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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.*

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.

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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 6, 2019 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Patapan”

Trad. French, arr. Alyssa Reit

Jeanette Pelletier, harp, Jenny Pelletier, flute, Zachery Pelletier, cello

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism** — *Front of the hymnal, page 97*

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 302

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — all

*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;
- ³**that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.**
- ⁴**Let 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.
- ¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
- ¹³**He 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:

- 📖 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** — Matthew 2:1-12

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

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd 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 of the Day — No. 296

"What Child Is This"

***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) "Walk in the Light"

arr. André Thomas

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world. Hark! the herald
angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world; "Glory to the newborn King," Jesus, the Light
of the world. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the Light of the world; Christ,
the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world.*

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "What Child Is This"

Trad English, arr. Stephanie Curcio

Jeanette Pelletier, harp

***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

☞ Let us pray together.

☞ **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.

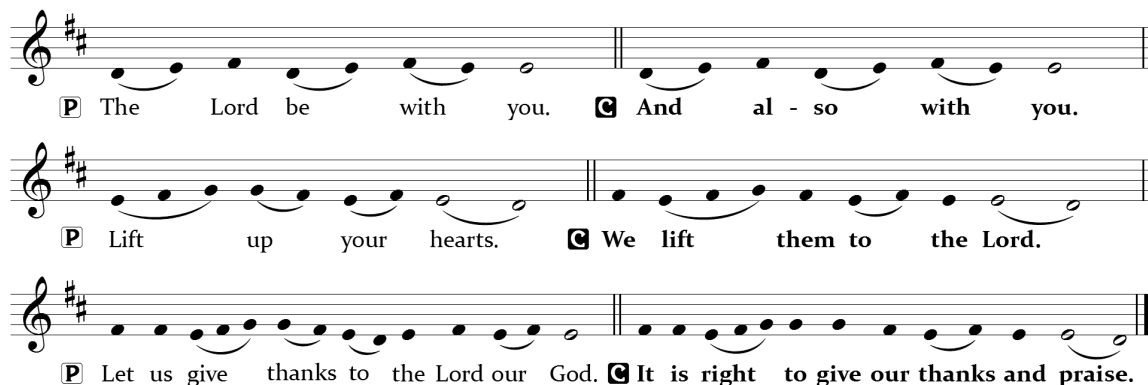
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

**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

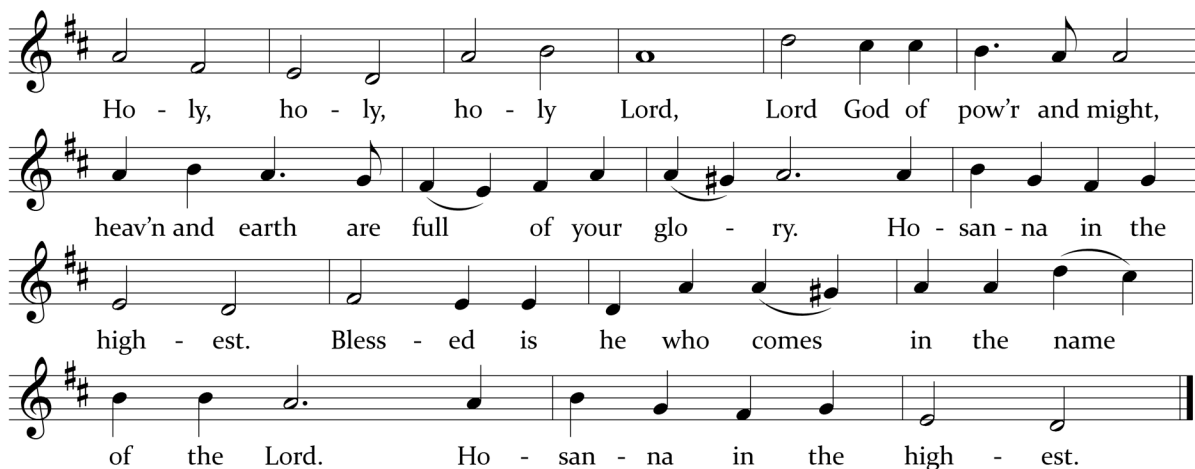


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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, 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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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 — No. 715

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Hymn — No. 726

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

All 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:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 300

“The First Noel”

Stanzas 4 and 5

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Mark Sedio



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Melissa Berthelsen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantors	(10:45) Tarkel Price, Katie Schroeer
Harp	Jeanette Pelletier
Flute	Jenny Pelletier
Cello	Zachery Pelletier
Acolytes	(8:30) Anna Bash, Bailey Strese (10:45) Luke Redetzke, Will Redetzke
Communion Preparers	Frances Boehning and Erik Boehning
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Inger Hanson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Angie Gehring, Louise Lurye, Bill Roadfeldt (10:45) Lowell and Barbara Johnson, Marilyn McRae Raadt
Coffee and Refreshments	Jennifer Edwins, Angie Gehring, Inger Hanson, Imogene Nelson, Alyssa Ness
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Gordon Jorgenson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 13):

Baptism of Our Lord

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



We invite you to **mark your calendars** for these special 150th anniversary events:

Sunday, January 13: We will welcome the St. Olaf Choir in worship and celebrate the historic and ongoing relationship between St. John's and the St. Olaf Choir with a special forum and reception between services.

Sunday, April 28: We will continue our Easter celebrations with a special focus on local composers and local visual artists.

Sunday, July 14: We will get outdoors together and celebrate with a family friendly social event.

October 26-28: Our **Capstone Event** will include something for everyone - kids, neighbors, history buffs, and people who just love to get together, share food, and celebrate.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 6):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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)

St. John's Forum: Re-Membering - Connecting Through Our Stories (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (January 13):

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)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Toddler Time (9:45-10:30 a.m., Room 14)

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. Dates available: January 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30a.m., St. John's Hall

Topic: *Re-Membering – Connecting Through Our Stories*

Calling all adults! The past couple of years we have held a forum we jokingly referred to as, "Mingling for Shy Lutherans." To our surprise, many of you said it was your favorite forum of the year! Some of you even found a babysitter for your kids. So, we thought we would do it again. As we turn the corner into a new year and a new season, it is good for us to spend some time getting to know each other. On Sunday, we will re-member and re-connect with new people and old friends. Pastors Pam and Jonathan will lead us through some questions that will help cultivate discussion.

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10 :30 a.m., Youth Room

Come to the Youth Room for highs and lows, and at the beginning of a 4 week series on prayer. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Middle School Youth Group Event

Today, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Home of Peggy Hanson

Middle School Youth are warmly invited to Peggy Hanson's house (205 Elm Street) for fun and treats! Friends are welcome! Questions? Contact Peggy at peggyjhanson@gmail.com.

Creative Arts Group: "Music Game Night"

Wednesday, January 9, 6:00-6:45 p.m., St. Johns Library

The next Creative Arts group will be a Music Game Night this Wednesday after the Wednesday Night Meal. We will have a variety of music games available to play together as a group including variations on well-known favorites. Come willing to meet new people and try something new! The group will be led LBSA's art specialist, Bridget Novak and Music therapist, Jenny Solar.

Courageous Conversations Book Study: "Waking Up White"

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, Fireside Room

Courageous Conversations is hosting a second discussion of Debbie Irving's "Waking Up White." Everyone is welcome. This event is sponsored by St. John's Women of the ELCA.

Announcements (continued)

Next Sunday, January 13, we welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services. 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.

Can you help with the treats needed for next Sunday, January 13?

Do you have a great holiday cookie or bar recipe that's been in your family for years? Do you love to make kringler, krumkake, sandbakkels, rosettes, and other favorites? Maybe you didn't get to make something this year and want a reason to enjoy more butter? To kick off the 150th anniversary year and welcome the St. Olaf Choir we are looking for people to bring 3 dozen festive treats next Sunday, January 13. Sign up in the Commons.

Children and Youth Ministries

January 21: No School Day Events

- **Grades 2-8:** Grades 2-8 are invited to Jesse James Lanes for a St. John's Bowling Event from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sign up in the Commons
- **High School Youth:** High School Youth are invited to a "Trip to an Escape Room". We will carpool from St. John's at 12:00 p.m. and begin the day at Augsburg College to listen to a speaker talk about Martin Luther King, Jr., have lunch in the college cafeteria, then head over to Trapped in St. Paul.

Annual Meeting / Potluck Sunday, January 20

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place Sunday, January 20, at noon in St. John's Hall. Following a potluck lunch we will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2019, and approve the 2019 budget. The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting.

Can you help with set up or clean up? Can you bring a dish to share? If you can help with any of these items, please sign up in the Commons. You may also sign up by contacting the church at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or sign up [online thru CCB](#).

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

Herb Fick, Joann Jorgensen, Jane Koskovich, Chuck Muckey

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Linda Beckman, Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson

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 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.



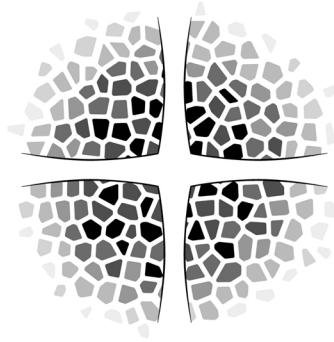
**Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
in St. John's Hall**

Wednesday, January 9
Fajita Boats

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

Mon., Jan. 7	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Fairfield Inn Bar Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tue., Jan. 8	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Jan. 9	9:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lydia Circle, St. John's Hall Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Creative Arts Group, Library Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Jan. 10	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 11	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 12	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Jan. 13	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery



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