



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 12, 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 — ON WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Egil Hovland

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 308

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Stanzas 1 – 5

Stanza 1 and 2 — all

Stanza 3 — treble voices

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — all

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P In these saving waters,

C 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.

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*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

- ☐ O God of mystery and wonder, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaim him your beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit. Reveal a stream of living water within each of us that claims us as your beloved and empowers us through your Holy Spirit to be children of grace and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Anthem — “My Lord, What A Morning”

Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Isaiah 42:1-9

Pew Bible, page 584

After the reading:

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

Anthem — “Our Father”

Alexander Gretchaninov

Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Thine are kingdoms, thrones, dominions, might and majesty. Thy name be hallow’d on earth, as it is hallow’d in heaven. Thou givest strength to the weak; thou rememb’rest the poor and the distressed. And upon them that fear thy name showers of blessings unnumbered shall fall; peace shall follow them. By still waters their path shall be. Sing then of mercy, of judgment, of kingdoms, of thrones, dominions and power for evermore. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; come to us, O Lord, in splendor bright, fill our hearts with everlasting light. Amen.

- Adapted from the Bible, Arthur Kimball

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The notes are G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Gospel — Matthew 3:13-17

Spark Story Bible, page 242; Pew Bible, page 784

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 455

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

*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:

“O Day Full of Grace”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

O day full of grace, which we behold, now gently to view ascending; thou over the earth thy reign unfold, good cheer to all mortals lending, that children of light in ev'ry clime may prove that the night is ending. How blest was that gracious midnight hour, when God in our flesh was given; then flushed the dawn with light and pow'r, that spread over the darkened heaven; then rose o'er the world that sun divine which gloom from our hearts hath driven. Yea, were ev'ry tree endowed with speech, and every leaflet singing, they never with praise God's worth could reach, though earth with their praise be ringing. Who fully could praise the light of life, who light to our souls is bringing, who fully could praise the Lord! With joy we depart for the promised land, and there we shall walk in endless light.

- Scandinavian folk hymn; Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig

*Offering Hymn — “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” stanza 1

SALZBURG



Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus, Lord, to thee we raise; man-i-fest-ed



by the star to the sa-ges from a-far, branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem in thy birth at



Beth-le-hem: an-thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man-i-fest.

*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.**

Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper, and that in this meal our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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.

Anthem — “Elohim Hashivenu”

Salamone Rossi

Sung in Hebrew.

Elohim hashivenu
O, Lord God, turn our hearts unto thee.
Vahaer panecha, venivashea
Shine thy light upon us, and we shall be saved.

Elohim tzevaot, hashivenu
O God almighty, turn our hearts unto thee.
Adonai, Elohim, tsevaot, hashivenu
*Our Father, O Lord God, almighty, turn
our hearts unto thee.*

Hymn — No. 407

“O Living Breath of God”

Hymn — No. 552

“Blessed Be the God of Israel”

Hymn — No. 535

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us 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. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may be seated.

Choral Benediction — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Mike and Melissa Berthelsen
Organist	Nathan Proctor, Director of Worship, Music & Arts
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Acolytes	(8:30) Anna Bash, Bailey Strese (10:45) Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie
Communion Preparers	Rod and Deb Christensen
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Beret Froehle, Gordon Jorgenson (10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Judy Karlson
Coffee and Refreshments	Jennifer Edwins, Angie Gehring, Teri Grosz, Kristy Harms, Nancy Kløver, Imogene Nelson
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bill Gasho, Jerry Kipp, Brent Mueller
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl, (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Today (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)
Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Toddler Time (9:50-10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Next Week (January 19):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: Creation Care - The Real Dirt (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
New to St. John's Welcome Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)
Info Session: Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) for High Schoolers (10:00-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 15:
Scalloped Potatoes & 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!*

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 19):

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Nathan Proctor by Mark & Erin Goettsch, Nathan, Anneliese, and Charlotte. 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.

Today 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.

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!***

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!

New to St. John's?

Join Pastor Pam and St. John's welcomers at a gathering for you between services on Sunday, January 19, from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Refreshments will be served.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Next Sunday's St. John's Forum

Sunday, January 19, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Creation Care Forum*

Ben Doherty of Open Hands Farm and Dave Legvold of Legvold Farms will present their view of what each farming operation holds as its responsibility to the earth and to the community. Open Hands Farm is a Community Supported Agriculture endeavor that provides organically grown produce to a large variety of customers. Legvold Farms is a commodity production operation that works to build soil through practices that preserve soil nutrients, enhance biological systems, and assure clean water. Both farms serve as research and education centers. Open Hands Farm is regarded as an exemplary, environmentally friendly supplier of wholesome foods to the community. Legvold Farms is a Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certified farm as awarded by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Both Ben and Dave believe that though they have very different farming operations, they share many of the same creation care goals. Both farmers enjoy the opportunity to share the joys of farming, share equipment, and appreciate each other as good neighbors.

Children and Youth Ministries

Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 6-12)

On Sunday mornings, during the school year, all youth (grades 6-12) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for treats, highs and lows, and interactive faith discussion! Other young adults and church members are encouraged to attend for intra and inter-generational connections. These gatherings will be led by Emmanuel Kaghondi and other adults. This month's topics will focus on "Life's Burning Questions about Spirituality".

4th and 5th Grade CAT Continues

Wednesdays, January 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.

Let's go Bowling (Grades 2-5)

Monday, January 27, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Jesse James Lanes

The cost is \$12 per child (scholarships available). Sign up in the lower or upper Commons. Parent or High School Chaperones are appreciated!

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 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

Berta Diem, Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning

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.

DISHWASHERS

**POTLUCK
HELP NEEDED**

BEVERAGE MAKERS

CLEANUP CREW

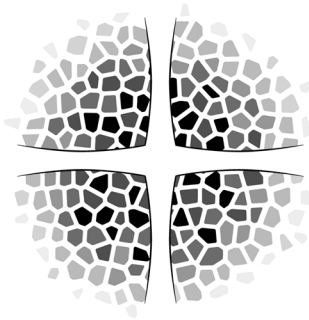
Annual
MEETING

**January 26
12:00 p.m.
St. John's Hall**

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. 13	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room 2020 Budget Committee, Undercroft St. John's Foundation, Fireside Room
Tue., Jan. 14	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 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 Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Jan. 15	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	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 Courageous Conversations Book Group, Fireside Room J-Term for Middle School Confirmation, Multiple Sites High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 16	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 17	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 18	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Guild, Fireside Room
Sunday, Jan. 19	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery



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