

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 11, 2026 † 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 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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Wayne Wold

"Bright and Glorious Is the Sky"

David Dahl

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

Mark Sedio

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 310

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

## **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

### **\*Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **And also with you.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

- P** O God, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all, baptized into Christ,  
faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your  
Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## First Reading — Isaiah 42:1-9

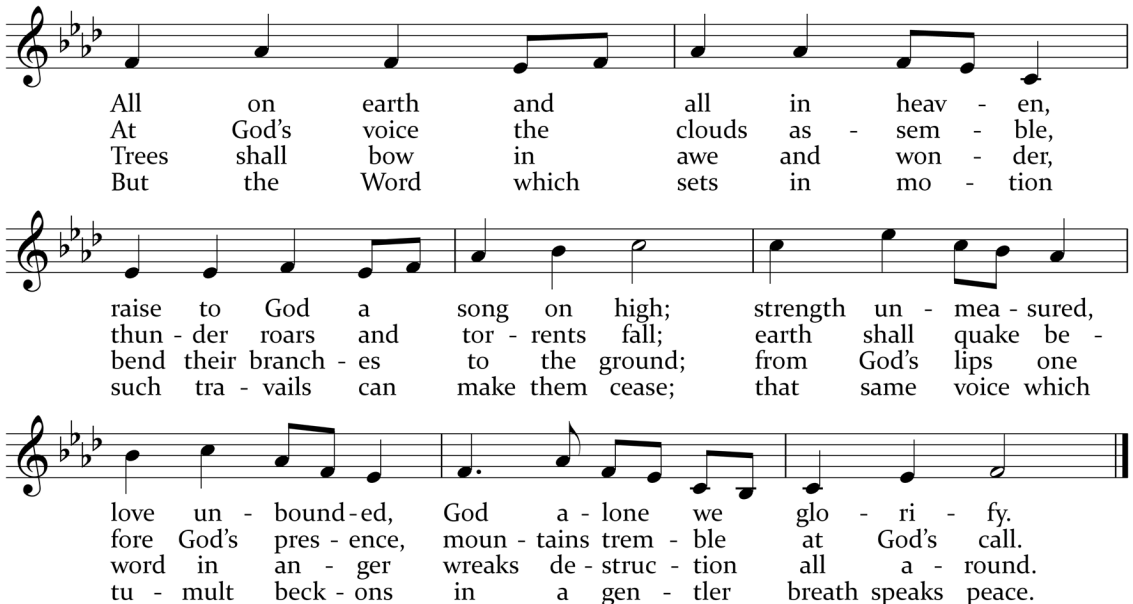
<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalmody — Psalm 29, “All on Earth and All in Heaven”

RESTORATION



All on earth and all in heav - en,  
At God's voice the clouds as - sem - ble,  
Trees shall bow in awe and won - der,  
But the Word which sets in mo - tion

raise to God a song on high; strength un - mea - sured,  
thun - der roars and tor - rents fall; earth shall quake be -  
bend their branch - es to the ground; from God's lips one  
such tra - vails can make them cease; that same voice which

love un - bound - ed, God a - lone we glo - ri - fy.  
fore God's pres - ence, moun - tains trem - ble at God's call.  
word in an - ger wreaks de - struc - tion all a - round.  
tu - mult beck - ons in a gen - tler breath speaks peace.

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 2011 Witherspoon Press; Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*

## Second Reading — Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

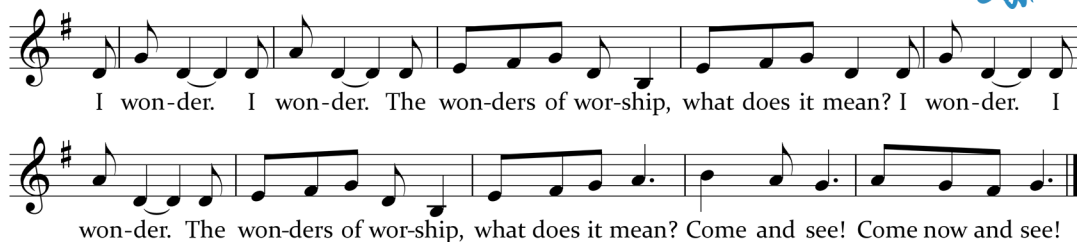
**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Children's Message

"Wonders of Worship"



Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

## \*Gospel Acclamation



**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom 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. 916**

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

**\*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:*

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** 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

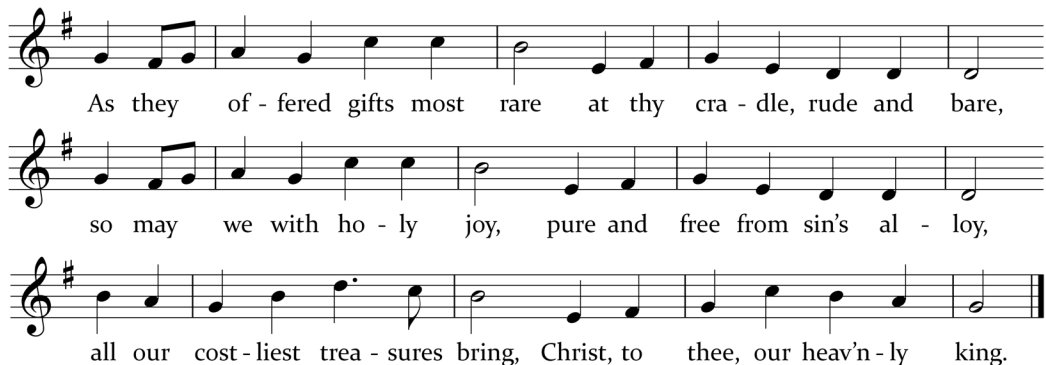
*Music at the Offering*

"Deep River"

arr. Sylvia Oines

### \*Offering Hymn — "As with Gladness Men of Old" stanza 3

DIX



As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.

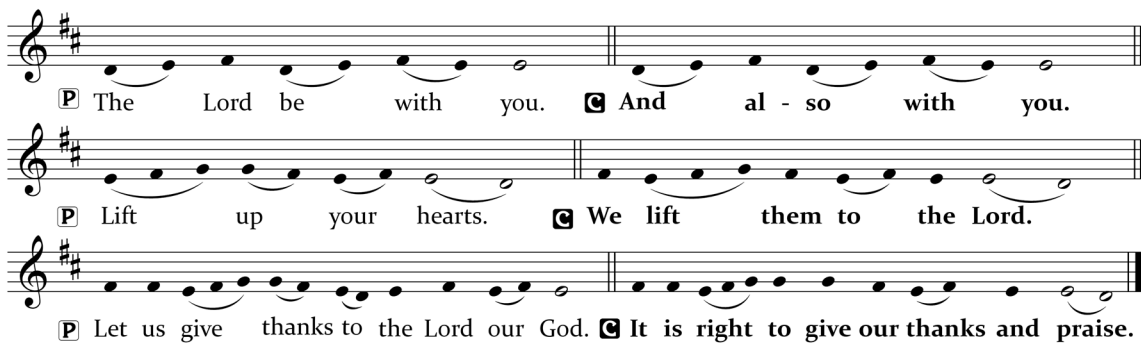
## \*Offering Prayer

**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

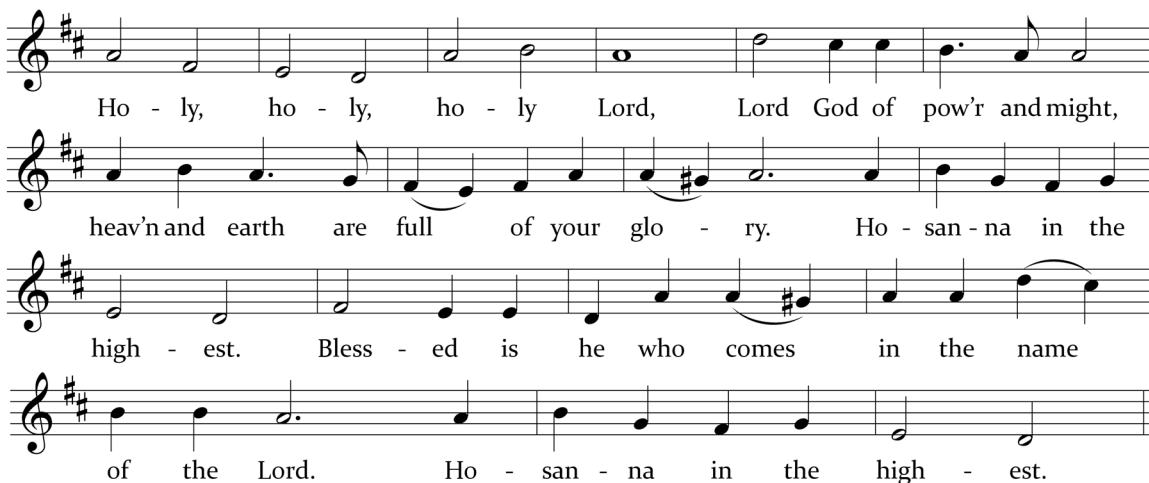


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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. 445

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

Hymn — ELW No. 494

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☩ Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
☩ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — “Life-Giving Waters”

Aaron Shows



### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 18):**

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

Isaiah 49:1-7 † Psalm 40:1-11 † 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 † John 1:29-42

## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) Sylvia Erickson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Livestream	Jeff Wood
Communion Prep	Nan Winsell
Communion Cleanup	Brenda Nelson
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Treats	Deb Christensen, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Janell Martin, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny, Andrew Tacheny

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (January 11)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

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)

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# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**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 at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: Feb. 1 and Mar. 1 & 8.

**We welcome the St. Olaf Choir** and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services next **Sunday, January 18**. 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.

## **Food Donations Needed for St. Olaf Choir Breakfast, Sunday, January 18**

As a way to thank the choir for blessing us with their beautiful music, we serve them breakfast in our hall prior to the early service. Thus, we need food donations and a few helpers! Here are the volunteer needs that remain:

- 2 more meat egg bakes (any recipe)—bring to the kitchen cooked by 7:00 a.m.
- 1 person to assist with the dishwasher at 8:30 a.m. (unloading)
- 2 people to help wipe tables and prep for coffee hour immediately after the breakfast (beginning at 8:30 a.m.)
- 2 people to help clean up St. John's Hall at 10:45 a.m. (following coffee hour)

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Commons, sign up online through CCB, or contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Thank you!

## **Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans**

### **Monday, January 26, St. John's Hall**

For the month of January, Out'n About is bringing two great speakers that we are sure you will find interesting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., speakers from 9:30–11:30 a.m., and at 11:30 a.m. a lunch from the Hideaway Vault.

- Donna Dickinson, a speaker from AARP, will lead us through the six pillars of brain health and activities that support brain health. We will also hear about the latest research on brain health, lifestyle suggestions, and resources to learn more.
- Have you seen the Lake of the Isle Pencil in Minneapolis or the SKOL Drum at US Bank Stadium? Curtis Ingvaldstad, a Nerstrand resident, is the Chainsaw Artist who created those pieces. He will be talking about how he went from an aspiring mechanical engineer to a professional artist and share with us his journey over the 25 years he has spent pursuing painting and sculpting wood.

Register for this event by emailing [outnabouto22@gmail.com](mailto:outnabouto22@gmail.com) or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **ISIAIH Opportunities**

ISIAIH MN, the interfaith group working for economic, racial and climate justice, and for a strong democracy, is preparing for an active 2026. Please join us. The most important action right now is to attend one of these three sessions this month to learn how to participate in the February 3 caucuses and to learn about other upcoming activities. You are welcome to sign up for any of these. The January 20 event will be led by St. John's members. Each session will be from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

- January 13 at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Sign up: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/Xvze9z3Q2oaecDEFojuNYg2>

- January 20 at St. John's. Sign up: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/QxTOMXh-NoaZWbXYBjRaaQ2>
- January 27 at First UCC. Sign up: <https://secure.ngpvan.com/ZG74cnKaxEGR6DajzhvVBQ2>

You can read more about this in the January edition of *The Voice*.

The Northfield Human Rights Commission is hosting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium and lower cafeteria at Northfield High School located at 1400 Division Street. The event will feature music and a keynote from Dr. Quennel Cooper, a distinguished educational leader. The event will also announce the recipient of the Human Rights Award.

## **Children and Youth**

### **Sign up for Good Earth Village Summer Camp 2026!**

**Northfield Week at GEV is June 21–26 for children in grades 2–6**

Here are the camp options:

- Discover Camp for kids in Grades 2–4, June 24–26
- Seekers Camp for kids in Grades 3–4, June 21–26
- Stargazers Camp for kids in Grades 5–6, June 21–26

For Northfield Week use codes:

- NORTHFIELD26FULL for Seekers and Stargazer Camps, sponsorship of \$100
- NORTHFIELD26HALF for Discover Camp, sponsorship of \$50

The discount code and sponsorship code will be entered on the “My Cart” page. If you need to use more than one code you will need to enter them separately. Please contact Julie Brehmer, [children@stjohnsnorthfield.org](mailto:children@stjohnsnorthfield.org), if you have questions.

### **Summer Mission Trip Registration for Youth is Open!**

Get ready for the summer 2026 mission trip to Milwaukee, June 21–26! The registration window is short because of the organization we're working with, so make your plans now. The cost per participant is \$500 and registrations are due by January 15. For more information, contact Kristin Partlo at 507-645-4429 or [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*

Fred Huemoeller, Ingrid Alberding

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Ron James

Family of Carol Hollen

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson,

David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Lori Skoglund,

Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

*All who are homebound, including*

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 14:  
*Scalloped Potatoes with Ham*

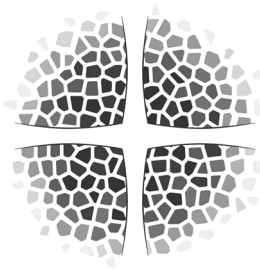
**All are welcome!**

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

<b>Monday, Jan. 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 13</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (2025), Undercroft
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 14</b>	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation J-Term (Grades 6-8)
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Politics & Faith Discussion Group, St. John's Library
<b>Thursday, Jan. 15</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Fellowship Hall / Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
<b>Friday, Jan. 16</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Ron James, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Ron James, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Jan. 17</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Jan. 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship (with St. Olaf Choir), Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (with St. Olaf Choir), Sanctuary



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

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*