



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 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 — Sonata V

Johann Ernst Galliard

- I. Adagio
- II. Allegro e Spiritoso
- III. Alla Siciliano
- IV. Allegro Assai

Jo Ann Polley, bass clarinet

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. 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*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** Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Genesis 25:19-34

Pew Bible, page 19

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — Romans 8:1-11

Pew Bible, page 917

After the reading:

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

Children's Message

*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 13:1-9, 18-23

Pew Bible, page 791

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th 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 — No. 638

“Blessed Assurance”

***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:

- ℒ 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:

“The Heavens Are Telling” from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

*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

- ℒ 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. 465

"As the Grains of Wheat"

Hymn — No. 550

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

*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** — No. 547

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

***Dismissal**

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

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Rondeau”

Josef Hector Fiocco



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Bass Clarinet	Jo Ann Polley
Communion Preparer	Judy Smith
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Communion Clean Up	Angie Gehring
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Wil Brosz (10:00) Wil Brosz, Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Kristy Harms, Dodie Mickelsen, Bonnie Peterson
Nursery	Halvor Bratland, Alyssa Ness
Counters	Sue Brockman, Gordon Jorgenson, Jerry Kipp, Mark Ulmer
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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Paula Lawrence

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,
Laila Burns Hedstrom, David Diehl, Andrew Gray, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson,
George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Bette Quinnell, Lois Rand, Sylvia Solberg

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.*

Fruit Sunday

JOIN US!

July 23rd

**St. John's Hall
between services**

Red, White & Blue

Sunday

**Share wonderful
desserts and fellowship
with one another.**

**Red, White & Blue
Fruit Sunday
July 23**

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his 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 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.

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Monday's Topic: *God, Suffering, and How We Respond*

Why do we suffer? How is God involved (or not involved) in the bad things that happen in this world? These are *the* questions of faith for many of us. At Pub Theology, we will take up these questions and wonder how we are called to respond in the face of suffering. There is plenty to discuss and this just might become a two-part topic. To help ground our conversation, please read Sam Well's article, "The Power of Being With: A Jesus Model for Ministry." The article can be found at <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/2015-06/power-being>.

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.

Update on the Divorce Support Group for Men

We will have our first meeting this Wednesday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please contact [Pastor Jonathan Davis](#) with any questions.

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!

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 19, 12:15-12:45 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church (1321 North Ave.)

Janean Hall, organist

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.

Red, White & Blue Dessert Sunday — July 23

Thank you to the 13 people who have already signed up to help with this special Sunday. We need an **additional 27** people to help with the setup, serving, clean up, flowers, and desserts. Would you consider this your personal invitation to help?

Night to Unite is Coming Up — Call for Volunteers

St. John's is once again hosting one of the biggest neighborhood gatherings in Northfield on Tuesday, August 1. Everyone is invited! Come and enjoy a summer meal outdoors with music, a bouncy tent for kids, vintage cars, and safety vehicles for everyone to explore. We need volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up after. If you know you'll be here, please let us know if we can count on your help.

Children and Youth Activities

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.

Watch for Children and Youth Registration Information for the 2017-2018 School Year

St John's is redesigning the website! Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be coming out along with the unveiling of the website in August. Watch for more information.

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 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!*

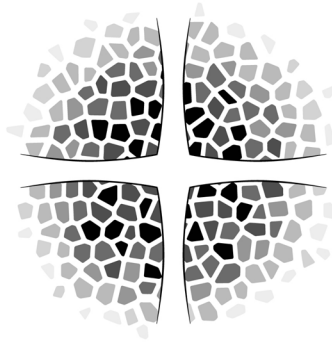
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, July 17	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Katherine Canon Music Lessons, Room 205 Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, July 18	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., July 19	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Divorce Support Group for Men, Youth Room Gathering for those Experiencing Loss, Fireside Room
Thursday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
Friday, July 21	8:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Memorial Service - Laura Tverberg, Sanctuary
Saturday, July 22		No Scheduled Activities - Building Open 9:00a.m.-Noon
Sunday, July 23	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Worship Red, White & Blue Sunday, St. John's Hall Worship / Nursery

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (July 23):

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Genesis 28:10-19a † Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 † Romans 8:12-25 †
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**



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