



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 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.

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, ex-
tending 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.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele” BWV 654

J. S. Bach

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. 611

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*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 You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Pew Bible, page 17

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading — Romans 7:15-25a

Pew Bible, page 918

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 11:16-19, 25-30

Pew Bible, page 792

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th 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 — No. 419

“For All the Faithful Women”

Stanzas 1 and 2

***The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*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:

"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness"

Antonín Dvořák

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery.

Every day will I extol thee, and will bless thy holy name, I will bless thy holy name.

Great is God and great his mercy; who shall tell of all his greatness?

*Who shall his power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of thy glorious acts,
thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, all shall tell of thy great kindness,
and of thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory! - Psalm 145*

Chuck Hellie, baritone

*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

- L** Let us pray together.
- C** 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.

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



The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics for the third line. The third staff concludes the melody with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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 take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Solo — “The Call” from *Five Mystical Songs*

R. Vaughan Williams

Hymn — No. 488

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

C 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:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *stanza 3*

HYFRYDOL

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

***Dismissal**

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

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Eric Lund
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Chuck Hellie
Communion Preparer	Jane Rinehart
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) Mike Skunes
Communion Clean Up	Lois Bakko
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Bob and Marilyn Matta (10:00) Bob and Marilyn Matta
Coffee and Refreshments	TBD
Nursery	Erin Gunn, Kristin Partlo
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Brent Mueller, Alyssa Ness, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:00) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Randy Pearson (brother of Andrea Hoff)

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

Arlene Graham, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

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.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Chuck Jacobson by Marilyn Jacobson. 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 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.

Have you brought in a dessert for Rhubarb Sunday or Strawberry Sunday? Have you brought in a dessert for a funeral? If you answered 'yes' to either of these questions, have you picked up your container? Are you sure? There are several pans, and containers with no names on them outside of the St. John's kitchen missing their owners. If you could help us out by stopping by the table to see if our homeless items could be yours, we would love to have them return to their proper homes. Thank you!

Manna & Mercy Mondays Resume Tomorrow

Mondays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fireside Room

We invite you to bring a lunch and join us to watch a video or two from Alan Storey's *Manna & Mercy* and have group discussion around the topic.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Monday's Topic: *Siblings*

From Cain and Abel to the Prodigal Son, the Bible is full of stories of older and younger siblings, sibling rivalry, and the complicated mix of cooperation and competition we have in our families. How much does our sense of self come from the people we grow up with? How have your relationships with your siblings changed over the years? How do you think about instilling healthy relationships between siblings with your own kids? Not a therapy session, but more than a Bible discussion, this Pub theology will focus on the unique relationships of brothers and sisters, and how they affect how we treat our non-kindred peers.

We hope you will join us for St. John's second Summer Supper on August 23!

An opportunity for fellowship sponsored by the Adult Education & Ministry Board, Summer Suppers are part of an intentional effort to bring together members of St. John's in ways that foster and renew our connections to each other. The first Summer Supper, held in June, saw over 30 St. John's community members and friends getting better acquainted over cozy home meals, eating, and visiting into the early evening. Inspired to join in? Look for the Summer Supper display in the Commons, and RSVP on the sign-up sheet to host or attend the second Summer Supper. We warmly welcome previous participants and newcomers to join us in this second event. We look forward to seeing you!

Announcements (cont.)

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, 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). 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.

Singles Group

A question has been raised about a singles group for St. John's and we would like to try to get organized to do that. If you are interested in helping form this fun group please bring your suggestions to an organizational meeting on Wednesday, July 12, at 1:30 p.m. at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive in the TV Room. Please contact Shirley Tollefson at 507-645-5800 or shirleytoll@charter.net to let us know you would like to come and join us.

Northfield Noontime Organ Recital this Wednesday

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

All Saints Episcopal (419 Washington St.)

William Peterson (Pomona College, CA)

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.

Reminder of Deadlines:

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

Newsletter, the Voice: July 15th for the August Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

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.

Summer Sunday Morning Hospitality: Did you know???

It takes **10** people every Sunday to meet our hospitality needs for a normal Sunday. We have **8** Sundays left until the end of August. If every week was normal, we would have **80** needs to meet until the end of the summer. However, with one more Fruit Sunday to go this summer, an **additional 40** people are needed to setup, clean up, and provide flowers & desserts. If you haven't already had the opportunity, would you consider this your personal invitation to sign up to help? Wouldn't it be awesome if we had a church where people wanted to serve so much that there was a waiting list to help each Sunday? It is possible. All you need to do is SIGN UP, and keep signing up to be a part of St. John's warm welcome! It is easy. We promise!!! With thanks to each of you who have already served this summer and blessings to all,
Mary Kelvie & Christy Hall-Holt

Children and Youth Activities

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 2nd Wednesday each month during the summer, load up a bus, and take off. This next one will make youth "leap" with joy.

Day Camp is coming in August (Grades K-5)

August 7-10, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Good Earth Village is coming to Northfield in August to lead, "The Table is Set" Day Camp. The theme centers on food and hunger. We'll explore the variety of people Jesus ate with, the gifts we have to serve those who hunger and give thanks to God who provides all that we have. Additional information and registration forms are available in the Commons.

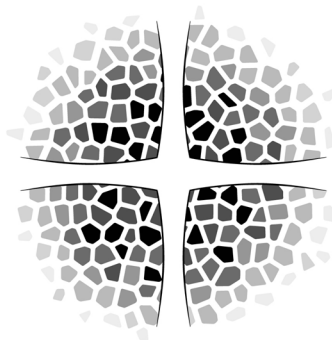
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, July 10	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
	3:30 p.m.	Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 11	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters, Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., July 12	8:00 a.m.	Magical Mystery Tour II (Grades 5-8), Meet at Bethel
	1:30 p.m.	Organizational Meeting for Singles Group, Offsite
	6:30 p.m.	150th Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
Thursday, July 13	1:00 p.m.	Website Committee, Fireside Room
Friday, July 14	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 15		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 16	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Nursery

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 16):

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 † Psalm 119:105-112 † Romans 8:1-11 † Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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