



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2023 † 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 black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

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.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Trio on “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — “Once in Royal David’s City”

IRBY

Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
He came down to earth from heav - en who is
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the
low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
own re - deem - ing love; for that child so dear and
ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see him; but in
ba - by in a man - ger for his bed; Mar - y
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he
heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; there his
was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: Henry J. Gauntlett

*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**

☞ Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** — ELW No. 289

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 2:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Siri Lindell

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 292

“Love Has Come”

***The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- Ⓔ** Lord, in your mercy,
- 🕊** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"In Quiet, Gentle Joy"

Marcel Dupré

*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 2 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Oh, that birth for-ev-er bless-ed, when the vir-gin, full of grace, by the
Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing, bore the Sav-ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re-
deem - er, first re-vealed his sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, tr.; Music: Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

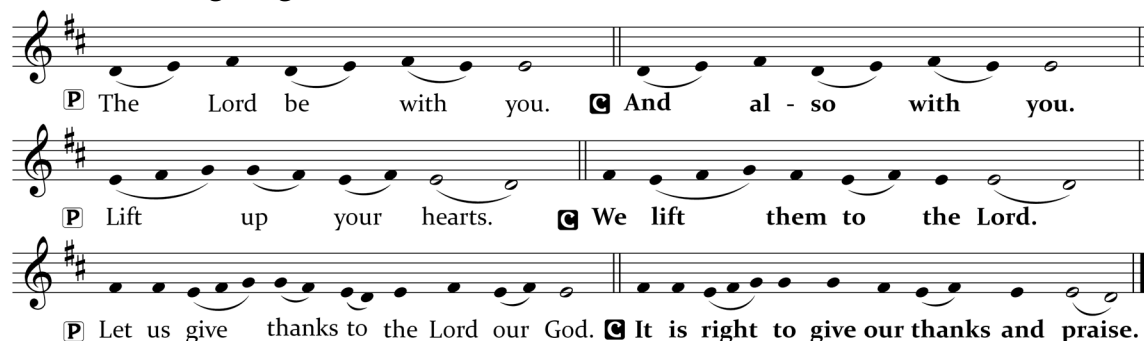
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the
grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of
your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

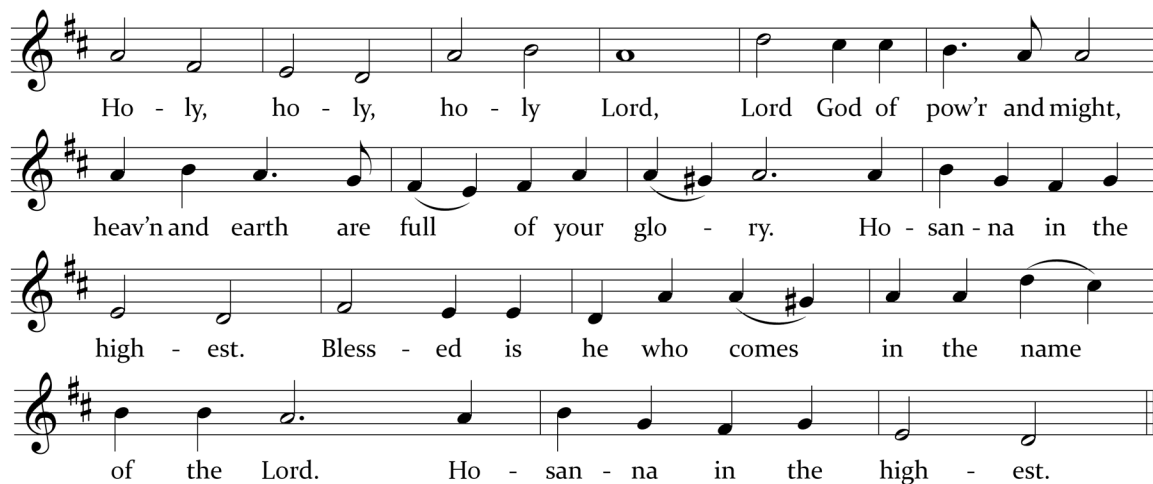


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice. The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray. **If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know, and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 487

"What Feast of Love"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer at the Beginning of the Year**

ℒ Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time,
and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.
Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love
at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—
the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 270

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — Fugetta on “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

Johann Pachelbel



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Siri Lindell
Assisting Ministers	Rudser Family
Organist	John Ferguson
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	TBD
Counters	TBD
Ushers	Cindy Clauson, Christy Hall-Holt, Doug Johnson, Kent Rommereim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Next Week (January 8):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Wednesday Night



**Served from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

No Meal on January 4

Meals Resume on January 11

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Shirley Tollefson in memory of Paul Tollefson in honor of their 75th wedding anniversary on December 29, 1947. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 8, 22 & 29.

Annual Meeting Reports

For all those who are submitting information for the Annual Report, please turn your report in as soon as possible and mark your calendar for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 29, at 12:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services on Sunday, January 15. This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music. A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

PEEL Project

Have you seen the portraits and poetry of St. John's members up around the church recently? Those works are part of a project called PEEL where 10–12 people gather together for a weekend to learn about photography, poetry, and each other. St. John's did one PEEL event last spring. It was a deepening and eye-opening experience to slow down and intentionally connect with another person we didn't know well before. This winter and spring we are trying an experiment at St. John's to explore what happens to a community like ours if a bunch of people have this kind of experience. Between January and April, we will host six separate PEEL events. Would you like to participate? All it takes is the time (Friday evening, much of Saturday, and Sunday afternoon) and the openness and curiosity to get to know another person and yourself as you learn about photography and poetry. No special experience or talent needed. PEEL weekends will be January 27–29, February 3–5, 10–12, 17–19, March 24–26, and April 21–23. If one of these weekends works for you, sign up in the Commons or scan the QR code or contact Kristin Partlo or one of the pastors.



St. John's Women's Annual Christmas Luncheon & Carols

Thursday, January 5, 2023, 11:30 a.m. Ruth's on Stafford, Dundas

The cost is \$20 which is payable at the door. Reserve your place by signing up at the St. John's Women's bulletin board in the Commons, or email women.stjohns500@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations Book Group Resumes in January

Courageous Conversations book group begins again on Thursday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m. This time our book is *The 1619 Project*, created by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones. The group meets every two weeks: January 26, February 9 & 23, March 9, 23 & 30, April 20, and May 11. Books are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Please contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to sign up and receive the reading plan and Zoom link!

Our Stewardship Appeal for 2023

Knowing members' intentions helps us plan next year's ministry. Please submit your giving intention for next year by scanning the QR Code on the right, complete the online pledge form on our website, return a card to the church office or in the offering plate, or email your intent to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2023 intent, even if it is to remain the same.



Hearing Ministry Update

St. John's is now equipped to provide live, in-service closed-captioning for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons. Volunteers are prepared to help deaf members and visitors access this service on a mobile phone or other internet-connected device. The captioning is for the amplified, spoken-word portions of the worship service. Contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org to arrange for closed captioning of a service.

Children and Youth

No Wednesday Afterschool Programming (K–Grade 5) on January 4

Wednesday afterschool programming will resume on Wednesday, January 11.

J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6–8) and High School Youth Group Resume this Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Sunday School (Preschool–Grade 5) and Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6–12) Resume on Sunday, January 8.

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

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 in need of healing

Brad Knoch, George Pinc, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),
Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse),
Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Rodney Little (father of Mike Little)
Family of Gordon Jorgenson
Family of Ruth Hansen

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,
Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam,
Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Carol Carlson, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call 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.

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Jan. 2		<i>Church Building and Office Closed</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 3	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Northfield YMCA Youth in Government, St. John's Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 4	12:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8) Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation Group, Fireside Room Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19 Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
Thursday, Jan. 5	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Communion at Three Links, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
Friday, Jan. 6	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 7		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed</i>
Sunday, Jan. 8	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 8):

Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 † Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 † Ephesians 3:1-12 † Matthew 2:1-12



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.