



SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 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 — “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

Robert Lind

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 — “Jesus, Come! For We Invite You” (#312)**

UNION SEMINARY

Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing
 friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
 paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
 pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
 to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,
 speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
 let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
 chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
 all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den
 doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
 se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
 ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
 rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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***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 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.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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 sack-cloth.

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.

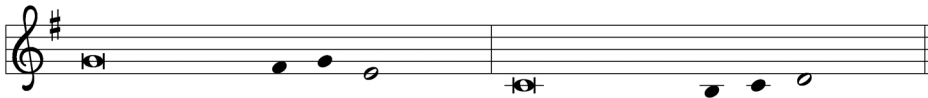
📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 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***

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have spouses be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Mark 1:14-20**

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

C **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 — “Will You Come and Follow Me” (#798)

KELVINGROVE



“Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
“Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
“Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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***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:

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Matthew Corl

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

P 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.

C 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:

C Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Guide My Feet” (ACS #987)

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by your side
I'm your child

while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by your side
I'm your child

while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by your side
I'm your child

while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain!

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in G Major

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Karl Hella
Cantor	David Sims
Organist	Nathan Proctor

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**St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting
will be held by Remote Connection
Next 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 today at 10:30 a.m.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Joan Halvorson and family in memory of David Halvorson. 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.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board is pleased to offer members and friends of St. John's the opportunity to participate in the annual Lenten book read.

This year's book is *A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the Death of Jesus* by Samuel Wells. The Canterbury Press Lent book for 2021 focuses on the significance of the story at the very center of Christianity: the crucifixion. Samuel Wells writes as a theologian and pastor to explore the cross in the purposes of God and how this act brings about salvation.

- Please email stjohnsadultministry@gmail.com to let us know if you or others in your household are interested in participating in one of the book groups. Or, you can go to CCB and complete the Lenten Book Read Interest form on the St. John's website: <https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/51/responses/new>.
- Ordering the Book: We encourage you to order your copy of the book through Content Bookstore in Northfield. Please order as soon as possible, as it will take approximately one week for the book to be ready for pick up once ordered. You will also need to pay for the book at the time of your order. The cost of the paperback is \$20.99. It is available for Kindle devices for \$15.99.
- Meeting Times: We anticipate that there will be two discussion groups. A third group may be added if responses warrant. Each group will meet four times between February 21—March 14. The book group facilitators will follow up with you about preferred meeting day and time. As a reminder, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 28.

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!

Announcements (continued)

2021 Northfield Grief Support Coalition Community Support is providing the Winter Grief Group virtually on, 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.

***Ways of Being Home* Film Showing and Discussion**

On January 31, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. you will have the opportunity to discuss with Chilean-American documentary filmmaker, Cecilia Cornejo, her inspirational film: *Ways of Being Home*. To view the film go to <https://vimeo.com/481383362> (Password: WOBH_ENE_2021) between 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, and 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 31.

- Cecilia, a professor of Cinema and Media Studies at Carleton College, is well known to Northfielders as the originator of *The Wandering House* and her previous film *Making Noise – The Story of a Skatepark*. Her current work, filmed from 2016 to 2019, tells the story of Northfield's immigrant community's resilience, ingenuity, and fierce determination, having migrated here from the small agricultural town of Maltrata in the state of Veracruz. The film offers a nuanced portrayal of the ways displaced people craft a life and a home away from home. It examines notions of belonging and the immigrant experience while exploring the traces of historical trauma on people and places. Please view the film and then join us as we entertain angels unaware. Co-sponsored with First UCC by NAIA (Northfield Area Interfaith Association).
- Register for January 31 6:00 pm discussion with filmmaker at https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tJolcuIsrDorE93jvy_Df2rJVxgOEybR9rA. A Zoom link to participate will be sent post registration.

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 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.

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Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

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

Howard Thorsheim, Eric Nicholson, Gordon Smith,
Verna Krause (grandmother of Keke Judge)

Those celebrating the birth of

Elsa Solveig Cheadle Pearson, daughter of Alyssa and Paul Pearson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Greg Hulsey (nephew of Evelyn Estenson)

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

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie

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 31):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

This Week At-a-Glance

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

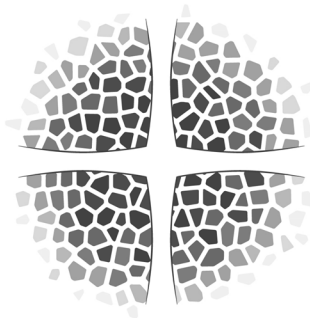
**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (www.kymnradio.net).**

Monday, Jan. 25	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Jan. 26	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
Wednesday, Jan. 27	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Confirmation J-Term for Grades 6-9 via Zoom
Thursday, Jan. 28	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Book Discussion with Charlie Wilson via Zoom
Friday, Jan. 29		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Jan. 30		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Jan. 31	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream Virtual Youth Group via Zoom St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting 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.