



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 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 — Two settings of “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

J. S. Bach
Wayne Wold

Welcome and Announcements

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Come, Let Us Sing”

Raquel M. Martinez

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 510

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

*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 Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

After the reading:

- 📖 The word of the Lord.
- 🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) **Psalmody** — **Psalm 111:1-8**

Antiphon: Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all your purposes for your glory.



¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.** *Antiphon*

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

Antiphon: Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Let My Heart and Soul Praise the Lord”

Handel/McFadden

Jubilate Choir

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 1:21-28**

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 Deborah Lyanga

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 617

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

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

***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) "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. John Ferguson
St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "There Is a Balm in Gilead" Edwin Childs

***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**

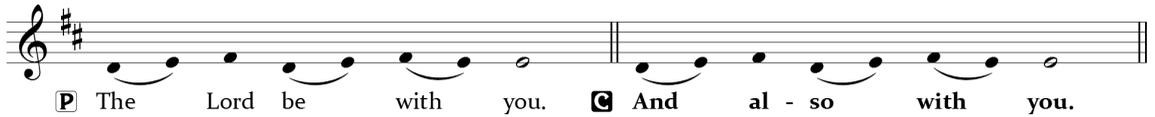
Ⓔ Let us pray together.

Ⓒ **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

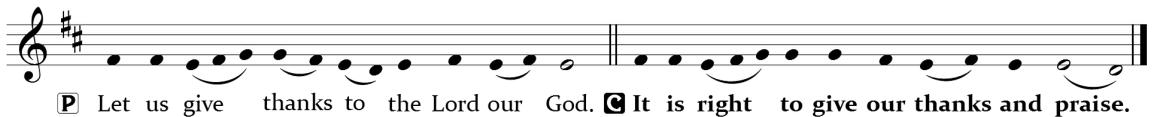
*Great Thanksgiving



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.

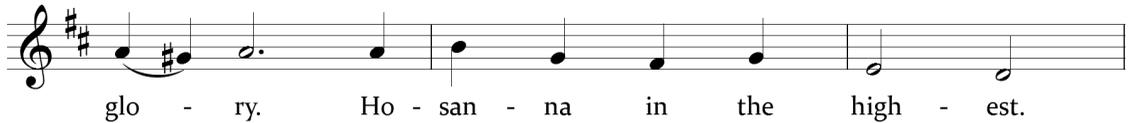
P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



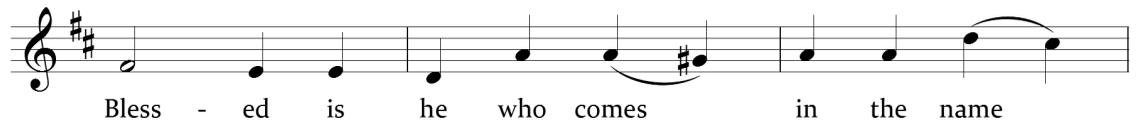
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Balm in Gilead"

Spiritual, arr. Larry Fleming

(10:45) **Hymn** — No. 614

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn — No. 470

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

***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. 665

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

Stanzas 1 and 4

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

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

G. F. Handel



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Deborah Lyanga
Assisting Minister	Ruth Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir; Carol Benson, director Jubilate Choir; Carol Benson, director Youth Choir Intern, Brian Klein
Piano	(8:30) Garrett Bond (10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Percussion	(10:45) Dyson McBroom and Genevieve Knutson
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jane Rinehart (10:45) Dick Beckman, Christy Hall-Holt
Acolytes	(8:30) Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen (10:45) Natalie DeGrego, Jaida Gehring
Communion Prep	Kristin Partlo
Communion Server	Emmanuel Kaghondi
Communion Clean Up	Angie Gehring
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Evelyn Estenson, Inger Hanson (10:45) Inger Hanson, Judy Karlson
Coffee and Refreshments	Cindy Clausen, Kristy Harms, Inger Hanson, Jon Kerr, Rusty and Nancy Kluver, Tracy Kochendorfer
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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 Forums: *See descriptions and locations on page 12* (9:45 a.m.)

Next 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 Sample Session (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

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



As we prepare for St. John's sesquicentennial in 2019, we are tending to the present needs of our Northfield community and the future of our congregation in a number of ways. The St. John's members working on the Grace Overflowing Campaign have already been astonished at the generosity of St. John's, and we are eager to share our plans for worship, welcome, and generosity with you. There will be four opportunities in the next month to gather to learn more about our campaign, to talk with our community grant recipients, and to get answers to any questions you may have:

- Wednesday, January 31, 6:00 p.m., Fireside Room at St. John's (following our 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal)
- Saturday, February 3, 2:00 p.m., 1001 Freedom Ct., Jo & Dan Franklin's home
- Thursday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., 5525 Endwood Tr., Carrie & John Duba's home
- Sunday, February 11, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room at St. John's, between services

We invite you to choose the time and place that best suits your needs then sign up in the Commons, online at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org (click on CCB in the upper right hand corner), or by calling the church office at 507-645-4429.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Thelma Nitz Lee and in honor of Walt Lee, by Thelma's children on the 15th anniversary of Thelma and Walt's wedding. 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 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.

Today's Forums

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary / Fireside Room

Topic: Emmanuel Kaghondi & Deborah Lyanga, guest speakers from Tanzania

We offer two adult forums today. In the Sanctuary, Emmanuel Kaghondi will talk about the search for a unified-diverse music curriculum in multicultural Tanzania. He will touch the need for inculturation, inclusion, and contextualized music curriculum. Emmanuel is a student of Randy and Carol Stubbs and will be the first person from Tanzania with a PhD in music. In the Fireside Room, Deborah Lyanga will speak on her work to bring an end to female genital mutilation among people in Tanzania along with domestic violence and women & children's rights. Deborah is a Lutheran pastor in Tanzania.

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!

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!

Announcements

3rd Grade Catechism Retreat

Wednesday, January 31, 5:40-6:45 p.m., Undercroft

Topic: *Holy Baptism*

Our second 3rd Grade CAT Retreat for the school year is this Wednesday. 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. Please let Julie Brehmer know if you are unable to attend. Thanks!

Accompany Sample Session

Sunday, February 4, 9:45 a.m., Undercroft

Accompany, St. John's process of welcome for newcomers and renewal for everyone, begins again on February 11. A *sample session* will be open to anyone curious next Sunday. We will meet to explain the process and give you a chance to try "dwelling in the Word."

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 gmj1933@gmail.com).

"We have faith" – Nordic Perspectives on Climate Justice

Today, January 28, 2:00 p.m., Valhalla Room (Buntrock Commons at St. Olaf)

What role can religious institutions and people of faith bring to the struggle for a sustainable future? Through stories and insight from the Norwegian churches' ecumenical, inter-religious, and cross-sectional environmental efforts from the past decade, we will gain a deeper insight into how faith can be a source of successful societal change. (Speaker: Janne Dale Hauger from Gjøvik, Norway, currently serves in the head office of the Lutheran Church of Norway, seeking to engage churches in a wide range of global social justice issues.)

 <p>Wednesday Night MEALS</p>	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, January 31: <i>Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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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

Lillian Anderson, Carol Carlson, Eulalie Smestad, Judith Stoutland,
Angie Johnson Groth (sister of Doug Johnson)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Arlene Graham

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

Rodney and Janice Helgeson, Donna Kallestad

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.

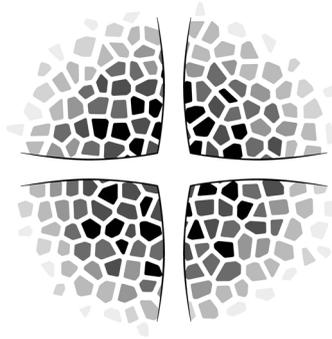
Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 4):

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 † Psalm 147:1-11, 20c † 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 † Mark 1:29-39

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Jan. 29	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 30	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 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 Stephen Ministers Potluck, St. John's Hall Youth Transition Team, Youth Room
Wed., Jan. 31	12:00 p.m. 3:45 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. 7:00 p.m.	Northfield Public School Instructional Coaches, Fireside Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) WELCA Retreat Planning Committee, Fireside Room 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 3rd Grade CAT Retreat, Undercroft "Grace Overflowing" Cottage Meeting, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 1	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Prof. Ben Casper: Immigration Law & Nfld., St. John's Hall
Friday, Feb. 2	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Cookie Rally, Lower Level
Saturday, Feb. 3	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Staff and Council Retreat, Offsite Suzuki Kids, Room 205 "Grace Overflowing" Cottage Meeting, Carrie & John Duba's
Sunday, Feb. 4	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery



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Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*

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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Dylan Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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