



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 13, 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 — “Variations on THAXTED”

Tom Trenney

- I. Theme
- II. Menuet
- III. Berceuse

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 88o

“O God beyond All Praising”

***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** Living God, in Christ you made all things new. Transform the poverty of
our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make
known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

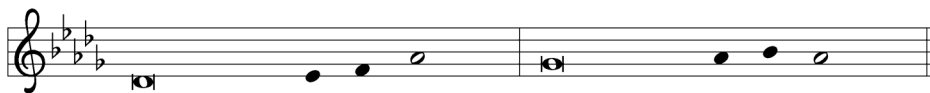
℣ The word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 1

Antiphon: John Bell

Antiphon: God has chosen me, and in my life is planted a seed God knows that I need: its fruit shall be joy.



¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,**
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night. *Antiphon*

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked;**
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenschner

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1046

“As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring”

Stanza 1 — choir/cantor

Stanzas 2–4 — all singing

***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,

C 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:

(8:30) "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green: the tree of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which make my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

—Anon.

(10:45) "Elms" from *Views from the Oldest House*

Ned Rorem

*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais - es sing; pow'rs, do-
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
si - lent, ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

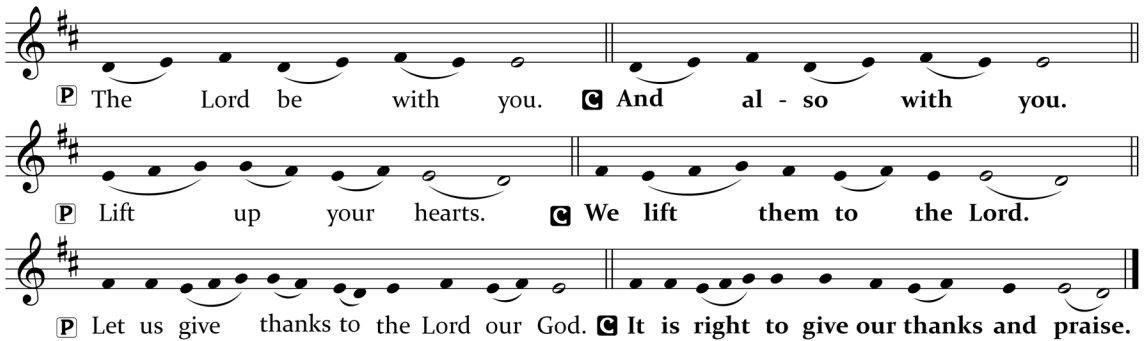
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C 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

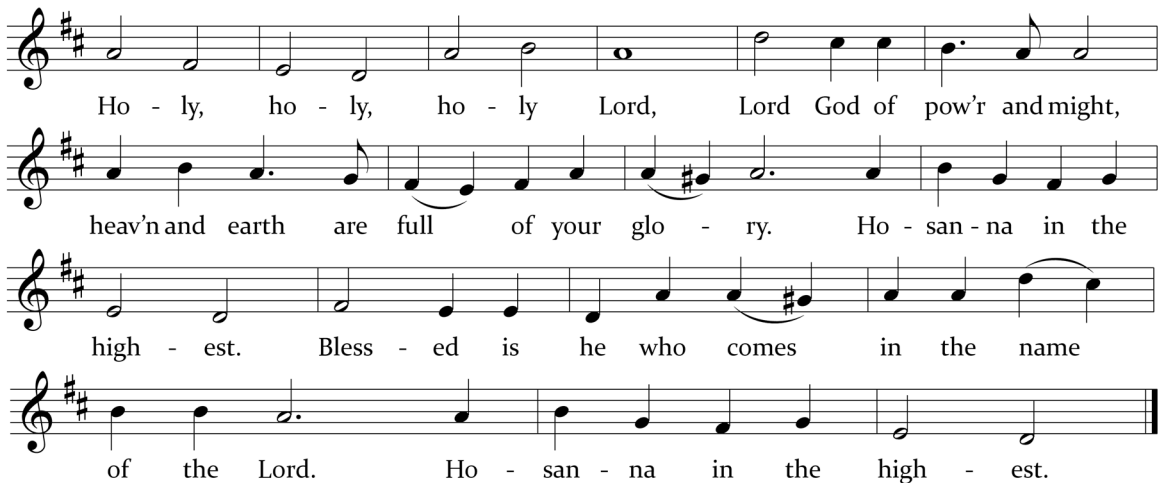


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*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

"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** — “You Are the One”

Thomas Keesecker

*You are the green, that blossom in the grasses. You are the seed that travels in the air.
You are the bread, the harvest of the vineyard. You are the joy of beauty everywhere.
You are the nest far higher than the eagle. You are the rock, the anchor of the soul.
You are the love enthroned in highest heaven. You are the tree we see from far below.
You are the time we never knew before us. You are the Alpha, ages in the past. You are
the hope, the days that lie before us. You are the love we know as life at last. You are
the cave that hides us in the mountain. You are the friend beside us in the night. You
are the spring to feed us from the fountain. You are the sun to heal us in your light.
You are the door that opens into treasures. You are the light, the beauty we will see.
You are the sum of all the holy graces. You are the One, the holy Trinity. Amen.*

—Herbert Brokering

***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:

☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 546

“To Be Your Presence”

*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Processional in D

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Chamber Choir	(8:30) Maren Hrivnak, Meredith Wallace, Courtney Talken, Maddie Smoot, Sam Rivera, Richie Spahn, Ethan Jones, Eugene Sandel
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Counters	Jerry Kipp, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Dan Sahling, Dean Schoeb
	(10:45) Monica Holicky, Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Karen Swenson by her husband Curt and her family. 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. 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 Hour Will Resume in St. John's Hall Next Sunday, February 20

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - February" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Thrivent Members

You can give St. John's an extra boost at no cost to you by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2021 funds need to be designated by March 31, 2022. This year the Church Council is designating a significant portion of these gifts toward funding our beloved tradition of Advent Fair. Go to thrivent.com to designate your funds.

Dialogues on Race Discussions

Begins Today, 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.

Courageous Conversations: *Sinner & Saint—Racism and the Church*

Pastors Pam and Jonathan's recorded presentation from our February Courageous Conversations can be viewed on the website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/programs.

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.

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.

St. John's Habitat Feed & Clean Day

Saturday, February 19

Habitat for Humanity Needs A Final Cleaning Crew and Lunch/Food Providers:

- What's Needed?
 - ⇒ 6 people to do a final cleaning of 2 of the Faith Build quad homes in Northfield
 - ⇒ Provide part of a lunch for the cleaners and construction team (or a gift card or donation to purchase lunch)
- When? Saturday, February 19
 - ⇒ Cleaning Crew: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
 - ⇒ Lunch Crew: 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- How to Sign Up:
 - ⇒ Cleaning Crew: Contact Christy Hall-Holt at connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 645-4429.
 - ⇒ Sign up for a Main or Side Dish, a Salad, or a Dessert on Habitat's SignUpGenius Page or contact Christy Hall-Holt.

Children and Youth Ministries

Virtual Sunday School (Pre-K through Grade 5)

Today, 10:00–10:30 a.m. via Zoom

Children's ministries return to in-person programming starting this Wednesday, February 16, and Sunday, February 20.

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.

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

Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Sigrid Johnson, Dick Kleber,
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Sarah Rinehart, Dave Zdenek

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Howard Thorsheim
Family of Emily Schmitz (companion of Wil Brosz)

Those with ongoing health concerns

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

All who are homebound, including

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

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 macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 20):

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 + Psalm 37 + 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 + Luke 6:27-38

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. 14	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 15	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
		Southeastern MN Synod Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Feb. 16	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:00 p.m.	Nfld Grief Coalition: Grief Support Group, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Feb. 17	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop #27455, Fellowship Hall
Friday, Feb. 18	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 19		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Feb. 20	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), Lower Level
		Sunday Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Parent Gathering, Fireside Room
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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