



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21, 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.*

*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 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

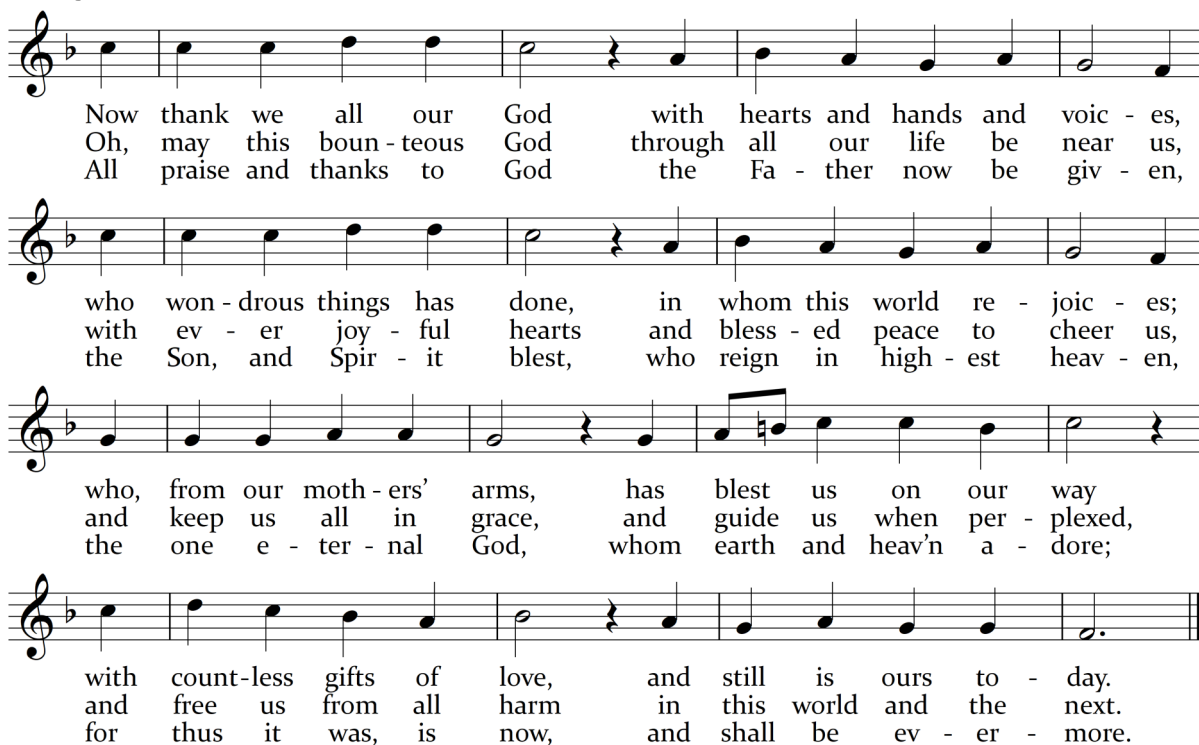
**Prelude** — Fantasy on Finnish Folk Hymn: “Meren yli kiiluu kirkas tähti” Atso Almila  
“A Bright Star Is Shining”

*Ameriikan Poijat*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn** — “Now Thank We All Our God” (ELW #840)

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT



Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,  
All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,  
who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,  
who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;  
with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

## \*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**

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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 — Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

#### **Second Reading — Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8a</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Hymn** — “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” *stanza 1* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
You are the king of Is - ra - el and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One. *Refrain*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, tr. John Mason Neale; Music: Melchior Teschner

**\*Gospel** — John 18:33-37

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

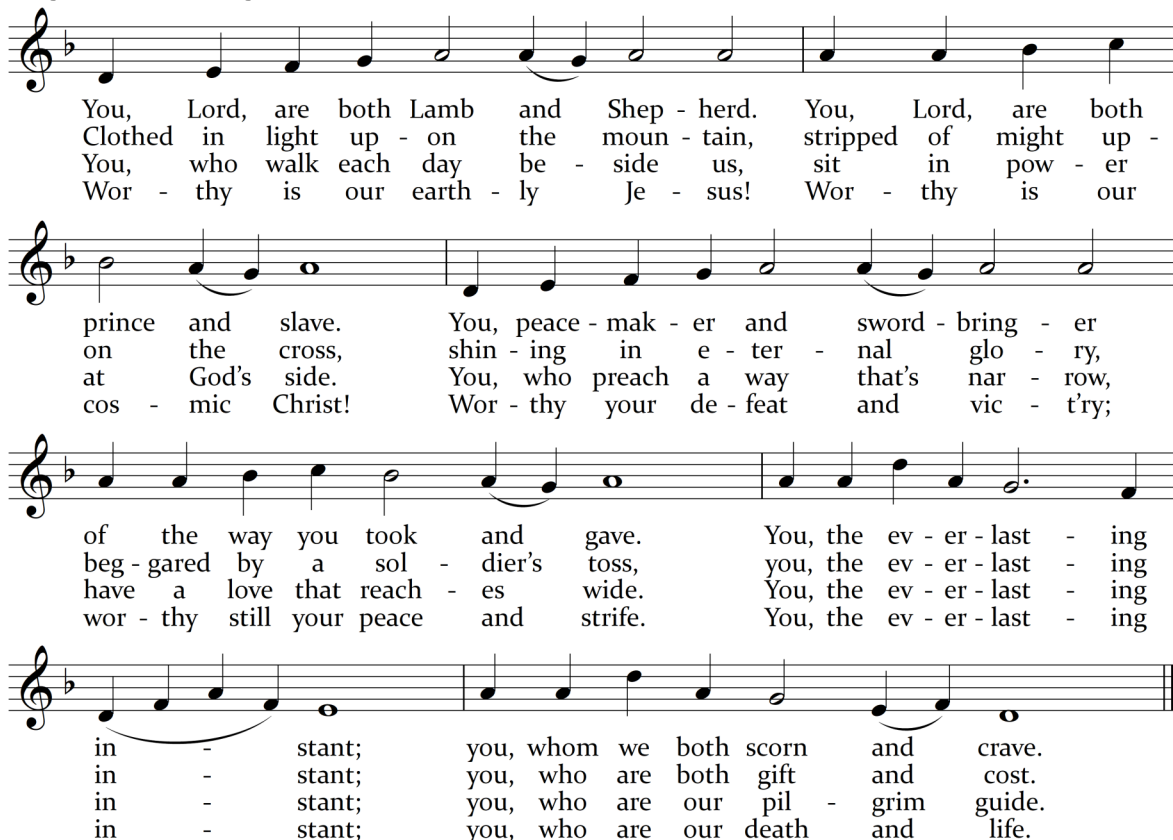
<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ Praise to you, O Christ.

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" (ACS #954) PICARDY



You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both  
Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up -  
You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our

prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;

of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
in - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.  
in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia Dunstan © 1991 GIA Publications; Music: French folk tune

## **\*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) "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY, arr. Sandra Eithun

*Rejoice Ringers*

(10:45) "We Praise You, O God"

Emma Lou Diemer

**\*Offering Hymn — “We Praise You, O God” (ELW #870) stanza 3**

KREMSER

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, for ever be praise!

Text: Julia Cory; Music: A Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*

**\*Offering Prayer**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

**P** 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.

**C** 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.

**C** 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 — “For the Fruit of All Creation” (ELW #679)**

AR HYD Y NOS



For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the sow - ing, tend - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green © 1970 Hope Publishing Company; Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams © Oxford University Press

**\*Dismissal**

**[L]** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude — “Reflections on ‘E’en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come”**

Paul Manz

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come;  
 sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye  
 saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night  
 shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

—Revelation 22, adapted Ruth Manz



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Paul and Maribeth Beck (10:45) Rudser Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Brass Choir	Ameriikan Poijat
Choir	(8:30) Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier
Counters	Sue Brockman, Marilyn Calcutt, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Doug O'Leary

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### **Celebrate the start of the Advent Season at St. John's Advent Fair! Wednesday, December 1, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.**

The event takes place outdoors in the south parking lot at St. John's.

- **Activities to Enjoy:**
  - Walking Tacos (Taco in a Bag)
  - Cocoa Bar, Gingerbread Cookies, and Candy Canes
  - Take-Home Christmas Crafts for Kids
  - Games for Kids and a Scavenger Hunt
  - Camp Fires and Marshmallow Roasting
- **Winter Clothing Drive for the CAC**—Donate new or clean gently used winter outerwear for children and adults: winter coats, mittens, scarves, gloves, snow boots, snow pants. No holes or stains and all items should have working zippers, snaps, and buttons.
- **Christmas Card Project**—Send a Christmas card to a St. John's member who would enjoy knowing they are in someone's thoughts and prayers. Stop by and receive an addressed envelope, card, and instructions.
- **Advent Devotions and Calendars**

Hope to see you there!

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Joe Shaw and his daughters, Nancy, Betsy, Margaret, and Mary, in loving memory of Mary Virginia St. John Shaw who died November 22, 2014. 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 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Next available dates: December 12, 19, 24, 25 & 26. 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., Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**"Ameriikan Poijat" Finnish Brass Band at St. John's**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Come hear the Finnish-style brass band Ameriikan Poijat between services on Sunday in St. John's Hall following communion. Led by St. Olaf professor emeritus Dr. Paul Niemisto, this group was founded in 1990 as an outgrowth of his musical research in Finland. Ameriikan Poijat is celebrating their thirtieth anniversary with the premier of a new musical suite by Northfield composer Dan Kallman, a new CD available at Paper Petalum, and an Anniversary Gala this afternoon.

**Curious about how other people experience prayer?**

You're not alone. Come to the St. John's Library for a discussion between services today from 9:45-10:30 a.m. to explore questions like: Has someone ever prayed for or over you? Have you ever been asked to pray for someone? Do these experiences sound comforting and welcome, a little squirm-inducing, like a foreign language, or like something longed for? Kristin Partlo will be leading the discussion and gathering stories as part of her studies at Luther Seminary. Contact her with questions at [kpartlo@gmail.com](mailto:kpartlo@gmail.com).

**We Need Your 2022 Intent to Give**

Thanks to the 140 families who have returned their 2022 pledge card. We still need to hear from many more of you in the next few weeks in order for leadership to craft a budget. You can scan the QR Code on the right, complete the online pledge form on our website, return a card to the church office or in the offering plate, or email your intent to Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2022 intent, even if it is to remain the same.



## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Poinsettia Orders**

The Chancel Guild will be taking orders for poinsettias again this year. The flowers will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone or in celebration of Christmas, the order form will be available in the Commons and on the church website. The last day to have your order form in is Sunday, December 12.

### **ELCA World Hunger Appeal**

*“Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread broken for others, shared until all are fed.”—“Christ, Be Our Light” (ELW #715).*

You are encouraged to pick up an ELCA World Hunger Advent Calendar at the Welcome Desk or by Door #1 to find more inspiration and ideas for supporting this November’s World Hunger Appeal. 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**

### **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.

### **Thanksgiving Break Next Week**

No Wednesday Programming on November 24 or Sunday School and Sunday Morning Youth Group on November 28.

### **Contact Information for Children and Youth**

Julie Brehmer, Director of Children’s Ministry at [childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families at [youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto: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*

Marilyn Boschee, Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings, Marland Madson,  
John Bjorlie (brother of Ruthie Neuger), Mark Wegner (son of Roberta Wegner)

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Jane Koskovich

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

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*

Richard Olson, Virley Brown, 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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 28):**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Jeremiah 33:14-16 † Psalm 25:1-10 † 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 † Luke 21:25-36

## **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. 22</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 23</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 24</b>	10:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
<b>Thursday, Nov. 25</b>		<i>Thanksgiving Day - Church Building and Office Closed</i>
<b>Friday, Nov. 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Nov. 27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Chancel Guild, Fireside Room and Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Nov. 28</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Worship, Sanctuary Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level

### **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:

*When long-time St. John's member Sally Lindell started her work as Parish Nurse in November 2019, she could not have foreseen how dramatically her new role would be impacted. Resourceful and empathic, she collaborated with St. John's colleagues to try some different approaches to ministry. A highlight of the year was the six blood drives that took place at St. John's during the pandemic. Appointments filled fast as many within our community rallied to give blood—a way to come together even as we felt isolated and apart. Sally foresees hard work ahead as we again adapt and re-learn how to safely be together and she is committed to helping meet the needs of our congregation as the pandemic evolves.*



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