



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 3, 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.*

Pastor, Leader (Assisting Minister), 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 — on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

☞ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

**Let the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

Amen.

☞ Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,

and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever

☞ **Amen.**

*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

☐ Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible, page 609

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Pew Bible, page 934

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel — Luke 4:14-30

Story Bible, page 252; Pew Bible, page 835

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th 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. 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

(8:30) **Rite of Welcome**

Introduction of Newcomers

Signing of the Newcomers with the Cross

- Brothers and sisters, you have indicated that you wish to share our life and hope in Christ. We now mark you with the sign of Christ's cross. The whole community welcomes you with love, and stands ready to help you.

(The congregation sings as they are signed with the cross)

Response Hymn — “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE

Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.

- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know and follow him.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.
- ☐ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

***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) "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

David Cherwien

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each flows the sympathizing tear. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

-John Fawcett, 1782

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "The Gift of Love"

English Folk Tune, arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

-Hal Hopson, based on 1 Corinthians 13

Melissa Berger, soprano

*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 of all creation, all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. 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.

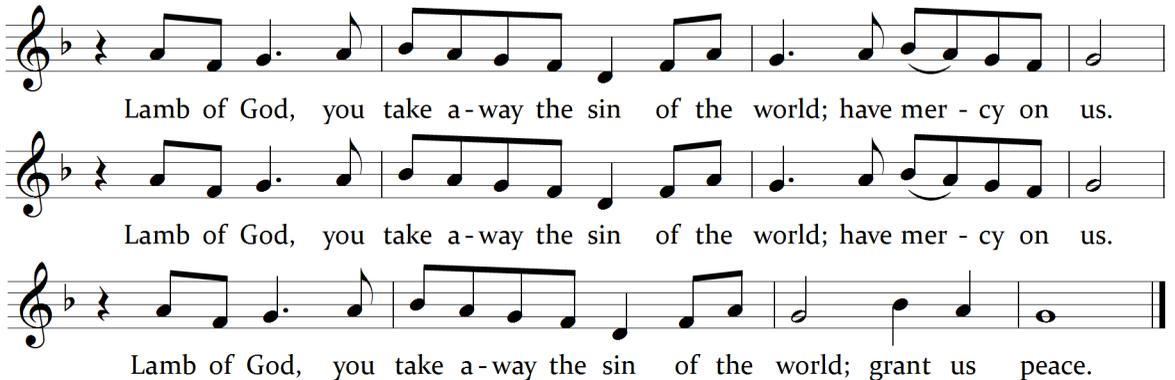
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

*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.*

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.

Hymn — No. 471

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn — No. 359

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

🔊 **We thank you, O God, that you have fed us with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us.**

Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

🔊 **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 239

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J. S. Bach



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Leif Knecht
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Melissa Berger
Acolytes	(8:30) Cora McBroom, Katherine Organ (10:45) Gus Welbaum, Louise Welbaum
Communion Preparers	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Tracy Kochendorfer (10:45) Greg Colby and Carol Schoen
Coffee and Refreshments	Christine Anderson, Dick and JoAnn Kleber, Carolyn Nitz, Ralph and Marcia Yernberg
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 10):

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 † Psalm 138 † 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 † Luke 5:1-11

RITE OF WELCOME

We welcome the following during the Rite of Welcome today.

Carol Egly

Scott, Candace, Eleanor & Arthur Godfrey

Delores Gustafson

Cynthia Neubecker

John Prevost & Michelle Kramer Prevost

Meredith Stolte

John, Amanda, Elizabeth, John & Noah Tracy

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Joyce Schrader by family and friends. 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 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.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Pat Fick's 80th birthday with love from her children and grandchildren.

St. John's Forum

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

Topic: *St. John's Anniversary Benevolence Project: TORCH*

In honor of our 150th Anniversary, St. John's has given a benevolence grant to TORCH and the Northfield Community College Collaborative. Marnie Thompson, Assistant Principal of Northfield High School, will share with us an update on the launch of this project.

Lenten Book Read - *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*

This year's Lenten Book read selection is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, by Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit Priest working with gang members in Los Angeles. For twenty years, Greg Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In this book, he turns stories of his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Look for signs up starting today and each following Sunday in February. Books are now available for \$10.

"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. Brochures are available in the Narthex and Commons. If you have questions, contact Jane Rinehart at janesrinehart@gmail.com.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

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

"Ed's Story" begins - an introduction to the inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

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.

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

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

Arlene Sivanich, Richard Olson, Virley Brown

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 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.

Wednesday Night



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

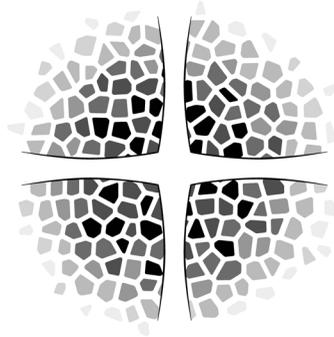
Wednesday, February 6
Enchilada Casserole

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below only contains events being held at the church.
The full calendar of events can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Mon., Feb. 4	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Peace & Justice Group, Fireside Room Girl Scout Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tue., Feb. 5	8:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall WELCA Workshop Planners, St. John's Library Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 150 th Anniversary Steering Committee, St. John's Hall Chapter N PEO, Undercroft Northfielders for Justice & Peace, Fireside Room
Wed., Feb. 6	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) 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 Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room 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, Feb. 7	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 8	8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts Cookie Rally, Lower Level
Saturday, Feb. 9	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Feb. 10	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 13) Worship / Nursery



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