

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 6, 2022 † 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 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 — "Grave, Adagio" from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 413

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

*Greeting

- P 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

P Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-13

'In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

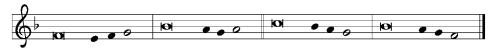
¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

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

Psalmody — Psalm 138

Antiphon: African American Spiritual

Antiphon: Thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you Lord.



¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart; before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,

because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

³When I called, you | answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD, when they have heard the words | of your mouth.

 5 They will sing of the ways $^{\mid}$ of the LORD,

that great is the glory | of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly, perceiving the haughty | from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- pose for me;

O LORD, do not abandon the works of your hands. Antiphon

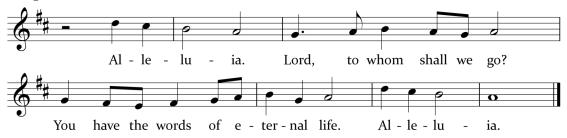
Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

'Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 'through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

*Gospel Acclamation



***Gospel** — Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if

you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 574

"Here I Am, Lord"

Installation of Council and Board Members

*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,
- **©** hear our prayer.

*Peace

- **P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **4** And also with you.

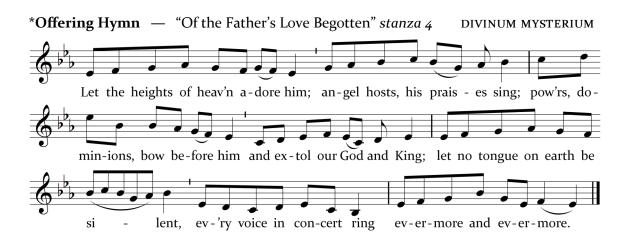
You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"Andante tranquillo" from Sonata III

Felix Mendelssohn

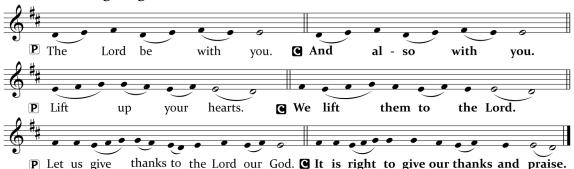


*Offering Prayer

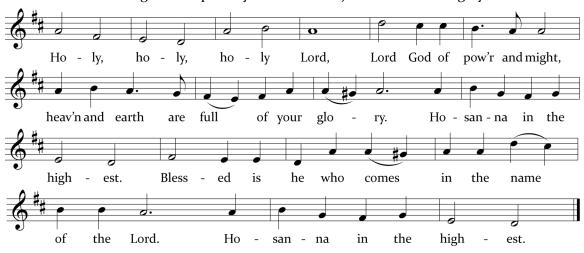
- **L** Let us pray.
- Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SHARING THE LORDS SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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



*Words of Institution

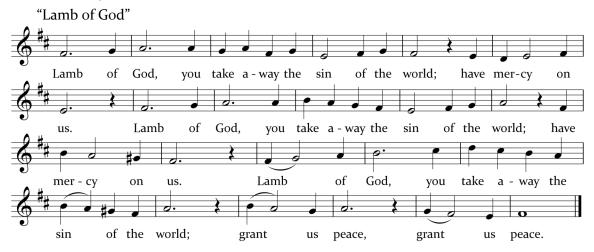
*The Lord's Prayer

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.

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



Solo — "Andante" from *Sonata VI*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us 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: G Amen.		
*Sending Hymn — ACS No. 991	"Go to the World"	
*Dismissal L Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God.		
Postlude — "Allegro moderato" from Sonata II	Felix Mendelssohn	
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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Minister Alyssa Ness
Organist Joanne Rodland

Cantor Eugene Sandel, Church Music Intern
Counters Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson

Ushers (8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow

(10:45) Dale Gehring, Kent Rommereim

Children and Youth Ministries

Children's Afterschool Programming and Sunday School

We are extending the break from in-person Wednesday and Sunday Children's programming for this Sunday and next Sunday, February 13, and this Wednesday, February 9, due to the rise in COVID cases.

Virtual Sunday School (Pre-K through Grade 5) Sundays, 10:00–10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Virtual Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12) Sundays, 10:00–10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Confirmation and High School Youth Group - Plan to be IN-PERSON this Wednesday We will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday for pizza at 6:00 p.m. for the Middle and High School Wednesday programs. The programs start at 6:15 p.m. Remember to bring a good mask—preferably KN95.

Prayer Buddies During Lent for 4th and 5th Graders

4th and 5th grade children are invited to be a part of our Prayer Buddy program during the Lenten season. Children interested in participating are paired with an adult member from our congregation. Prayer Buddies pray for their child (and your child may pray for their buddy) starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2, through Easter Sunday, April 17. This program is in its 9th year at St. John's. It has built wonderful faith-based, cross-generational relationships. Some buddies have continued the relationship and have become their 9th grade confirmation mentors! If your child is interested in having a Prayer Buddy, please contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429 by February 16.

No School Day, Monday, February 21

Watch for more information about Movie Morning at St. John's for Grades K-5.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Charles Jacobson by Marilyn Jacobson. 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 Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Dates available: March 6, 20 & 27 and April 3 & 24. 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.

Coffee Fellowship Hour Is Placed "On Hold"

Due to the elevated COVID case numbers coffee fellowship hour will not take place today. We will resume coffee fellowship time when it is safer to do so.

Virtual Meeting with Anne Krisnik of Minnesota's Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC) Today Between Services, 9:45–10:30 a.m., via Zoom

Anne will join us and give an overview of this year's legislative agenda. Visit https://jrlc.org/2022-legislative-agenda to learn about this year's advocacy issues. Register for the virtual Day On The Hill, Tuesday, March 15, 6:30–8:45 p.m. at https://jrlc.org/2022-day-on-the-hill.

Dialogues on Race Discussions

Begins Next Sunday, February 13, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library and via Zoom

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to participate in discussions of *Dialogues on Race* each second Sunday of the month from February through June. Each month's discussion will focus on one section of *Dialogues on Race* (Sparkhouse, 2019), facilitated by Jo Franklin, Debby Nitz, and Dawn Tommerdahl. A schedule of the readings and more details will be emailed to participants along with instructions for those connecting electronically. The Adult Ministry & Education Board has purchased copies of the book through Content and they are available for \$10. Please register by contacting Merilyn Calcutt.

Invitation from St. John's Peace & Justice Group

Book Study: The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez Tuesdays, February 8, 15, 22, and March 1, 6:30–7:45 p.m. via Zoom

We invite you to join in this book discussion that explores immigration through the lens of Scripture with an understanding of God's call to welcome the stranger. Abraham and Sarah, Ruth and Naomi, Hagar, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were all migrants that crossed borders and sought refuge from insurmountable challenges within their home communities. To register and for addition information, go to: https://form.jotform.com/220197129368158. This study is sponsored by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod.

Announcements (continued)

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Please consider packing/rolling a Personal Care Kit (or two) for LWR. We'll be collecting completed kits in the Commons under the St. John's Women bulletin board until March 15. Lists of necessary items and rolling instructions are there as well. Online instructions at: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/missions.

NRC Annual Meeting

Sunday. April 24, 1:00–3:00 p.m., NRC Chapel

The Northfield Retirement Community looks forward to sharing the concerns and accomplishments of 2021 as well as the expectations of 2022 with congregational delegates. If you would like to be a congregational delegate, please contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Support Affordable Housing in Northfield—Habitat for Humanity Needs Lunch/Food Providers

- What's Needed? Take a lunch, or part of one, to feed the volunteers putting up Habitat's houses in Northfield.
- When? February Workdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Choose from Saturdays (2/12 and 2/19), Tuesday (2/15), or Thursdays (2/17 and 2/24).
- **How?** Sign up for a Main or Side Dish, a Salad, or a Dessert on Habitat's Sign-Up Genius Page (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4bafae2aa2fa7-faithi) or contact Christy Hall-Holt at 507-581-1508.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 13):

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Jo Dahlin, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Howard Thorsheim, Dave Zdenek

Those celebrating the baptism of

Sigrid Wanken, daughter of Bridget Draxler and Matthew Wanken

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Brian Murphy

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia; lambi 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.

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This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Feb. 7	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting, Undercroft Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Feb. 8	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom Southeastern MN Synod Book Study via Zoom Church Board Meetings Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 9	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Safe Operating Task Force via Zoom Meal Ministry Planning Meeting, St. John's Library Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Feb. 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
Friday, Feb. 11	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room Northfield Girl Scout Cookie Rally, Lower Level
Saturday, Feb. 12	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
Sunday, Feb. 13	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Virtual Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5) via Zoom Virtual Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12) via Zoom Dialogues on Race Discussions, St. John's Library Worship, Sanctuary



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