

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 † 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 pew hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship),
page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section,
and hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn 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 — “My Song Is Love Unknown”

J. Bert Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 855

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

☑ Amen.

☐ One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☐ Merciful God,

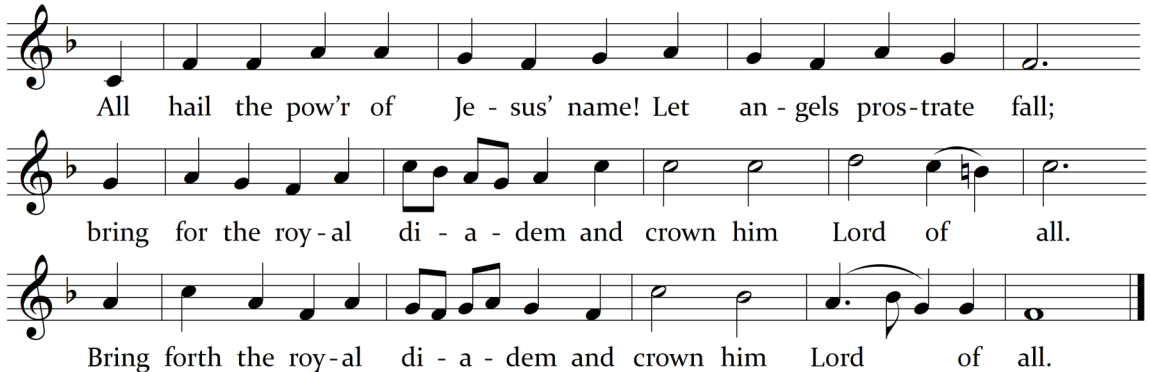
☑ **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

☐ In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for ✝ his sake, God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

☑ Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” *stanza 1*

CORONATION



All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
bring for the roy-al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the roy-al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.

***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.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Forever We Shall Sing”

ENVIADO, arr. John Paradowski

Christ came to bring us love, a sign from God above. From heaven unto earth, we celebrate his birth. Forever we shall sing our praise to Christ the King. Let all the earth rejoice with heart and soul and voice. We lift our song on high, let praises fill the sky. He made the blind to see and set the captives free. His miracles abound, let all the earth resound. He died to save us all from Adam's sinful fall, and by his death he reigns; new life we now proclaim.

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Jeremiah 23:1-6

Pew Bible, page 633

After the reading:

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

Second Reading — Colossians 1:11-20

Pew Bible, page 956

After the reading:

- 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.

***Gospel** — Luke 23:33-43

Spark Story Bible, page 476; Pew Bible, page 859

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 343

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of hymnal, page 127*

***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.

Children's Message

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

(8:30) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG, arr. Kyle Pederson

A mighty fortress is our God, a refuge never failing. Our helper he amid the flood of mortal winds prevailing. For still our spirit's foes doth seek to work us woe; they lure with power so great, with judgement and with hate; shield us ever, guard us as thy own. If we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing. Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus it is he. Emmanuel his name, from age to age the same; who was, who is, who ever shall be. Thy Word above all earthly power; thy Love above all earthly power; thy Hope above all earthly power; my God above all earthly power. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still. The kingdom is forever.

-Martin Luther, adapted by Kyle Pederson

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "A Thanksgiving Prelude"

Charles Callahan

Amanda Timmer, flute

***Offering Hymn** — "Now Thank We All Our God" *stanza 1*

NUN DANKET

**Now thank we all our God with heart 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.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C 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.

Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



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

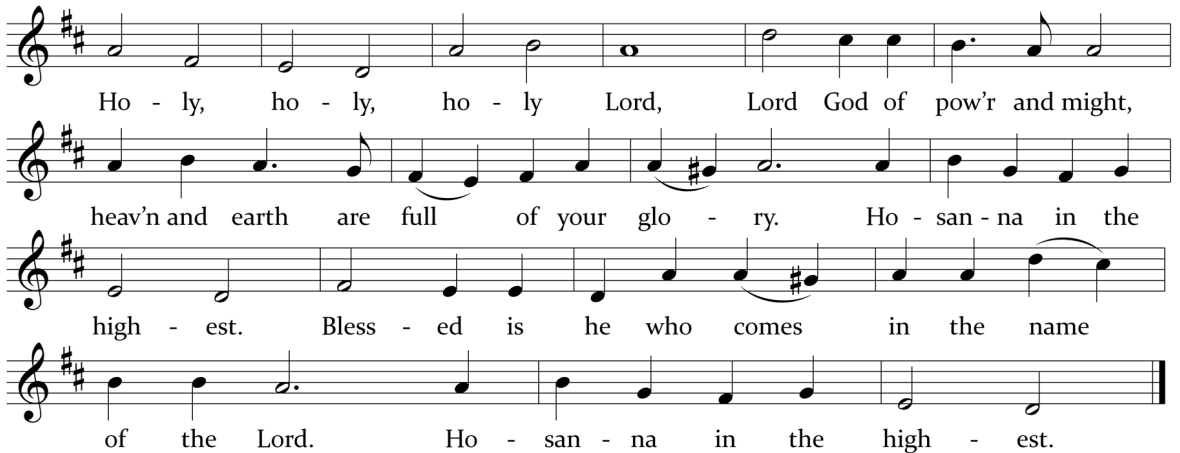


P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



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.**

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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.*

On the last Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing with oil on your brow and receive a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Now the Silence”

Braeden Ayres

For anthem text, please see Hymn 460.

Hymn — No. 870

“We Praise You, O God”

Hymn — No. 881

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

☒ Let us pray.

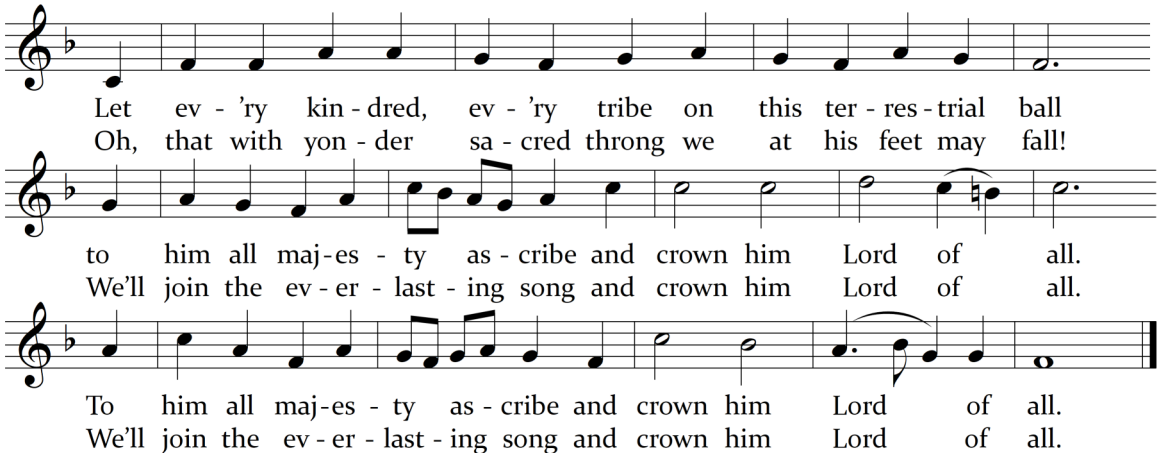
☞ **Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn — “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

CORONATION



Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.
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***Dismissal**

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(8:30) Emily Albrecht (10:45) Marcia Yernberg
Guitar	(8:30) Emily Chmielewski, Church Music Intern
Flute	(10:45) Amanda Timmer
Percussion	(10:45) Jenna Leonard, Church Music Intern
Acolytes	(8:30) Merri-Elisabeth Knoch, Katherine Organ (10:45) Natalie DeGrego, Tegan De Grego
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Christy Hall-Holt, Alyssa Ness (10:45) Kristin Partlo, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	Angie Gehring
Communion Server	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Don Sahling (10:45) Dao Hella
Coffee and Refreshments	Cheryl Buck, Herb and Pat Fick, Bill Gasho, Jon Kerr, Charles and Barbara Wilson
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Bill Gasho, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

Today (November 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Forum: Creation and Suffering Part 2 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Accompany Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (December 1):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

St. John's Forum: Gratitude - What Science & The Bible Have to Say (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Children and Youth Ministry

Thanksgiving Break Next Week

No Wednesday Programming on November 27 or Sunday School and Sunday Morning Youth Group on December 1.

Registration for our 2020 High School and Middle School Mission Trips is Now Open

This year we are working with CSM and Serve Boldly mission partners to plan for two mission experiences in Denver. For more information, pick up a brochure in the Commons. The signup sheet is posted in the Commons and on the bulletin board by the Youth Room. For additional information contact Emmanuel Kaghondi.

Pay it Forward Intergenerational Service Event at Family Fare Supermarket

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Shifts: 9:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Bag groceries for customers and then hand them \$5 to "Pay it Forward" and be a blessing to someone in need! (St. John's provides the \$5 bills for this event). This event is a great opportunity for individuals, families, mentors, and mentees to serve together. Signup sheets are available in the Commons under 'Get connected' section and by the Youth Room door.

High School Youth are Invited to be Ushers

Helping with Sunday service is fun! If you are interested in becoming an usher, please check with one of our pastors or Emmanuel for information. Being an usher is a wonderful way to serve! (Being an usher does not require being at church every Sunday. Ushers serve once a month.)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Duane and Marie Benson. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: December 15, 22 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV) - cable channel 187, Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Why pledge your support?

- A pledge is a spiritual act, an intention to put generosity and gratitude at the center of your life for the coming year.
- A pledge helps our leadership to plan how we can invest our resources in ministry.
- A pledge is how we as a congregation say to one another "We're in this together."

Please return your intention to give in worship, by mail, or by emailing Bernie Renander at finance@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Creation and Suffering - A Study of the Book of Job with Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker Part 2*

Why do bad things happen to good people? Where is God when such things happen? How do we think theologically about "acts of God" or natural disasters? These are questions that people of faith have wrestled with for millennia. The book of Job also wrestles with such questions of suffering in a profound way, even as it explores creation and humanity's place in creation. Join us for a two-part series with Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker, Old Testament Professor from Luther Seminary, where she will talk about the book of Job, the problem of evil, and creation theology.

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service at All Saints Episcopal Church

Wednesday, November 27, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's will be gathering in worship together with our Christian brothers and sisters on Thanksgiving Eve. We will gather at All Saints Episcopal Church for worship with hymns, homily, and prayers, and then gather in their fellowship hall for pie and ice cream. The offering for the evening will benefit the Community Action Center of Northfield's food shelf. St. John's is providing the pies for the festivities.

Community Christmas Day Dinner Signups

St. John's will again host a community Christmas dinner. This dinner is St. John's gift to the community and is open to anyone who comes at no cost. Beginning next Sunday, December 1, we will be recruiting donations of food and labor from members of the congregation. Signups will be in the Commons.

Announcements (continued)

Advent Fair - Wednesday, December 4

Meal from 5:15-6:15 p.m. / Activities from 5:45-7:00 p.m.

Advent Fair is St. John's annual celebration to ring in the season of Advent. St. John's will turn into an international bazaar with stations with crafts, activities, and food appropriate for all ages. Come for the regular Wednesday Night Meal and stay for all sorts of fun! Check out the volunteer opportunities in the Commons.

Operation Joy! (Sharing Tree)

Now – December 8

The Christmas Sharing Tree, now titled "Operation Joy," is a program sponsored by the Northfield Community Action Center and will be displayed in St. John's Commons thru December 8. The Sharing Tree is decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament has a gift idea, along with the name, age, and gender of a child whose family needs help purchasing Christmas gifts this year. Purchased gifts should be placed, unwrapped, under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Thank you in advance for your donations!

November Emphasis: ELCA World Hunger Appeal

ELCA World Hunger is positioned to address the problem of hunger all around the globe. In this month when we give thanks for the blessings of bountiful food, let us remember those who face the daily challenges of adequate food and water. Your support makes a difference. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger. Use the specially marked envelope in your packet. Make checks payable to St. John's, noting ELCA World Hunger on the memo line. You can also give online thru our website. Thank you.

Winter Tattered Pages - Gift Wrapping Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy wrapping presents? Do you have some time during the day? Do you like interacting with kids? Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts for an event called Tattered Pages at Northfield Middle School. The Media center creates a "store" with donated items that students can purchase using library bucks earned during the year. Students can then have these items wrapped to be used as gifts for the holiday season. Email or call the volunteer coordinator at amcbroom@northfieldschools.org, 507-663-0643.

The Community Action Center of Northfield has Volunteer Opportunities

The CAC has volunteer opportunities in the Resource Center, at the Food Shelf, at the Clothes Closet, and for the weekly Thursday's Table Community Meal! Currently, they are in need of volunteer "personal shoppers" at the food shelf and delivery drivers on the third Thursday of each month for our Home Delivery program. Please contact us at 507-664-3585, or check out our website and sign up online at: <https://communityactioncenter.org/volunteer/>. Thank you. for continuing to support your community!

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

Paul Niemisto

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette,
Joanne Sommers, Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 27:
No Meal - Thanksgiving Break

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Nov. 25	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner Followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Nov. 26	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., Nov. 27	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service & Social, All Saints Episcopal Church
Thursday, Nov. 28		Thanksgiving Day - Church Office and Building Closed
Friday, Nov. 29		Thanksgiving Break - Church Office and Building Closed
Saturday, Nov. 30		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Dec. 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery (Baptism - Willow Della Rae)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (December 1):

First Sunday of Advent

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

Reminder of Deadlines:

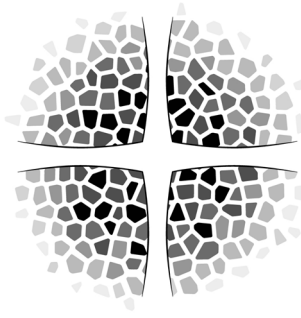
Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.