

SERVICE OF THE WORD † ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 † 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.*

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

Children's Bibles and activity bags

*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

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 22 saints of St. John's who have died since All Saints Sunday 2020. Some were commended to God here with the community gathered; others by necessity were laid to rest with only a few family present. Among them were pastors and professors, homemakers and teachers, beloved parents and siblings. 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 for all the beloved dead we bring on our hearts, 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

Prelude — “O Day Full of Grace”

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. Bryan King

Welcome and Announcements

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

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW 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.

G 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.

G 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:

+ Kathryn Haugen	+ Maxine Petrick
+ Dick Beckman	+ Jon Rondestvedt
+ Gertrud Johannsen	+ Joanne Summers
+ Eugene Nelson	+ Beverly Gallarane
+ Mary White	+ William Rowan
+ L. Gordon Smith	+ Robert “Bob” Scholz
+ Marlene Engstrom	+ Pauline Fagre
+ Alvhild Sherve	+ Dorothy Ostlie
+ Beverly Nestingen-	+ Helen Radtke
Lundeen	+ Paul Raadt
+ Jim Thompson	+ Rae Pearson
+ Eldora Seitz	

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:

+ Case Tussing	+ Luca Squadroni
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(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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading — Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel — John 11:32-44

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 953

“Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands”

Stanza 1 — choir/cantor

Stanzas 2 and 3 — all

*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.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) “Death Be Never Last”

Ray Makeever, arr. David Sims (ACS #1030)

We walk in light of countless faces bright as beams of rising sun, certain as the morning chases night in endless ages’ run. Turning eyes now to their shining memory, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth divining: death be now but never last. When sorrow’s heavy hand has weighted loss against the greater gain, pinning down that griefsore fated laden on the bed of pain. Turning eyes now to their shining memory, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth divining: death be now but never last. When joy returns with laughter singing thanks to God for life’s sweet song, let us follow after bringing thanks to God for those now gone. Turning eyes now to their shining memory, to their faithful past, saints be now the truth divining: death be now but never last. —Ray Makeever

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Morning Has Broken”

Gaelic tune, arr. Robert Scholz

Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the world. Sweet the rain’s new fall, sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day! Now by your Spirit, Jesus, our Savior, we may inherit new life and peace. Your grace invites us, your love unites us, with light you guide us: our faith increase.

—Eleanor Farjeon

*Offering Hymn — “Now Thank We All Our God” stanza 1 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who won-drous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, tr. Catherine Winkworth; Music: Johann Crüger

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

☐ Holy God,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge,
as nature in the north cycles towards dormancy and death,
we thank you for the sustenance of your Word.

☑ For your Word of life, we give thanks.

We praise you for speaking through Christ your Word,
in whom is your authority, your truth, and the justice of your ways.
When we are threatened by dangers and surrounded by evil,
you speak to us of life that comes through Christ's death.

☑ For your Word of promise, we praise you.

Grant us the endurance of the Spirit of your Son.
Upheld by the voice of your Word,
may we persevere with courage, energy, and joy,
serving our neighbors faithfully until the end of our days.

☑ For your Word of power, we plead.

Abide with us in your Word, O God,
that we may speak your blessing to others,
today and forever.

☑ Amen.

***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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☑ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — “O Day Full of Grace” (ELW No. 627)**

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O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
How blest was that gra - cious mid - night hour, when God in our
Yea, were ev - 'ry tree en - dowed with speech, and were ev - 'ry
As birds in the morn - ing sing their praise, God's fa - ther - ly
When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
flesh was giv - en; then bright - ened the dawn with light and
leaf - let sing - ing, they nev - er with praise God's worth could
love we cher - ish, for giv - ing to us this day of
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
pow'r that spread o'er the dark - ened heav - en; then rose o'er the
reach, though earth with their praise were ring - ing. Who ful - ly could
grace, for life that shall nev - er per - ish. The church God has
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
world that Sun di - vine, which gloom from our hearts has driv - en.
praise the Light of life who light to our souls is bring - ing?
kept two thou - sand years, and hun - ger - ing souls did nour - ish.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk hymn; Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, tr. composite; Music: Christoph E. F. Weyse

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in C Major

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Dennis Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Conductors	(8:30) Sigrid Johnson, David Sims
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Violin	(10:45) Kalli Sobania
Counters	Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Duane Benson, Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Dan Franklin, Dale Gehring, Kent Rommereim

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

Ministry Moment from the Stewardship Board

The Stewardship Board has put together some brief stories to share with the congregation. The following is this week's Ministry Moment:

We know well the strong and palpable emotion that music can stir within. A favorite hymn can waken sacred memories buried deep or lift us when we are weary. Nathan Proctor noted that although the rhythm of his week remained unchanged during the pandemic shutdown, his job had a different focus. He shared, "Selecting music for each Sunday was driven by what music people like to sing and what people know very well; loved and well-known hymns were selected with this in mind." Nathan felt the livestream services that allowed people to watch from anywhere (his parents in Iowa, for example, or former members who've moved away) helped to keep us together. As he looks back on the "before," he reflects that "seeing so many people at services and for coffee hour: those experiences are so much more precious" from this vantage.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Tony Becker and Beckie Judge. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 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. Next available dates: November 14 & 21. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of Eldora Seitz; mother, grandmother, and all around happy Norwegian, on behalf of Paul & Joyce Seitz and family.

Holy Communion will be served indoors in St. John's Hall at 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Communion will be served in the same post-service format we have offered outdoors these past several months. Those who attend worship in the Sanctuary, or who listen at home, are invited to come to the hall after either service. Please wear your mask in the building until you come forward to receive the bread and wine.

Today in the Commons: Sales of Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolates, and Thistle Farms Soaps
Or contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

Our Stewardship Appeal for 2022 is Underway

If you already pledge your financial support to St. John's, we thank you and urge you to continue your support. We also ask you to consider increasing your existing pledge. If you haven't pledged before, we urge you to consider making a first-time pledge; writing down a goal helps make it happen! If you haven't volunteered to get involved in the amazing work that happens here at St. John's, think about what you might like to know more about, and what you might want to be involved with. Your time and talent have so much value to St. John's. Please let us know your intention for giving next year **by Sunday, November 14.**

Operation Joy, the CAC's Annual Christmas Gift Drive

Through the generosity of hundreds of individual donors and dedicated volunteers, approximately 900 Northfield area children from 350 households will receive gifts through Operation Joy this year. While the pandemic has changed some aspects of Operation Joy, our goal remains the same: to provide a joyful holiday experience for all children in our community. **If you would like to support Operation Joy, monetary donations are needed by November 19.** This year, as last year, gift cards will be given to each family, so that parents can purchase gifts for their children. This gives them more ownership of the gifts, and the joy of selecting the gifts themselves. Donations can be made in 2 ways:

- Visit <http://communityactioncenter.org/operation-joy> and make an online donation.
- Send a check directly to Operation Joy, c/o Community Action Center, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Suite HS-200, Northfield, MN 55057.

Announcements (continued)

ELCA World Hunger Appeal

God richly provides for daily bread—the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry. By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care, and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished. Working through ELCA congregations, The Lutheran World Federation and many other partners reach more places more effectively than we alone can do. Your support makes a difference. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger during the November appeal. Use the St. John's online donation system or submit a check payable to St. John's, noting ELCA Hunger Appeal on the memo line.

Children and Youth Ministries

Contact Information for Children and Youth

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children's Ministry at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Sunday School for Pre-K through Grade 5

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m.

We will gather outdoors as much as possible this fall. Check for the *Inside* or *Outside* sign posted on Door #6 each Sunday to let you know where we will be meeting.

Sunday Youth Gatherings (Grades 6-12)

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room

Parent Gathering and Social

Sundays, 9:45–10:30 a.m., Courtyard

Pastors Pam and Jonathan invite parents of children and youth to gather between services for a chance to simply check-in and connect with each other.

Children's After School Programming (K-Grade 5)

Wednesdays, 3:45–5:15 p.m.

If you have any questions about programming, or can volunteer to assist, please contact Julie.

Confirmation & High School Youth Programming (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

We will meet outside by the Commons doors. Pizza is served at 6:00 p.m.

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

Duane Benson, Day McLaughlin (mother of Jeff McLaughlin), Marland Madson,
Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger),
Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Helen Radtke
Family of Jim Thompson
Family of Paul Raadt
Family of Eldora Seitz
Family of Rae Pearson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Bev Mahacheck
Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam,
Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Gloria Porter, Lois Rand, 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;
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 14):

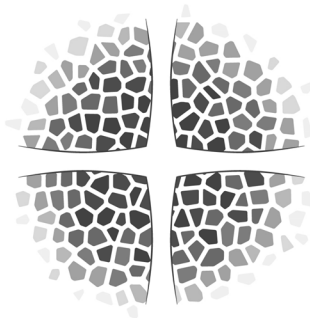
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 † Psalm 16 † Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25 † Mark 13:1-8

This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Nov. 8	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 9	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
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
		Adult Ministry & Education Board, St. John's Library
		Benevolence & Social Concerns Board, Fireside Room
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Nov. 10	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6-8), St. John's
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), St. John's
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Nov. 11	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Nov. 12	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 13		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Nov. 14	8:30 a.m.	Worship (Baptism - Leo Kuehn), Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School (Preschool-Grade 5), St. John's
		Youth Gathering (Grades 6-12), Youth Room
		Parent Gathering, Courtyard or St. John's Library
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level



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