



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022 † 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 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.



GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — on HYFRYDOL

Jerry Westenkuehler

Sonja Wermager, violin

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn — “Field of Stars Awash in Splendor”**

HYFRYDOL

Sung in loving memory of Susan Palo Cherwien.



Field of stars a - wash in splen - dor, stars of light, for glo - ry
Gath - ered light of God's own peo - ple, more than each a - lone could
Christ, O Light sur - pass - ing bright - ness, Christ, the ris - ing Morn - ing



made, with the light of Christ for - ev - er for the u - ni -
be, called to serve, be - loved and no - ble, splen - did in com -
Star, light our days and shine out from us in - to shad - ed



verse ar - rayed: not a - lone, your life's cre - a - tion,
mu - ni - ty: man - y are the gifts of bless - ing,
fields a - far. Let the saints sing joy in glo - ry,



not a - lone, your dai - ly arc, but as one fair
man - y are the wards of night, may each life in
let God's beau - ty glo - rious rise, for the morn - ing



con - stel - la - tion shin - ing bright - ness in the dark.
Christ a - bid - ing be a beam of ho - ly light.
stars in cho - rus shall fore - shad - ow par - a - dise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021), © 2003 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Rowland H. Prichard

***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 anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 — ACS No. 916

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you,
O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

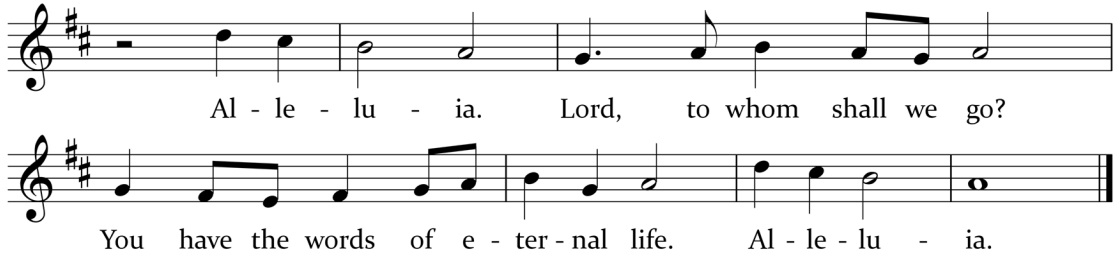
⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and
made.”

☞ 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 — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1084

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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:

"See, Amid the Winter's Snow"

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

***Offering Hymn** — “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” *stanza 4* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais-es sing; pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be si-lent, ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring 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.

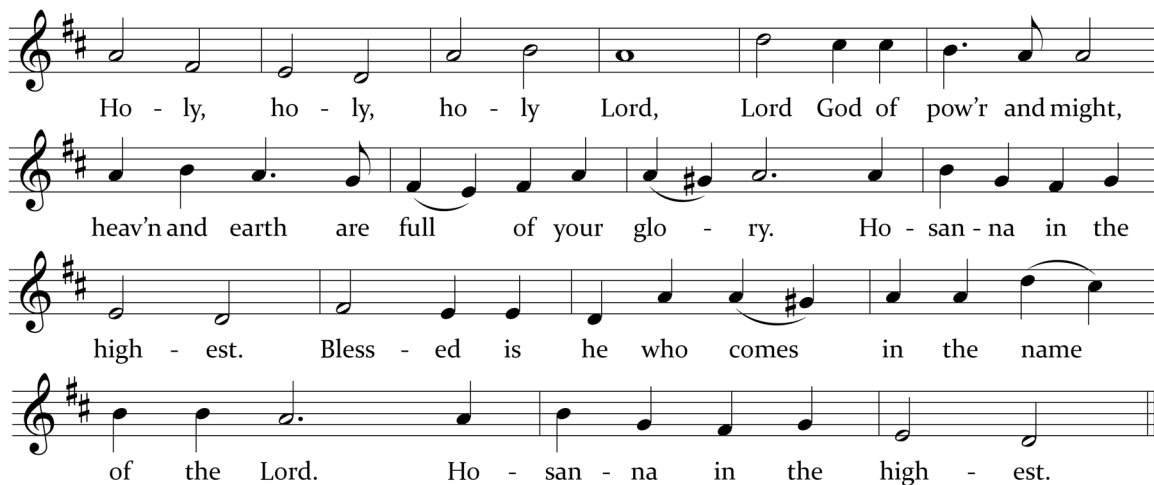
C Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

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:



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

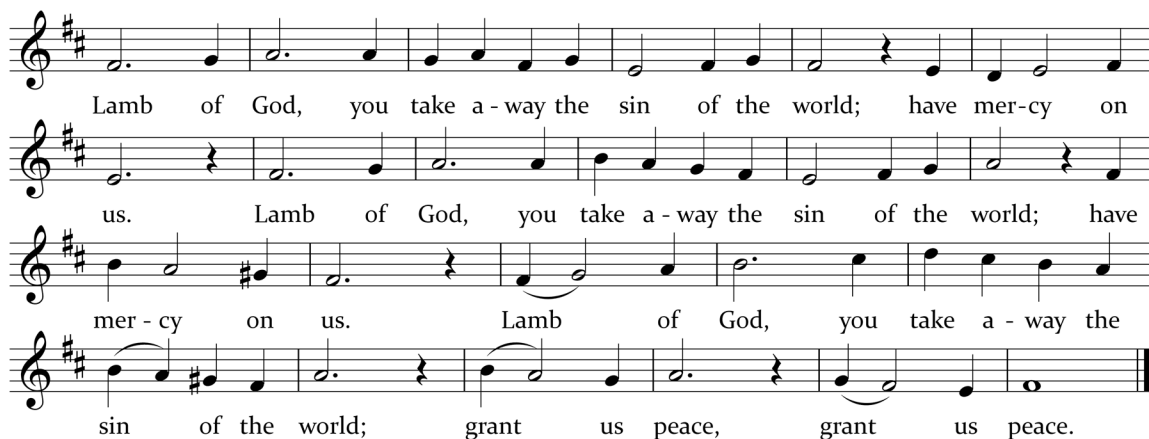
*The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Solo — “Thy Holy Wings”

Swedish folk tune, arr. John Ferguson

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- ☐ Praise to the God in worship; Praise to the God of the cloud-filled room,
to the God of epiphany, the God of making-known:
Holy is the God among us relentless in presence
Present in the water, the fluid strength that carves canyons
Present in the bread, the many made one
Present in the wine, spirit of earth
Present in cloud, messenger of vision
Present in the sacred space, vessel of grounded transcendence
Presence multiplying presence; Presence multiplying holiness.

☑ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: ☑ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

***Dismissal**

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “...the heavens were opened...” (Baptism Dance)

Dan Locklair
from *Windows of Comfort*



SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Rob Quanbeck and Dawn Tommerdahl
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Violin	Sonja Wermager
Cantor	David Sims
Counters	Dan Franklin, Jim Loe, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Monica Holicky, Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

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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 Leah Garlie at 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.

Coffee Fellowship Hour Has Been Placed "On Hold"

Due to the elevated COVID case numbers along with recent holiday traveling and family gatherings, coffee fellowship hour not take place today. We will resume coffee fellowship time when it is safer to do so.

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services next 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.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom

The agenda will include the election of 2022 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2022 congregational budget. At this time, we plan to meet in person in St. John's Hall. The hearing loop in the Hall will be operational for those who need hearing assistance. A hybrid Zoom option will be available for those who wish to listen and vote remotely. There will not be a potluck this year.

Next Edition of the Voice: February/March 2022

Please send submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org by Saturday, January 15.

January Focus: ELCA Global Mission

During January, we ask you to consider a special gift to ELCA Global Mission. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world together. The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God's reconciling mission through proclamation and service. We can do more together by sharing our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the Good News throughout the world. You may donate online at elca.org or by check, noting Global mission on the memo line.

Announcements (continued)

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 2nd and 4th Thursdays: January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 10 & 24 (if we need a 6th session). To sign up, please email dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

New Study Group

David Sudermann and Phil Eaves invite several participants to join their twosome to study feminist theologian Sallie McFague's classic work on metaphor in religious language. In *Metaphorical Theology* (Fortress Press, 1982) McFague argues that only by grasping the metaphorical nature of religious language as such can we shape new visions of being in the world that avoid literalism and sustain faith. For more on McFague's work, read carefully her Wikipedia page (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sallie_McFague). If interested contact at 507-663-1097 or dsudermann@charter.net. We currently meet on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Children and Youth Ministries

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

Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level

Sunday Youth Gatherings (Grades 6-12)

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Parent Gathering and Social

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library

Pastors Pam and Jonathan invite parents of children and youth to gather between services for a chance to simply check-in and connect with each other.

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Virley Brown
Family of Beverly Mahachek

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, 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

Lois Rand, Lyla Arneson Paulson, 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;

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 16):

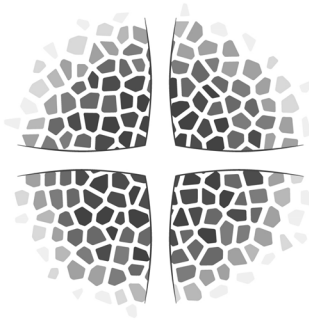
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5 † Psalm 36:5-10 † 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 † John 2:1-11

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. 10	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 11	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom Church Council, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 12	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
Thursday, Jan. 13	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom
Friday, Jan. 14	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room Swedish Club - Lucia Celebration, St. John's Hall
Saturday, Jan. 15		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 16	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship (with St. Olaf Choir), Sanctuary Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room Parent Gathering, St. John's Library Worship (with St. Olaf Choir), Sanctuary Girl Scout Troop #20065, Lower Level



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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