



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 † 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 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.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** 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

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

The festival of All Saints occurs just as the landscape in the northern hemisphere heralds the dying of plants and the quiet of winter rest. In like manner, the readings and liturgy of this day call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come.

The Christian church celebrates "greatness" in a markedly different way than our world. Jesus calls blessed those who are meek, grieving, peaceful, and merciful, and we claim "sainthood" for anyone who has died with Christ in the waters of baptism. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality. At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

This morning we remember by name 28 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints Sunday 2018. They were fathers and mothers, beloved grandparents, sisters and brothers. Among them were musicians and woodworkers, dentists and pilots, homemakers and teachers. They were sinners and saints at the same time, claimed by God in the waters of baptism and redeemed by Christ's promises. Today we give thanks for them and remember God's promise to us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*As you enter the sanctuary, each family is invited to
light a candle in memory of a loved one.*

Prelude — “Elegy”

James Biery

Welcome and Announcements

***Thanksgiving for Baptism** — *Front of hymnal, page 280*

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 422

“For All the Saints”

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all

Stanza 3 — all in harmony

Stanza 4 — bass voices

Stanza 5 — treble voices

Stanzas 6 and 7 — 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.
- C** **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- P** Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace
to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to
know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those you love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Litany for All Saints

P Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

P Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart,

All and you will find rest for your souls.

P For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

All and you will find rest for your souls.

P God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brothers and sisters:

+ Rodney Helgeson	+ Mary Gasho
+ Bette Quinnell	+ Clifford Gilomen
+ Charles Muckey	+ Donna Kallestad
+ Lillian Anderson	+ Sylvia Solberg
+ Richard Gronning	+ Marjorie Kilber
+ Elizabeth Trangsrud	+ Robert Vargas
+ Audrey Pleschourt	+ Eulalie Smestad
+ John Lygre	+ Solveig Bailey
+ Brynhild Rowberg	+ Robert Matta
+ Fred Dahl	+ Margaret Mohn Spear
+ Loren Lee	+ Walter Lee
+ Frederick Gonnerman	+ Linda Beckman
+ Ester Hustvedt	+ Robert "BJ" Johnson
+ Karen Swenson	+ Gloria Knutson

P Gracious God, we rejoice with thanksgiving at these new saints you have claimed as your own, washed in the waters of baptism this year. We thank you for:

+ Tegan O'Boyle	+ Zachary Monson
+ Thomas Toov	+ Marit Wanken

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Pew Bible, page 961

After the reading:

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

Children's Message

*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** — Luke 19:1-10

Spark Story Bible, page 400; Pew Bible, page 854

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

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 426

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of 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:

(8:30) "The Sun Has Brought Another Day"

arr. Trond Kverno

The sun has brought another day, but now the night is nearing. And so the time has come to pray, the light is disappearing. Now earthly chores may wait, step up to heaven's gate with open heart for Jesus kind to calm your soul and ease your mind. You brilliant stars that shine so clear, your radiant light is beaming. You clouds of night, now drawing near, while skies with light are teeming. Though stars may be obscure, his grace will still endure. For Jesus is my light and shield, for him all other love shall yield. So rest in peace throughout the night, you need not to awaken. He will be near, your guiding light, so you won't be forsaken. His eyes will rest on you, there's nothing you must do but give to him your faith and love, to Jesus, Savior, above. My soul is nurtured by your grace, my heart is in your keeping. When time will come to see your face with tears of joy I'm weeping. Not even death I fear, my Jesus stays so near. When all is done and all is said with grace our God be in my head.

- English translation, Gunilla Luboff

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Beautiful Savior"

Aaron David Miller

***Offering Hymn** — "For the Fruit of All Creation" *stanza 3*

AR HYD Y NOS

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

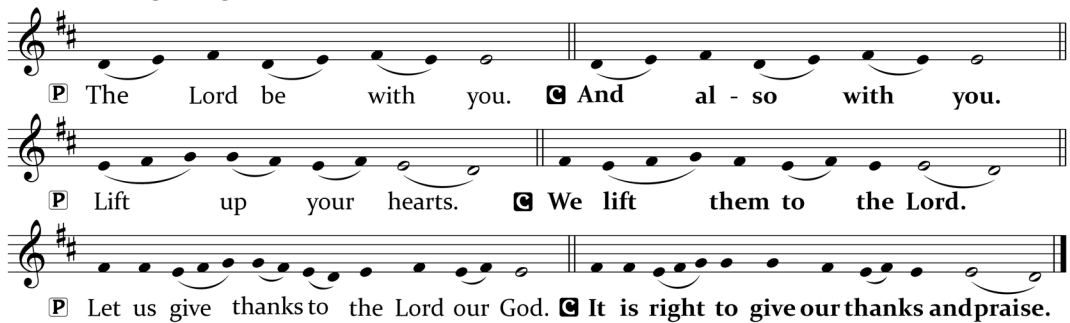
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also 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.*

On this All Saints Sunday, during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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** — "Stay With Us" from *Captive and Free*

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

- Luke 24:29

Hymn — No. 624

"Jesus, Still Lead On"

Hymn — No. 313

"O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your
beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you
on the way. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 733

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Stanza 1 and Refrain

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Festival Piece, No. 1

Dagfinn Moe



Following worship today, family members
are invited to take one white carnation
in memory of or in honor of their loved one who was
remembered in the All Saint's litany this morning.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Mark Rydberg
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Acolytes	(8:30) Madison Hansen, Clara Menssen (10:45) Clara Nelson, Luke Nelson
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jane Rinehart, Mark Rydberg (10:45) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	TBD
Communion Server	(8:30) Pat Fick, Emmanuel Kaghondi, Dennis Rinehart (10:45) Angie Gehring, Kristin Partlo, Terry Rydberg
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Gretchen Hardgrove, Ted and Tricia Peterson, Lynette Schroeter
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman, Martha Erickson, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson

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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Today (November 3):

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 Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: *Creation Care - Cannon River Watershed Partnership* (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 10):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

St. John's Health Fair, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 6:

Monte Cristo Bake

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in by friends of St. John's. 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: November 10 and December 15, 22, 24 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Creation Care - Kristi Pursell & the Cannon River Watershed Partnership*

The Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) is your local partner in clean water. Founded in 1990, CRWP has tackled a lot of projects over the years, but what are they up to today and how can you help maintain this critical resource? This interactive session with Kristi Pursell, CRWP's Executive Director, will be focused on the current status of water bodies in the Cannon River Watershed, what CRWP is doing currently, as well as our plans to achieve a future of cleaner water.

Courageous Conversations: Bold Actions

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Human Trafficking in Rice County ...and what you can do about it. Panel discussion with Erica Staab-Absher from Hope Center in Faribault, Monte Nelson of the Northfield Police, Anika Rychner from Community Action Center, and Emily Fulton-Foley from Northfield Union of Youth. Co-sponsored with Northfield Rotary. Open to the public.

Audio Files of the Historical Presentations Available Online

The audio files from the anniversary weekend history presentations are available on our website.

Blood Drive Update

We reached 136 pints for the American Red Cross! We can still reach our goal of 150 pints for 150 years with your help. There are numerous opportunities to donate blood in the Northfield area. Please call Bonnie Peterson (218-686-8769) with questions or donation information. Thank you!

St. John's Health Fair

Next Sunday, November 10, Between Services in St. John's Hall

There will be something for everyone with information and professional personnel available to answer questions. Here are the opportunities: Northfield Hospital & Clinics Services, Health Finders, Blood Pressure Checks, Advanced Funeral Planning, AED Training, Healthy Community Initiative, Hospice/Home Health Care, Advance Care Planning, Mental Health Services, Stephen Ministers, Acupuncture, SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life), Long-Term Care Health Insurance, Opioid Epidemic, Rehab Services, Sleep Study, YMCA, and 50 North.

Announcements (continued)

November Emphasis: ELCA World Hunger Appeal

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 821 million people around the world in 2018 couldn't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives. Forty million people in our own country do not know where their next meal is coming from. ELCA World Hunger is positioned to address the problem of hunger all around the globe. In this month when we give thanks for the blessings of bountiful food, let us remember those who face the daily challenges of adequate food and water. Your support makes a difference. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger. Use the specially marked envelope in your packet. Make checks payable to St. John's, noting ELCA World Hunger on the memo line. You can also give online thru our website. Thank you.

Children and Youth Ministry

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning

Tomorrow - No School Day

9:00-11:00 a.m., Meet in the Commons for Breakfast / Movie in St. John's Theater

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's! Come for breakfast and stay to watch a movie! Feel free to bring friends! Children younger than kindergarten need to be accompanied by a parent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated! Let Julie know if you can lend a hand.

Upcoming Middle School Event...

Romans and Christians Game Night AND Potluck Dinner for parents and siblings of middle schoolers prior to the game! Get to know other families of middle school youth!

Friday, November 8, Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Romans and Christians Game begins at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and visit with other parents of middle schoolers. Parents are welcome to stay as long as they would like, or leave when they wish. R & C game for the middle schoolers starts at 7:30 p.m. and finishes by 10:00 p.m. Signups are now available on the bulletin board in the Commons. Friends are welcome!

Upcoming High School Youth Event...High School Lock-in at St. John's!

November 22-23, 8:00 p.m. Friday - 8:00 a.m. Saturday (This time is currently approximate.)

Come for a fun overnight experience that includes games, activities, and a movie in St. John's Theater! Pizza, snacks, and breakfast included! Signups are available in the Commons or on the bulletin board outside the Youth Room or contact Emmanuel Kaghondi at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Cindy Clauson, Ruth Hansen, Gertrude Johannsen

Those celebrating the birth of

Cecilia Gallagher, daughter of Ashley and Marty Gallagher

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Gloria Knutson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette,
Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning, Elouise Quinnell

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;

Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 10):

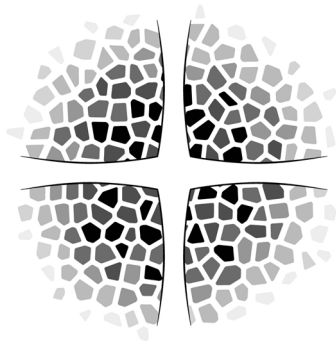
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a † Psalm 17:1-9 † 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 † Luke 20:27-38

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Nov. 4	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Movie Morning (5 th Grade and Younger), Commons/Theater Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tuesday, Nov. 5	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Northfielders for Justice and Peace, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 6	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Courageous Conversations Book Group, Fireside Room Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 7	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
Friday, Nov. 8	8:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Middle School Youth and Parents Potluck, St. John's Hall Middle School Romans & Christians, St. John's
Saturday, Nov. 9	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Nov. 10	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery (Rite of Welcome) Usher & Greeter / First Responder Training, St. John's Hall



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