

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 2022 † 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 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** — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

J. S. Bach  
Dietrich Buxtehude

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 269

“Once in Royal David's City”

## \*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

- ☐ Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your  
incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all  
we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 — Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Second Reading — Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel — John 1:1-18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

<sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Judy Thompson-Reitz

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 510**

**"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"**

### **\*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**

**℣** 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:*

on IN DULCI JUBILO

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.

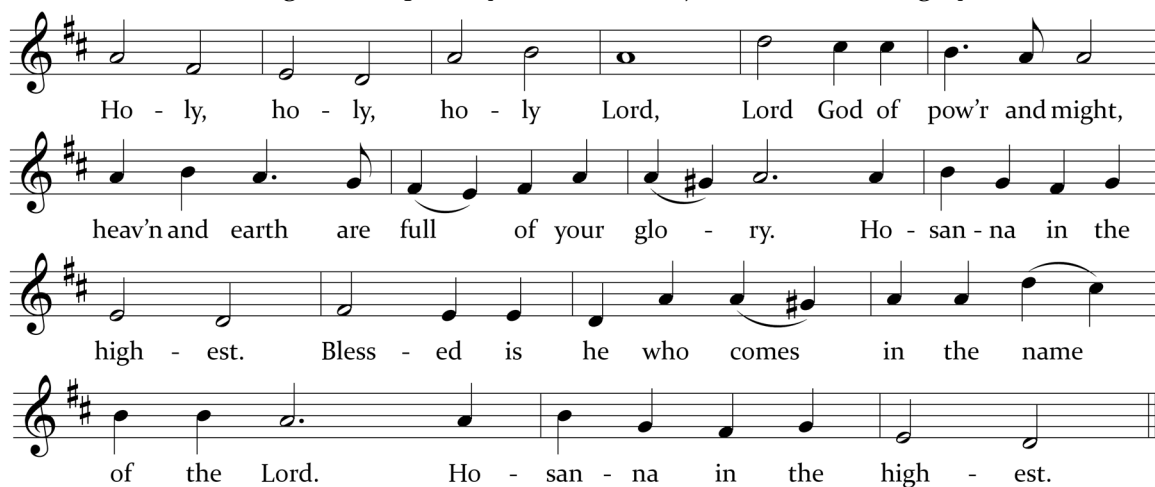
## SHARING THE LORDS SUPPER

### \*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:



### \*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.

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

- ☐ We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

☑ Amen.

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

## \*Blessing and Sending for Grit and Jon Youngquist

### \*Blessing

*Response:* ☑ Amen.

### \*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 288

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

## \*Dismissal

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

J. S. Bach



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Judy Thompson-Reitz
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	John Ferguson
Counters	TBD
Ushers	TBD

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Herb Fick's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 4 from all of his children. Sunday 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 Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Dates available: January 16 & 30. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in memory of Mary Ingbritsen by her family.

**Fair Trades Sales of Coffee and More Today after Service in the Commons**

## **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 23, 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 16. 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.

## **Coffee and Fellowship with COVID Protocols**

*Note: There will be no Coffee Fellowship Hour Today.*

Enjoy a cup of coffee or hot tea while socializing with friends and fellow members. As we joyfully and carefully resume the much-missed coffee hour tradition we need volunteers each Sunday to either donate treats (homemade or store bought), or to assist with making the coffee, set-up, and clean-up. No prior experience is necessary. We invite all to try it out. Being involved in this type of service is a great way to get to know people, and it's fun! To volunteer for Sunday coffee hour needs sign up in the Commons or email Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read Begins**

**Thursday, January 13, 4:00–5:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Our first read for 2022 will be *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in White Christianity* by Robert P. Jones. The discussion will take place over Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 10 & 24 (if we need a 6<sup>th</sup> session). To sign up, please email [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Sunday Hospitality Tasks in Need of Volunteers**

We invite anyone and everyone to sign up to assist with Communion prep or clean-up or greeting at the doors. It's a great way to serve and be involved, and we always need volunteers. No prior experience necessary. When you sign up, you will be given directions, and guidance as needed. Thank you!

You can sign up 3 ways:

- Sign up in CCB: Monthly Hospitality - January or Monthly Hospitality - February
- Email Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org)
- Call the Church Office at 507-654-4429

## **Our Stewardship Appeal for 2022**

Thank you to all who have already submitted their 2022 pledge card. If you have not yet indicated your intent, please do so as soon as possible to help facilitate our work on this year's budget. Please submit your giving intention 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2022 intent, even if it is to remain the same.



# **Children and Youth Ministries**

## **No Wednesday Afterschool Programming (K-Grade 5) on January 5**

Wednesday afterschool programming will resume on Wednesday, January 12.

## **J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8) and High School Youth Group Resume this Wednesday, Jan. 5.**

**Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5) and Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12) Resume on Sunday, January 9.**

## **Contact Information for Children and Youth**

*Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

*Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto: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*

Jo Dahlin, Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, Bruce Ohland,  
Paul Peterson, Howard Thorsheim, Jessica Zdenek

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Bev Mahacheck, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson,  
Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand,  
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Tom Fjelde, 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;

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

## **Save the Date:** **St. John's Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place on Sunday, January 23, at 12:30 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

We will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2022, and approve the 2022 budget. The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting.

***For all those who are submitting information for the Annual Report - please turn your report in as soon as possible!***

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Jan. 3</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft Northfield Youth in Government, St. John's Hall
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 4</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 5</b>	6:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), St. John's
	6:30 p.m.	J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
	7:00 p.m.	Budget Committee, Fireside Room
<b>Thursday, Jan. 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Center, Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Luncheon at St. Olaf
<b>Friday, Jan. 7</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Jan. 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
<b>Sunday, Jan. 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room Parent Gathering, St. John's Library
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 9):**

### ***Baptism of Our Lord***

**Isaiah 43:1-7   †   Psalm 29   †   Acts 8:14-17   †   Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**



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