



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026 † 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 — “Shalom” (Peace) from *The Aeolian Sonata*

Dan Locklair

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 994

“The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended”

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

G Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

G you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.

G Amen.

*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** Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.
Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness
that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible, page 555

After the reading:

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 27:1, 4-8

Antiphon: Ronald A. Nelson

Antiphon: The LORD is my light and my salvation.



- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then [|] shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I [|] be afraid?
- ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one [|] thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God [|] in the temple.
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will [|] give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- [|] on a rock.
- ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies [|] who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music [|] to the LORD.
- ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, [|] when I call;
have mercy on me and [|] answer me.
- ⁸**My heart speaks your message— [|] “Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, [|] I will seek. *Antiphon*

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — Matthew 4:12-23**

Spark Story Bible, page 258

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

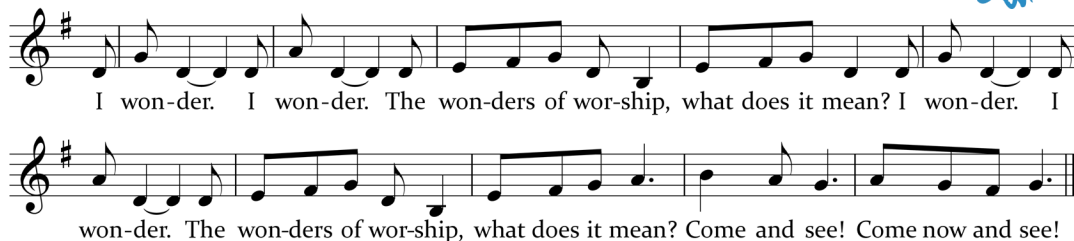
C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



Children's Message

"Wonders of Worship"



Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1004

"Faith Begins by Letting Go"

(8:30) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism — Front of ELW hymnal, pages 227–231

*The Triune God proclaims **Claire Susan Kuehn** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Claire's parents are Jordan and Levi Kuehn, and her sponsors are Olivia Gergen and Riley Johnson.*

Presentation

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Claire and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- ☒ We do.

*Profession of Faith — Front of ELW hymnal, page 229

*Baptismal Hymn — "You Have Put on Christ"



(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

*Thanksgiving at the Font — Front of ELW hymnal, page 230

Baptism

Welcome and Baptismal Hymn — "You Have Put on Christ"

(10:45) ***Apostles' Creed**

Front of ACS hymnal, page 17

***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

***Offering Hymn — "As with Gladness Men of Old" stanza 3**

DIX

As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.

Text: William C. Dix, alt.; Music: Conrad Kocher

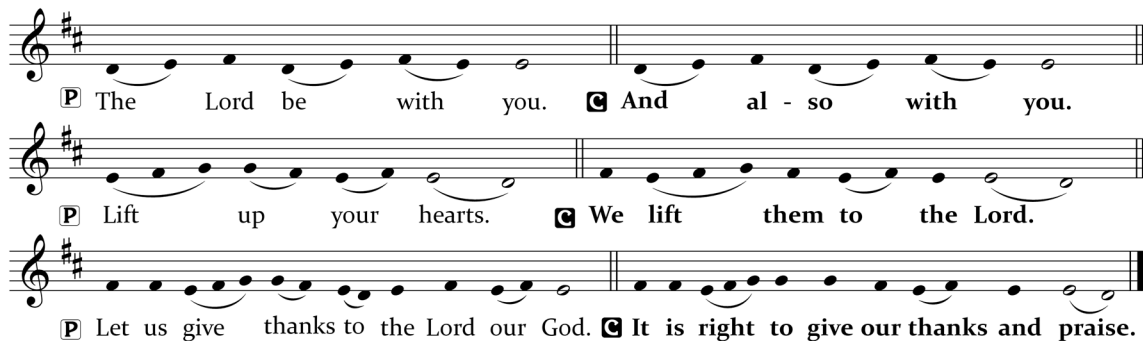
*Offering Prayer

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 LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

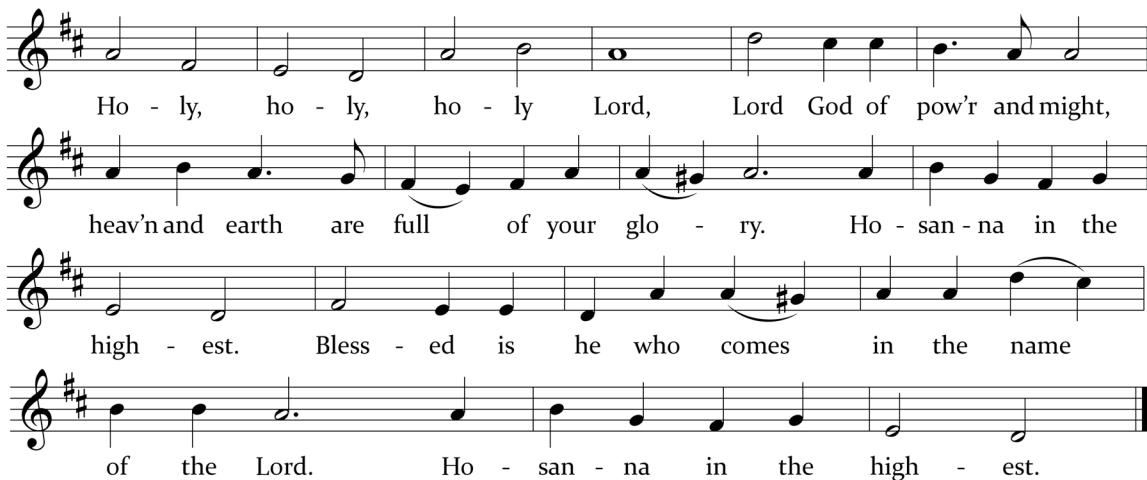


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

Hymn — ELW No. 456

“Baptized in Water”

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 815

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 1):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 + Psalm 15 + 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 + Matthew 5:1-12

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	Jason and Amy Ripley
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	David Sims
Livestream	Mark Gleason
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Beth Cox
Greeters	(8:30) Dan and Carrie Dauner (10:45) Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Deb Erickson, Angie Gehring, Craig Schultz
Treats	Carrie Dauner, Gerri Licke, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Bob Nyvall, Kent Rommereim, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 25)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Next Week (February 1)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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)

St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in honor and memory of Ken and Jean Schrader and their 75th wedding anniversary by their family. 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: March 1, 8, 22 & 29 and April 5, 12, 19 & 26.

St. John's Annual Meeting

Today, 12:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

The agenda will include the election of 2026 Board and Council members, along with the approval of the 2026 congregational budget. The Hearing Loop in the Hall will be operational for those who need hearing assistance.

Out'n About: Conversations with Minnesotans

Tomorrow, Monday, January 26, St. John's Hall

For the month of January, Out'n About is bringing two great speakers that we are sure you will find interesting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., speakers from 9:30–11:30 a.m., and at 11:30 a.m. a lunch from the Hideaway Vault.

- Donna Dickinson, a speaker from AARP, will lead us through the six pillars of brain health and activities that support brain health. We will also hear about the latest research on brain health, lifestyle suggestions, and resources to learn more.
- Have you seen the Lake of the Isle Pencil in Minneapolis or the SKOL Drum at US Bank Stadium? Curtis Ingvaldstad, a Nerstrand resident, is the Chainsaw Artist who created those pieces. He will be talking about how he went from an aspiring mechanical engineer to a professional artist and share with us his journey over the 25 years he has spent pursuing painting and sculpting wood.

Register for this event by emailing outnabouto22@gmail.com or calling 507-301-9094. Cost is \$15 for speakers and refreshments or \$20 for speakers, refreshments, and lunch. This is payable the day of the event (cash or check only).

Pub Theology

Tomorrow, Monday, January 26, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

We will be discussing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's *Letter from the Birmingham Jail*. Read it online, or hard copies are available at the Welcome Desk. We will discuss his guidelines for nonviolent protest and defense of the civil disobedience his movement used.

ISIAIH MN, an organization of people of many faiths, continues to work for racial, economic and climate justice, and for a strong democracy. Keep up to date by joining the state-wide and St. John's email lists. Another opportunity for caucus training will take place on **Tuesday, January 27, at First UCC from 6:30–8:00 p.m.**

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Forum

Next Sunday, February 1, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Join us for what is sure to be an enlightening and inspirational adult forum by Dayna Norvold, Executive Director of Rice County Habitat for Humanity. Dayna will cover a wide range of topics including current home building/restoration projects, the scope of need for affordable housing, sustainable building practices, how to apply for a Habitat home and how to get involved with supporting Habitat and being a Faith Builder Congregation. See you there!

Courageous Conversations: Free Speech and Higher Education—Why You Should Care

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Amna Khalid, Professor of History at Carleton College and host of the podcast “Banished,” will ask us to consider initiatives curtailing protected speech and the freedom to learn and teach.

Children and Youth

Prayer Buddies for Grades 4 and 5 during the Lenten Season

Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 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 would like your child to have a Prayer Buddy, contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Sign up for Good Earth Village Summer Camp 2026!

Northfield Week at GEV is June 21–26 for children in grades 2–6

Here are the camp options:

- Discover Camp for kids in Grades 2–4, June 24–26
- Seekers Camp for kids in Grades 3–4, June 21–26
- Stargazers Camp for kids in Grades 5–6, June 21–26

For Northfield Week use codes:

- NORTHFIELD26FULL for Seekers and Stargazer Camps, sponsorship of \$100
- NORTHFIELD26HALF for Discover Camp, sponsorship of \$50

Discount Codes:

- Super Early Bird - 20% off if you register by January 25 using code SUPEREARLY2026
- Sibling Discount - 25% off if more than one sibling is attending - use code SIBLING2026

The discount code and sponsorship code will be entered on the “My Cart” page. If you need to use more than one code you will need to enter them separately. Please contact Julie Brehmer, children@StJohnsNorthfield.org, if you have questions.

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

Fred Huemoeller, Ingrid Alberding, Maralee Sisson (mother of Tamara Jackman)

Those celebrating the baptism of

Claire Susan Kuehn, daughter of Jordan and Levi Kuehn

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson,
David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Lori Skoglund,
Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 28:
Chicken Stuffing Casserole

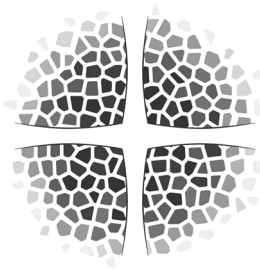
All are welcome!

*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. 26	9:00 a.m.	Out n'About: Conversations with Minnesotans, St. John's Hall
		Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Flaherty's Northfield Lanes H.S. Nordic Ski Team Potluck, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 27	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
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Jan. 28	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:30 a.m.	Time of Contemplation and Prayer, Fireside Room
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation J-Term (Grades 6-8) High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 29	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Fellowship Hall / Room 19 Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Friday, Jan. 30	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 31		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Feb. 1	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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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.*