

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 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.*

Baptism Recognition and Remembrance Today

This is the Sunday the church remembers the
Baptism of Our Lord - the first Sunday after Epiphany.

Those baptized in 2017:

William Toov, Cora Nelson, Ozzie Taggart, John England,
Alice Langford, Quinn Erickson, Jason Jackson, Jr., Quinn Traaseth

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “...the heavens were opened...” (Baptism Dance)

Dan Locklair
from *Windows of Comfort*

Welcome and Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Front of the hymnal, page 97

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

*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, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voices moves over
the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that
we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 29:2-5, 7, 9-11

Antiphon: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.

Antiphon: Robert Hobby



- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- ⁴**The voice of the Lord is a pow- | erful voice;**
 the voice of the Lord is a | voice of splendor.
- ⁵**The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedar trees;**
 the Lord breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon. Antiphon
- ⁷The voice | of the LORD
 bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the | forests bare.
 And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.
- ¹¹**O Lord, give strength | to your people;**
 give them, O Lord, the bless- | ings of peace. Antiphon

Second Reading — Acts 19:1-7

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 1:4-11**

Spark Story Bible, page 242; Pew Bible, page 812

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. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

Stanza 1 — choir/cantors

Stanza 2-5 — all singing

***The Apostles' Creed**

Front of the hymnal, page 127

*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:

“Beloved, God’s Chosen”

ANDREW’S SONG, Robert Hobby

*Offering Hymn — “Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” stanza 3 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord
evermore and evermore.**

*Offering Prayer

Ⓐ Let us pray together.

Ⓐ **God with us: you came as a baby to a manger.**

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

**And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others
in the strength of your holy name.**

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.

Hymn — No. 301

“Bright and Glorious Is the Sky”

Hymn — No. 487

“What Feast of Love”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed 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. 300

“The First Noel”

Stanzas 4 and 5

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

***Postlude** — “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Mark Sedio



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Howard Thorsheim
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantors	(10:45) Michael and Melissa Berger
Acolytes	(8:30) Marion Williams, Max Williams (10:45) Peder Lindell, Carl Welbaum
Communion Prep	Amy McBroom
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Amy McBroom
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Angie Gehring, Kristy Harms (10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Judy Karlson
Coffee and Refreshments	Deb Christensen, Jennifer Edwins, Kristy Harms, Amy McBroom
Nursery	TBD
Counters	David Norman, Ted Peterson, Elden and Solveig Zempel
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 (January 7):

Coffee and Fellowship in the 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: Re-Membering: Connecting Through Our Stories (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next 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)

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 recovering

Lyla Paulson Arneson, Judith Stoutland

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Margaret Nokleberg

Family of LouAnn Huemoeller

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, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Arlene Graham, Lois Pearson

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.

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Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Elmer & Cora Schultz and Ken Struss by Marie Struss and 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., St. John's Hall

Topic: *Re-Membering - Connecting Through Our Stories*

Calling all adults! A couple of years ago we did a forum we jokingly referred to as, "Mingling for Lutherans." To our surprise, many of you said it was your favorite forum of the year! We thought we would do it again! As we turn the corner into a new year and a new season, it is good for us to spend some time getting to know each other. This morning, we will re-member and re-connect with new people and old friends. Pastors Pam and Jonathan will lead us through some questions that will help cultivate discussion in St. John's Hall.

Manna and Mercy Mondays

12:00 p.m., Fireside Room

Beginning tomorrow, 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 dis-course 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!

Bias-Based Bible Reading?

Do we interpret God's Word through our cultural inclinations? The Adult Education Ministry Board along with St. John's Women are offering Mark Allen Powell's four-session Bible study, "Multiple Meanings," to the congregation. Powell guides us with a fresh look into familiar scriptures through cultural lenses and biases, allowing us to re-examine our own interpretations. All are welcome, no sign-up necessary.

- **Saturdays: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14 at 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room, led by Olaf Hall-Holt.**
- **Wednesdays: Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 11 at 10:00 a.m., St. John's Hall, led by Pastor Stephanie Frey.**

Announcements

On Wednesday, January 10 at 6:15 p.m., please join us in St. John's Hall to hear the choir from the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind. They will perform a short concert, directed by Jenny Pelletier, and share a bit about their school.

We welcome the St. Olaf Choir and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services next Sunday, January 14. 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 and as we are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music. A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration

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.

Let's Go Bowling!

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

Where: Jesse James Lanes, Hwy 3, Northfield

When: Monday, January 15 – **NO SCHOOL!**

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 a financial assistance to participate, give Julie Brehmer a call at 507-645-4429. Parent or high school chaperones are needed.

Annual Meeting / Potluck Sunday, January 21

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place 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 or sign up [online thru CCB](#).

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Jan. 8	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	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 St. John's Foundation Executive Board, Room 212 Northfield Girl Scouts Troop Leaders Meeting, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Jan. 9	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:30 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Contented Cow	
Wed., Jan. 10	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	"Multiple Meanings" Bible Study, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	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 Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Jan. 11	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony

This Week At-a-Glance (continued)

Friday, Jan. 12	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
Saturday, Jan. 13	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - Lifekeys Book Study, The Hideaway
	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Undercroft
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Larry Christenson "Multiple Meanings" Bible Study, Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Larry Christenson
Sunday, Jan. 14	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (with St. Olaf Choir) <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 10)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (with St. Olaf Choir)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 14):

Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 † Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 † 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 † John 1:43-51

Wednesday Night



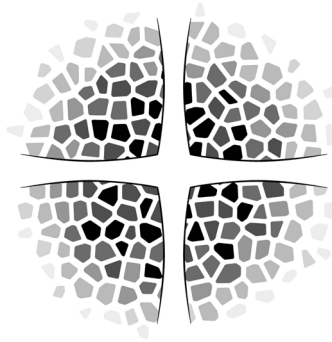
MEALS



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

Menu for Wednesday, January 10:
Sliders

All are welcome!



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