



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — *Trumpet Concerto in E-flat*
I. Allegro

Joseph Haydn

John Cloeter, trumpet

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 858

“Praise to the Lord, the 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.

A And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may
be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 40:21-31

Pew Bible, page 582

After the reading:

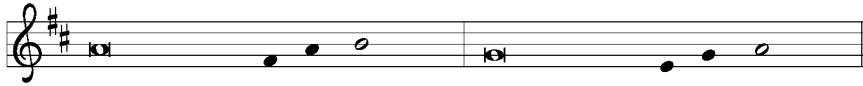
L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 147:1-8, 20c

Antiphon: Alleluia!

Antiphon: Honduran traditional



¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

²**The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

³The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

⁴**The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.** *Antiphon*

⁵Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;
there is no limit | to God's wisdom.

⁶**The LORD lifts | up the lowly,
but casts the wicked | to the ground.**

⁷Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp | to our God,

⁸**who covers the heav- | ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth.** ^{20c} | **Hallelujah!** *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Pew Bible, page 931

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 1:29-39**

Spark Story Bible, page 256; Pew Bible, page 813

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st 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. 358

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

Installation of Council and Board Members

***The 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:

- Ⓔ 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) "Bread of God, Bread of Life"

Carolyn Jennings

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Lord God, We Worship Thee"

J. S. Bach, arr. Hal Hopson

Laudate Choir

***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**

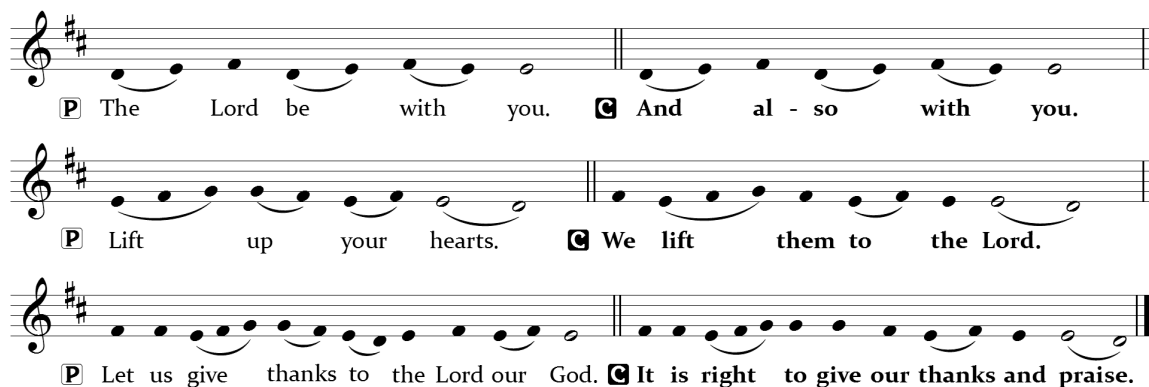
- Ⓔ Let us pray together.

- Ⓐ **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 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.

*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.

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Tis Winter Now"

Traditional English, arr. Judy Hunnicutt

Hymn — No. 612

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

Hymn — No. 810

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **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 — No. 314**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Maestoso” from *Sonata No. 3*

Felix Mendelssohn



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Tracy Kochendorfer
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale; Nathan Proctor, director (10:45) Laudate Choir; Nathan Proctor, director
Trumpet	John Cloeter
Acolytes	(8:30) Thea Benson, Gunnar Benson (10:45) Marissa Vatter, Mason Vatter
Communion Prep	Carolyn Nitz
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Christine Anderson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Eric Lund, David Rod (10:45) Dick and JoAnn Kleber, Anna Moltchanova
Coffee and Refreshments	Christine Anderson, Terry and Peggy Dell, Dick and JoAnn Kleber, Carolyn Nitz
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Amy Boxrud, Sue Brockman, Jim Enestvedt, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams



Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 4):

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: Busyness and the Pace of Life-Social Media & Youth (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Accompany/Newcomer Gathering Sample Session (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Brunch (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)



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. There are two opportunities to hear about the projects, meet our community partners, and ask questions:

- Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., 5525 Endwood Tr., Carrie & John Duba's home
- Sunday, February 11, 9:45 a.m. (between services), Fireside Room

RSVP's are not required. Please simply come join the excitement!

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 7:
Jambalaya / Chicken Nuggets

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Joyce Schrader 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 11, 18, & 25 and March 4 & 18. 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.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall

Topic: *Busyness and the Pace of Life - Social Media and Youth*

In this busy and dizzying culture, what impact is technology and social media having on us, especially our youth. Join us for a conversation led by Marnie Thompson (Northfield High School Assistant Principal) and Carrie Duba (School Psychologist). Parents and grandparents of youth are encouraged to attend.

Accompany/Newcomer Gatherings - Sample Session

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 are offering a sample session of Accompany, St. John's gatherings of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone. Open to anyone curious! We will meet over coffee and refreshments to get acquainted and give you a chance to try "dwelling in the Word."

Children's Ministry Appreciation Brunch!

Today, 9:50 a.m., Fireside Room

Sunday School teachers, assistants, and Wednesday afterschool volunteers are invited to today's brunch. The brunch is an annual event to thank all the volunteers who help keep children's ministries thriving!

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!

Prayer Buddy Get Together

Wednesday, February 7, 5:40-6:15 p.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday is our first get-together for Prayer Buddies and their child/parent(s) to meet and get to know one another. Come for dinner and conversation. Our second get together is after Easter.

Announcements

“Be a Sponsor” Information Session

Wednesday, February 7, 5:30-6:15 p.m. at Commons Round Tables

A sponsor is a person who has been a part of St. John's for a time, who walks alongside newcomers on their Accompany journey to get to know St. John's. Every newcomer who becomes part of St. John's community in the Accompany Newcomer Gatherings is matched with a sponsor. Serve yourself dinner on a tray and join us at this info session. Please let Christy Hall-Holt know if this sounds like something you'd like to know more about: sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org or by phone at 507-664-0213. Thanks!

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 for the book read. However, it is easier to facilitate groups around just one book. *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi has been chosen for the 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.

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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

Duane Benson, Eulalie Smestad, Judith Stoutland

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Douglas Trangsrud

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

Joan Carlson, Arlene Sivanich, 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; 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.

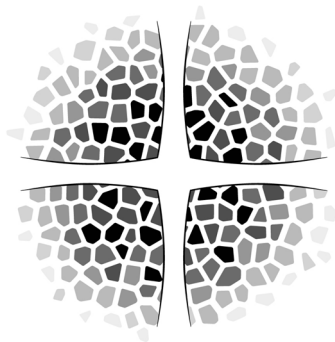
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 11):

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12 + Psalm 50:1-6 + 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 + Mark 9:2-9

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Feb. 5	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Feb. 6	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Undercroft Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Youth Transition Team, Youth Room
Wed., Feb. 7	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall 3 Links Communion, Offsite "Multiple Meanings" Bible Study, St. John's Hall Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Accompany/Newcomer Sponsor Session, Commons Prayer Buddy Get Together, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Holden Evening Prayer Around the World, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 8	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room Elizabeth Circle, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony "Grace Overflowing" Cottage Meeting, Carrie & John Duba's
Friday, Feb. 9	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Feb. 10	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room Chancel Guild, Commons Visitation - Douglas Trangsrud, Commons "Multiple Meanings" Bible Study, Youth Room



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.