



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020 † 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 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.*

*Imagine this tired old world when love is the way, unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive.  
When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.  
When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.  
When love is the way, poverty will become history.  
When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.  
When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields,  
down by the riverside, to study war no more.  
When love is the way, there's plenty good room,  
plenty good room, for all God's children.*

- Bishop Michael Curry

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Michael Burkhardt  
David Cherwien

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

### **\*Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

- P** Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message and Installation of Council and Board Chairs

**First Reading** — Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 757

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody** — Psalm 15

setting by Carolyn Jennings

**Refrain** — *first time choir/cantor, then **all singing***



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*Choir: Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.*

**Refrain** — *all*

*Choir: They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.*

**Refrain** — *all*

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Pew Bible, page 926

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Caribbean traditional



**\*Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12**

Spark Story Bible, page 264; Pew Bible, page 785

*Before the reading:*

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- ☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn of the Day — No. 728**

“Blest Are They”

**\*The Apostles’ Creed**

*Front of the hymnal, page 127*

**\*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) "I Dream a World"

André Thomas

*I dream a world where man no other man will scorn, where love will bless the earth  
and peace its paths adore. I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way,  
where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day. A world I dream  
where black or white, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and  
every man is free. Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl, attends  
the needs of all mankind, of such I dream.*

- Langston Hughes

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Blest Are They"

Jacob Weber

\*Offering Hymn — "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## \*Offering Prayer

☞ Let us pray together.

☞ **Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring,  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Through this meal unite us as your body,  
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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, my heart, my heart a - dores you.  
 San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te\_a - do - ra.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.  
 Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to\_e-res Se - ñor.

Music: Argentine traditional

*Sung in English or Spanish.*

## \*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

"Holy Lamb of God" *Ya hamalallah*

Yusuf Khill

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have  
mer - cy on us. Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world. Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Music: © 2003 Yusuf Khill

(8:30) **Anthem** — "When the Poor Ones"

EL CAMINO, arr. David Cherwien

*For anthem text, see Hymn 725.*

**Hymn** — No. 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"


**Hymn** — No. 471


"Let Us Break Bread Together"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



## \*Prayer after Communion

 Let us pray.

 **Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

## \*Blessing

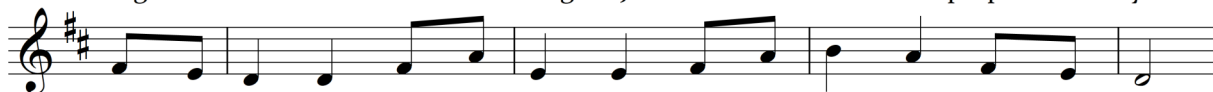
*Response:*  **Amen.**

## \*Sending Hymn — “Sing a New World into Being”

NETTLETON



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful theme.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing where the home - less find a home,  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph-ets' cry



Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are filled in God's sha - lom;  
for a time of health and plen - ty when all tears have been wiped dry;



dream a church where all who wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long.  
where all peo - ple work for jus - tice, where all hate and venge - ance cease.  
when com - pas - sion flows like wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve.



Sing a new world in - to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
Sing a new world in - to be - ing: live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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## **\*Dismissal**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**A** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — on NETTLETON

Marilyn Biery



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Sandi Gerdes
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) Mary Davis
Acolytes	(8:30) Jonah Brownlee, Owen Brownlee (10:45) Natalie DeGrego, Tegan DeGrego
Communion Preparer	Carolyn Nitz
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brenda Bultman, Tracy Kochendorfer (10:45) Eva Posfay
Coffee and Refreshments	Anna Moltchanova, Cora Scholz, Howard and Julie Thorsheim
Nursery	Katie Schroeer
Counters	Jim Enestvedt, Ted Peterson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Nicholas Boehning, Scott Boehning, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (*February 2*):**

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)

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

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

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

### **Next Week (*February 9*):**

Youth "FUN" Raiser, 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 Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

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

## **Children and Youth Ministries**

### **Sunday Morning Youth Group (Grades 6-12)**

On Sunday mornings, during the school year, all youth (grades 6-12) are invited to meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for treats, highs and lows, and interactive faith discussion! Other young adults and church members are encouraged to attend for intra and inter-generational connections. These gatherings will be led by Emmanuel Kaghondi and other adults. This month's topics will focus on "Life's Burning Questions about Spirituality."

### **Save the Date!**

- Middle School Romans and Christians: Friday, February 21, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Kids Night Out (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders): Friday, February 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- High School Romans and Christians and Lock-In: Friday, February 28, TBD

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Omar and Margery Otterness by the Otterness children. 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 9, 16 & 23 and March 1 & 29. 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.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Pat Fick on her birthday by her children and grandchildren.

## **St. John's Forum**

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

Topic: *Joint Religious Legislative Coalition*

Anne Krisnik, Executive Director of the Minnesota Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) will speak today, discussing JRLC's priorities among issues before the 2020 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](http://JRLC.org))

## **Children's Ministry Appreciation Brunch**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room**

Children's ministry volunteers are invited to brunch this morning in appreciation for all that you do to make children's ministry successful!

## **Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation**

**Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library**

On four consecutive Sundays, from the end of January into February, there will be an opportunity for meeting in a small group in the library between worship services from 9:45-10:30 a.m. The purpose is to concentrate on the psalm for the day, looking at it personally from different aspects. Consider picking up a cookie and a cup of coffee and being part of this group.

## **Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Teachers...**

Mark your calendars for this Thursday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. (St. John's Hall). Carrie Duba, Northfield High School's Psychologist, will speak on the mental health of Northfield's children. Open to the public, refreshments served, sponsored by St. John's Women.

## **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner.

## **Announcements (continued)**

The Courageous Conversations book discussion group is moving to Mondays during Lent.

**Mondays, February 10, March 9, and April 13**

**6:00-7:00 p.m., St. John's Library**

We'll discuss *Loaded* (about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) by Roxanne Durban-Ortiz. Books will be available at Content Bookstore. Contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) for more information or if you have questions. The group is open to everyone!

**The Youth and Children's "Fun" Raiser is Next Sunday, February 9**

- Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee - the cost is \$5/person or \$20/family.
- Dessert Silent Auction of delicious goodies to enjoy just in time for Valentines Day.
- Dollars raised help families with the cost of sending youth on the summer mission trips.

**Bake Sale Items Needed for Youth "Fun" Raiser**

Do you love to bake or have a recipe that everyone loves? Please sign up to donate a baked good for the Youth "Fun" Raiser. Baked items will be sold to raise additional dollars to help families with the cost of sending youth on the summer mission trips. Desserts should be brought to church on Saturday, February 8, between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or on Sunday, February 9, by 8:15 a.m. Please sign up so we can plan accordingly. A paper signup is located in the Commons or you can email/call Amy McBroom at [amybmcroom@hotmail.com](mailto:amybmcroom@hotmail.com) or 651-214-4459.

**Prayer Buddies During Lent**

During the Lenten season, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism kids are paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their "Prayer Buddy." This program is in its 5th year helping to build faith-based, cross-generational relationships between children and adult members in the congregation. Prayer Buddies pray for their 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade buddy during the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26, until Easter Sunday, April 12. If you are interested in being a buddy for a child, please email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or call 507-645-4429. **On Wednesday, February 19**, we will have a brief get-together at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room for Prayer Buddies and their child/family to meet and get to know one another. A meal will be provided.

**Seeking Finance Manager**

St. John's seeks a part-time Finance Manager to serve our congregation. This position manages St. John's donations and accounts payable, provides accurate and timely financial information to church leadership, and assists with forecasting and strategy for managing St. John's cash flow and stewardship. The position is 20-30 hours/week. See [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org) for job description. To apply send a resume and cover letter to [pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Applications due February 28.

## **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 with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Joanne Sommers,  
Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 9):**

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

Isaiah 58:1-9a † Psalm 112:1-9 † 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 † Matthew 5:13-20

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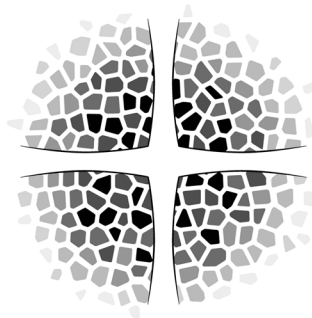
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# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Mon., Feb. 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room
<b>Tue., Feb. 4</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Feb. 5</b>	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grade 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Feb. 6</b>	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Feb. 7</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Allan Nelson, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Allan Nelson, Sanctuary
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Feb. 8</b>	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
<b>Sunday, Feb. 9</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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