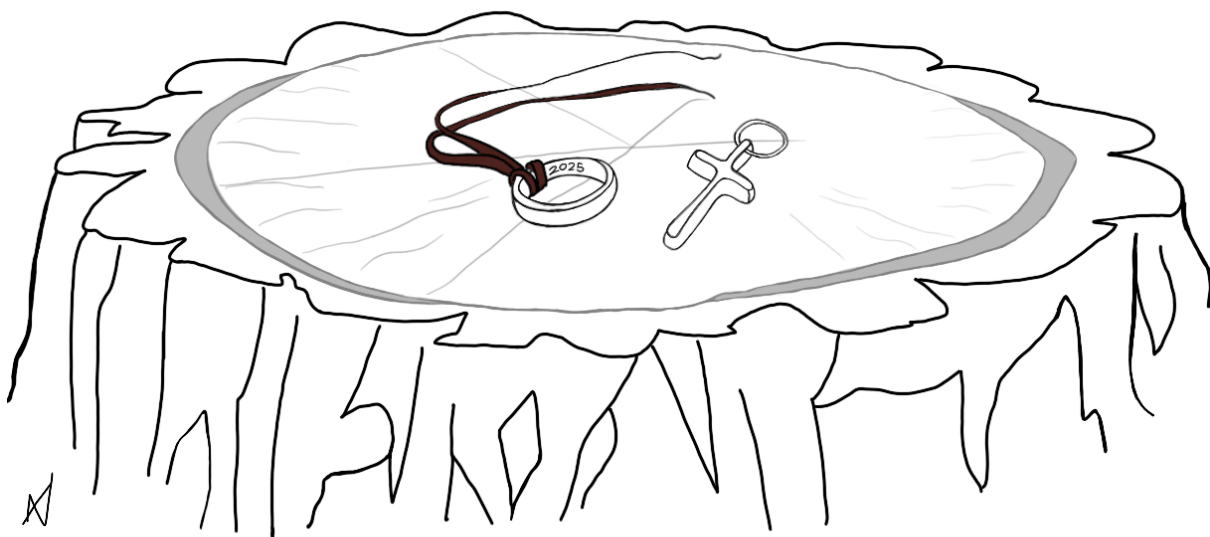


Fellowship of The Cross

Confirmation
Of the Class
Of 2025



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

REFORMATION SUNDAY † CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022 † 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 to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

☐ Pastor, ☐ Leader (Assisting Minister), ☐ Congregation

***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.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins and hymns are available for worship services.



*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.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Today we rejoice in the gifts of baptism: the promise of God's faithfulness and forgiveness, the enlivening power of the Holy Spirit, and life together in the body of Christ.

At the 10:45 service, our 10th graders take part in Affirmation of Baptism—claiming God's promises for them at this moment in their lives. They have been through a long journey of catechesis in the faith, and many family members, teachers, and mentors have been part of this formation with them. We rejoice that they are ready to publicly claim God's promises as they state their intentions to continue in the faith: to live among God's faithful people, to hear God's word and share in the Lord's Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. They are:

Seth Knutson	Emmett Norrie	Alec Vatter
Edy McLaughlin	Joran Peterson	Jackson Volkert
Gavin Moore	Elizabeth Tracy	Louise Welbaum

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — Brass Quintet No. 1

Victor Ewald

II. Adagio non troppo lento

Polaris Brass

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
arr. John Ferguson

(10:45) *Stanza 2 — St. John's Chorale*

***Greeting**

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message / (8:30) Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

Second Reading — Romans 3:19-28

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

*Gospel Acclamation — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Caribbean traditional

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

***Gospel** — Luke 19:1-10

Before the reading:

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

(8:30) Pastor Pam Fickenscher

(10:45) Alec Vatter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 779

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(8:30) ***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.**

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism and Rite of Confirmation**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 234

Presentation and Prayer

Profession of Faith

Following each article of the Apostles' Creed:

P Lord, we believe.

C Help our unbelief.

Intent to Continue in Our Baptismal Covenant with God

Promise of the Assembly

P People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of Invocation

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C Amen.

Confirmation through Laying On of Hands and Prayer

Pastor, parents, sponsors, and mentors lay hands on the Confirmand's head and pray:

+ Seth Knutson

+ Edy McLaughlin

+ Gavin Moore

+ Emmett Norrie

+ Joran Peterson

+ Elizabeth Tracy

+ Alec Vatter

+ Jackson Volkert

+ Louise Welbaum

P Stir up in *-name-* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C** Amen.

Celebrating with the Confirmands

P Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

*Prayers of Intercession

Musical Response — “Let My Prayer Rise Up” from *Holden Evening Prayer*
Sung before and after the prayers.

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

Text and Tune: Marty Haugen, © 1990 GIA Publications

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) “Ave Verum Corpus”

W. A. Mozart

(10:45) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Kyle Pederson

Anthem text based on ELW No. 504.

St. John's Chorale

***Offering Hymn** — “For the Fruit of All Creation” *stanza 1*

AR HYD Y NOS

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the sowing, tending, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share
with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.
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, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en 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. 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.**

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center. 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.

(10:45) **Solo** — “Children of the Heavenly Father”
Emmett Norrie, guitar

Hymn — ELW No. 729 “The Church of Christ, in Every Age”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

*Prayer after Communion

☞ God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☞ Amen.

*Blessing

Response:

☞ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 504

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — ON EIN FESTE BURG

Charles Ore



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“At a final Confirmation retreat a few weeks ago, these nine Confirmands watched a clip from J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Fellowship of the Ring*, where nine companions join together to go on a quest to rid the world of a powerful evil. They were called the Fellowship of the Ring. This scene in some ways reflects what happens in the Affirmation of Baptism—we renounce evil, we say yes to living life in God’s promises, and the community surrounds and supports us. Today’s nine Confirmands (and companions) saw themselves in this scene, declaring, “We are the Fellowship of the Cross.””

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Arielle Loy (10:45) Confirmands
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(10:45) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(10:45) Jane Turpin Moore
Guitar	(10:45) Eric Carranza
Brass	Luke Sargent, Ian Dimundo; trumpet Siena Olson, horn Carson Aldrich, trombone Parker Barrette, tuba
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Marie Benson (10:45) Luther and Bonnie Peterson
Coffee and Refreshments	Marie Benson, Cindy Clauson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Dan Franklin, Olaf and Christy Hall-Holt, Kent Rommereim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (October 30):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Trunk or Treat (9:45–10:30 a.m., Outside at St. John's)

Next Week (November 6):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 6):

All Saints Sunday

Job 19:23-27a † Psalm 17:1-9 † Ephesians 1:11-23 † Luke 20:27-38

Announcements

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

Printed copies of the October 27 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Paul Raadt by Marilyn McRae Raadt. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: December 25 and January 1, 8, 22 & 29.

Have you signed up for the new picture directory?

Our directory won't be complete without YOU! Photography Dates:

- Tuesday, November 8–Saturday, November 12
- Hours of Photography: 2:00–9:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Saturday

You can sign up online at www.ucdir.com (church code: mn256 / password: photos) or call the church office at 507-645-4429. **If you are unable to make it to the church for a photo session, you can submit a photo via email to the church office or dropped one off at the church. For additional assistance, call the church office.**

Planning Our Future Together

The Church Council invites your ideas for St. John's future. If you were not able to attend an in-person conversation, or have had ideas since those sessions, you can share your thoughts at this google form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/de/1FAIpQLSeZLxDeVWCNkauBEdNUQA7oROcjrurCVywdDFnD7VYRI8OROA/viewform>

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday, November 2, 5:15–6:15 p.m., St. John's Hall

Menu: Tater Tot Hotdish

All are invited to enjoy a community meal and fellowship on Wednesday evenings during the programming year! Meals are free-will offering to help cover the cost of food.

- Can you help support Wednesday Night Meals by donating a dessert (store-bought or home-made treats)? Sign up to donate a dessert by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Art Exhibit Coming in November

Days are getting shorter and our lives are full of fall activities. Sometimes we need to step back and take a moment to breathe and reflect. The Worship & Arts Board and Stewardship Board invite you to take some time in November and December to take in an exhibit of the work of a few St. John's artists. St. John's Hall will house an exhibit of art that will encourage you to pause, engage, and experience art on your own time. We're excited to kick off this event on Sunday, November 6. Plan to join us and to stroll past the art often!

Announcements (continued)

Annual Fall Church Yard Clean Up

Saturday, November 5, 8:30 a.m.–Noon (If Rain, November 12)

The Property & Grounds Board kindly requests your assistance. Many hands make less work! Bring gloves, rakes, wheel barrows for spreading mulch, leaf blowers, tarps, leaf bags, tip baskets, clippers, and dandelion diggers. Garden trailers and/or trucks are welcome. Thank you!

Our Stewardship Appeal for 2023 is Underway

We are grateful for so many blessings here at St. John's! Now is the time of year when we turn thoughts to the coming year. St. John's vital mission has flourished, even as we have had to adapt to new ways to accomplish that mission. We thank all who generously share their time, skills, and financial support, which allows St. John's to carry on its ministry to the congregation and community. As planning proceeds for 2023, it is helpful for the Council to anticipate what level of support can be expected in the coming year. We encourage you to prayerfully consider making a financial commitment for 2023 in the form of a pledge.



Bible Overview for Grown-Ups Starts this Wednesday, November 2

Manna and Mercy is the Bible curriculum being used by youth grades 3 through 9 this year. Based on a book by Pastor Dan Erlander, it presents the whole story of salvation with a contemporary lens. Kristin Partlo will be facilitating sessions for adults starting Wednesday, November 2. Parents of youth in programming are particularly encouraged to come and enrich their own knowledge alongside their kids. Sessions will be held from 6:30–7:30 p.m. on programming Wednesdays.

Courageous Conversations Presents: Two Communities—Creating Space to Heal

Thursday, November 3, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

- Learn how the Prairie Island Indian Community and the City of Red Wing are collaborating on visual art projects to bring healing from past pains.
- Discover story panels at the base of the He Mni Can/Barn Bluff explain the history of this spiritual and sacred space and its importance. Be inspired by collaboration on a new mural project which seeks to bring both communities together in new ways.

Registration required www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous

Men's Bible Study

The newly formed Men's Bible Study will now meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Rev. Grant Aaseng is leading a discussion of the Gospel of Matthew. This coming Wednesday we will cover the Temptation of Christ and the Sermon on the Mount. You are welcome to bring a lunch if joining the group during your lunch hour.

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

Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Guenther Moesler

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, 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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call 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.



**ANNUAL FALL
CHURCH YARD
CLEAN UP**

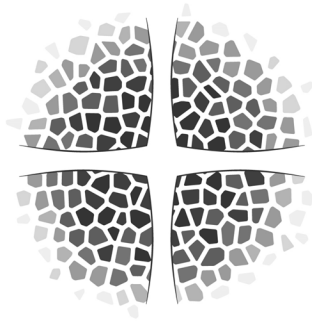
**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 5
8:30 A.M. - NOON
IF RAIN, NOVEMBER 12**

Many hands make light work!

This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Oct. 31	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 1	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Nov. 2	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room
		Bible Overview for Grown-Ups, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
	7:30 p.m.	Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
Thursday, Nov. 3	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Three Links, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations via Zoom
Friday, Nov. 4	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 5	8:30 a.m.	Fall Clean Up, Outside at St. John's
	3:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra Concert, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Nov. 6	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.