

Service of Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany February 4, 2024 † 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. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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 — Two settings on NETTLETON

Michael Burkhardt, David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 843

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

*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

 Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. G Amen.

(10:45) Anthem — "Jesus Is With Me"

Michael Morris

When I wake up in the morning, my Lord is with me. He is with me every single day; helping and guiding by providing the Truth, the Light, and the Way. I can love my neighbor. I can love my enemy. Blessed and highly favored to declare: He set me free! When I lay me down each evening, my Lord is with me. He is with me and he's here to stay! All through the night time, I can still find the Truth, the Light, and the Way. When I go to church on Sunday, my Lord goes with me. He is with me as I sing and pray. He forgives me, and he gives me the Truth, the Light, and the Way. Jesus is with me, and you, here, today!

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Antiphon: from "The Lord Is the Everlasting God" Kenneth Jennings

Antiphon: The LORD is the everlasting God.



¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises [|] to our God! How pleasant it is to honor [|] God with praise!
²The LORD re- [|] builds Jerusalem, and gathers the ex- [|] iles of Israel.
³The LORD heals the [|] brokenhearted and binds [|] up their wounds.
⁴The LORD counts the number [|] of the stars and calls them all [|] by their names. Antiphon
⁵Great is our LORD and might- [|] y in power; there is no limit [|] to God's wisdom.
⁶The LORD lifts [|] up the lowly, but casts the wicked [|] to the ground. ⁷Sing to the LORD [|] with thanksgiving;

make music upon the harp [|] to our God,

⁸who covers the heav-¹ens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow

up-¹ on the mountains.

⁹God provides food [|] for the cattle

and for the young ravens [|] when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might [|] of a horse,

and has no pleasure in the speed [|] of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who [|] fear the LORD,

in those who await God's steadfast love. ^{20C|} Hallelujah! Antiphon

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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



*Gospel Acclamation

*Gospel — Mark 1:29-39

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 610

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

Installation of Council and Board Members

*The 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:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

G 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) "Balm in Gilead"

Spiritual, arr. Larry Fleming

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all. – Spiritual

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Variations on NETTLETON"

Undine Smith Moore

*Offering Hymn — "Let the Whole Creation Cry" *stanza* 1

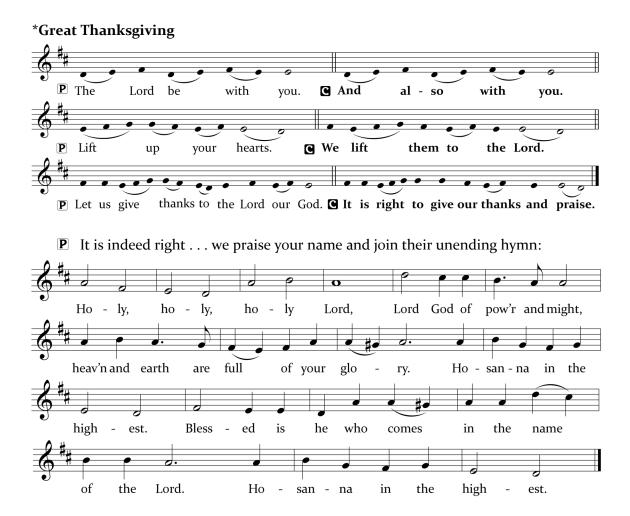
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Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!" Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

*Offering Prayer

- Let us pray.
- 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

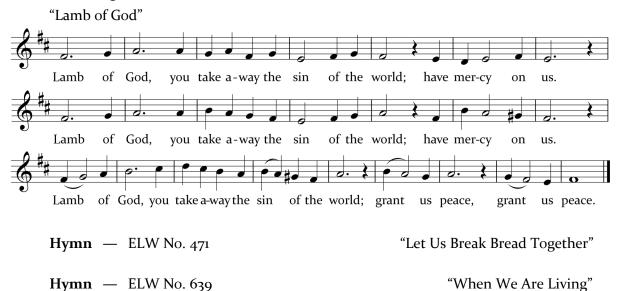


*Words of Institution

*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

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

 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.

G Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: **G** Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

*Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

Postlude — "Maestoso" from *Sonata No.* 3

Felix Mendelssohn

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 11):

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12 + Psalm 50:1-6 + 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 + Mark 9:2-9

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Carol Benson
O ui-t	(10:45) Noelle Berger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	
	(10:45) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Communion Prep	TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson
	(10:45)
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Demian Jackman
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Pippa Younger
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 4)

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: Climate Legislation with Rev. Howard White (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

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<u>Announcements</u>

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u> or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: February 18 & 25 and March 3, 17, 24, 28, 29 & 31.

St. John's Forum: Climate Legislation with Rev. Howard White Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Rev. Howard White is a retired ELCA pastor and is the Northfield Chapter Co-Leader of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), as well as CCL's liaison to Rep. Angie Craig's office. He will talk with us about the current state of climate legislation in Washington, D.C. There have been successes in the last few years, and there is hope for more in the year and years ahead. He will share what the experience is like lobbying in person in the offices of U.S. Senators and Members of Congress.

Pub Theology

Monday, February 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Pub Theology is a conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate.

Lenten Book Read begins on February 18

Our Lenten Book read takes a deep dive into the Jewish context of the New Testaments with Amy-Jill Levine's *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus.* Levine is a widely noted Jewish scholar of the New Testament and the author of *Light of the World*, which we read during Advent. In *The Misunderstood Jew* Levine seeks to undo longstanding Christian misunderstandings of Jesus's relationship to Jews and Judaism in the conviction that this will help strengthen relationships between Jews and Christians today.

- Book discussions will be held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. beginning on Sunday, February 18 (continuing Sundays, February 25, March 3, 10; Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 6, 13). An online discussion is also possible if there is interest or need.
- Look for sign-up sheets and books for sale (\$15) in the Commons today and next Sunday.

The Northfield ELCA congregations are considering a coordinated visit to Holden Village in early August of 2024. Households must still register individually, but a coordinated visit gives us opportunities to share travel plans and wisdom in planning a Holden journey. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pam and explore Holden's website at <u>holdenvillage.org</u>. Registration for summer 2024 opened in January.

Announcements (continued)

Oral History Update

Available now on the St. John's website is a 2019 oral history interview with Keith Homstad. He provides information about his family and his several careers, including his most recent one as an iconographer. The interview includes stories about six decades of worship and leadership at St. John's. Click on the "About" tab on the home page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

• Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

Children and Youth

Valentine's Party, Sunday, February 11 during Sunday School

Our 3rd-5th graders are planning a Valentine's Party for the PreK-2nd graders on February 11 during our regular Sunday School time. Enjoy games, treats, and crafts with a Valentine's theme. Parents are welcome to attend too. Hope you'll be part of the fun!

Let's Go Bowling!

Monday, February 19 is a NO SCHOOL DAY so we're heading to the bowling alley!

Who: Grades 2-5, Friends are always welcome!

Where: Flaherty's Lanes, Hwy 3, Northfield

When: Monday, February 19 - NO SCHOOL!

Time: 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$11.00/child (Checks payable to Flaherty's Lanes or cash works too!)

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or downstairs by the Nursery or email Julie Brehmer. Parent or high school chaperones needed. Parents: Please drop off and pick up your child at the bowling alley. If they need a ride or financial assistance to participate, give Julie a call.

Northfield Week at Good Earth Village along with Bethel and St. Peter's Churches June 23–28, 2024

Good Earth Village offers camps for grades 2–7 with 2 or 5 night options (depending on grade). Use code NORTHFIELD24 for an additional \$100 off a full week or \$50 off a half week as a "campership" from St. John's. Visit https://goodearthvillage.org/northfield for details or contact Julie or Kristin with questions.

Contact information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at <u>childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>. Kristin Partlo, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at <u>youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>

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 John Ferguson, Judy Karlson, Janice Kasa, Roberta Morse, Wendy Scholz

Those with ongoing health concerns

Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Bruce Hella, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including Richard Olson, David and Pat Halsor

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 <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 7: Mac & Cheese with Hot Dogs (Vegetarian Option Available)

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 <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

Monday, Feb. 5	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Pub Theology, The Contented Cow Northfield Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Feb. 6	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library
Wednesday, Feb. 7	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Spotlight Bible Study, Room 20 Prayer Buddy Get Together, Fireside Room Evening Knitters, St. John's Library Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Where Politics and Faith Meet: A Conversation, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 8	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversation Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 9	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room Girl Scout Cookie Rally, Lower Level NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Feb. 10	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Feb. 11	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) 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.