



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 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.



*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 — “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 657

“Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

*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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jonah 3:1-10

Pew Bible, page 753

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

Antiphon: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

Antiphon: Robert Hobby



⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

**6 God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. *Antiphon*

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

¹² Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Pew Bible, page 930

After the reading:

L 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.

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

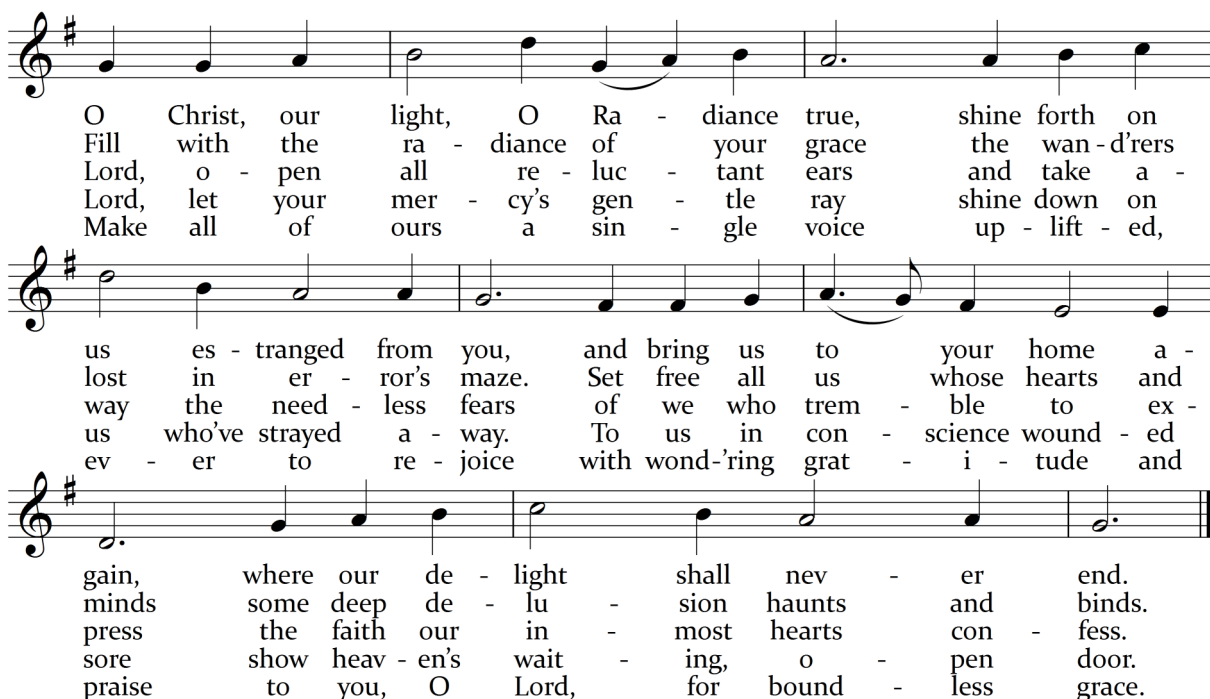
Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True”

O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT



O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
Make all of ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,
us es - tranged from you, and bring us to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all us whose hearts and
way the need - less fears of we who trem - ble to ex -
us who've strayed a - way. To us in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and
gain, where our de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
press the faith our in - most hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heerman, 1585-1647, tr. composite, alt 2018

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 105*

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- L** Lord, in your mercy,
G hear our prayer.

***Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

- G** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"

LAUDES DOMINI

arr. Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

Rejoice Ringers

***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 — "Repeat the Sounding Joy"

G. F. Handel, J. S. Bach
arr. Susan Nelson

Hymn — No. 661

"I Love to Tell the Story"

***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. 815**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Stanza 1 and Refrain

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Fugue in D Major” (Follow me!)

Johann Pachelbel



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Leif Knecht
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Amelia Becker, Will Becker (10:45) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Communion Prep	Kristin Partlo
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Angie Gehring
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Evelyn Estenson, Kristy Harms (10:45) Judy Karlson, Lowell and Barbara Johnson
Coffee and Refreshments	Barry Becker, Doug Child, Daniel and Inger Hanson, Kristy Harms, Barbara Johnson, Imogene Nelson, Kristin Partlo
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Gordon Jorgenson, Brent Mueller, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Andy Langehough, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary

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Annual Meeting and Potluck Today!

The potluck meal will begin immediately after the 2nd worship service.
The church will provide coffee, water, and lemonade.

Following the potluck lunch we will meet to:

- hear reports
- elect council and board members for 2018
- approve the 2018 budget.

The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (January 28):

Coffee and Fellowship, 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: Emmanuel Koghondi & Deborah Lyanga, speakers from Tanzania (9:45 a.m.)

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 24:
Commercials

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his 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 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.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Reflecting on Life and Death of Family Farms*

Fred Gonnerman, a member at St. John's with his family for half a century, will lead the congregation's forum on "The Life and Death of the Small Family Farm," a central theme of *The Work of Our Hands*, his memoir published two years ago. The memoir chronicles his life growing up on a farm in northern Illinois together with the revolution in agriculture during the lives of his parents, the history that helped to mold their lives together, and the momentous changes leading to the death of many small family farms, the growth of thousand-plus-acre farms and the capitalization needed to make them work.

Faith & Health Board Table Event

Today

Stop by the Faith & Health Board table in the Commons and on the Bridge after both church services for information about:

- What to do in Emergencies
- Convenings Session on February 8
- AED Training
- *Take It To The Box* Medication Disposal
- Medication Forms
- Grief Coalition

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!

Announcements

Prayer Buddies During Lent

Starting on Ash Wednesday and continuing through the Lenten season, our 4th and 5th 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 or 507-645-4429. We’re looking for about 20 adult members from St. John’s congregation. Thank you!

Introducing Georgene Johnson and Wednesday Meal Clean-Up Crews!

Georgene Johnson has coordinated volunteers for the Northfield Hospital and is now volunteering to help create and coordinate clean-up crews for Wednesday Night Meals. How do I find out more? Contact Georgene and let her know you're interested (507-663-1933 or gmi1933@gmail.com).

3rd Grade Catechism Retreat

Our second 3rd Grade CAT Retreat for the school year is on Wednesday, January 31, from 5:40 - 6:45 p.m. The topic is Holy Baptism. At least one parent or guardian is asked to attend with their 3rd grader. Everyone is welcome to bring their Wednesday meal from St. John's Hall to the retreat. We will meet in the Undercroft (lower level under the main library). Please let Julie Brehmer know if you are unable to attend. Thanks!



For 150 years, the gifts of God’s grace have overflowed at St. John’s. From our immigrant roots in the 19th 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 150th 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

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

Lillian Anderson, Carol Carlson, Arlene Graham, Eulalie Smestad,
Judith Stoutland, Rose Bethelsen

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Vera Haugen

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

Berta Diem, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

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.

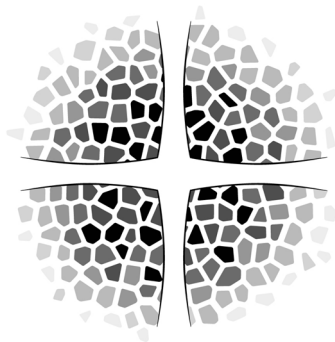
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 28):

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 + Psalm 111 + 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 + Mark 1:21-28

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Jan. 22	11:30 a.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		Peace & Justice Group, Undercroft
Tuesday, Jan. 23	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	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
	6:45 p.m.	Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Jan. 24	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4-Undercroft / Grade 5-Room 20
	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.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
		Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Conversation Circle, Fireside Room
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Jan. 26	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Northfield Arts Guild Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Jan. 27		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Jan. 28	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.