



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 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 — Variations on SALZBURG

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 310

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

*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

- ☐ Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in
your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy
of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 62:5-12

Antiphon: Kenyan hymn
adapt. Greg Scheer (ACS # 1024)

Antiphon: Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He’s the solid rock of my life.



⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. Antiphon**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. Antiphon**

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Mark 1:14-20

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 991

“Go to the World”

***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:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

***Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

“Sicilienne”

David Evan Thomas

*Offering Hymn — “Let the Whole Creation Cry” stanza 1

SALZBURG

Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”

Heav’n and earth, a - wake and sing, “Praise to our al - might-y king!”

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re-joyce.

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, alt.; Music: Jakob Hintze

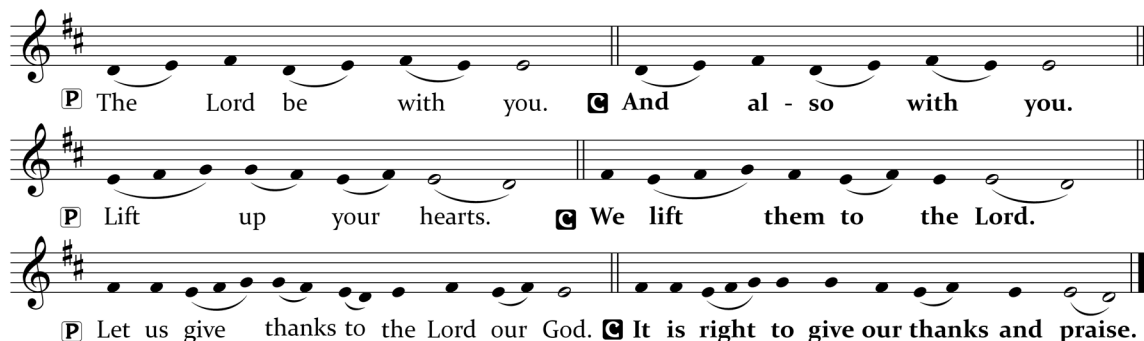
*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ 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

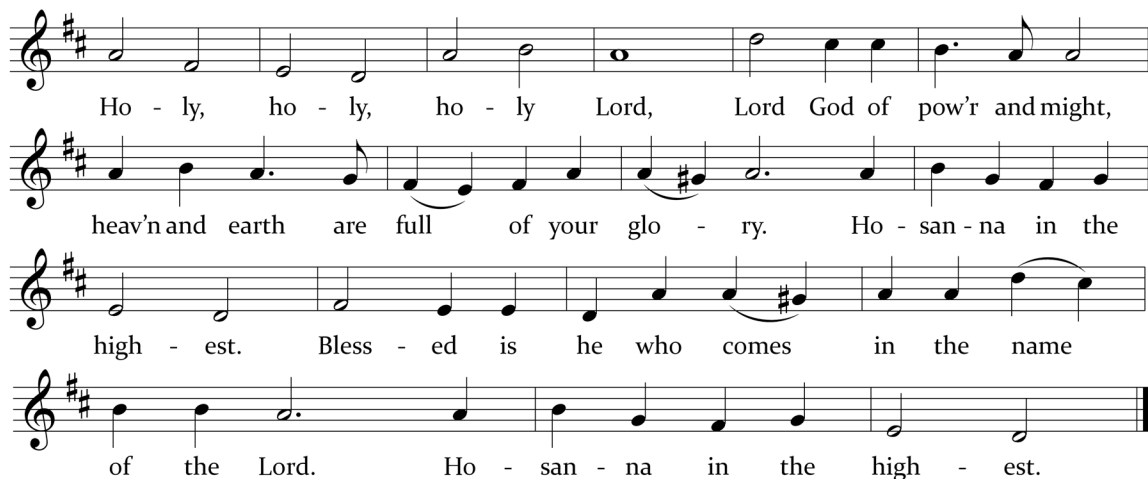


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 466

"In the Singing"

Hymn — ELW No. 584

"The Son of God, Our Christ"

*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** — ELW No. 799

“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 28):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 † Psalm 111 † 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 † Mark 1:21-28

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Minister	Diane Melbye
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Communion Prep	Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Ted Peterson
Refreshments	Ann Albert
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Budget Preview Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

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Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Tony Becker and Beckie Judge. 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 28 and February 4, 18 & 25.

Budget Preview Forum

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Council leadership will offer a preview of the proposed 2024 congregational budget during an adult forum. Join us to hear about the finances of 2023 and plans for this coming year.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Next Sunday, January 28, 12:00 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.

Thank You Reception from the Stewardship Board

Next Sunday, January 28, Between Services, St. John's Hall

For all of the volunteers who make St. John's a welcoming place to be, for the financial gifts that are given each week, month, and year, we thank you. Join us between services for a slice of cake and a warm beverage to thank all of the people who make so many things happen for us all.

January is Global Mission Month

If you receive offering envelopes, there is a special envelope for designated gifts to our global mission partners. These funds support our ELCA missionary in Colombia as well as our mission partners at the Lutheran Center in South Sudan, Iambi Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and El Salvador Lutheran Church in Colombia.

Courageous Conversations: Hope is a Muscle

Thursday, February 1, 7:00 p.m. St. John's Hall

Topic: *Love Your Transgender Neighbor: A Biblical Basis for Allyship*

Austen Hartke, former member of St. John's, graduate of Luther Seminary, author, and founder and director of Transmission Ministry Collective

Have you heard Bible verses used against transgender people, and you're wondering if there might be more to the story? Ever wondered whether there were people who didn't fit neatly into gender boxes in ancient times? In this session we'll dig into stories of biblical characters who lived outside gendered expectations and talk about how these stories can inspire us to stand with our gender-expansive siblings today. Austen's latest book will be available for purchase.

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, Maggiy 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>.

Holden Village Registration is now open for summer 2024!

Northfielders from all three ELCA congregations are planning to visit August 4–9 (with options to arrive early or stay later). Registrations and travel arrangements must be made individually (there is no group registration), but planning and excitement can be shared! If you're interested in joining in, find us at the Wednesday Night Meal on Wednesday, January 31, to talk about plans, or contact Pastor Fickenscher. (www.holdenvillage.org)

Pub Theology

Monday, January 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Topic: *Do we hate poverty enough?*

Matthew Desmond's book *Poverty: By America* argues that poverty in the United States is more a matter of public will than economics. Compared to other wealthy countries, ours has such persistent poverty that it appears that—collectively, at least—we are comfortable with it. Read the review of his book (copies are available at the Welcome Desk) and come prepared to talk about the structural and philosophical things that get in the way of really addressing poverty in the United States.

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.

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, Judy Karlson, Roberta Morse, Wendy Scholz

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Gerald “Jerry” Anderson

Family of Paul Peterson

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, 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

David and Pat Halsor, 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; 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 24:
Pizza Burgers
(Vegetarian Option Available)

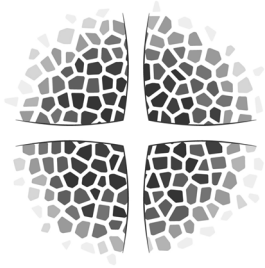
All are welcome!

*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. 22	9:00 a.m.	Out n' About, St. John's Hall
		Cannon River Conference Planning Committee, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Jan. 23	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
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Jan. 24	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	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
	6:15 p.m.	J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Locations Vary
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Where Politics and Faith Meet: A Conversation, Fireside Room
Thursday, Jan. 25	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversation Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Jan. 26	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Grade Communion Retreat, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Jan. 28	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	12:00 p.m.	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.

*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.*