

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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.

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.

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 — *Jesus our...*

Emmanuel — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Alfred Fedak

Lamb — "Lamb of God" F. Melius Christiansen, arr. G. Winston Cassler

Light — "This Little Light of Mine" Spiritual, arr. John Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 677

"This Little Light of Mine"

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

- **P** In these saving waters,
- **2** You shine the light of your promise on us.



*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 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

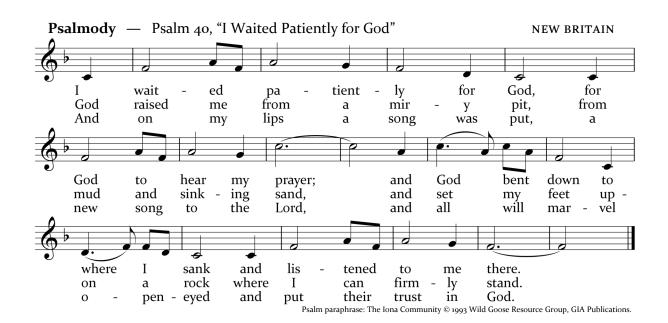
First Reading — Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible, page 592

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pew Bible, page 926

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 1:29-42

Spark Story Bible, page 246; Pew Bible, page 862

Before the reading:

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*The Apostles' Creed

Front of the hymnal, page 127

*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.

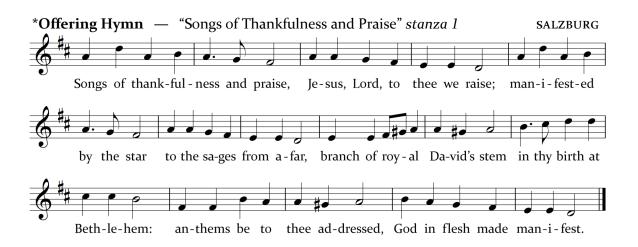
Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ES IST EIN ROS, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Rejoice Ringers



*Offering Prayer

- **L** Let us pray together.
- God with us: you came as a baby to a manger.

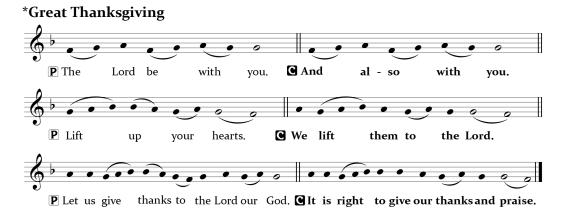
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

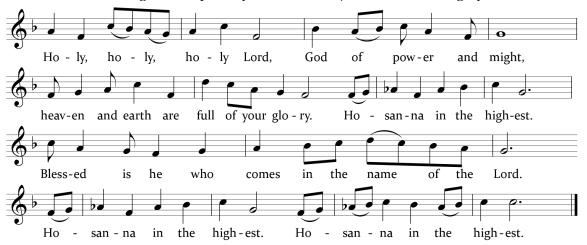
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

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



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.

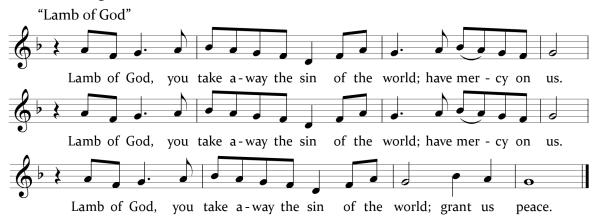
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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 — "Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY, arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

Hymn — No. 312

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

^{*}Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- **L** 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

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Response:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — Trumpet Tune in A Major

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Minister Meredith Schroeer

Organist Nathan Proctor

Choir Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, conductor Acolytes (8:30) Hunter Heath-Williams, Jake Tanghe

(10:45) Marissa Vatter, Mason Vatter

Communion Preparer Lydia Moe

Communion Servers TBD

Communion Cleanup Inger Hanson Greeters / Welcome Desk (8:30) Shirley Falck

(10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Judy Karlson

Coffee and Refreshments Frances Boehning, Nicholas Boehning, Jennifer Edwins,

Kristy Harms, Kristin Partlo

Nursery Erica Anderson

Counters Jim Enestvedt, Ted Peterson, Bill and Jane Rizzo

Ushers (8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen,

Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug

(10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman,

Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Today (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)

Next Week (January 26):

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: Annual Meeting Budget Preview (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 22: Meatball Stroganoff

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 26):

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his wife and families. The third anniversary of his death was on January 5. 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's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Frances Blom.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: Creation Care – The Real Dirt

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.

New to St. John's?

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

Annual Meeting and Potluck

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place next 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. Can you help with the potluck? Signups are in the Commons.

Congregation Celebration

St. John's is a busy vibrant church. What makes it so? YOU DO! The Stewardship Board invites YOU to join us for cake and coffee between services on Sunday, January 26 to celebrate YOU. Your prayers, presence, pledges, your sharing of time, talent, leadership, labor, and love are gifts that allow St. John's to serve the congregation and the community. Each of you, giving however you are able, are a gift as unique as your thumbprint. Celebrate a memorable 2019 as we prepare to shape 2020 at the Annual Meeting. YOU are St. John's!

St. John's Website

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

Announcements (continued)

The Youth and Children's "Fun"-Raiser is on Sunday, February 9

- Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee the cost is \$5/person or \$20/family.
- Dessert Silent Auction of delicious goodies to enjoy just in time for Valentines Day.
- Dollars raised help families with the cost of sending youth on the summer mission trips.

Bake Sale Items Needed for Youth "Fun"-Raiser

Do you love to bake or have a recipe that everyone loves? Please sign up to donate a baked good for the Youth "Fun"-Raiser which takes place on Sunday, February 9. Baked items will be sold to raise additional dollars to help families with the cost of sending youth on the summer mission trips. Desserts should be brought to church on Saturday, February 8, between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or on Sunday, February 9, by 8:15 a.m. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly. A paper signup is located in the Commons or you can email/call Amy McBroom at amybmcbroom@hotmail.com or 651-214-4459.

Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation

On four consecutive Sundays, from the end of January into February, there will be an opportunity for meeting in a small group in the library between worship services from 9:45-10:30 a.m. The purpose is to concentrate on the psalm for the day, looking at it personally from different aspects. Consider picking up a cookie and a cup of coffee and being part of this group.

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. 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!

Children and Youth Ministries

Info Session: Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) Sexuality Program for High Schoolers Sunday, 10:00-10:30 a.m., Undercroft

This spring, we are offering the Our Whole Lives (O.W.L.) sexuality program for high schoolers. O.W.L. is a curriculum designed to teach the social, emotional, and spiritual aspects of sexuality. Pastor Jonathan and Tamara Jackman, a Certified Nurse Midwife, will be leading these sessions for High Schoolers. For parents and high schoolers looking for more information, Pastor Jonathan and Tamara will be leading the information session. If you would like to sign-up, please email Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@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 mourning the loss of a loved one Family of Frances Blom

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

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

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;

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

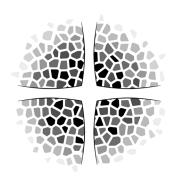
Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.



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. 20	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., Jan. 21	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wed., Jan. 22	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 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 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. 23	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Winter Book Read, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 24	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 25	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Grade Baptism Retreat, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Jan. 26	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery Potluck and Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall





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