



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024 † 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 — on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

Egil Hovland

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 308

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Stanzas 1-5

Stanzas 1 & 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

- ☐ Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Anthem — “Lord, Have Mercy”

Undine Smith Moore

*Lord, have mercy on me. Christ, have mercy on me.
Every evening, every morning, Christ have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy on me.*

- Traditional

St. Olaf Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Spark Story Bible, page 122; Pew Bible, page 215

After the reading:

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 👏 **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem — “Summer in Winter Carol”

Kenneth Jennings

Welcome to our wondering sight; eternity shut in a span! Summer in winter! Day in night! Heaven in earth! And God in man! Great little One, whose glorious birth, lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth. Gloomy night embraced the place where the noble infant lay: the babe looked up, and showed his face. In spite of darkness, it was day! We saw thee in thy balmy nest, bright dawn of our eternal day; we saw thine eyes break from the east, and chase the trembling shades away.

– Richard Crashaw

*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 — John 1:43-51

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.
- 👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can any-

thing good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1046

“As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring”

*The 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

“Glorification” from *Celestial Spring*

F. Melius Christiansen

Hosanna, a new hosanna, within is ringing, new glory bringing to God on high who has exalted this lowly mortal to heaven's portal beyond the sky. Hosanna, a new hosanna all life embraces, while growing praises to God arise; soon my spirit shall sing, shall sing victorious, with him, the glorious, in paradise. A new hosanna shall arise. A new hosanna now is ringing, and my heart is singing: Hallelujah.

– Oscar R. Overby

*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.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth; Music: Jakob Hintze

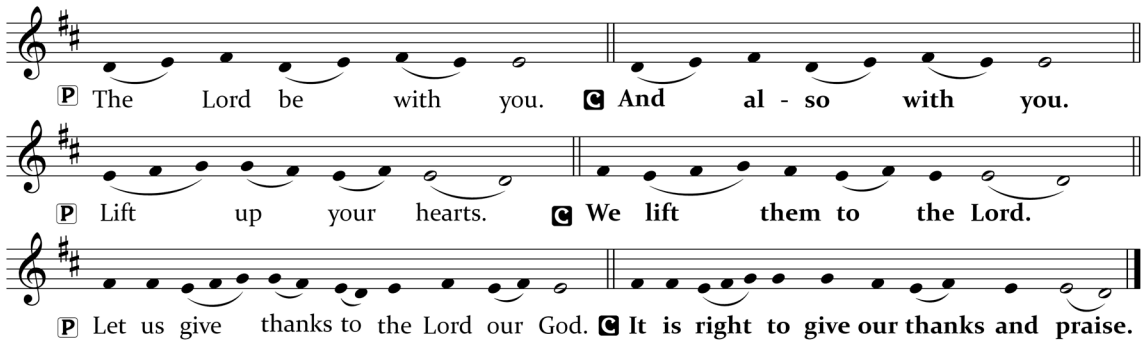
*Offering Prayer

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

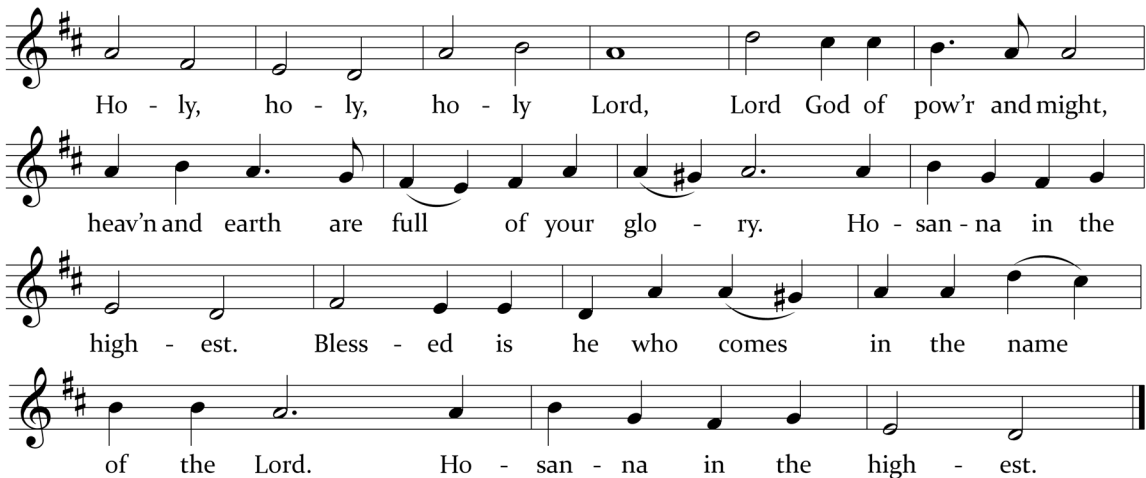


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Anthem — “It Is Well with My Soul” Philip P. Bliss, arr. Yu-Shan Tsai
For anthem text, see ELW No. 785.

Hymn — ELW No. 462 “Now We Join in Celebration”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℣ 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** — “Field of Stars Awash in Splendor”

HYFRYDOL

*For hymn, see following page.
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

***Dismissal**

- ℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ Thanks be to God!

The congregation may be seated.

Postlude — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



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

HYFRYDOL



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



with the light of Christ for - ev - er for the u - ni - verse ar - rayed:
called to serve, be - loved and no - ble, splen - did in com - mu - ni - ty:
light our days and shine out from us in - to shad - ed fields a - far.



not a - lone, your life's cre - a - tion, not a - lone, your dai - ly arc,
man - y are the gifts of bless - ing, man - y are the wards of night,
Let the saints sing joy in glo - ry, let God's beau - ty glo - rious rise,



but as one fair con - stel - la - tion shin - ing bright - ness in the dark.
may each life in Christ a - bid - ing be a beam of ho - ly light.
for the morn - ing stars in cho - rus shall fore - shad - ow par - a - dise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, © 2003 admin. Augsburg Fortress; Music: Rowland H. Prichard

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rev. Grant Aaseng
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Communion Prep	TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson, Anne Olson
Ushers	(8:30) Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Dan Franklin, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Joran Peterson

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 14)

Reception for the St. Olaf Choir, 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)

Toddler Time: 2-year olds (10:00–10:30, Room 14)

Next Week (January 21)

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)

Annual Meeting Preview (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Mark, Erin, Nathan, Anneliese & Charlotte Goettsch in celebration of Nathan Proctor's birthday and gratitude for his work and ministry. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 21 & 28 and February 4, 18 & 25.

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.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom

The agenda will include the election of 2024 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2024 congregational budget. 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.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Monday, January 22, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

With the increase of fraud and scams happening around the United States and the world, Out'n About is bringing a representative of AARP to speak on Fraud and Identity Theft. Jay Haapala, Associate State Director of Community Engagement, will provide information to help prevent these things from happening to you. Alison Byerly, President of Carleton College, will speak on the state of Carleton College (St. Olaf President Susan Singer will be speaking in April). Please pre-register by January 18 by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com leaving your name and contact information. \$15 payable the day of the event. Registration and coffee begins at 9:00 a.m. and the morning will end with a lunch catered by the Hideaway Vault.

Next Edition of the Voice: February 2024

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

Sing Boldly Event

Tomorrow, Monday, January 15, 7:00 p.m., The Contented Cow

The Contented Cow is excited to offer a hymn sing on MLK day because so much connection is seen between the hope and light of Epiphany and the inspired vision of Dr. King's dreams. The hymn booklet will contain songs on the themes of Epiphany, freedom, light, and unity.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Community Conversation About Gun Violence

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00–8:30 p.m., First UCC (300 Union St, Northfield)

We are living within a gun violence epidemic. How do we talk about it? How might we address it? Please join in the conversation sponsored by the League of Women Voters and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense. Panelists: Minnesota State Sen. John Marty, Maggi Emery of Protect Minnesota, Rev. Rolf Olson of Everytown/Survivor Network, and Northfield Community Advocate, Mar Valdecantos. Please RSVP at <https://sites.google.com/view/gvconversation>.

The Lutheran Center for Faith, Values & Community and the Nourishing Vocation Projects at St. Olaf College would like to invite you to this year's Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts. Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31, St. Olaf College

This year the conference will combine signature CWTA musical experiences with innovative and imaginative work being done by both the Nourishing Vocation Project and Nourishing Vocation with Children, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Char Rachuy Cox. St. Olaf College looks forward to welcoming all participants to The Hill and hopes you will mark your calendar for CWTA 2024. Registration can be found at our website, <https://wp.stolaf.edu/cwta/>, starting January 16.

The Northfield ELCA congregations are considering a coordinated visit to Holden Village in early August of 2024. Households must still register individually, but a coordinated visit gives us opportunities to share travel plans and wisdom in planning a Holden journey. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pam and explore Holden's website at holdenvillage.org. Registration for summer 2024 will open in January.

Children and Youth

Third Grade Catechism Retreat

Saturday, January 27, 9:00–11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Communion. If you are **unable** to attend, please email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Prayer Buddies for Grades 4 & 5 During the Lenten Season

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and continuing through the Lenten season, our 4th and 5th grade Catechism kids are paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy." We ask Prayer Buddies to pray for their child during the Lenten season. With this program, we hope to create spiritual and caring connections with children and adults in our church community. If you are interested in being a Prayer Buddy or would like to continue being a Buddy please contact Julie Brehmer, children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Thank you!

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

Shirley Anderson, John Ferguson, Roberta Morse, Roald Revne, Wendy Scholz

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Bruce Hella, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

VaLois Mandsager, Richard Olson, Elouise Quinnell

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, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 17:
*Scalloped Potatoes with Ham
(Vegetarian Option Available)*

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

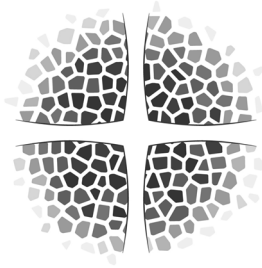
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Jan. 15	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	4:00 p.m.	Audit Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Jan. 16	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
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
		Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Jan. 17	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Spotlight Bible Study, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, St. John's Library
		Appeal Team Meeting, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Locations Vary
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Jan. 18	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
Friday, Jan. 19	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 20	1:00 p.m.	Visitation - Van Miller, Commons
	2:00 p.m.	Funeral - Van Miller, Sanctuary
Sunday, Jan. 21	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 21):

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 † Psalm 62:5-12 † 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 † Mark 1:14-20



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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.*