

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 27, 2019 † 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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.

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 — Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Ghanaian folk tune

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 843

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

*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

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

Pew Bible, page 379

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) **Psalmody** — Psalm 19:1-8

Antiphon: The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim God's name.



- ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.
- ²One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- ³**Although they have no | words or language,**
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to**
the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.
- ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the
end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- ⁷**The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;**
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;**
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

(10:45) "Let All the People Praise Thee"

Natalie Sleeth, quoting ST. ANNE

*Let all the people praise thee! Let all of the people praise thy name, O God, forevermore.
Let all the nations bless thee! Let all of the nations bless thee now, O God, and bow before!
Let every creature thee adore, and spread thy truth from shore to shore! O God, our help in
ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal
home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art
God, to endless years the same.*

-Natalie Sleeth and Isaac Watts

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:12—13:1

Pew Bible, page 933

After the reading:

- ☐ 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

Spark Story Bible, page 252; Pew Bible, page 835

Before the reading:

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 578

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Installation of Council and Board Members

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

*Peace

- ℙ 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) "Cantique de Jean Racine" Op. 11

Gabriel Fauré

O divine Word above, our hope and consolation, eternal light of the heav'ns and the earth: our voices greet the morning; look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer. Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit, that hell may flee before thy mighty word. From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving, that we may never forget thy laws! Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy faithful congregation now gathered here in the sight of thy throne; receive the hymns they offer to thy eternal glory; renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

-Jean Racine, tr. John Rutter

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Variations on NETTLETON"

Undine Smith Moore

*Offering Hymn — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" stanza 4

SALZBURG

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

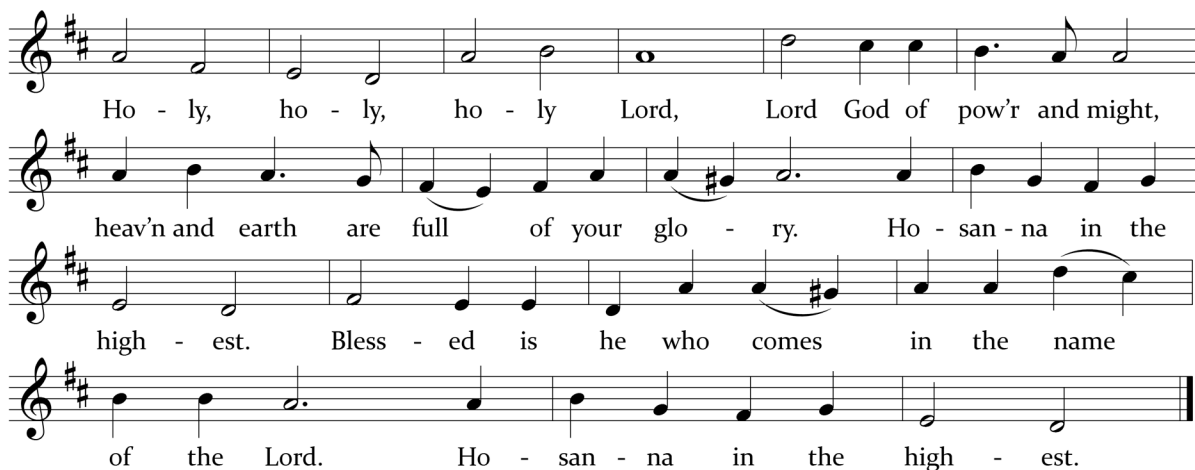
A God with us: you came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

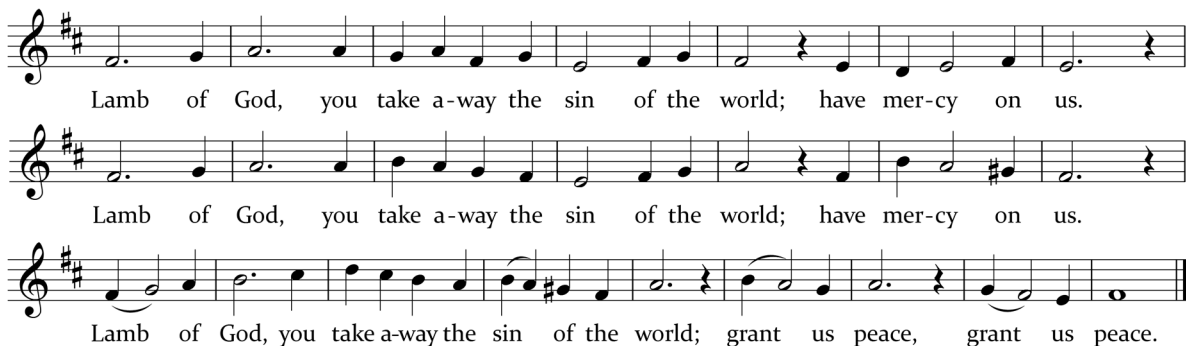
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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.*

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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 — No. 576

"We All Are One in Mission"

Hymn — No. 632

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **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 — No. 314

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

*Dismissal

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Psalm 19 — The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Scott Swanson (10:45) 4 th and 5 th Grade Catechism Students
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir, Arielle Loy, director Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(10:45) Marica Yernberg
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jennifer Edwins, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Melissa Berthelsen, Mark Rydberg
Acolytes	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Merri Kmoch, Isabelle Paulson
Communion Preparers	Francis Boehning and Erik Boehning
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Jill Enestvedt, Kristin Partlo
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Deb Christensen, Judy Karlson, Marilyn McRae Raadt (10:45) The Froehle Family, Marilyn McRae Raadt
Coffee and Refreshments	Jennifer Edwins, Shirley Falck, Imogene Nelson, Alyssa Ness
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Chris and Martha Erickson, Ted Peterson
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (January 27):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Joint Religious Leaders Coalition (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (February 3):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Benevolence Anniversary Project - TORCH (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)



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

Wednesday, January 30
Enchilada Casserole

All are welcome!

Northfield Arts & Culture Commission 2019 Living Treasure Award Recipient

St. John's member
Donna Paulsen

The public is invited to a celebration in her honor.

Monday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.

FiftyNorth (formerly The Senior Center)

1651 Jefferson Parkway

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in by Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge. 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 the church office. Dates available: February 3, 10, 17 & 24. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Joint Religious Leaders Coalition*

Anne Krisnik, Executive Director of the Minnesota Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) will speak today, discussing JRLC's priorities among issues before the 2019 Legislature. Guided by God's vision for the common good as reflected in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic traditions, the JRLC mobilizes religious communities to influence public policy in Minnesota. (JRLC.org)

Poverty in Northfield – Panel Discussion

Saturday, February 2, 1:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Sandra Gerdes (director of Laura Baker Services Association), Dayna Norvald (director of Rice County Habitat for Humanity), and Scott Wopata (new director of Community Action Center) will speak on poverty in Northfield at a panel discussion hosted by the Women of St. John's. As part of St. John's Women's Courageous Conversations Programming, they will address topics such as affordable housing, wages, advocacy, government funding for programs, and the interconnectedness of all these issues. The community is welcome, admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

"WHITE FRAGILITY" by Robin DiAngelo - Book Study

Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:45-7:00 p.m., Fireside Room

The New York Times best-selling book explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. Books are discounted 10% at Content bookstore if you mention St. John's. Questions Contact Dawn Tommerdahl at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Hand in Hand in Mission

This is the time of year that St. John's makes donations to support our ELCA Companion Synods and Global Missions. The synod has printed a Hand-in-Hand brochure that lists 6 projects with our companion synods in Colombia and Tanzania, and a new outreach to ELCA churches in Texas and New Mexico that assist recent immigrants. You may select one of these projects (brochures are in the Commons and Narthex) or make a general offering to Missions. Use the Missions envelope in your packet, or write a check to St. John's with Missions on the memo line. If you like, add the number of the project you wish to support.

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Pastor Jonathan will join you for “Ask a Pastor” time! This is a chance to ask Jonathan those faith questions that you may be wondering about. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Middle School Romans & Christians

Friday, February 1, 7:00-10:00 p.m., St. John’s

Don’t miss out on this very popular game of Hide ‘N Go Seek with a Biblical twist. The cost of \$5 covers pizza and pop. Please sign up by Thursday, January 31. Sign up in the Commons, outside the Youth Room, or email Angie Gehring at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

High School Trip to the Capitol - JRCL's Day on the Hill (Joint Religious Legislative Coalition)

February 7 (leave in the morning and return home in the afternoon)

St. John’s Peace & Justice group is looking for interested high school youth to make a trip to the state capitol in St. Paul! What is this? It's a chance to meet and talk with your legislators about issues that are important in your community. Our legislators want to hear what you have to say. Transportation will be arranged. Attending this event is an “excused” school absence. St. John’s Peace & Justice group will cover the cost of the trip. If you'd like to take part in this cool opportunity, please sign up THIS WEEK by contacting Angie Gehring at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

High School Youth Event Rescheduled and Readjusted! A Trip to Trapped Puzzle Room!

Sunday, February 10, Meet at 1:30 p.m. in the St. John's Parking Lot (Return around 5:30 p.m.)

We'll carpool from St. John’s to Trapped Puzzle Room in St. Paul to try escaping from a Harry Potter-themed room. Following the escape room, we'll go have a treat to be decided upon before heading back. Cost is \$12. Don't miss out on this awesome afternoon! Sign ups are available outside the Youth Room or by contacting Angie Gehring at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

Kid's Night Out at St. John's!

Friday, February 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

Children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited for an evening of games, pizza, along with more games, crafts, and a movie! Bring a snack to share with the group. Friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Upper or Lower Commons by February 13 so we can plan the event. Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429 if you have questions.

Summer Camp is Coming! Watch for more info soon!

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

Lois Houge, Jane Koskovich, Bob Scholz

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Lillian Anderson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Joan Carlson

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

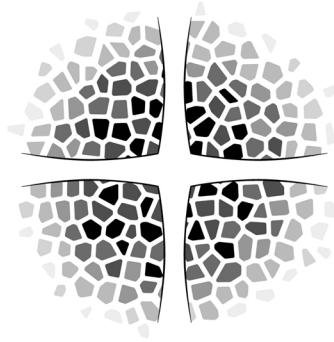
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 3):

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

Mon., Jan. 28	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Kitchen Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
Tue., Jan. 29	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room 150 th Anniversary Steering Committee, Fireside Room
Wed., Jan. 30	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 31	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 1	8:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Middle School Romans & Christians, St. John's Hall
Saturday, Feb. 2	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Council Retreat, Offsite "Poverty in Northfield" Panel Discussion, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Feb. 3	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery (Rite of Welcome) <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery Girl Scout Event, Fellowship Hall



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.