

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 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 red books 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.*

## **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Today we welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship.

This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth each January. We are thankful for the many ways this ensemble continues to enrich the worship life at St. John's, St. Olaf, and around the world.

Thank you to each singer for their leadership and music this morning.

A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

*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** — "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

David Sims

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 308

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

***Stanza 1 — all***

***Stanza 2 — all***

***Stanza 3 — treble voices***

***Stanza 4 — bass voices***

***Stanza 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** Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,  
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,  
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Psalm 139:1-18

Pew Bible, page 503

*After the reading:*

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

**Anthem** — “Alleluia”

Ralph Manuel

*St. Olaf Choir*

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Pew Bible, page 929

*After the reading:*

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation



*Before the reading:*

**℟** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**☩** Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

**℟** The Gospel of the Lord.

**☩** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — No. 737**

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

**\*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:*

- 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:*

"Praise to the Lord"

F. Melius Christiansen

**\*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.**

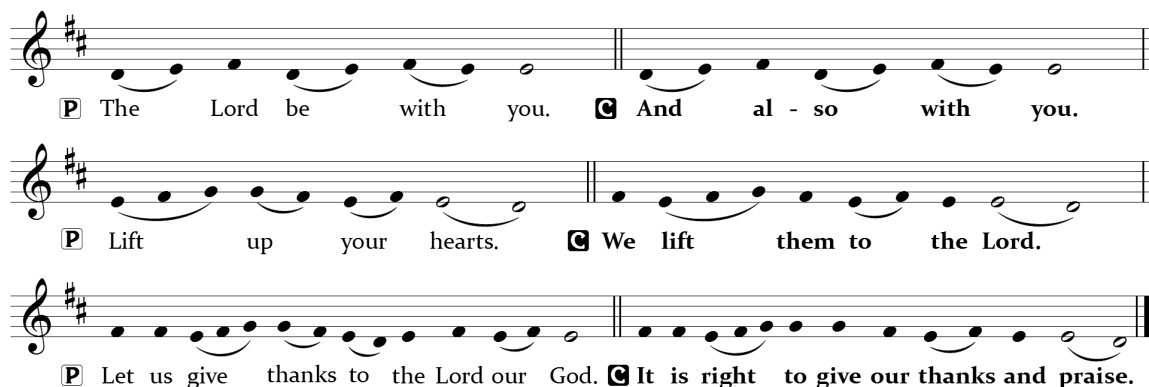
### **\*Offering Prayer**

- 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** 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.

**Anthem** — "Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. Robert Scholz

**Hymn** — No. 466

"In the Singing"

**Hymn** — No. 461

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"



**Post-Communion Canticle — “Nunc Dimittis”**

Robert Scholz

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.  
A light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace.*

— Luke 2:29-32

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

**C** Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn — No. 845**

“Voices Raised to You”

*Stanzas 1, 2, and 5*

**\*Dismissal**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

**Choral Benediction — “Beautiful Savior”**

F. Melius Christiansen



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Rod Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. Olaf Choir Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Acolytes	(8:30) Aiden Long, Charlie Neeb (10:45) Sylvie Hanson, Oden Hoff
Communion Prep	Amy McBroom
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Deb Christensen
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Evelyn Estenson (10:45) Judy Karlson
Coffee and Refreshments	Doug Child, Jennifer Edwins, Joel and Beret Froehle, Kristy Harms, Jon Kerr, Nancy Kluver, Imogene Nelson
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Otto and LaVerne Reitz
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

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (January 14):***

Reception for the St. Olaf Choir, St. John's Hall  
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)  
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

### ***Next Week (January 21):***

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons  
Faith & Health Board Table Event, 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: Reflecting on Life and Death of Family Farms (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)  
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

# 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*

Carol Carlson, Arlene Graham, Vera Haugen, John Ringle, Eulalie Smestad, Judith Stoutland

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Pam Schwandt

*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, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs

*All who are homebound, including*

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, Sylvia Solberg, Mary Gasho

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

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of Nathan Proctor by Mark & Erin Goettsch, Nathan, Anneliese, and Charlotte. 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 4, 11, 18, & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00.

## **Tomorrow is a NO SCHOOL Day! Let's Go Bowling!**

**Who:** Grades 2-8, Friends are always welcome!

**Where:** Jesse James Lanes, Hwy 3, Northfield

**Time:** 12:30–2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10.00/child for 2 games and shoe rental

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or downstairs by the Nursery.

Parents: Please drop off and pick up your child at the bowling alley. If they need a ride or financial assistance to participate, call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429.

## **Manna and Mercy Mondays**

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

We will gather around the parables of Peter Rollins, from his book *The Orthodox Heretic*. In his own words, Rollins says, “Religious writing is usually designed to make the truth of faith clear, concise, and palatable. Parables subvert this approach. In the parable, truth is not expressed via some dusty theological discourse that seeks to educate us, but rather it arises as a lyrical discourse that would inspire and transform us. In light of this, the enclosed parables do not seek to change our minds but rather to change our hearts.” There is no need to buy or read the book ahead of time, though you certainly can. We will 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!

## **Book Discussion: “They Are Us: Lutherans and Immigration”**

### **Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. Fireside Room**

#### **Led by Shirley Keltto**

(Authors of the book: Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh with forward by Martin E. Marty.)

As time allows, be prepared to share what struck you as new concepts. Even if you have not read the book, come anyway. All are welcome!

**Have you brought in food or treats for the Christmas Dinner? A funeral? A Wednesday Night Meal?** If so, have you picked up your container, yet? We have a table full of containers just waiting to return home with you. If you are missing a container, or even if you aren't sure, stop on by and check out our table of treasures. One might be yours!

# Announcements

## Prayer Buddies During Lent

Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Lenten season, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Catechism kids will be paired with an adult member from our congregation to be their “Prayer Buddy.” We ask the adult to pray for their buddy and to acknowledge them when they see their child in church. With this program, we hope to create spiritual and caring connections with children and adults in our church community. If you are interested in being a Prayer Buddy for a child, please contact Julie Brehmer, [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. We’re looking for about 20 adult members from St. John’s congregation. Thank you!

## Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration

**Tomorrow, Monday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Emmaus Church**

The theme this year is ‘We All Belong’. In a year that has been so divisive within the country, Northfield has been working to make the community a place that feels welcoming to all people. The MLK event hopes to emphasize that. This celebration is free and open to all.

## The Northfield Area Retired Pastors & Spouses Group

**Friday, January 19, Noon**

**Northfield Retirement Center Chapel**

Dinner at noon, followed by the program - “What you might like to know about health care, but were afraid to ask,” presented by Rodney Christensen, M.D. (one of the vice presidents of the Allina System.)



For 150 years, the gifts of God’s grace have overflowed at St. John’s. From our immigrant roots in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to this day, the people of God have proclaimed and enacted God’s grace in Jesus Christ through worship, welcome, and generosity. In 2019, we will celebrate 150 years of gratitude for God’s sustaining grace and will look to the future with joyful expectation.

As we approach this milestone, there is work that needs to be done for our church home, where we warmly welcome others and from which we are sent to serve the community. Through the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign, **Grace Overflowing**, we will celebrate our deep and cherished traditions, make St. John’s a more inviting, welcoming space for all, and increase our capacity to serve our neighbors through gifts to several of our Northfield community partners.

*“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”*

-- 2 Corinthians 9:10-12

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, Jan. 15</b>	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Bowling (Grades 2-8), Jesse James Lanes DFL Question and Answer Forum, St. John's Hall Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 16</b>	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Undercroft Visitation - Pam Schwandt Funeral - Pam Schwandt Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Stephen Minsters, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Jan. 17</b>	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m.  4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m.  5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4-Undercroft / Grade 5-Room 20 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 Middle School Mission Trip Info Session, Commons Book Discussion: "They Are Us," Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room
<b>Thursday, Jan. 18</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Positive Path Coaching, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room League of Women Voters, St. John's Hall Bold Café - Hideaway Thursdays, The Hideaway
<b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall

## **This Week At-a-Glance (continued)**

<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - Lifekeys Book Study, The Hideaway
<b>Sunday, Jan. 21</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 10)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	12:00 p.m.	Potluck and Annual Meeting, St. John's Hall

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 21):**

#### *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10   †   Psalm 62:5-12   †   1 Corinthians 7:29-31   †   Mark 1:14-20



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

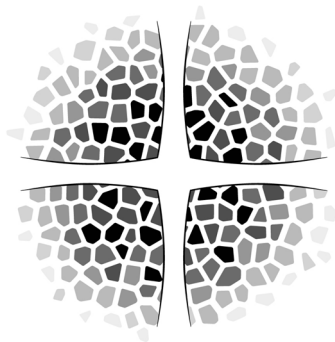
Menu for Wednesday, January 17:  
*Tater Tot Hotdish*

**All are welcome!**

## **Annual Meeting / Potluck Sunday, January 21**

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place next Sunday, January 21, at noon in St. John's Hall. Following a potluck lunch, we will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2018, and approve the 2018 budget. The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting.

Can you help with set up or clean up? Can you bring a dish to share? If you can help with any of these items, please sign up in the Commons. You may also sign up by contacting Mary Kelvie at 507-645-4429 or [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or sign up online thru CCB.



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