

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 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.*

**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  
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.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

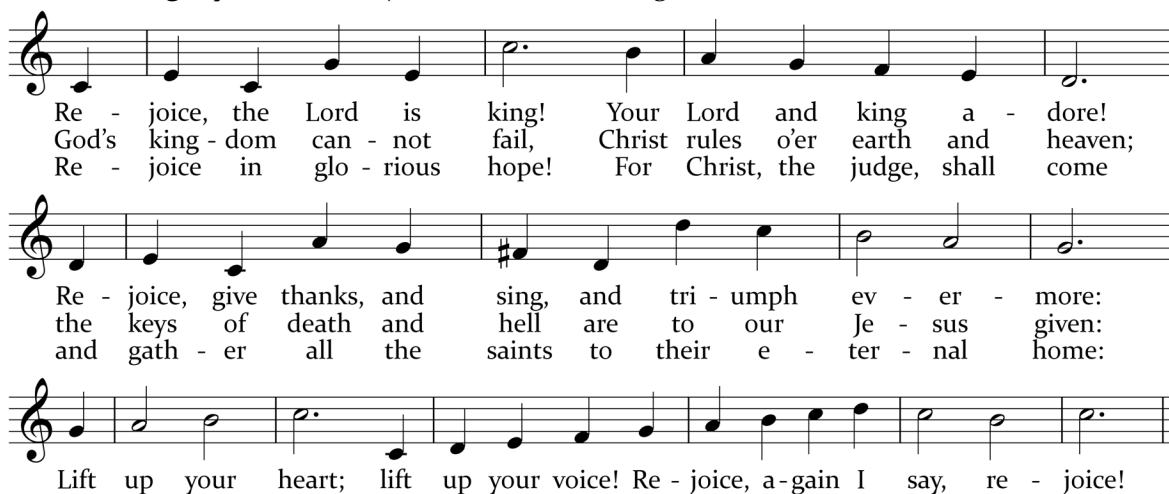
**Prelude** — Prelude and Fugue in C Major

J. S. Bach

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

DARWALL'S 148TH



Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore!  
God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the judge, shall come

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given:  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt. Music: John Darwall, 1770

## \*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** O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy.  
We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory.  
Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a habitation for your divine  
majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading — Judges 9:8-15

<sup>8</sup>The trees once went out to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' <sup>9</sup>The olive tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my rich oil by which gods and mortals are honored, and go to sway over the trees?' <sup>10</sup>Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>11</sup>But the fig tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my sweetness and my delicious fruit, and go to sway over the trees?' <sup>12</sup>Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>13</sup>But the vine said to them, 'Shall I stop producing my wine that cheers gods and mortals, and go to sway over the trees?' <sup>14</sup>So all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.' <sup>15</sup>And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

### Psalmody — Psalm 46

Refrain: Tom Witt (ACS No. 1035)

**Refrain:** *first time — cantor, then all singing*



Though the earth shall change, though the moun - tains trem - ble,  
though the wa - ters rage, you, God, are here.  
Though the na - tions war, though the peo - ples bat - tle,  
though the em - pire fal - ters, we will not fear.

Psalm Paraphrase: Rolf Vegdahl and Tom Witt; Music Tom Witt © 2009 Augsburg Fortress



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- uge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High. Refrain — all singing**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

<sup>11</sup>**The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Refrain — all singing**

## Second Reading — Colossians 1:11-20

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Gospel Acclamation



### \*Gospel — Luke 23:33-43

Spark Story Bible, page 474

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

<sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**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 — ELW No. 334

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

*Stanzas 1–3*

### **\*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.*

### **Stewardship Moment**

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering*

**"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

arr. Susan Geschke

*Rejoice Ringers*

**\*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.**

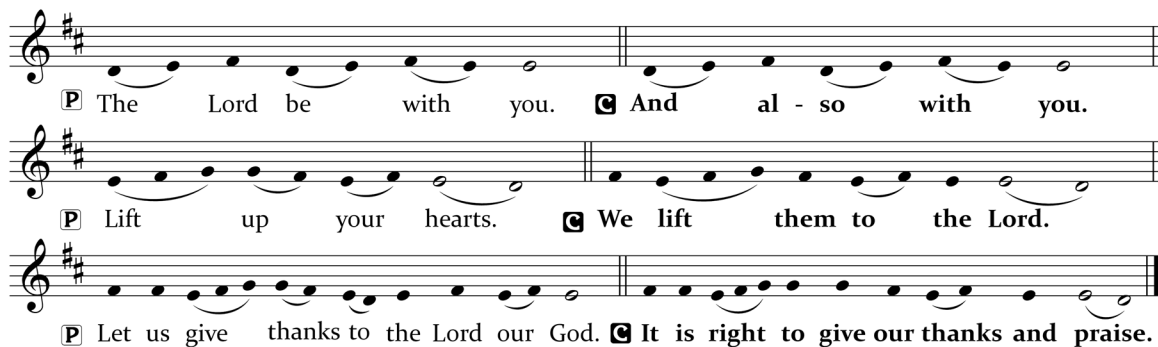
## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

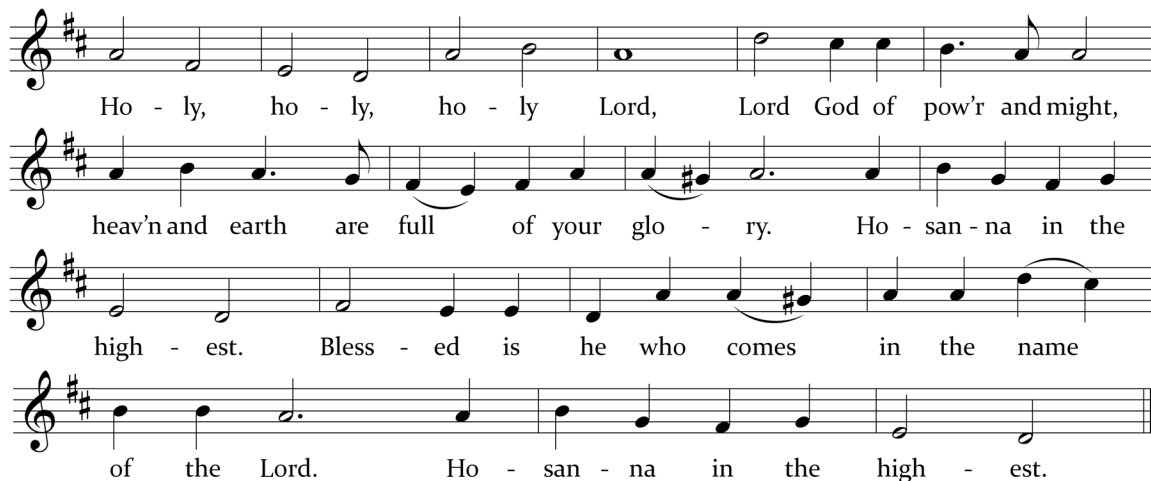


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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.

*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, grant us peace.

Anthem — “Gift of Finest Wheat”

arr. Michael Helman

Hymn — ACS No. 954

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

- ☞ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 840

“Now Thank We All Our God”

**\*Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	(8:30) Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	McLaughlin Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, interim director
Cantor	Nathan Proctor
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Cindy Clauson, TBD
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (November 20):***

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)  
Dialogues on Race (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

### ***Next Week (November 27):***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 27):**

### ***First Sunday of Advent***

Isaiah 2:1-5 † Psalm 122 † Romans 13:11-14 † Matthew 24:36-44

# **Announcements**

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

*Printed copies of the November 17 E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Bob Scholz by Cora Scholz. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 8, 22 & 29.

## **Stewardship Appeal for 2023 / Growing in Gratitude #3**

Genuine generosity cannot be faked. But it can be cultivated. Mindfulness—paying attention to the myriad of God's blessings that surround us—is a good place to start. As our sense of gratitude grows, it will inevitably express itself in a variety of ways. Grateful people are happier people, and they express their joy in thankful words, songs of praise, and generous deeds. Aware of how much they have received, grateful people naturally find ways to share their joy by generously giving of their time, energy, and resources. We (the Stewardship Board of St. John's) are truly grateful for the strong and generous support you offer to and through your church. As we move into a new year, we will continue to call attention to the many ways St. John's is a blessing to us, our Northfield community, and the world beyond.



## **No Wednesday Night Meal on November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Eve**

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

**Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church** (418 E Sumner St.)

St. John's will be sharing worship with our neighboring ELCA congregations again this year. St. Peter's will host this Thanksgiving Eve worship. A joint pop-up choir from St. Peter's, St. John's, and Bethel Lutheran will sing, and we will share in a Pie Fest following worship. Choir rehearsal begins at 5:45 p.m. that evening.

### **Laura Baker's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Thursday, November 24, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Mill Dining Hall** (211 Oak St.)

Turkey, dressing, potatoes, salad, rolls, cranberry sauce, pie, coffee, and milk will be served. This meal is free and open to anyone in the community and reservations are not required. Please note that if you plan to dine in person, you must be vaccinated for COVID-19. You are also asked to mask when not eating or drinking. If you are unable to dine in person, you are encouraged to take advantage of the meal delivery. Please call 507-645-8866 before Friday, November 18, to place your delivery order.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Advent Fair**

**Wednesday, November 30, 5:15–7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Everyone is invited to St. John's Advent Fair! Enjoy the Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. Feel free to bring friends!

- 5:15–6:15 p.m.: Wednesday Night Meal
- 5:45–7:00 p.m.: Advent Fair crafts, games, s'mores, campfires, and more!

Please email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you'd like to volunteer to help at the fair with crafts, games, or outside fire pits and s'mores! Thanks!

## **I Cantanti Chamber Choir**

**Sunday, November 27, 4:00 p.m., Skinner Chapel at Carleton College**

**Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Faribault**

Join I Cantanti Chamber Choir for their annual Nine Lessons and Carols concert held at Skinner Chapel at Carleton College on Sunday, November 27, at 4:00 p.m. or on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at 219 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northwest, Faribault. There are opportunities for the audience to sing along and the reflections provide an excellent opportunity to kick off the Christmas season. The performance will include works from Wayne Kivell, Dan Forrest, Philip Biedenbender, Giulio Caccini, and John Gardner. In lieu of tickets, a freewill exit offering will be taken at the door.

## **Prayer Shawls**

St. John's knitters create beautiful, soft shawls. These are made with prayer, and are a physical sign of the comfort and healing we want to surround people who are going through hard times. Would you like a prayer shawl for yourself or someone you care about? Please let our Parish Nurse, Sally Lindell, or one of our pastors know.

## **Submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice**

Please send all submissions for the E-Voice, Sunday Bulletin, and The Voice to Leah Garlie electronically via email to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or the [Announcement Request Form](#) found on our website.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## **Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!**

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@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*

Bruce Rickert, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),  
Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

*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*

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

# Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 20:  
*No Meal—Thanksgiving Eve*

**All are welcome!**

*Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.  
Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!*

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Nov. 21</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, TBD
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 22</b>	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
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 23</b>	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	5:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Choir Rehearsal, St. Peter's Church
	6:30 p.m.	Joint ELCA Thanksgiving Eve Service, St. Peter's Church
<b>Thursday, Nov. 24</b>		<i>Thanksgiving Day ~ Building Closed</i>
<b>Friday, Nov. 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Nov. 26</b>	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Guild, Fireside Room and Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Nov. 27</b>	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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Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*  
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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