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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 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 — “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

Spiritual, arr. Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

☞ **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Eternal God our creator,

☞ **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.**

☞ 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.

☞ **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn — No. 786

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

*Greeting

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

☞ Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 28:10-19a

Pew Bible, page 22

After the reading:

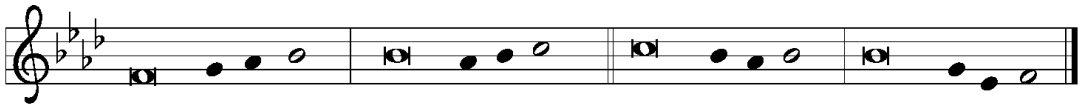
- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Antiphon text: St. Augustine

Antiphon: You have made us for Yourself, O Lord.

Our hearts are restless 'til they find their rest in You.



- ¹LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.
- ²You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.
- ³**You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**
- ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**
- ⁵You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.
- ⁶Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it. *Antiphon*
- ⁷**Where can I go then | from your Spirit?
Where can I flee | from your presence?**
- ⁸**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**
- ⁹If I take the wings | of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,
- ¹⁰even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.

- ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will | cover me,
and the light around me | turn to night,”
- ¹²darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright | as the day;
darkness and light to you are | both alike.
- ²³Search me out, O God, and | know my heart;
try me and know my | restless thoughts.
- ²⁴Look well whether there be any wicked- | ness in me
and lead me in the way that is | everlasting. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Romans 8:12-25

Pew Bible, page 919

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 13:24-30, 36-43

Pew Bible, page 794

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 Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — No. 779

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*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:

“Who Is This Host Arrayed in White”

Norwegian Folk Tune

Julie Zdenek, soprano

*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

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓑ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Ⓑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Ⓐ 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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Solo — "God to Enfold Me"

from *The Celtic Vision*

Hymn — No. 636

"How Small Our Span of Life"

***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. 551

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

***Dismissal**

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

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Johann Pachelbel



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rod Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Julie Zdenek
Communion Preparer	Kristin Partlo
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:00) TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Shirley Falck, David and Genevieve Quarberg (10:00) JoAnn Kleber, David and Genevieve Quarberg
Nursery	Amy McBroom, Cora McBroom
Counters	Amy Boxrud, Jim Enestvedt, Bill and Jane Rizzo
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

Barb Knaak, Chuck Paton

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

Sherwin Hansen, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Rodney and Janice Helgeson

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.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Gregory Hellie by Anita and Charles Hellie. 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.

Today is Red, White & Blue Sunday!

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

Weekly Summer Pub Theology

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

This Monday's Topic: *God, Suffering, and How We Respond Part 2*

Last week, we had so much to talk about just on the topic of God and suffering that we did not get a chance to talk about how we respond! This week will discuss the same article from last week. If you did not get a chance to read it, 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>.

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!

Save the Date - Night to Unite!

Tuesday, August 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Join neighbors across Northfield for the annual Night to Unite in Minnesota. We will be serving a community meal and will have entertainment including a bouncy tent, visits from emergency vehicles, vintage cars, and yard games. All are welcome!

Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals

Wednesday, July 26, 12:15-12:45 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Featuring: John Ferguson, organist

School Kit Donations for Lutheran World Relief

Last year, St. John's assembled 220 School Kits to send to kids around the world! Watch for information about this year's event in the Voice and in the Commons. We'll begin collecting school supplies soon.

Supply list for one school kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt Fiskar scissors (must be the Fiskar brand as the other brands break easily)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser

What About Backpacks for Northfield Kids?

While we are collecting school items for the Lutheran World Relief school kits, some people wonder what is done to help the children in Northfield who need help with school supplies. Northfield has a nonprofit, Operation Backpack, which was begun in 1993 through the Community Action Center, to address this need. The Methodist Church has been especially active in staffing this project, but all members of the community are invited to make financial donations and to volunteer. Last year almost 600 children were served by Operation Backpack. The CAC identifies families and oversees participation. The St. John's Benevolence & Social Concerns Board approved sending \$500 to Operation Backpack. If you would like to make a personal donation, send your check to: Operation Backpack, PO Box 804, Northfield, MN 55057.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

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.

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.

Magical Mystery Tour III

When: August 9, 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at Bethel Lutheran Church

Cost: \$25 (covers transportation, admission, and pizza for lunch)

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 on the 2nd Wednesdays during the summer.

Hint: You'll want to bring a swimsuit, towel, and athletic wear on this tour.

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.

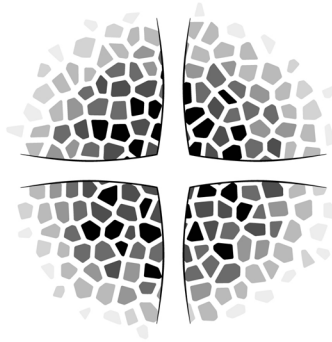
This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, July 24	11:30 a.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite
	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 25	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., July 26	12:15 p.m.	Noontime Organ Recital, Sanctuary
Thursday, July 27		No Scheduled Activities
Friday, July 28	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, July 29		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, July 30	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 30):

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12 † Psalm 119:129-136 † Romans 8:26-39 † Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



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