



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 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** — “Allegretto” from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

## 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. 887

“This Is My Song”

### \*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

☐ O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

☑ Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

Psalmody — Psalm 13, "How Long Will You Forget Me"

LAND OF REST

*Stanzas 1 and 3 — cantor*

*Stanzas 2 and 4 — all singing*

How long will you for - get me, Lord, and  
Look on my need, O Lord my God, who  
Look on their threats and hear my cry, and  
Lord, in your mer - cy is my trust; I  
hide your face a - way? How long shall e - vils  
grants my ev - ery breath; give light that I may  
an - swer when I call: or they will claim the  
shall be glad and free: then shall I sing with  
tear my heart and trou - bles fill my day?  
see your light, nor sleep the sleep of death.  
vic - to - ry who long to see me fall.  
all my heart how you have dealt with me.

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*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



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**\*Gospel — Matthew 10:39-42**

*Before the reading:*

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 — “When Abraham Went Up”

YIGDAL



When A - bra - ham went up to of - fer you his son  
The sac - ri - fice that day was not a fa - ther's boy,  
The way to wor - ship you is with an o - pen hand—

O God, we grieve to think of what he might have done.  
But be - ing will - ing to o - bey and bring you joy.  
With will - ing - ness to glad - ly do what you have planned.

And yet we know it's true: to fol - low has a price.  
O Lord, what you de - sire won't rise to you a - bove.  
You call us to let go, to let you be our guide,

To do what we are called to do means sac - ri - fice.  
In vio - lent act or smoke or fire; it's found in love.  
For when we do we'll sure - ly know that you pro - vide.

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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:*

“If With All Your Hearts” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Ye people, rend your hearts, rend your hearts and not your garments; for your transgressions the Prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, Forsake your idols, return to God; for he is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth him of the evil.*

*“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God.*

*Oh! that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence!*

*Ron James, 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.

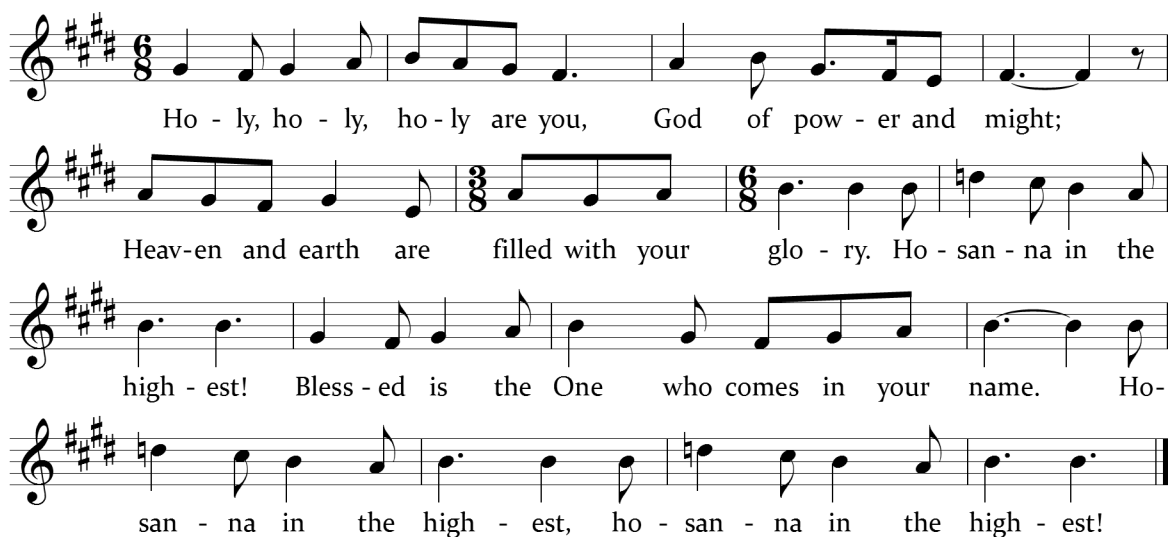
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time, then to 6/8, and finally to 3/4 time. The third and fourth staves continue in 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

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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. 522

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Hymn — No. 656

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

## \*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** — “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” *stanza 1*

MELITA

*Music at ELW 597*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is singing sand.**

**\*Dismissal**

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

ℒ Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — “Trumpet Tune in C Major”

David N. Johnson



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Chuck Hellie
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Ron James
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Servers	(8:30) Julie Brehmer, Mary Kelvie (10:00) David and Mary Kelvie
Communion Clean Up	Anne Sovik
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Mary Hoff, Mary Ellen North (10:00) Marie Benson, Robert and Sandra Nyvall
Coffee and Refreshments	Andrea Hoff
Nursery	Katherine Norrie, Emmett Norrie
Counters	David Norman, Ted Peterson, Rob Quanbeck, Mark Ulmer
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 (July 2):**

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 † Psalm 45:10-17 † Romans 7:15-25a †  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

# 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 with ongoing health concerns*

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*

Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson, Elaine Feroe

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter, the Voice: July 15<sup>th</sup> for the August Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Thank you.

# **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**

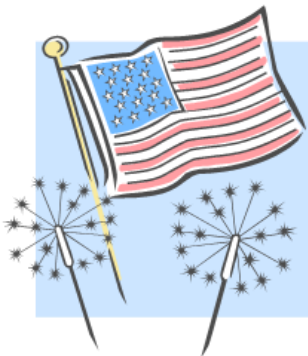
**Sign-ups for all events are available in the Commons, by emailing Christy Hall-Holt or Mary Kelvie at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org), by calling 507-645-4429, or online thru CCB.**

### **Calling All St. John's People! Hear ye! Hear ye!**

Thou art invited all to partake in the sustenance of our community in generous gifts of service and time. In all sincerity, the staff of St. John's requests an hour or two of your time on one or two Sundays this Summer. Would you be willing to commit to one of the following roles?

- communion prep or clean up (no small glasses to put through the dishwasher)
- greeting 20 minutes before services begin (if possible staying to attend the Welcome Desk?)
- preparing, serving, and clean up for coffee (donut holes provided)

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!



### **Office and Building Closed**

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>,  
the church will be closed  
for the Fourth of July holiday.

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Edgar Larson by Helen Larson and 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: 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.

**No Manna & Mercy or Pub Theology on Monday, July 3. Both will resume on Monday, July 10.**

**Pastor Pam and Pastor Jonathan invite those who are grieving or suffering loss to join them for dessert and social time on Wednesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

After losses, many find comfort being in the company of others who have also experienced loss. This is an opportunity for fellowship, to make new friends, and to spend time with our pastors. If you have questions or need a ride to this event, please call the church office at 507-645-4429.

## **Divorce Support Group for Men**

As many of us are aware, divorce and struggling relationships are all too common in our world, and St. John's is no different. We have people living through divorce and strained relationships. Such a life circumstance can leave people grieving and lost and asking a lot of questions, often with few people knowing and little support. In light of this, we are piloting a 6-week support group for men living with divorce, hoping to begin in July. The details are still being worked out, but if you or someone you know would benefit from and be interested in this support group, please contact Pastor Jonathan ([jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org)). Recently, the need has arisen among men living with divorce and so we have decided to start there. If there is a need and desire for a similar group for women in the congregation and community, please let us know.

## **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](mailto:kathy.schuurman@gmail.com). Thank you.

## **Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals Begin this Wednesday**

Wednesday, July 5, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

First United Church of Christ (300 Union Street)

Stephen May

## Children and Youth Activities

**Volunteers do make a difference!** An ambitious array of children and youth activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John's members - parents, grandparents, anyone! Please consider volunteering with programming this fall on a Sunday Morning or Wednesday afternoon/evening. We need volunteers to teach and/or help with a variety of activities. Please talk with Julie Brehmer or Mike Skunes at 507-645-4429 or check out the volunteer opportunities in the registration packet. **P.S.: High School students** - talk with Julie how you can connect with our younger kids on Sundays and Wednesdays!

### **Save the Date for Magical Mystery Tour II**

**Who:** Middle School Youth who've completed Grades 5-8

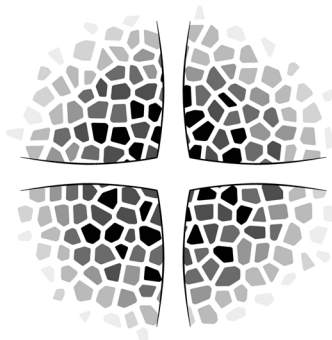
**When:** Wednesday, July 12, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Drop off / Pick Up at Bethel Lutheran Church

**What:** Magical Mystery Tours are events organized by the youth directors of churches in Northfield for middle school youth who've completed grades 5-8. The 'mystery' part of it is that we try to keep our destination a secret from our youth. We meet in the parking lot of Bethel Lutheran Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month during the summer, load up a bus, and take off. This next one will make youth "leap" with joy.

## This Week At-a-Glance

<b>Monday, July 3</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>		Church Office and Building Closed
<b>Wed., July 5</b>	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room 150th Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
<b>Friday, July 7</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, July 8</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Worship / Nursery



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