



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 19, 2025 † 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 singing

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

- ☐ Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Anthem — “Sicut Cervus”

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

*As the deer yearns for the water springs:
so longs my soul for thee, O God.*

– Psalm 42:1

St. Olaf Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 62:1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem — “Modimo”

Traditional Sesotho/isiZulu, arr. Michael Barrett

God we praise you. Everything is created by you.

He took away my sins.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 2:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*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 2:1-11

Spark Story Bible, page 410

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

***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

“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 o'er 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 ev'ry 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.

– Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig

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

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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

☒ Let us pray.

☑ **God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts,
our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with
gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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

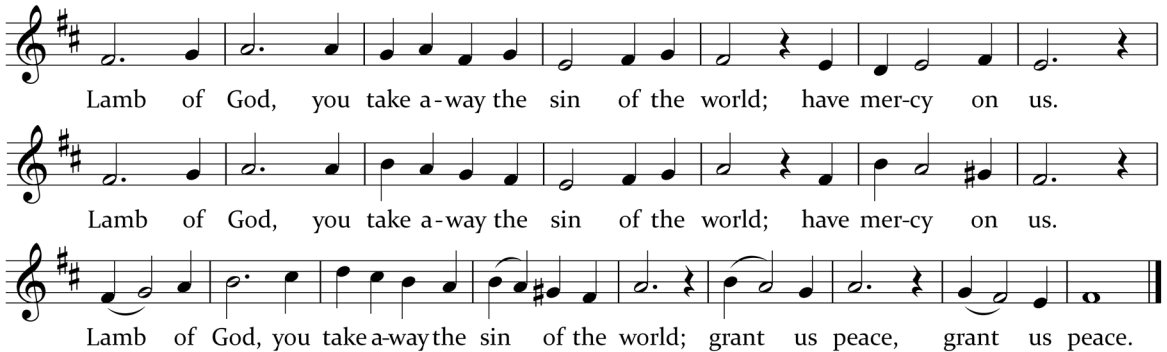
*The Lord's Prayer

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 — “The Lord Is the Everlasting God”

Kenneth Jennings

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and see: Who created these? God who brings their host and numbers them, calling them all by name: not one is missing. The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not faint or grow weary; whose understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Have you not heard? Have you not known?

– Isaiah 40:21-22, 25-26, 28-31

Hymn — ELW No. 312

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Nourishing God, at this table you have
refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

The congregation may be seated.

Postlude — “Beautiful Savior”

arr. F. Melius Christiansen



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Rudser Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	The St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Marie Benson (10:45) Mary Hoff, Craig Schultz
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring, Kristy Harms, Doug Johnson, Jon McBroom, Susanne Smith
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Cindy McBroom, Rhonda Reece, Fran Wood
Counters	Bill and Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Rod and Deb Christensen, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 19)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Next Week (January 26)

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., Sanctuary)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Ruth Smestad Anglin and Ronnie Anglin in appreciation of the rich musical tradition of St. John's and St. Olaf College. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: January 26 and February 2 & 23.

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.

Haven't Returned a 2025 Stewardship Card?

The stewardship team still welcomes your response to indicate your intentions for giving in 2025. Pledges help our leadership plan for the year ahead and can be a spiritual exercise as you think about all that God has given you. Respond with a card, electronically with the QR code here, or by emailing Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. THANK YOU!



Out'n About

Monday, January 27, 9:00 a.m., St. John's Hall

Out'n About is thrilled to announce that Professor Charles Woodward will be joining us as our first speaker. Professor Woodward's talk is titled *New Views of the Cosmos From Your James Webb Telescope: Wonders and Mysteries*. Dr. "Chick" Woodward is a Professor in the Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics at the University of Minnesota. Our second speaker will be Logan Wells who grew up in Northfield. He will speak on "From Bridgewater School to KYMN News Director." Logan grew up in Northfield and attended Bridgewater School and Arcadia. Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 and payable the day of the event (cash or check only). The \$15 includes speaker, coffee/treats, and Hideaway Vault bag lunch.

The Courageous Conversations Series Resumes

Thursday, February 6, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

The theme for 2024–2025 is, "We Belong to One Another." Our February 6 speaker is Rachel Williams, a senior at St. Olaf College studying economics, political science, and religion with a concentration in Middle Eastern studies. Her presentation is called "Rethinking Hope: the Palestinian concept of *Sumud*." She will draw on her 2024 internship in Jerusalem and Palestine to reframe the idea of hope in the context of those living through occupation and war. Rachel is the 2024 recipient of the NJP/I Ruth Hansen Palestine Travel Scholarship.

Announcements (continued)

A Grace-Based Approach to Anti-Racism

ELCA members from the Cannon River conference of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod are gathering to learn and build capacity for doing the work of inclusion with the Tending the Garden project. Led by the ELCA group Just Move, members of 10 different congregations will take part in two retreats and monthly Zoom gatherings. Leaders Dave Scherer and Joe Davis use poetry, music, conversation, and self-reflection to help us connect our faith with the issues of race, privilege, and equity in our communities. The St. John's Council is providing funding through the Foundation to allow St. John's members to take part. There is no cost to members, but participants should commit to both retreats and more than half of the monthly sessions. Contact one of the pastors for more information or to connect with other participants.

- Opening In-Person Retreat: Sunday, February 23 from 2:00–6:00 p.m. Good Earth Village is an option for a meeting location. (Backup date for Opening Retreat: Saturday, March 22)
- Closing Retreat: Saturday, September 27 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Children and Youth

We take a break from Sunday school and Youth Gathering today and from Wednesday programs on January 22 due to Northfield schools' January break.

Third Grade Catechism Retreat, Saturday, January 25

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited to attend a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Communion, Saturday, January 25, 9:00–11:00 a.m. in St. John's Hall. If you are unable to attend, please email Julie Brehmer at children@stjohnsnorthfield.org.

Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, has opened the 2025 summer registration site online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village's website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John's gifts each camper a portion of the fee.

Check out these Registration Discounts:

- The Super Early Bird discount of 20% goes until January 26 with code SUPEREARLY2025
- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025

Does your camper want to attend more than one summer camp session? Each additional tier-priced reservation can receive a 25% multi-week discount with code MULTI2025. (Only one discount code per registration.)

Summer 2025 Summer Trip

This summer's trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana. Youth and chaperones from St. John's, St. Peter's, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19–27. Sign up by February 15!

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

Bill Carlson, Darlene Hand, Fred Huemoeller, Carol Schoen,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Kathy Vang, Ingrid Alberding

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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.

 The logo features the text "Wednesday Night" in a large, black, handwritten-style font at the top. Below it, the word "MEALS" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a white oval. To the left of the oval is a black fork icon, and to the right is a black spoon icon. The entire logo is set against a dark gray background.	<p>There will be no meal on Wednesday, January 22.</p>

This Week At-a-Glance

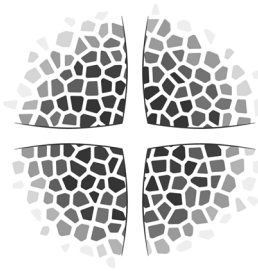
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Jan. 20	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom BSA Troop #9313 Patrol Leader Meeting, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Jan. 21	7:45 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 and Fireside Hall Church Council (2024), Undercroft NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Jan. 22	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Roman & Christians for Youth, St. John's
Thursday, Jan. 23	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
Friday, Jan. 24	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 25	9:00 a.m.	3rd Grade Communion Retreat, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Jan. 26	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i> Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 26):

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 † Psalm 19 † 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a † Luke 4:14-21



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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.*