



Baptized and Beloved by Jan Richardson

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 † 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 down 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.*

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.

Please ask an usher if you would like one.



*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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We say farewell to "Alleluia" and we will sing and say it again on Easter Sunday.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Fanfare on DEO GRACIAS"

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 316

"Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — treble voices

Stanza 3 — bass voices

Stanzas 4 and 5 — all

***Greeting**

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

A And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 2 Kings 2:1-12

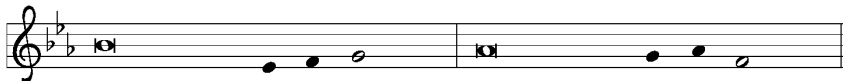
Pew Bible, page 290

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 50:1-6

Antiphon: Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory.



- ¹The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- ²**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,**
God shines | forth in glory. Antiphon
- ³Our God will come and will | not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.
- ⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above**
to witness the judgment | of the people.
- ⁵“Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice.”
- ⁶**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,**
for it is God | who is judge. Antiphon

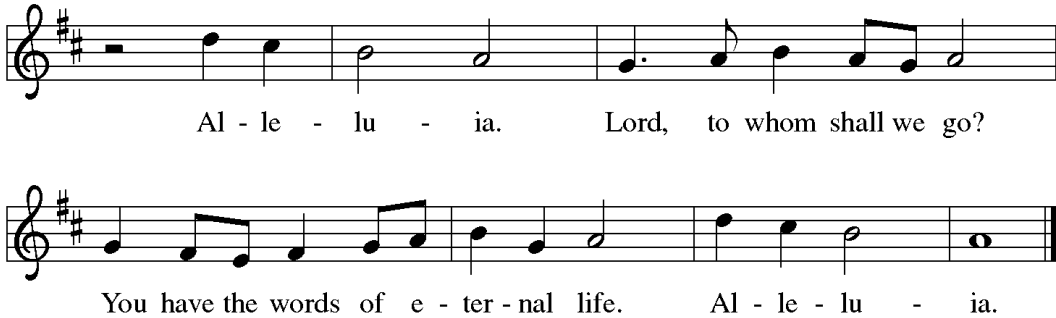
Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Pew Bible, page 939

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel — Mark 9:2-9**

Spark Story Bible, page 358; Pew Bible, page 820

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.
- ☒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschier

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

(8:30) ***The Apostles' Creed** — *page 105, front of the hymnal*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *pages 227-231, front of the hymnal*

*The Triune God claims **Isaac Willis Roberts Loy** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Isaac's parents are Adam and Arielle Loy, and his sponsors are Julia Loy and Susan Roberts-Dobie.*

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Isaac and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
- ☒ **We do.**

***Profession of Faith — page 229**

***Baptismal Hymn — No. 211**

“You Have Put on Christ”

During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.

***Thanksgiving at the Font — page 230**

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — No. 211

“You Have Put on Christ”

***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) “Christus Paradox”

arr. Alfred Fedak

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Beautiful Savior”

arr. Aaron David Miller

***Offering Hymn — “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” stanza 1**

SALZBURG

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David’s stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

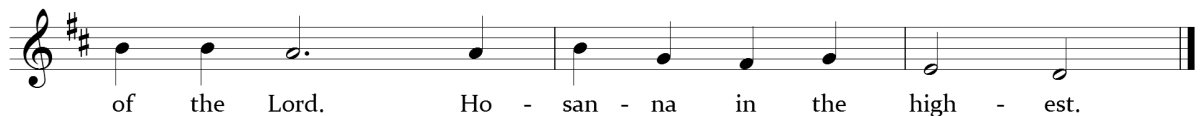
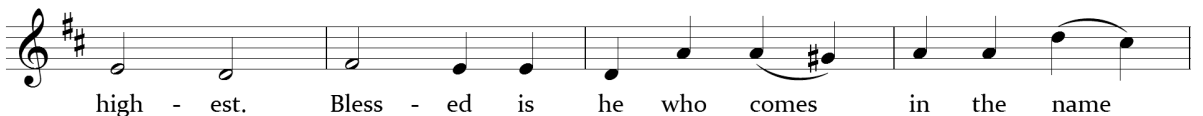
A Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P 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.

*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, grant us peace.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Thee We Adore"

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Hymn — No. 315

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

Hymn — No. 488

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

L Let us pray.

A 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 of the Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts**

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones,” stanza 4 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing: “Alleluia! Alleluia!”
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:
“Alleluia!, Alleluia!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Eric Lund
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Organist	(8:30) Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Acolytes	(8:30) Clayton Garlie, Rhett Garlie (10:45) Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson
Communion Preparer	Carolyn Nitz
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Christine Anderson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brenda Bultman, Bill and Jill Malecha (10:45) Betsy McLaughlin, Donna Paulsen
Coffee and Refreshments	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz, Rob Nutt and Kelly Lynn Stanton-Nutt, Ralph and Marcia Yernberg
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Jerry Kipp, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 18):

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 † Psalm 25:1-10 † 1 Peter 3:18-22 † Mark 1:9-15

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 11):

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 Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Grace Overflowing Cottage Meeting (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

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Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
St. John's Forum: How to Talk to Your Children About Death and Dying (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 20)



In less than a year, St. John's will mark its 150th anniversary, and to celebrate we are renewing our space for worship and welcome and beginning new projects with community partners. The Grace Overflowing campaign team has already been amazed at the generosity of this congregation as we seek to raise \$600,000 for capital needs and \$150,000 for Northfield community partners.

TODAY at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room is the last of the four cottage meetings to hear about the projects, meet our community partners, and ask questions. Please come join the excitement!



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 14:
Zuppa Toscana / Cheese Tortellini

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Orwin Marks 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 18 & 25, March 18, and April 29. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Blessing of the Quilts

The quilts placed over the pews today will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul to be shipped around the world. If you would like to give to our quilting efforts, offerings directed to “St. John's WELCA” today will assist with material costs and shipping costs. Please use one of the pew envelopes for this purpose. Also on the pews today are tied fleece blankets made by 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders that will be sent along with quilts.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Joint Religious Legislative Coalition*

Anne Krisnik, Executive Director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, will present JRLC's 2018 legislative agenda. She will also give a progress report on the ambitious effort to end hunger in Minnesota by 2020. JRLC is the largest and most inclusive interfaith public interest group in Minnesota, applying the common moral teachings of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities to legislation that determines how we as a society care for one another.

Accompany/Newcomer Gatherings Begin

Today, 9:45 a.m., Undercroft

Are you new to St. John's? Or have you been here a while and would like to get to know other people in a small group setting? Today between services we begin our Accompany gatherings of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone. We will meet over coffee and refreshments to get acquainted and then spend some time “dwelling in the Word” with lectio divina. Jo Franklin and Christy Hall-Holt will be facilitating.

Manna and Mercy Mondays

Mondays, 12:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Topic: *The Orthodox Heretic*, By Peter Rollins

There is no need to buy or read the book ahead of time. We simply gather around a parable or two each week and have some discussion about how it relates to what is going on in our faith and our daily lives. This is a great place for building and finding community - all are welcome!

Announcements

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we, along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace. Services with the imposition of ashes will be at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Join us for a soup supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall

Lenten Book Read

This year's congregational book read for the season of Lent deals with the realities and reflections on death and dying. The February Voice article indicated that there will be a choice between two books. However, it is easier to facilitate groups around just one book. *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi has been chosen for this year's Lenten Book Read.

- Paul Kalanithi who, while training as a neurosurgeon treating patients who were dying, was himself diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. He died in March of 2015 while working on this book. In confronting his own mortality, Kalanithi wrote: "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything." Atul Gawande wrote that this book, "...is proof that the dying are the ones who have the most to teach us about life."

Look for the table in the Commons where you can purchase the book (\$10) and sign up to be part of a four-week discussion group during the season of Lent.

Do you love the Easter Vigil?

Our worship leaders are looking for a few people to help coordinate Easter Vigil on March 31. This beautiful service of readings, music, remembrance of baptism, and communion has become a pattern at St. John's in recent years since St. Olaf no longer hosts it, but we need a team of people to assist with planning it in this busy season. If you are interested in making this happen this year, please contact Nathan Proctor or one of the pastors.

International Food Tasting Festival

Saturday, March 3, 1:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Sam Ouk (English Language Coordinator for Faribault Public Schools) will speak on immigration and refugee issues. This event is sponsored by the Women of St. John's. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning today (\$10 per person).

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.

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

Alan Alberg, Bob Noreen, Carol Solid

Those celebrating the baptism of

Isaac Willis Roberts Loy, son of Arielle and Adam Loy

Those with ongoing health concerns

Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

All who are homebound, including

Virley Brown, Cliff Gilomen, Richard and Sigrid Gronning

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 and Carol 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 Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

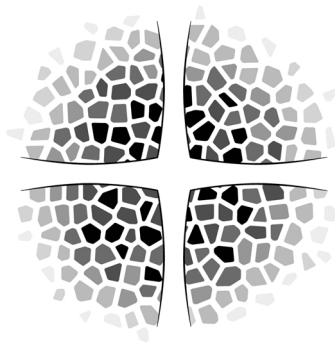
Newsletter, the Voice: February 15th for the March Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Feb. 12	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 13	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Undercroft
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Undercroft
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Feb. 14	8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Offsite: Contented Cow
	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
		Nfld Pubic Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
Thursday, Feb. 15		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Positive Path Coaching, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:30 p.m.	Bold Café - Hideaway Thursdays, Offsite: The Hideaway
Friday, Feb. 16	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 17	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Vera Haugen, Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, Feb. 18	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
		<i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	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.