

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 23, 2022 † 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 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 — *Sonata in C Major: Adagio and Allegro*
Marty Hodel, trumpet

J. C. Pepusch

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

- ☐ Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for
the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark,
learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may
embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morn-

ing until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

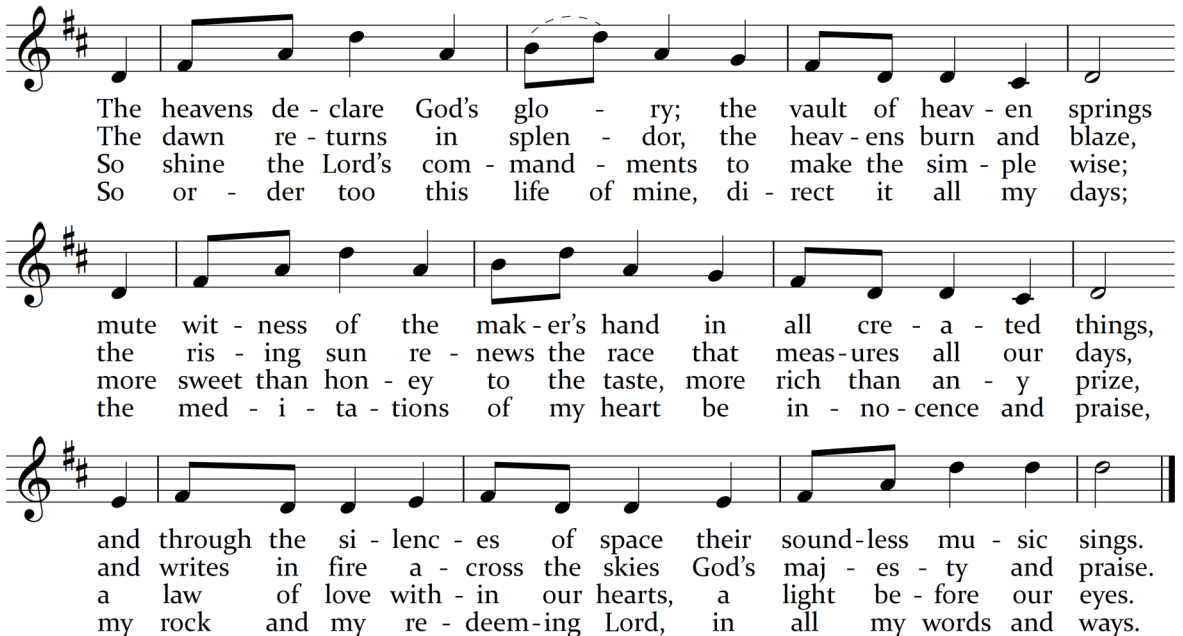
¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 19, “The Heavens Declare God’s Glory”

BROTHER JAMES’ AIR



The heavens de - clare God's glo - ry; the vault of heav - en springs
The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the heav - ens burn and blaze,
So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;

mute wit - ness of the mak - er's hand in all cre - a - ted things,
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that meas - ures all our days,
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize,
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise,

and through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings.
and writes in fire a - cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.
a law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes.
my rock and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways.

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Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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 — Luke 4:14-21**

[P] The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

[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. 396

“Spirit of Gentleness”

***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:

(8:30) "Faith of Our Fathers"

ST. CATHERINE, art. Linda Lamb

Rejoice Ringers

(10:45) "Healer of Our Every Ill"

Marty Haugen, arr. Daniel Kallman

*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais - es sing; pow'rs, do-
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

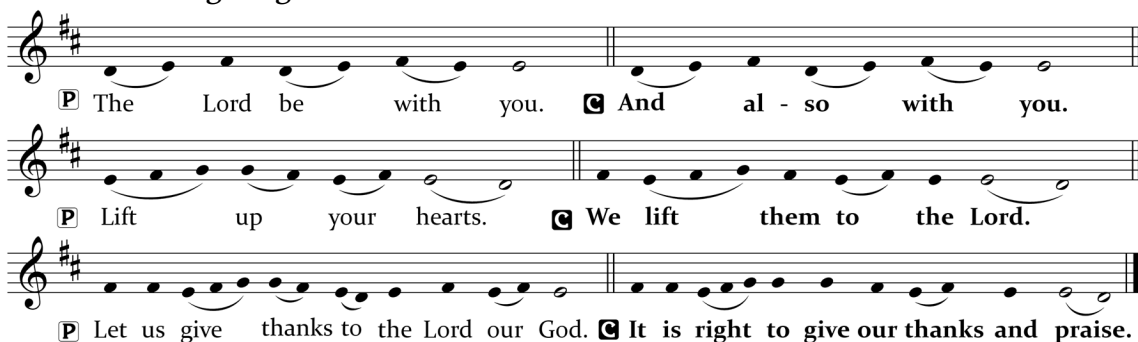
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C 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 LORDS SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

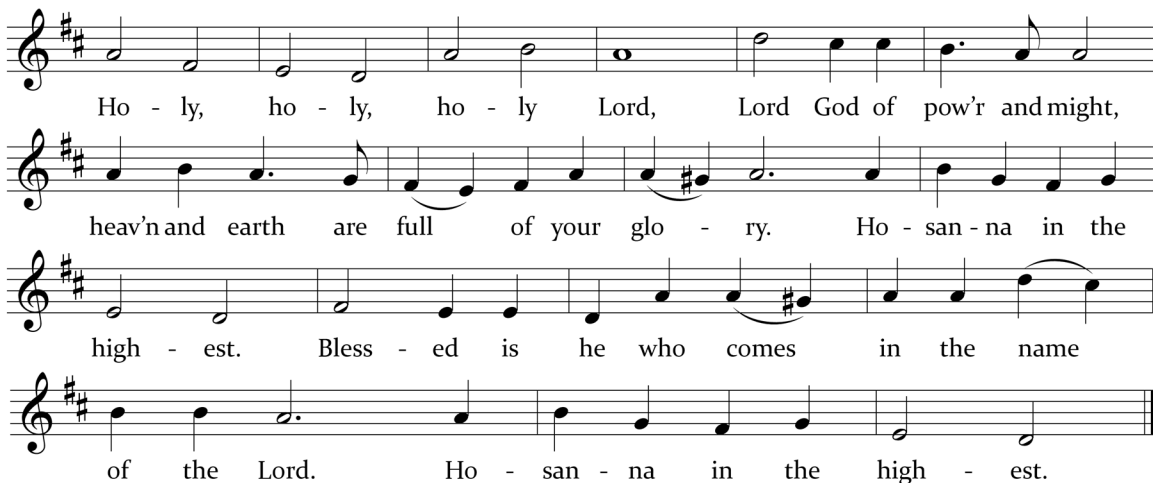


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

***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. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — “Hear, King of Angels” from *Christmas Oratorio*

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Organists	Nathan Proctor, John Ferguson
Trumpet	Marty Hodel
Choir	(8:30) Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Tamara Jackman, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Todd and Connie Menssen, Bob and Sandra Nyvall, Mark Rydberg

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Mary Beth Bremer by her family. 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 Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Dates available: February 6 & 27. 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.

Coffee Fellowship Hour Has Been Placed “On Hold”

Due to the elevated COVID case numbers coffee fellowship hour not take place today. We will resume coffee fellowship time when it is safer to do so.

St. John's Annual Meeting

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

The agenda will include the election of 2022 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2022 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. There will not be a potluck this year.

Next Edition of the Voice: February/March 2022

Please send submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Pub Theology via Zoom

Monday, January 31, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Topic: *White Supremacy: What's Love Got to Do With It?*

We will discuss the MLK Day event, and Rev. Otis Moss's presentation called *White Supremacy: What's Love Got to Do With It?* Please watch it to prepare for our discussion. Find the link to the presentation in last Thursday's E-Voice (January 20) or search for it by name on YouTube. If you would like to be added to the Pub Theology email list, please contact Pastor Jonathan Davis at jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

New Missionary Sponsorship

The Benevolence & Social Concerns Board is pleased to announce that St. John's will now be sponsoring Kaitlynn Larson, a peace-building and human rights educator accompanying the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia). This new sponsorship follows the recent retirement of Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich and Rev. Dr. Mark Rich from their service to Tanzania. Learn more about Kaitlynn Larson in the February/March edition of *The Voice* when it comes out next month.

Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations Presents: “Sinner and Saint: The Church and Racism”

Thursday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Pastors Pam Fickenscher and Jonathan Davis will offer frank discussion of the church’s complicity concerning racism while acknowledging the good work that has been happening, to build the beloved community. Registration required: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous. Sponsored by the Women of St. John’s.

January Focus: ELCA Global Mission

During January, we ask you to consider a special gift to ELCA Global Mission. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world together. The ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. We can do more together by sharing our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the Good News throughout the world. You may donate online at elca.org or by check, noting Global mission on the memo line.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John’s!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John’s and contains hygiene and food products as a “stop and go” location for anyone needing a helping hand. It’s been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Children and Youth Ministries

The Safe Operating Task Force has met to discuss our approach to the latest surge in Omicron infections. Due to the highly infectious nature of this variant, **we will not have in-person children and youth programming on Wednesdays and Sundays in the month of January. (Note: J-Term Confirmation will continue as planned.)** We hope this surge will be short-lived and we will be able to resume in February. We do have the option of having Virtual High School Youth Group on Wednesdays and Virtual Sunday School and Virtual Sunday Youth Gathering on Sundays.

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

Jo Dahlin, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Howard Thorsheim

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jim Bierman
Family of Michael Clauson (brother of Cindy Clauson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim,
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;
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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 30):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10 † Psalm 71:1-6 † 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 † Luke 4:21-30

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. 24	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 25	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers via Zoom 2022 Board Orientation via Zoom Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 26	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) via Zoom J-Term Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
Thursday, Jan. 27	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Communion at Three Links, Offsite Book Buddies, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
Friday, Jan. 28	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 29		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 30	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Virtual Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5) via Zoom Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12) via Zoom Worship, Sanctuary Girl Scout Troop #20065, Lower Level



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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*
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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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