



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 16, 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** — Variations on LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Johann Gottfried Walther

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 604

“O Christ, Our Hope”

## \*Greeting

- ☐ 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

- ☐ O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible, page 163

*After the reading:*

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



\***Gospel** — Matthew 5:21-37

Spark Story Bible, page 272; Pew Bible, page 786

*Before the reading:*

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- 🎤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 603

“God, When Human Bonds Are Broken”

(8:30) \***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

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

*The Triune God proclaims **Cecilia Jo Gallagher** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Cecilia's parents are Ashley and Marty Gallagher, and her sponsors are Alyssa Herrera, Amy Rude, and Tim Gallagher.*

### Presentation

- 📖 People of God, do you promise to support Cecilia Jo and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- 🎤 **We do.**

\***Profession of Faith** — *Front of hymnal, page 229*

\***Baptismal Hymn** — “You Have Put on Christ”



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

\***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of hymnal, page 230*

## Baptism

### Welcome

#### Baptismal Hymn — “You Have Put on Christ”



You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap-tized. Al-le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

#### \*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:*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY, arr. John Behnke

*Rejoice Ringers*

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



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.

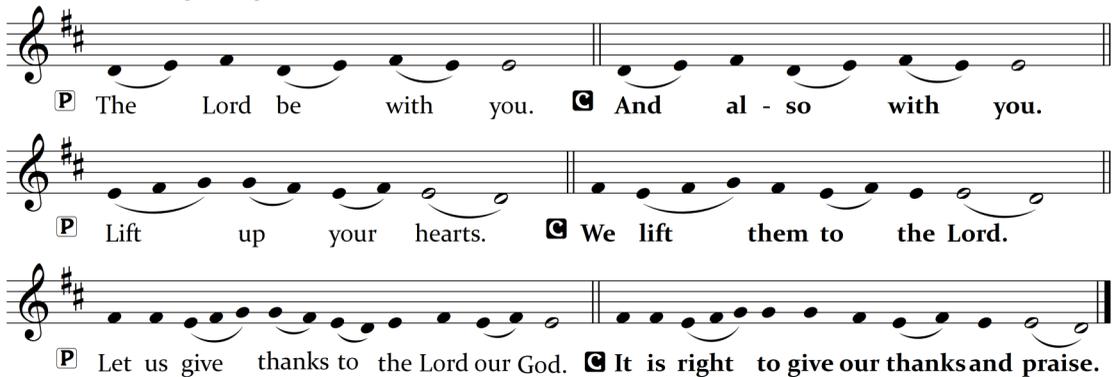
## \*Offering Prayer

**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

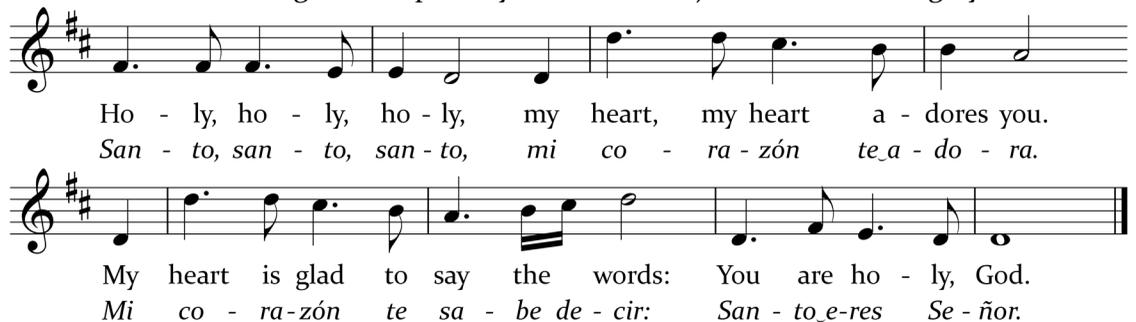


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, 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.

Music: Argentine traditional

*Sung in English or Spanish.*

**\*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.

Music: © 2003 Yusuf Khill

**Anthem** — “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY, arr. Sandra Eithun

**Hymn** — No. 772

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

**Hymn** — No. 789

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

**\*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. 482

“I Come with Joy”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — “Finale” from Concerto No. 5

G. F. Handel



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Jenn Welbaum
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl Knoch
Acolytes	(8:30) Kate Sand, Bailey Strese (10:45) Sam Froehle, Hunter Heath-Williams
Communion Preparer	Carolyn Nitz
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Christine Anderson, Carolyn Nitz
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Richard and Gretchen Falck, Bill and Jill Malecha (10:45) Jane Gelle, Dick and Jo Kleber
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 23):**

### *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Exodus 24:12-18 † Psalm 2 † 2 Peter 1:16-21 † Matthew 17:1-9

## Learning and Fellowship Between Services

### **This Week (February 16):**

Children and Youth “FUN” Raiser Breakfast, St. John’s Hall  
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: Creation Care Series (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)  
Conversation Regarding Precinct Caucuses and ISAIAH (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

## 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.”

### **Middle School Romans and Christians**

**Saturday, February 22, 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

Don’t miss out on this very popular game of Hide ‘N’ Go Seek with a Biblical twist. The cost of \$5 covers pizza and pop. Sign up in the Commons.

### **Kids Night Out (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)**

**Friday, February 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

Join us for games, pizza, along with more games, crafts, and a movie! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or across from the Nursery by February 23 so we can plan for the event.

### **High School Romans and Christians and Lock-In**

**Friday, February 28, 8:30 p.m.-8:00 a.m. on Saturday**

Join us for the a joint High School Romans & Christians and lock-in with St. John’s, Bethel, and St. Peter’s youth. Sign up in the Commons.

# **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 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 Breakfast**

**Today, 9:00-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee - the cost is \$5/person or \$20/family. Dollars raised help families with the cost of sending youth and children on the summer mission trips and camps.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Topic: *Creation Care - Social Justice, Public Health, and the Environment with Diane Angell*

Researchers have recently come to understand the subtle but clear connections between social and economic status, the changing environment we live in, and our health. How can economic stress and racism drive long term changes in how our bodies function? Why are low income populations likely to be disproportionately affected by climate change? What are the factors driving some populations to be differentially exposed to environmental contaminants? Come learn about the interesting research and new perspectives that are arising at the intersection of the fields of social justice, the environment, and public health. The forum will be presented by Diane Angell, Associate Professor of Practice, Biology, and Environmental Studies, St. Olaf College. She is an ecologist with long term interests in animal ecology and how human actions affect environmental health for all organisms.

## **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.

## **Prayer Buddies Get-Together**

**Wednesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m.**

We will have a brief get-together for Prayer Buddies and their child/family to meet and get to know one another. A meal will be provided.

## Announcements (continued)

**Precinct caucuses** for the 2020 election season gather on February 25. If you are interested in attending a caucus or would like to learn more about the agenda ISAIAH, a statewide coalition of churches and mosques, plans to support in the caucuses and the 2020 state legislative season, please join us for conversation Sunday between services in the Fireside Room. Contact persons: David Sudermann (507-663-1097) and Andrea Hoff (612-743-5767).

*“ISAIAH is a multi-racial, state-wide, nonpartisan coalition of faith communities fighting for racial and economic justice in Minnesota.”*

### **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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org) for job description. To apply send a resume and cover letter to [pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Applications are due by February 28.

### **Lenten Book Read**

Sign up for the Lenten Book Read and buy your books in the Commons.

### **St. John’s Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://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><b>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John’s Hall</b></p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, February 19: <i>Hot Dog Bar</i></p> <p><b>All are welcome!</b></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, John Quam

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Cecilia Jo Gallagher, daughter of Ashley and Marty Gallagher

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Donna Mathre

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Upcoming Voice Deadlines and Changes

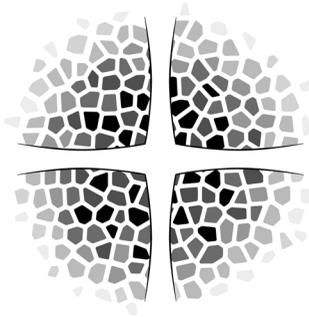
This spring we will have two editions:

- **March/April:** This edition will contain items in March and thru Easter Sunday (April 12). The deadline for this edition has been extended until tomorrow, February 17.
- **April/May:** This edition will contain items for the last half of April and all of May. The deadline for this edition will be March 15.

# 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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

<b>Mon., Feb. 17</b>	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
<b>Tue., Feb. 18</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Undercroft Visitation - Donna Mathre, Commons
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Donna Mathre, Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Feb. 19</b>	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
	5:30 p.m.	Prayer Buddy Get-Together, Fireside Room Adult Ministry & Education Board, Commons
	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
<b>Thursday, Feb. 20</b>	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Feb. 21</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Feb. 22</b>	9:00 a.m.	O.W.L., Youth Room Chancel Guild, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Romans & Christians (Grades 6-8), St. John's
<b>Sunday, Feb. 23</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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Tim Byers, *Facility Manager*  
Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*  
Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*  
Christy Hall-Holt, *Welcome Ministry Coordinator*  
Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*  
Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*  
Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*  
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.