Performance by: Senior Center Country Line Dance There will also be Zumba instruction.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Jefferson Park (Rain location: Northfield YMCA)

Performances by: Guild Folklorico and Aztec Dance

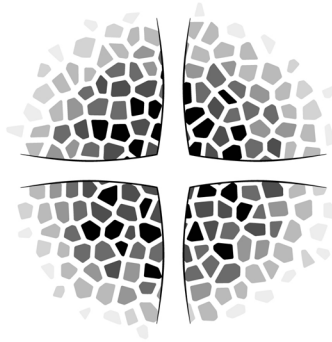
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, June 26	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205 Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, June 27	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters, Offsite Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., June 28		No Scheduled Activities
Thursday, June 29		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, June 30	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 1		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 2	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Worship / Nursery

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 2):

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14 † Psalm 13 † Romans 6:12-23 † Matthew 10:40-42



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