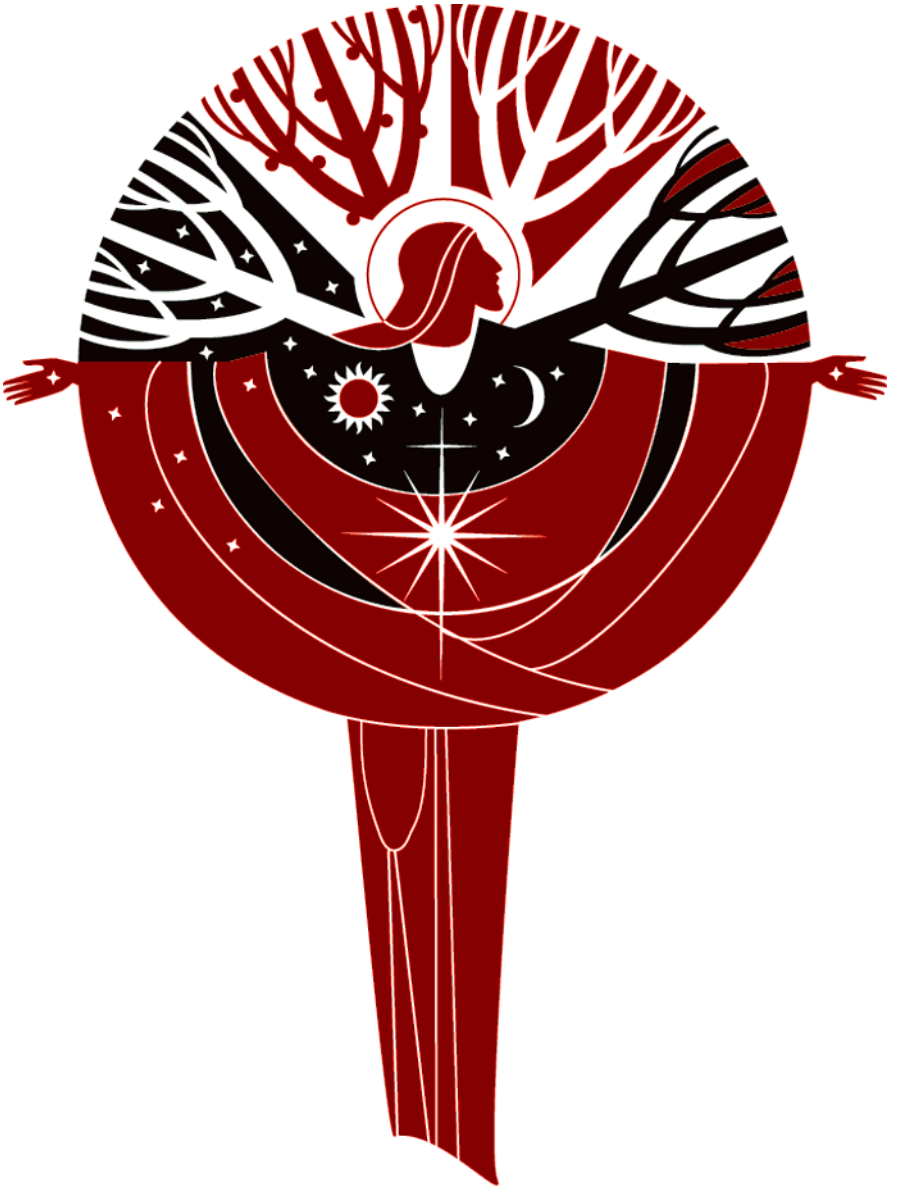


Service of Holy Communion

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2026 † 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.

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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 — Piano Trio No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 49 Felix Mendelssohn
II. Andante con moto tranquillo
Zach Kiehl, violin
Luke Hennebury, cello
Jinwoo Kang, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***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**

℗ O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

First Reading — Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

[11]Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12]As
shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek
out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on
a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]I will bring them out from the peoples and gather
them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them
on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the
land. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be
their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15]I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the
strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20]Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep
and the lean sheep. [21]Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the
weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22]I will save my
flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
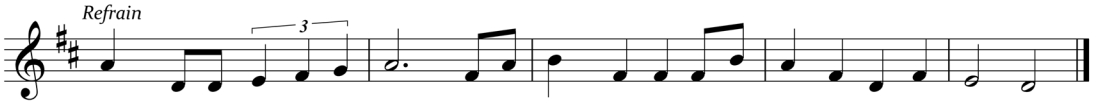
[23]I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he
shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my serv-
ant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody — Psalm 95:1-7a from ELW Morning Prayer; setting by Carolyn Jennings

Refrain — all



Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

Refrain — all
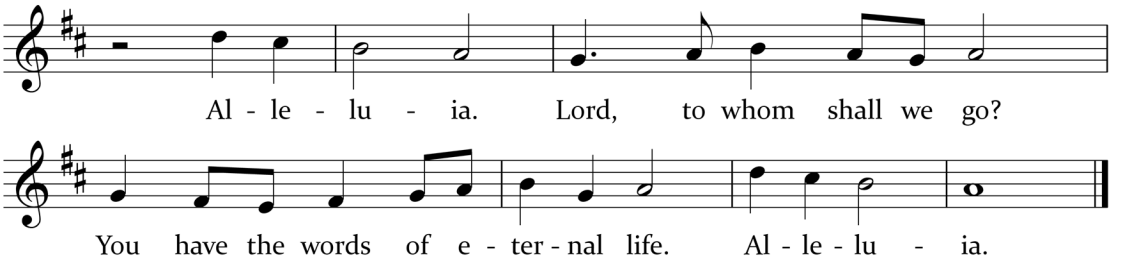
In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.

Refrain — all

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Refrain — all

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** — Matthew 25:31-46 Spark Story Bible, page 318

℗ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered be-
fore him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep
from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.
34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Fa-
ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35for I was
hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a
stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and
you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer
him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you
something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or
naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and
visited you?' 40And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those
at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for
the devil and his angels, 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you
gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you
did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also
will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or
sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell
you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And
these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Jonathan Davis

Responding to God's Word

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1059 "Come Now, You Blessed"

(8:30) ***Apostles' Creed**

Front of ACS hymnal, page 17

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of ELW hymnal pages 227–231*

with **Affirmation of Baptism with New Members**

The Triune God proclaims **Rilynnd Marie Welck** *as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Riley's parents are Rebecca and Brian Welck, and her sponsors are Jon and Alison Kavanaugh.*

Presentation
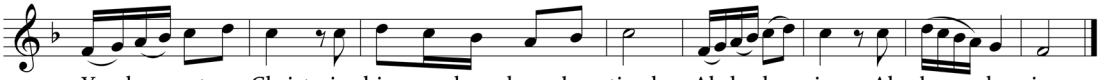
℗ People of God, do you promise to support Rilynnd and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

℃ **We do.**

Presentation of New Members

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — "You Have Put on Christ"



Text: International Commission on English in the Liturgy © 1969; Music: Howard Hughes © 1977

(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — "You Have Put on Christ"

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

***Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **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) "A Song of Thanksgiving" John Ferguson
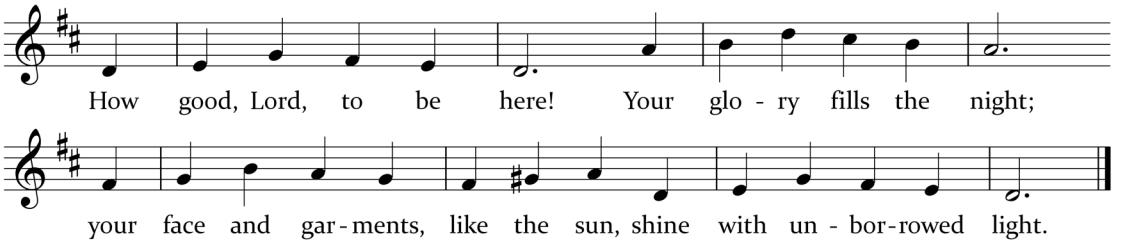
Lord! You have been our refuge from one generation to another. Your love never ceases. Your mercies never end. For you are good, O Lord. Your steadfast love endures forever. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

– Psalm 90:1, Lamentation 3:22, Psalm 100:5; adapt. John Ferguson

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Now Thank We All Our God" Thomas Keesecker

***Offering Hymn** — "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" POTSDAM



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, alt.; Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

***Offering Prayer**

L How good, Lord, to be here, C **among friends and neighbors, as one body.**

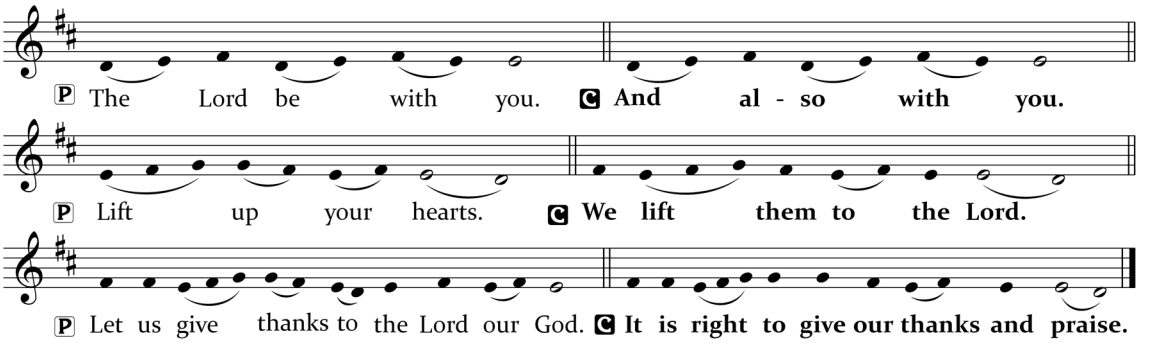
L How good, Lord, to be here, C **with gifts to offer and gifts to receive.**

L God of abundance,

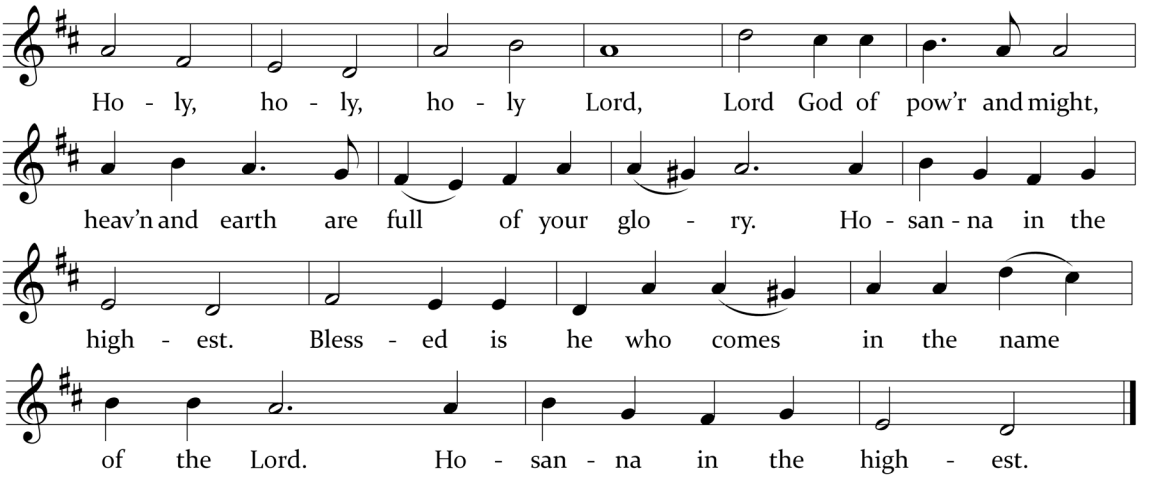
C **in your love, nothing is wasted. Take our lives and these gifts we bring to become nourishment for a hurting world. With this bread, break open our hearts to your presence here. With this cup, pour out your love for all who are thirsty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

***Great Thanksgiving**



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



***Words of Institution**
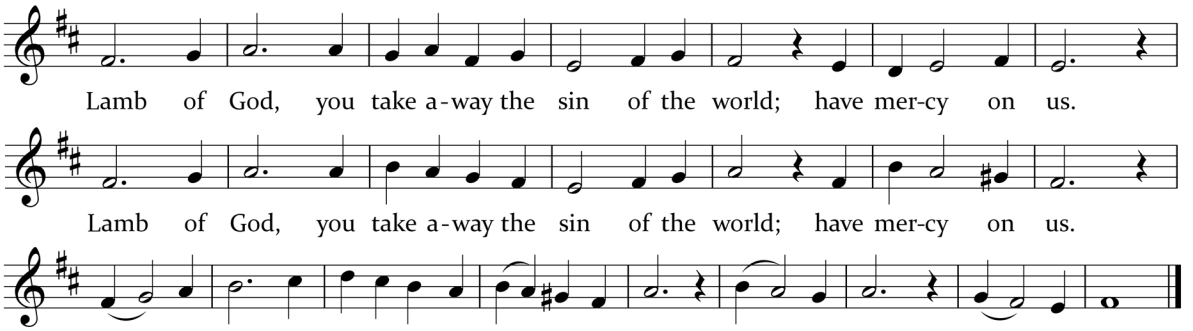
***The Lord's Prayer**

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"



(8:30) **Anthem** — "O All Ye Nations" Heinrich Schütz

O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people. Praise ye Jehovah in his strength; all that hath life and breath, now praise Jehovah. God's lovingkindness unto us is great and merciful. With heart and with voice in him rejoice; for his truth endureth evermore. Alleluia, sing praises! – Psalm 117

Hymn — ELW No. 434 "Jesus Shall Reign"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound**

***Prayer after Communion**

L Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us
living signs of your healing and love, following the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

Departing to Serve God's World

***Blessing**

Response: C **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT Albert Travis



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Terrence Hassanally
	(10:45) Jenny Wright
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Livestream	Mark Gleason
Communion Prep	Nan Winsell
Communion Cleanup	Craig Schultz
Greeters	(8:30) Marie Benson, Gerri Licke
	(10:45) Dimi DeRose, Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Karl Hella, Karen Schuette, Jill Enestvedt
Treats	Stewardship Board
Counters	Brenda Bultman, Merilyn Calcutt, Reed Hagberg
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert
	(10:45) Bob Nyvall, Kent Rommereim, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WITH NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following during the 10:45 service today:

Kathryn Lohre (Benjamin, Hannah & James), Jessica Olson,
Anne Forrest & Bob Prim, Angel & Drew Yackel (Maggie & Simon)

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week *(November 22)*
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)
Fika for Parents (9:45–10:30 a.m., Downstairs Commons)
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week *(November 29)*
Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Paul Klinefelter by his family. 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), contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Next available dates: December 6 & 27 and January 17, 24 & 31.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Rilynnd Welck by her family.

St. John's Forum: *Exodus—The Shaping of a People*
9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall
This fall, St. John's Forum returns to biblical drama in the pages of scripture with a series on the book of Exodus. We hope you will join us in opening your Bibles and minds to the rich meaning in these foundational stories that can still speak to us today.

- **TODAY** Exodus 20: *Words to Live By: The Ten Commandments*, led by Pastor Pam
- **November 29** Exodus 21–40: *Holy Smoke, Underwear Design, and Advent at St. John's*, led by Rev. Bruce Benson

Stewardship 2027 Appeal is Underway
The Stewardship Board extends our heart-felt thanks as you make your 2027 pledge to St. John's. Already submitted your 2027 pledge? Thank you! Need a pledge card? Check in the pews, at the tables near the doors to the Sanctuary, or scan the QR code. There is so much to be thankful for and proud of here at St. John's. Your generosity is gratifying and inspiring. Thank you is the best prayer that anyone can say. Thank you.



We will take a break from programming next week. No Wednesday programs on November 25 and no Sunday School or Sunday Youth Group on November 29.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday, November 25, 6:30 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church (418 Sumner St. E)
The three ELCA congregations of Northfield will again join together for worship on Thanksgiving Eve for a Service of the Word. Our joint offerings will benefit Ruth's House of Hope. A pop-up choir will sing two pieces. Any singers are welcome to join in by coming at 5:30 p.m. to rehearse together. Pie fellowship will follow the service. Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!!
It's that time of year when WELCA asks the bakers in the congregation to help bake cookies for the Christmas boxes that go out to congregants that are homebound, in a care facility, or have lost a loved one in the last year. A sweet treat for the holidays! Sign-ups for baking, boxing, and delivering of the boxes on Saturday, December 12, from 9:30–11:00 a.m. will happen in the Commons between services beginning today until Sunday, December 6.

Announcements (continued)

Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday Night Meal at 5:15 p.m. and Advent Fair Activities from 5:45–7:00 p.m.
Everyone is invited to St. John's Advent Fair in St. John's Hall. Come enjoy our Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. We encourage you to bring friends. The more the merrier!
Can you help with Advent Fair? Contact Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Dinner—set-up, serve or clean-up
- Help with crafts/activities
- Food demonstrations—show us how to make your favorite Christmas treat!

November is the month we especially lift up the work of ELCA World Hunger.
ELCA World Hunger supports projects in 60 countries, including the United States, working to eliminate food insecurity. The elimination of USAID and federal cuts domestically have made the needs of these ministry partners even greater. The St. John's Foundation is providing a matching grant for special offerings to ELCA World Hunger, matching up to $5,000 in congregational gifts by the end of the year. If you receive offering envelopes, you will have a special envelope in your packet.

World Hunger

Good Earth Village "Northfield Week" Summer Camp is June 20–25, 2027!
Summer camp at Good Earth Village (GEV) offers more than just a break from routine—it's a place where kids and families experience adventure, spiritual growth, and lasting friendships in a safe and welcoming environment.

- Sign up on December 6 and receive 40% OFF TIER ONE pricing—Use Code: IMAGINE2027
- Sign up before February 27 and receive 20% OFF TIER ONE pricing—Use Code: EARLY2027

St. John's also gives each camper $100 towards their registration fee. Make sure to use codes NORTHFIELD27FULL when registering for week-long camps or NORTHFIELD27HALF and receive $50 off NON-week-long camps. Check out the camp options at www.goodearthvillage.org.

Reminder of Deadlines
Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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



"How good, Lord, to be here!"

These were the disciple Peter's words upon seeing the Transfiguration, a mountain-top vision in which Jesus' face and clothes shone with brilliant light (Matthew 17:1-8).

This fall, the Stewardship Board invites you to reflect on ways we too say, "How good, Lord, to be here!" as we live in the light of Christ's love here at St John's.

Pledging for 2027 is happening now! Visit the Commons between services today to learn more.

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

Delores Gustafson, Gretchen Hardgrove, Barbara Johnson, Lowell Johnson, Gordy Moore, Dolores Nelson, George Pinc, Vikki Van Veldhuizen, Dick Werdahl, Karen Wingate

Those celebrating the baptism of

Rilynnd Welck, daughter of Rebecca and Brian Welck

Those with ongoing health concerns

Ruth Smestad Anglin, Bill Carlson, Mary Cisar, Fred Huemoeller, Joann Jorgensen, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, David Norman, Mary Ellen North, Rachel Peterson, Alice Rickert, Ingrid Alberding, Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Janice Helgeson, Carolyn Jennings

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

Contact 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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 25:
No Meal - Thanksgiving Break

All are welcome!

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

This Week At-a-Glance

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

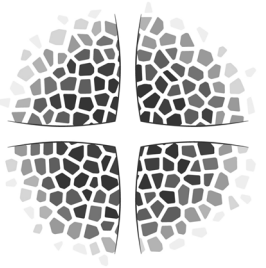
Monday, Nov. 23	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Nov. 24	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	4:00 p.m.	Enneagram Meeting, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Nov. 25	10:15 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	10:45 a.m.	Communion at NRC, Offsite
	11:15 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	5:30 p.m.	Pop-Up Thanksgiving Eve Choir Rehearsal, St. Peter's Church
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship, St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Thursday, Nov. 26		*Thanksgiving Day - Church Office and Building Closed*
Friday, Nov. 27	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 28		*No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed*
Sunday, Nov. 29	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary *(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)*
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 29):

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9 † Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 † 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 † Mark 13:24-37





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

St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.