



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 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 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.*

Pastor, Leader (Assisting Minister), 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.

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 — Three for Epiphany

- I. “Mingxing canlan ye wei yang” Marilyn Biery
Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies
- II. “Dejlig er den himmel blå” G. Winston Cassler
Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
- III. “Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern” Mark Sedio
How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 301 “Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all
Stanza 3 — bass voices
Stanza 4 — treble voices
Stanza 5 and 6 — all



*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Response:

☞ You shine the light of your promise on us.

*Hymn of Praise — “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Paul Vasile

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*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 and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 60:1-6

Pew Bible, page 602

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 72:1-4, 10-13

Antiphon: "The First Noel"

Antiphon: Noel! Born is the King of Israel.



- ¹Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- ²that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;



³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. *Antiphon*

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.

¹¹May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.

¹²For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.

¹³He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:1-12

Pew Bible, page 950

After the reading:

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

Gospel Acclamation

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes: A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Gospel — Matthew 2:1-12

Spark Story Bible, page 218; Pew Bible, page 783

Before the reading:

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 275

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*The Apostles' Creed — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

*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:

(8:30) “Star in the East” from *Sacred Harp*, arr. David Ashley White
Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid; star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer is laid. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall; angels adore him in slumber reclining, maker and monarch and Savior of all. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion, odor of Edom, and offerings divine, gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine? Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure, richer by far is the hearts adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) “In the Bleak Midwinter”

Simon Lole

*Offering Hymn — “Of the Father's Love Begotten” stanza 1 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

A **God with us:** you came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others
in the strength of your holy name. 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, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en 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. 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.**

*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”



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.

Hymn — No. 294

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Hymn — No. 715

“Christ, Be Our Light”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℟ **O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, and every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
Amen.**



DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☪ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 300

“The First Noel”

Stanzas 4 and 5



***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “There’s a Star in the East”

African American Spiritual
arr. David Sims



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Hall-Holt Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Elizabeth Bade
Acolytes	(8:30) Gavin Moore, Marshall Nelson (10:45) Clara Nelson, Luke Nelson
Communion Preparer	Amy McBroom
Communion Server	Hall-Holt Family
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Shirley Falck, Jeff Damm (10:45) Jill Enestvedt, Judy Karlson
Coffee and Refreshments	Deb Christensen, Cindy Clausen, John Kerr, Imogene Nelson, Amber Damm, Inger Hanson
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Nicholas Boehning, Scott Boehning, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Today (January 5):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: When the End is Near (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Next Week (January 12):

Reception for the St. Olaf Choir, 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)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Toddler Time (9:50 a.m., Room 14)

Children and Youth Ministries

4th and 5th Grade CAT Resumes January 8

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

The 4th grade class meets in Room 20 (lower level) and 5th grade in the Undercroft (lower level) from 4:00-4:45 p.m. (snack is included). Please contact Julie Brehmer if your child would like to ride the St. John's afterschool bus on Wednesdays to CAT. The bus picks up at Sibley, Bridgewater, Greenvale, and at the Middle School for PCCS kids.

Save the Date:

- **Monday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.:** Grades 2-5 are invited to Jesse James Lanes for a St. John's Bowling Event. Watch for more info!

Registration for our 2020 High School and Middle School Mission Trips is Now Open

This year we are working with CSM and Serve Boldly mission partners to plan for two mission experiences in Denver. For more information, pick up a brochure in the Commons. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Commons and on the bulletin board by the Youth Room. For additional information contact Emmanuel Kaghondi at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Elmer & Cora Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss and family. 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 the church office. 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.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *"When the End is Near – Choices May/Will be Limited"*

At a time when there may be or is no time to be on a long waiting list, what they can and can't do and insight into the dying process. Led by Belinda Peterson (retired Director of Social Services at the Northfield Retirement Community), Sue Warring (Social Worker with Northfield Hospice), Celeste Smith (working as a Death Doula), and moderator Kathleen Hanson (Senior Ministry person on the Adult Ministry & Education Board). Our journey to heaven may have many curves and bumps in the road and here we will look at help in this final journey. From the viewpoint of a CCC i.e. a continuing care community, hospice, and one to one help by a death doula. Who are the people experienced and educated to help in the final months or days of our life on earth. As caregivers what can we do when we hit burnout before our loved one dies? Also, we will touch on the actual physical process of dying.

Carols on the Campus

Thursday, January 9, 11:30 a.m.

The Women of St. John's annual luncheon at the King's Room on St. Olaf campus will be Thursday, January 9. Please RSVP by signing up at the Women's bulletin board. Cost is \$15. Ride share will be available from St. John's and a bus from NRC will be available at 11:00 a.m.

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services on Sunday, January 12. 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.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting / Potluck!

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place on Sunday, January 26, at noon in St. John's Hall. Following a potluck lunch, we will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2020, and approve the 2020 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!***

Announcements (continued)

ELCA Global Mission

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.” Colossians 2:6–7a.

ELCA Global Mission walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope. Our living, daring confidence in God’s grace propels us, along with our companions, to say “yes” to a world searching for renewal and wholeness. We share our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger, meet human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world. During January, we ask you to consider a special gift to ELCA Global Mission to support this important work. You may donate online or by check, noting Global Mission on the memo line. Thank you!

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement linking prayers for peace, justice, and reconciliation with “least coins.” The coins are used to fund projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief, and awareness-building among women. There are two ways to participate. One way is by contributing today to the large jar in the Commons. A second way is by taking a small jar home and making a monetary contribution when a prayer is said. All donations will be turned in as part of the Northfield Ecumenical Women service held on May 2 at Bethel Lutheran Church.

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

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

Donna James

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Joanne Sommers,
Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

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;

Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in 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, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



MEALS



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 8:
Lasagna

All are welcome!

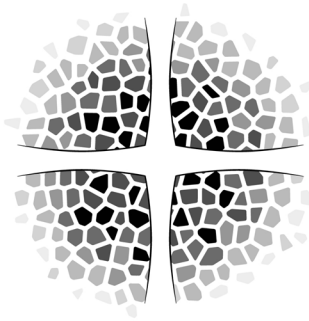
Consider this Amazing Fact:

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., Jan. 7	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:15 p.m.	Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library
		Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Jan. 9	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	11:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Annual Kings Room Luncheon, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 10	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Chih, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 11	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Jan. 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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