



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 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.*

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 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 — “How Can I Keep from Singing”

James Melby

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “My God is So Great”

Traditional

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 673

“God Whose Almighty Word”

***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 Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.
By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and
power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 112

TALLIS' CANON

How blest are those who fear the Lord, and great-ly love God's ho-ly will.
 A-bound-ing wealth shall bless their home, their right-eous-ness for-e'er en-dure.
 The peo-ple who be-friend the weak in jus-tice shall their cause main-tain.
 By e-vil tid-ings not dis-mayed the right-eous trust in God a-lone.

Their chil-dren share their great re-ward, and bless-ings all their days shall fill.
 To them shall light a-rise in gloom, for they are mer-ci-ful and pure.
 True peace shall their whole life at-tend, and long their mem-ory shall re-main.
 Their heart is stead-fast, un-a-fraid, for they shall see their foes o'er-thrown.

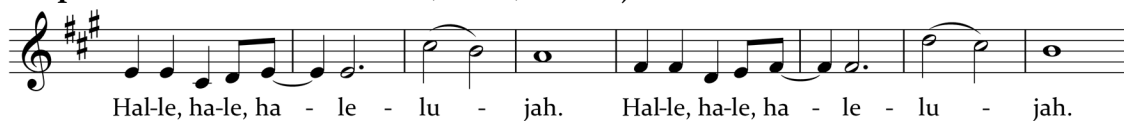
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After the reading:

- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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

Caribbean traditional



***Gospel — Matthew 5:13-20**

Spark Story Bible, page 268; Pew Bible, page 786

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Scott Wopata

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

***The Apostles’ Creed**

Front of the hymnal, page 127

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

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

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Aaron David Miller

*Offering Hymn — “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

M 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 also 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.

Sung in English or Spanish.

Music: Argentine traditional

*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.

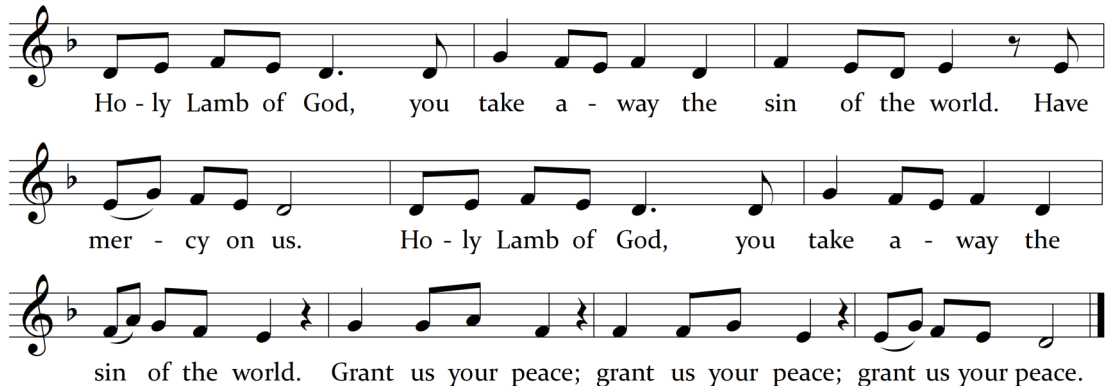
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*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.

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Hymn — No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Hymn — No. 717

“Let Justice Flow like Streams”

*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** — No. 815

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Verse 1 and Refrain

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Prelude in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Scott Wopata, Executive Director, Community Action Center of Northfield
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Arielle Loy (10:45) Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Melanie Ohnstad
Choir	(8:30) Alleluia Choir, director, Arielle Loy
Acolytes	(8:30) Micah Hassanally, Mason Vatter (10:45) Genevieve Knutson, Clara Menssen
Communion Preparer	Carolyn Nitz
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brenda Bultman, Tracy Kochendorfer (10:45) Angie Gehring, Anna Moltchanova
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Dan Franklin, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie

Melanie Ohnstad has been in the field of church music since graduating from St. Olaf College in 1974. She earned a Master's Degree in Organ Performance at Arizona State University and the DMA degree from the University of Minnesota. Melanie recently retired from her 24 year position as Minister of Music and the Arts/Organist of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She is now enjoying life as a traveling organist with time to travel.

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 9):

Children and 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)

Next Week (February 16):

Coffee and Fellowship, 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 (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)

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.”

Upcoming Children and Youth Events

- Middle School Romans and Christians: Saturday, February 22, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Kids Night Out (K-5th Graders): Friday, February 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- High School Romans and Christians and Lock-In: Friday, February 28, 8:30 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Signups are available in the Commons.

Children and Youth Ministries Need You!

*An ambitious array of children and youth activities means more volunteer opportunities for St. John’s members - parents, grandparents, anyone! Please consider volunteering with programming on a Sunday Morning or Wednesday afternoon/evening. We need volunteers to teach and/or help with a variety of activities. Please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or check out the volunteer opportunities in the registration packet. **P.S.: High School students** - talk with Julie how you can connect with our younger kids on Sundays and Wednesdays!*

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 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.

Children and Youth "FUN" Raiser

Today Between Services

- 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 children to camp and youth on the summer mission trips.

Read, Talk, Pray: Sunday Psalm Conversation Continues

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.

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 2nd Amendment) by Roxanne Durban-Ortiz. Books will be available at Content Bookstore. Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com for more information or if you have questions. The group is open to everyone!

Prayer Buddies During Lent

During the Lenten season, 4th and 5th 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 4th or 5th 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 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.

Announcements (continued)

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 per week. See www.StJohnsNorthfield.org for job description. To apply send a resume and cover letter to pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Applications are due by February 28.

Become a Dementia Friend


Saturday, February 15, 9:30 a.m. (coffee)/10:00 a.m. (speaker), St. John's Hall

Do you know someone with dementia? How do you relate to them? How do you continue to be a friend or become a new friend to someone with dementia? To learn how to become a dementia friend mark your calendar for the program on Saturday, February 15. Our speaker will be Colleen Fritch who has spent two decades in aging service, engaging community members in supporting older adults. She's a trained "Dementia Friend Champion," helping Minnesota become a Dementia Friendly state. In addition, Colleen is a Master Trainer, training other Champions across the country to make this a Dementia Friendly USA. Join us and help reach out to folks who have dementia. This program is co-sponsored by St. John's Adult Ministry & Education Board and The Northfield Area Retired Educators (NARE).

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at 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. You can also access the church calendar.

 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, February 12: <i>Fajita Boats</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
<p><i>Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents. Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!</i></p>	

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

Donna James

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

Carol Carlson, Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich

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, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 16):

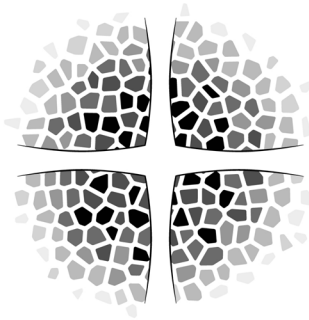
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 † Psalm 119:1-8 † 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 † Matthew 5:21-37

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.*

Mon., Feb. 10	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group, Fireside Room
Tue., Feb. 11	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Feb. 12	9:00 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Group, St. John's Library
	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
Thursday, Feb. 13	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 14	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 15	9:30 a.m.	Becoming a Dementia Friend, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Feb. 16	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Baptism - Cecilia Jo Gallagher)



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*
Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
Bernie Renander, *Finance Manager*

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