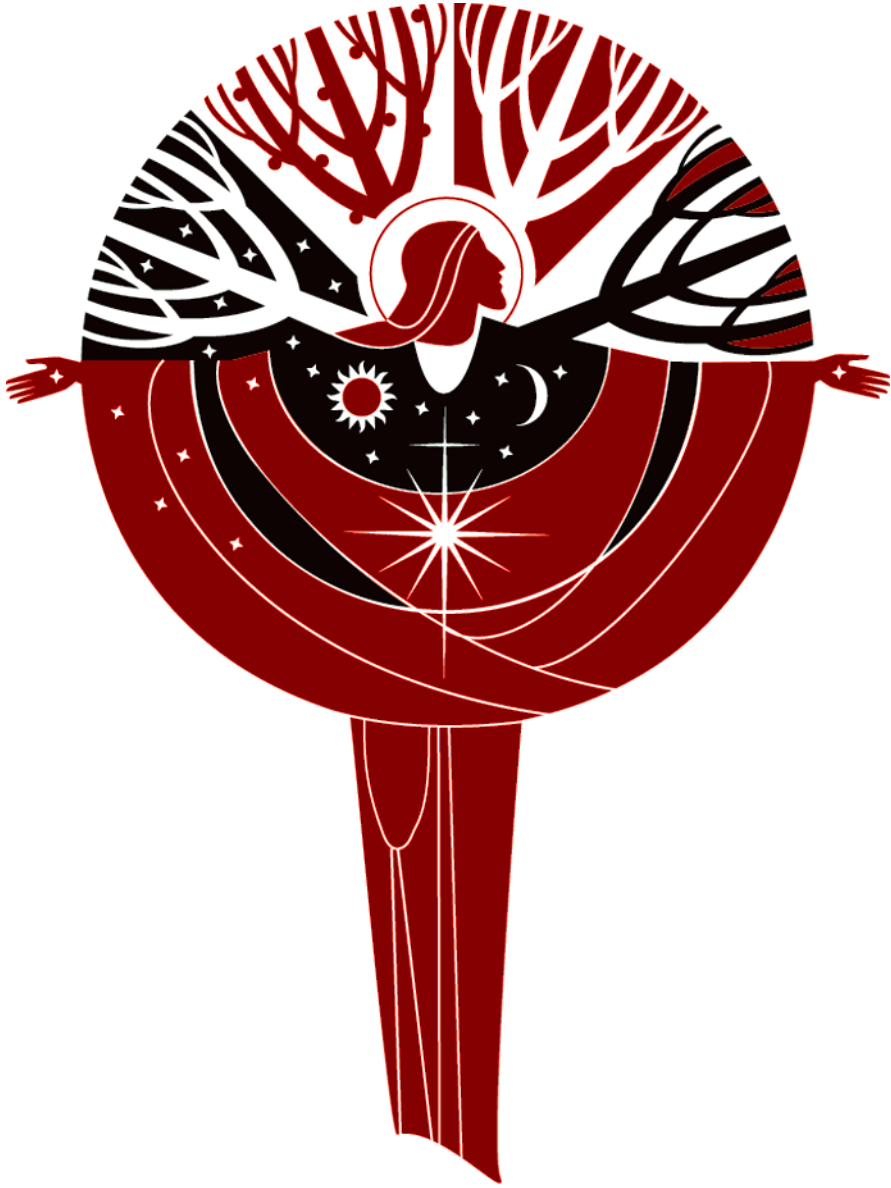




SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 † 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 — “For the Beauty of the Earth”

J. D. Frizzell

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

***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, 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 fit 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.

☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

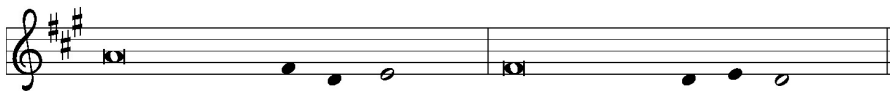
L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 46

Antiphon: Tom Witt

*Antiphon: Though the earth shall change, though the mountains tremble,
though the waters rage, you, God, are here. Though the nations war,
though the peoples battle, though the empire falters, we will not fear.*



¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

²⁷Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ¹break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. *Antiphon***

⁷The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works ⁹of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹⁰on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹shields with fire.

¹⁰⁴Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Antiphon*



Children's Message

"Wonders of Worship"

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

Second Reading — Colossians 1:11-20

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

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for 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.

¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

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

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When 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. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³He 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 — ACS No. 953

"Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands"

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

Front of ACS hymnal, page 17

(10:45) **Affirmation of Baptism with New Members**

Front of ELW hymnal, pages 234-236

Presentation

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of ELW hymnal, page 235*

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

Welcome

Hymn — ELW No. 522

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Stanza 1

*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) “Jesus Loves Me”

Martha Lynn Thompson

(10:45) “We Praise You, O God”

Emma Lou Diemer

*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 wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

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

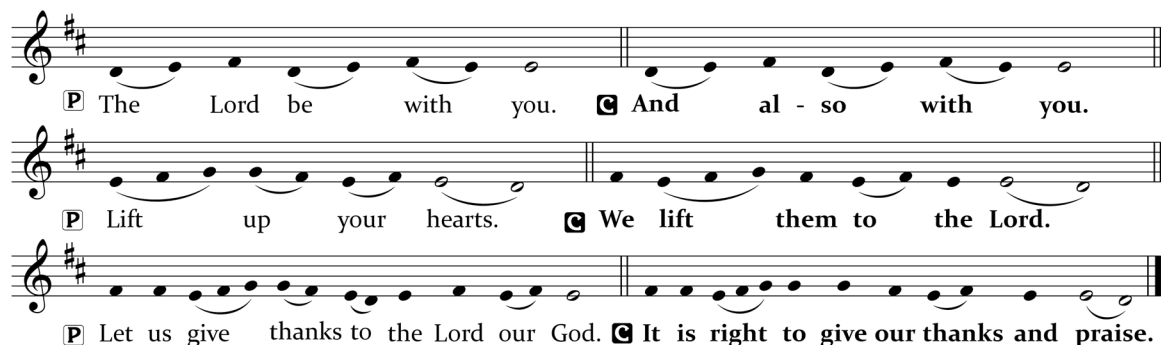
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God of all goodness, generations have gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. As we gather these gifts and give thanks, we remember and care for all you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

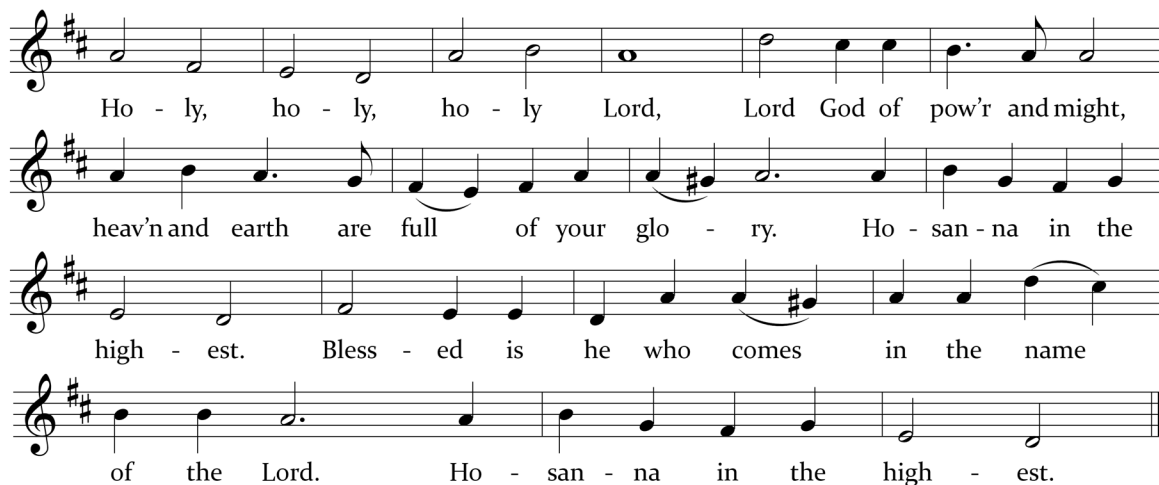


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 870

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymn — ELW No. 893

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

*Post-Communion Blessing

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

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of
your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

☩ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 679

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

John Ferguson



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (November 30):

First Sunday of Advent

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

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Susanne Smith
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Cantor	Kristin Partlo
Communion Service	David and Debby Nitz
Greeters	(8:30) Mary Ellen North; (10:45) Sandra Nyvall
Coffee Service	Craig Schultz, Lori Skoglund
Treats	Vicki Otis, Rhonda Reece, Fran Wood
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Leif Knecht, Doug Johnson, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Bob Nyvall, Kent Rommereim, Mark Rydberg, Eric Sponheim

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM WITH NEW MEMBERS

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

*Trey Bilderback, Larry & Pam Enfield, Deb Erickson,
David Nelson, Grant & Ella Sawyer, Matt Svestka*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 23)

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)
St. John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)
Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (November 30)

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 on his birthday from 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Next available dates: December 7, 14, 21 & 28.

St. John's Fall Forum Series: *Courage, Conversion, Care—Responding Faithfully to Climate Change*

- **Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Addie Flesch and Paavo Rundman will explore the problem of climate anxiety in their Forum talk, *“Young Lutherans and the Realities of Climate Anxiety.”* Both Addie and Paavo are students at St. Olaf College. They have published their research on youth and climate anxiety in a recent issue of *Word & World* devoted to climate change.

- **Next Sunday, November 30, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Dr. Kiara Jorgenson brings our series on climate change to a close with her talk on *“Troubled Hope.”* Dr. Jorgenson is associate professor of religion and environmental studies and chairs the department of environmental studies at St. Olaf College.

We will take a break from programming next week. No Wednesday programs on November 26 and no Sunday School or Sunday Youth Group on November 30.

Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26, 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!

Films to Fill the Shelves

Saturday, November 29, 6:00–8:00 p.m., St. John's Theater

In order to raise money for the CAC Food Shelf, the Sunday Youth Group has planned a fundraiser event. Come to St. John's Theater with \$5 and/or shelf-stable food to donate and we'll watch the movie *Home Alone*. Popcorn and Mac & Cheese will be served. Bring family and friends; this is open to all. Parent helpers are appreciated!

Laura Baker's Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Millis 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. If you are unable to dine in person, you are encouraged to take advantage of the meal delivery. Please call 507-645-8866 to place your delivery order.

Announcements (continued)

Stewardship 2026 Appeal

We at St. John's have so much to be thankful for and to celebrate. If you have already made your financial pledge to St. John's for 2026, thank you. It's not too late to submit your 2026 giving intention. You can return a card to the church office or the offering plate, scan the QR, or [complete the online pledge form](#) on our website. If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2026 intent, even if it is to remain the same. Your generosity is heart-warming and assures continuation and growth of the missions of St. John's.



Advent Fair, Wednesday, December 3

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?

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

Contact Julie Brehmer if you have questions at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org

St. John's Forum: *Youth, Parents, and Screens* with Michelle Martin

Sunday, December 7, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Are you a parent or a grandparent who wonders about the effects of screens on your kids and grandkids? Are you worried about the effect of screens on our relationships with each other? Michelle Martin, a 5th grade teacher at Prairie Creek Community School and Minnesota Council for Social Studies 2018 Teacher of the Year, will present and lead a conversation around the role screens play in the lives of young people and our relationships with them.

St. John's Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14, at the 10:45 a.m. Service

The program is performed by children in preschool–grade 5. All children are welcome to be involved. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. If your child is unable to participate, please notify his/her teacher or Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

• Solos or Ensembles for the Christmas Program

Sunday school children are welcome to participate in providing music during the offering. We welcome solos or ensembles, short instrumental or vocal pieces. Please sign up in the lower Commons or contact Julie Brehmer if your child is interested in participating.

ISAIAH MN is an interfaith organization working for economic, racial, and climate justice, and a strong democracy. Come to the table between services to learn about opportunities to participate with other St. John's members, or read the E-Voice and Voice articles.

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

Bob Flaten, Mark Granquist, Fred Huemoeller, Dagfinn Moe

Those with ongoing health concerns

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

All who are homebound, including

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

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.

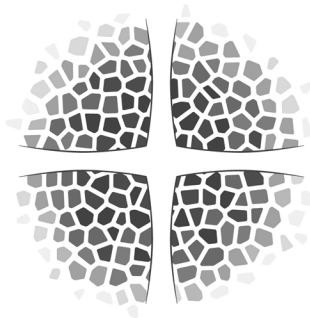


This Week At-a-Glance

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

Monday, Nov. 24	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Book Buddies, St. John's Library
Tuesday, Nov. 25	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wednesday, Nov. 26	10:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Communion at Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite Communion at NRC, Offsite Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite Nominating Committee, Fireside Room Thanksgiving Choir Rehearsal, St. Peter's Joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, St. Peter's
Thursday, Nov. 27		<i>Thanksgiving Day - Building Closed</i>
Friday, Nov. 28	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall New Moms Network, Youth Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Nov. 29		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary

 WEDNESDAY <i>Night Meals</i> Come share a meal!	Served from 5:15–6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall Menu for Wednesday, November 26: <i>No Meal - Thanksgiving Break</i> All are welcome!
<i>Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents. Dessert contributions are always welcome and needed!</i>	



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