



SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.



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 — Partita on SALZBURG

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P *A reading from Second Corinthians:*

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; see, everything has become new!

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters
of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers,
the Cannon and the Mississippi, dew and rain, ice and snow.

C In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

P You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.
In Christ's death and resurrection you joined your life to ours forever.

C In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

P You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
In baptism we are born again to become your people,
one with the body of Christ throughout the world.

C In these saving waters, you shine the light of your promise on us.

P Through these waters refresh us; renew us in your promise so that we may
serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

***Gathering Hymn — “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (#310)**

SALZBURG



Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man-i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, alt.; Music: Jakob Hintze, arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

***Greeting**

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

A And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P 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, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Samuel 3:1-10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

 The word of the Lord.

 Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 139, “O God, You Search Me” (ACS #1082) O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

O God, you search me and you know me.
 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,
 All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.
 When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:
 ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm paraphrase text and music: Bernadette Farrell, © 1992 Bernadette Farrell, admin. OCP Publications

Children’s Message

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is out-

side the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C 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 anything 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "God of Grace and God of Glory" (#705)

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
Lo! The host of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
Cure your chil - dren's war - ing mad - ness; bend our pride to
Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick; Music: John Hughes

*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

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

David Bednall

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

℣ Holy God, Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your Word in the Scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted. By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

℟ Amen.

***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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

 Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “In Christ Called to Baptize” (#575)

ST. DENIO



In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck © 1995 Pilgrim Press; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Fugue in G Major

Vincent Lübeck, Jr.



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	McBroom Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor

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**St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held by Remote Connection
Sunday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.**

We have been working in conjunction with others around the synod to plan a meeting where elections and budget resolutions will be held via Zoom. The annual report of the congregation will be available digitally by January 25. If you need a print copy, please notify the church office so that we can print an adequate number for pick-up. A budget overview and "practice session" for voting will take place on Sunday, January 24, at 10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor of Brian Evenson and Sue Brockman in gratitude for sharing their land so graciously with St. John's and the community. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Next available dates: March 28 and April 18 & 25. 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's Forum via Zoom

Topic: "Youth Homelessness in Northfield"

10:30 a.m.

As many of you know, youth homeless is very real, yet very hidden, problem in Northfield. The Key and the Northfield Union of Youth have started a unique response to this situation, known as the Wallflower Project. Join us today at 10:30 a.m. for a virtual forum with Jaiden Bilotta from The Key and members of the Youth Housing Board. They will be leading a presentation and discussion to update us on The Wallflower Project and youth homelessness in our community. Join the Zoom meeting at <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85684245319>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Join Virtually on Monday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

The Northfield Human Rights Commission is pleased to be hosting the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. The theme of the event is "In This Together." The event will feature Nancy Antoine, principal of Bridgewater Elementary School, musical performances, and an open microphone for audience members to share a brief memory or vision inspired by Dr. King. The 2021 recipient of the Human Rights Award will be announced. The recipient is a local individual, group or organization that has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to the advancement of human rights in the Northfield area, either through volunteer or professional efforts. All are welcome to the virtual event. Get details and join the event online at: ci.northfield.mn.us/mlk

2021 Northfield Grief Support Coalition Community Support is providing the Winter Grief Group virtually, Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. through February 15, 2021. For more information, contact group facilitators: Jerilyn Wiederholt, LP, 507-321-2002 or Kaleena Wolf, LSW, 507-664-8821.

Nathan Proctor Christmas Repertoire

In normal times, St. John's Women host a luncheon every January at the King's Room on the St. Olaf campus, with a program of Christmas carols. This year, because we cannot meet together, the WELCA board chose to bring a concert of Advent/Christmas music to the entire congregation, filming our organist, Nathan Proctor, each Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve. The concert is available on the St. John's website along with a printable program.

Announcements (continued)

Message from the Stewardship Board

If you made your 2021 pledge by calling or emailing the office and have a Thrivent account, the Stewardship Board would appreciate if you would let us know. Please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Thank you.

January Focus: ELCA Global Mission

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. 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!

***The Plague*: Book Discussion with Charlie Wilson via Zoom**

Thursdays, January 21, 28, and February 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For this class, please purchase Stewart Gilbert's translation of this book, which will be available at Content Bookstore. Charlie Wilson, St. Olaf Religion Professor and member of St. John's, has taught Albert Camus' book *The Plague* for decades now. But this past semester, understandably, it had a deeper resonance with college students. Join Professor Wilson for a three-session class on this classic, yet still timely, book. Throughout his life, Camus struggled with the meaning of evil in the world and challenged Christians to think better about their faith. *The Plague* tells the story of a plague sweeping through a French community. The novel is told from the point of view of a narrator not revealed until the last chapter.

Reading schedule:

- January 21 – Part 1
- January 28 – Parts 2 and 3
- February 4 – Parts 4 and 5

Please sign up by January 14 via an email to Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Interested in putting your faith into action at the state and local level?

Learn about opportunities to build the beloved community at ISAIAH's We Make Minnesota Virtual Launch on Sunday, January 24, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. ISAIAH is a nonpartisan, multi-faith, multi-racial, statewide group of congregations, clergy, and people of faith working collectively towards racial and economic equity in Minnesota. Contact Rod Christensen (chris719@charter.net) or Christy Hall-Holt (connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org) for more information.

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

Eric Nicholson, Gordon Smith, Greg Hulsey (nephew of Evelyn Estenson),
Verna Krause (grandmother of Keke Judge)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Mary White
Family of Donna Bridenbach (sister of Bernie Renander)
Family of Jim Wilson (brother-in-law of Dan Franklin)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marlene Engstrom, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness,
Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 24):

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

This Week At-a-Glance

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

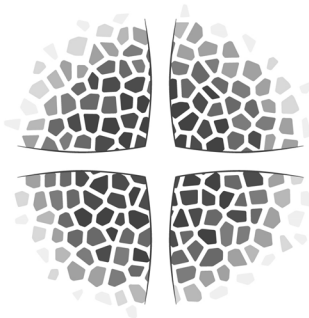
**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (www.kymnradio.net).**

Monday, Jan. 18	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Virtual Pub Theology via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 19	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Stephen Ministers via Zoom Church Council via Zoom
Wednesday, Jan. 20	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Confirmation J-Term for Grades 6-9 via Zoom
Thursday, Jan. 21	7:00 p.m.	Book Discussion with Charlie Wilson via Zoom
Friday, Jan. 22		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Jan. 23		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Jan. 24	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream Virtual Sunday School via Zoom Virtual Youth Group via Zoom Coffee Hour via Zoom

Worship with Us on Sundays via Livestream

Worship at 9:00 a.m. is livestreamed via our website.
We hope you'll join us via livestream or radio on KYMN.

Video of the service will still be available on the website later in the week.



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