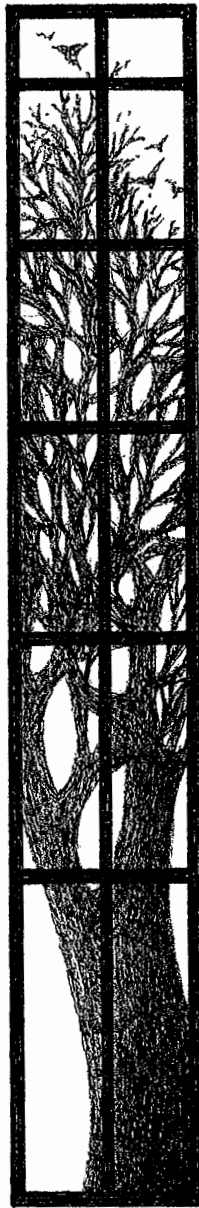


We
are
God's
children
now.



What we
will be
has not
yet been
revealed.

1 JOHN 3:13

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.

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 23 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints Sunday 2016. They were fathers and mothers, beloved grandparents, sisters and brothers. Among them were teachers, scientists, farmers, engineers, homemakers and pastors. 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

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

***Thanksgiving for Baptism** — *Front of the Hymnal, page 280*

***Processional Hymn** — No. 422

“For All the Saints”

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all

Stanza 3 — choir

Stanza 4 — all in harmony

Stanza 5 — treble voices

Stanza 6 — bass voices

Stanza 7 — all

***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, 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.

☑ **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 your 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.

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

+ Allen Hanson	+ Warren Wold
+ Forrest Brown	+ Siri Jean Raskob
+ Milo Quinnell	+ Laura Tverberg
+ Paul Jorgensen	+ James Rust
+ Charles Jacobson	+ Paula Lawrence
+ Nancy Gatton	+ Myron Solid
+ Olaf Millert	+ Corrine Heiberg
+ Omar Otterness	+ Sherwin Hansen
+ Nancy Merry	+ Grace Madson
+ Kenneth Madole	+ Lorene Hastings
+ Thelma Nitz Lee	+ Jim Scott
+ Basil Mroz	

P Heavenly Father, 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

+ Clayton Moore	+ Ozzie Taggart
+ Evelyn Langan	+ John England
+ William Toov	+ Alice Langford
+ Cora Nelson	

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible, page 999

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

Pew Bible, page 990

After the reading:

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

***Gospel** — Matthew 5:1-12

Spark Story Bible, page 264; Pew Bible, page 785

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th 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 — No. 631

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*The 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.

*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.

Welcome and Announcements

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) “When Memory Fades”

Eric Nelson

When memory fades and recognition falters, when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused, speak to our souls of love that never alters; speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused, O God of life and healing peace, empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.

As frailness grows and youthful strengths diminish in weary arms which worked their earnest fill, your aging servants labor now to finish their earthly tasks, as fits your mystery’s will. We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one. All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone. Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!
—Mary Louise Bringle

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) ON SINE NOMINE

Anne Krentz Organ

***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**

☞ Let us pray.

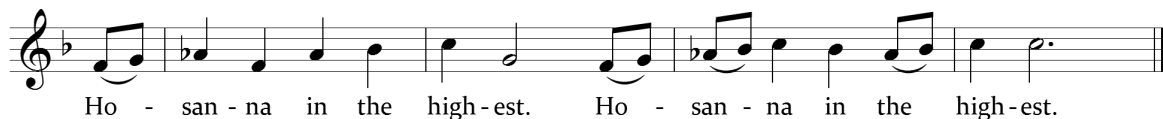
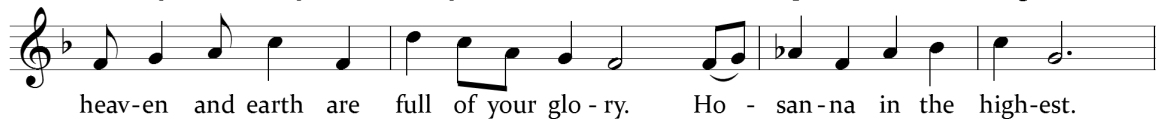
☞ **God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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



*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn — "Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

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Hymn — No. 838

"Beautiful Savior"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- P** God, you have fed us with your very self.
A **We say thank you.**
- P** You have made us one in the body of Christ.
A **We say thank you.**
- P** You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
A **We say thank you.**
- P** Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing,
may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace,
and bless you now and forever.
A **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn — No. 627

“O Day Full of Grace”

Stanzas 1 and 5

*Dismissal

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — on HYFRYDOL

Ralph Vaughan Williams



Please join us in the Courtyard at 10:00 a.m. for a short service.
We will gather together in prayer and song to speak
the names of those already laid to rest and
to pray God's blessing on this sacred space.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Jonathan Norrie
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) Mary Davis
Acolytes	(8:30) Erik Boehning, Nicholas Boehning (10:45) Kai Legvold, Gavin Moore
Communion Preparer	Pam Schwandt
Communion Servers	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Judy Swanson, Barbara Wilson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rose Berthelsen, Don Sahling (10:45) Audrey Moe, Dick and Donna Werdahl
Coffee and Refreshments	Michael and Melissa Berthelsen, Shelley DeBernardi, Jon Kerr, Tricia Peterson, Gary and Lynette Schroeter
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, Dick Dahlin, Chris and Martha Erickson
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

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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.

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

This Week (November 5):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

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

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

St. John's Forum: All Saints Day - Columbarium Service (10:00 a.m., St. John's Courtyard)

Next Week (November 12):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

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

St. John's Forum: Busyness and Pace of Life - Sleep (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

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 8:

Zuppa and Wild Rice Soup

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Bruce and Audrey Moe in memory of their parents. 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 12, December 24, 25 & 31. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's White Roses are given in memory of Helene Anglin by her family.

Stewardship Board

Why increase your giving in 2018? The stewardship board has set a goal of a 5% increase in intents for 2018 annual giving. Reaching this goal will allow us to take a sabbatical next spring from youth fundraising, supporting all our children and youth scholarships through our annual giving. Sunday November 12 we will offer our intents in worship at both services. Live generously, give joyfully!

Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!

Tomorrow - NO SCHOOL DAY!

9:00-11:00 a.m., Breakfast in the Commons / 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 call Julie at 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated!

Properties & Grounds "Fall Clean Up Day"

Saturday, November 11, Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

We will be sweeping debris from the curbs in the parking lot, sweeping sidewalks and steps to the entry ways, pulling weeds and raking leaves as needed. All who are able are encouraged to join us. Even if all you can spare is an hour, every little bit makes a large difference. Don't be shy! Come out and enjoy fellowship and the satisfaction of a job well done!

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

The 2017 goal for the ELCA World Hunger is to raise \$24 million to support the ELCA worldwide network of companion churches and partners in the fight to end hunger. From micro loans to health clinics, water wells to animal husbandry, the work of ELCA World Hunger supports solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Through this comprehensive approach, including advocacy and education, the work addresses hunger from all angles, locally and around the world. There is an envelope in the St. John's packet for ELCA World Hunger, and we encourage you to make that donation now. For those who use the on-line donation system, there is a specific account named ELCA World Hunger. St. John's hopes to again raise at least \$10,000. Thank you.

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

Paul Beck, Barb Knaak, Wes Pearson, Bob Scholz, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those celebrating the birth of

Quinn Irene Erickson, daughter of Lynnette and Nick Erickson

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jim Scott

Family of Irma Walker (sister of Dolores Nelson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, 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

Lillian Anderson, Elaine Feroe, Arlene Graham

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

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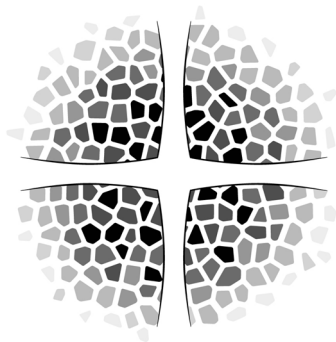
Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 6	9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Movie Morning (Grades K-5), Commons 9:00 a.m. Women of St. John's Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft 12:00 p.m. Manna and Mercy Monday's, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scout Troop Leaders, Undercroft
Tuesday, Nov. 7	7:00 a.m. City of Northfield: Special Election, St. John's Hall 8:45 a.m. Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 12:30 p.m. Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee, Undercroft Northfielders for Justice & Peace, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 8	9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall 10:00 a.m. Bible Study with Eric Lund, St. John's Hall 12:00 pm. Northfield Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room 3:45 p.m. Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) 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 6:15 p.m. Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall Confirmation (Grade 9), Undercroft High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room Gathering for those Experiencing Loss, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 9	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, Fireside Room 6:15 p.m. Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday, Nov. 10	8:45 a.m. Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Nov. 11	8:00 a.m. Fall Clean Up Day, St. John's Discover Who You Are-Lifekeys Book Study, The Hideaway 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Nov. 12	8:30 a.m. Worship/Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)</i> 10:45 a.m. Worship/Nursery (Baptism - Quinn Erickson)



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