

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday After Epiphany January 15, 2023 † 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.

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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 — "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

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

- P 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

- P Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Amen.

Anthem — "The Song of Peace"

Olaf C. Christiansen

The heavens opened wide one night to let the angels through, who sang for all, the "Song of Peace" that only heaven knew. Though centuries of measured time, with each unfolding year, the song still lives in human hearts to bring new hope, new cheer. We seek with bursting missiled power, to pierce the realm of blue, but love divine unfurled the skies to let a song come through.

Lillian Atcherson

St. Olaf Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Anthem — "Carol of the Stranger"

Abbie Betinis

Peace and grace be to this house where all are welcomed in; receive the guest, receive this heart: tell the Stranger, tell. Tell the Stranger what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy; tell. Make tall your walls, make long these beams, who once believed alone; make wide the circle, feed the fire: tell the Silence, tell. Tell the Silence what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy; tell. Blessings be upon this place, let every wound be healed, let every secret, every dream: tell the Angel, tell. Tell the Angel what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy; tell. Peace and grace be to this house, all will be returned; let every soul be called your own, tell the Mystery, tell. Tell the Mystery what you cannot tell those who love you and desire your joy; tell.

- Michael Dennis Browne

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

'Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, 'To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 'I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 'for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—'just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—'so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 'He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 'God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 1:29-42

Spark Story Bible, page 246

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

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he

said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

- **P** 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. 958

"To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold"

*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, th

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:

L Lord, in your mercy, **@ hear our prayer.**

*Peace

P 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

Psalm 50: Movement III

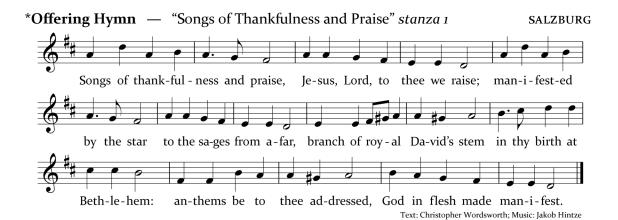
F. Melius Christiansen

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God. Who showed to all the salvation of our God.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God. – Psalm 50:23

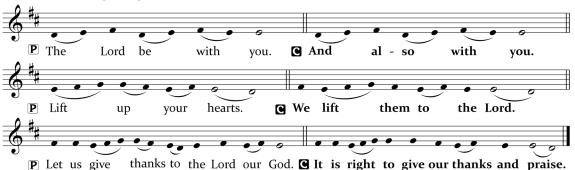


*Offering Prayer

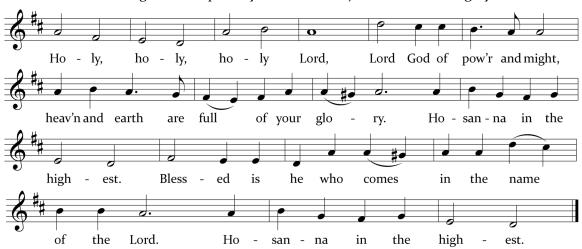
- Let us pray.
- God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



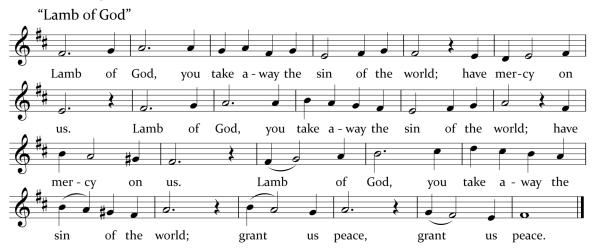
*Words of Institution

*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



Anthem — "This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Moses G. Hogan Jr.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine. My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, children. My God gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Hallelujah, children. In my home, all over the world, let it shine.

- African American spiritual

Hymn — ELW No. 466

"In the Singing"

*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.

*Blessing

Response:

Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 815

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*Dismissal

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

The congregation may be seated.

Choral Benediction — "Beautiful Savior"

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Jonathan Davis

Preaching Pastor Pam Fickenscher

Assisting Minister David Sims

Organist Nathan Proctor
Choir The St. Olaf Choir

Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor

Communion Prep Angie Gehring Communion Cleanup Jill Enestvedt

Greeters / Welcome Desk (8:30) Marie Benson

(10:45) TBD

Coffee / Refreshments Herb and Pat Fick

Counters Brenda Bultman, Jerry Kipp, Jane Rizzo

Ushers (8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger

(10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 15):

Coffee and Fellowship with 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 (9:50-10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Next Week (January 22)

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)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 22):

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 + Psalm 27:1, 4-9 + 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 + Matthew 4:12-23

Announcements

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

Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

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), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 22 & 29 and February 5, 19 & 26.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Winnifred Greene Alberg's 100th birthday on January 26 and in honor of the birth of Elizabeth Margaret England born on December 21, 2022, to Kristin and Will England. Grandparents are John and Patsy Ophaug.

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 29, 12:30 p.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom

The agenda will include the election of 2023 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2023 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.

Next Edition of the Voice: February/March 2023

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

Where Politics Meets Faith Discussion Group Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

The group will now meet this coming Wednesday, January 18, and then every other Wednesday after that.

Update on the St. John's Hall Acoustic Improvement Project

St. John's is bringing to a conclusion the Acoustic Improvement Project for St. John's Hall. Many members have expressed interest in making a contribution to the project, which is part of the church's overall ministry and commitment to those with hearing loss. Members may make a donation to the project between now and the end of February. If you are interested in knowing more about the project and possibly making a contribution to this initiative, please contact Pastor Pam or congregation president, Rod Christensen.

Announcements (continued)

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans Monday, January 23, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board along with the Northfield Retired Educators will once again bring you a morning of conversation, coffee, and lunch in St. John's Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. with coffee. The first speaker this month will be Gordon Moore III, Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice, who will speak on his journey to this court position. The second speaker will be Kristi Von Ruden, a dietitian at the Northfield Hospital, speaking on Mindful Eating. There will be time for a coffee break and treats between speakers and a light lunch catered by the Hideaway Vault. Cost for the morning is \$15 and is payable by cash/check the morning of the event. Pre-registration is requested by January 18 by calling 507-301-9094 or emailing outnabout022@gmail.com.

A Message from the Christmas Dinner Team

THANK YOU to all of the many volunteers who donated food or their help with setting up or working a shift at the Community Christmas Day Dinner! It was enjoyed by approximately 250 people, including community members not from our congregation. The food was delicious, and the atmosphere was joyful! It was a pleasure to serve and volunteer with so many! We are grateful to Bill and Char Carlson, wo gave us invaluable guidance throughout the dinner planning process. We thank Julie Zdenek and Emmett Norrie who blessed all in attendance with their talent by performing beautiful Christmas music! It was a truly wonderful experience! Angie Gehring, Kirsten Gunn, Jane Rinehart, and Jean Wakely

Children and Youth

The 3rdGrade CAT retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Communion is coming up at the end of January. Watch for more information soon!

Middle School and High School Youth 2023 Summer Mission Trips

Looking forward to the Mission trip next year? Both our HS and MS youth are going to **Nashville**, **Tennessee from June 24–July 1**. We are working with CSM mission partner, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and First UCC to plan for two mission experiences in Nashville. The trip cost is \$400 per participant. Contact Emmanuel for additional information and to sign up.

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

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

Brad Kmoch, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),

Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,

Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam,

Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom,

Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, 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;

lambi Lutheran Church in lambi, 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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 18:

Meatball Stroganoff
(with vegetarian and gluten-free options)

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.

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Monday, Jan. 16	12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Audit Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Jan. 17	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library Church Council, Undercroft NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Jan. 18	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Northfield Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8) Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, Room 19 Where Politics Meets Faith Wed. Conversation, Fireside Room
Thursday, Jan. 19	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Personnel Committee, Undercroft Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
Friday, Jan. 20	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 21		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 22	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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