



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 † 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 red books at the end of the pews.*

Please pass them down 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.*

***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.*

Hearing assistance devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are now available for Sunday worship services.

Please ask an usher if you would like one.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Fanfare on ‘Hosanna, Loud Hosanna’”

Albert Travis

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 873

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

Stanzas 1 and 2 — all

*Stanza 3 — treble voices; **Refrain — all***

*Stanza 4 — bass voices; **Refrain — all***

Stanzas 5 and 6 — all

*Confession

P Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

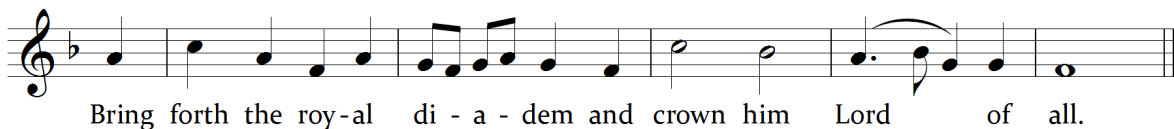
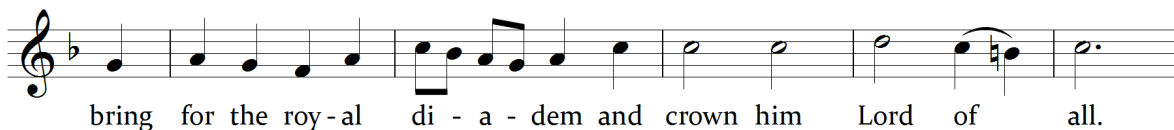
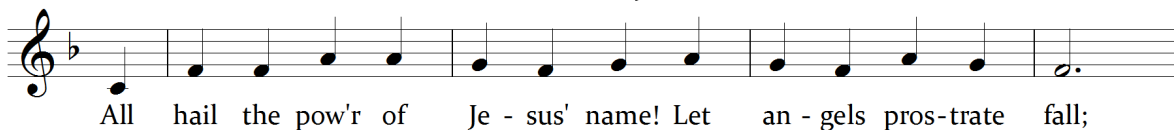
*Absolution

*Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A And also with you.

*Canticle of Praise — "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" stanza 1 CORONATION



*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

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

Pew Bible, page 702

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 95:1-7a

Psalm setting by Carolyn Jennings

For full text — front of hymnal, page 300

Refrain — *all*; **Verses** — *cantor*

Refrain

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us
shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Second Reading — Ephesians 1:15-23

Pew Bible, page 950

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Front of hymnal, page 124

*Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46

Spark Story Bible, page 318; Pew Bible, page 807

Before the reading:

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

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn — “O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us”

ELLACOMBE



O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for - give,
Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver all,
You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re - nown;



What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose praise the church would sing?
to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that we might rise and live.
you said the first must be the last and ser - vice be our call.
you died for us up - on a cross with thorns your on - ly crown.



As - pir - ing not to glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame,
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring;
O Christ, in work - place, church, and home, let none to pow - er cling;
But still, be - yond the span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring,



you walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
a dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
for still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
for now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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

*Prayers of Intercession

- Ⓐ 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) "Thy Bountiful Care"

Kenneth Jennings

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend. O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn thee above, the humbler creation though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise. O gratefully sing God's wonderful love.

—Robert Grant, Psalm 104

St. John's Chorale

*(This anthem was dedicated to the St. John's Senior Choir
and their director, Carolyn Jennings, in 1988.)*

(10:45) "Sing, Join the Song"

G. F. Handel, arr. Patrick Liebergen

Laudate Choir

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

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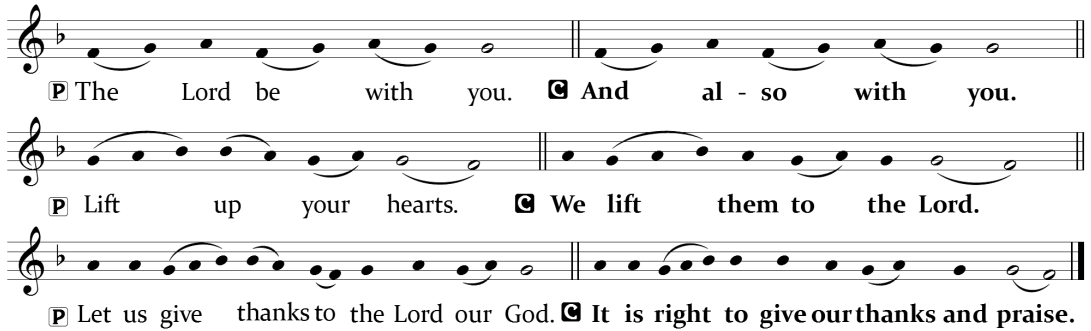
**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Offering Prayer

- Ⓛ Let us pray.
- Ⓞ God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

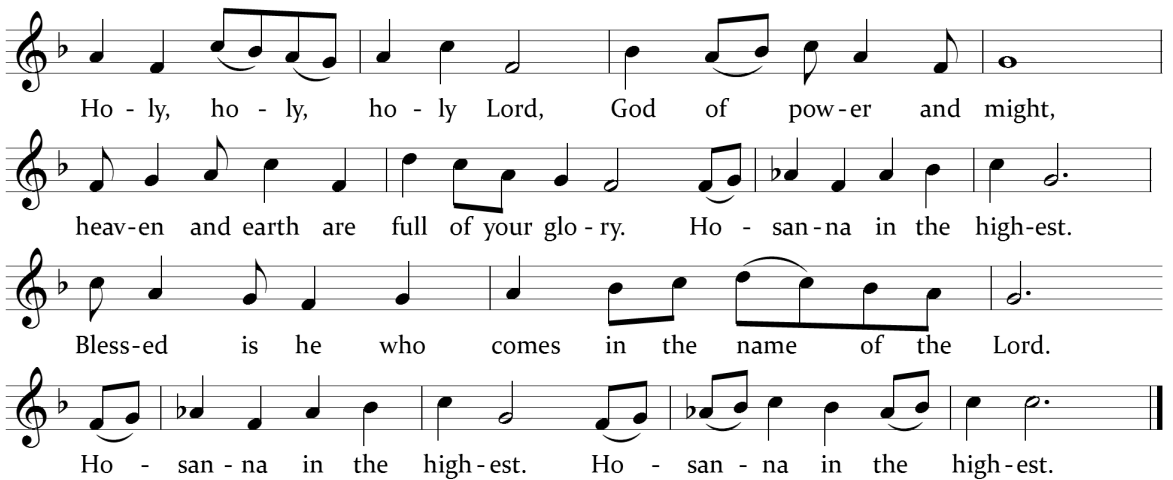


Ⓛ The Lord be with you. Ⓞ And al - so with you.

Ⓛ Lift up your hearts. Ⓞ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓛ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ⓞ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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. 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.

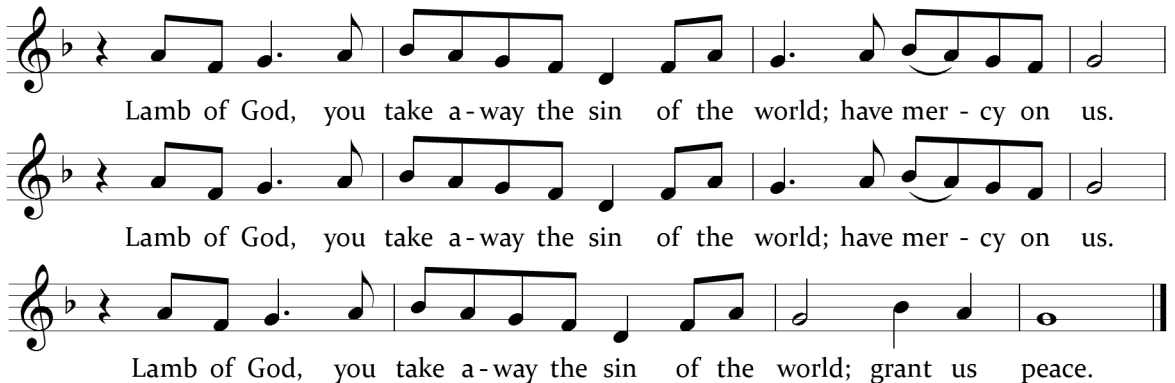
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*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.

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

Heinrich Schütz

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Michael Rosewall

Hymn — No. 855

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn — No. 826

"Thine the Amen"

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Post Communion Litany and Benediction

- P** God, you have fed us with your very self.
A We say thank you.
- P** You have made us one in the body of Christ.
A We say thank you.
- P** You strengthen us to follow you in a hungry world.
A We say thank you.
- P** Fed, united, and strengthened to be a blessing,
may the Lord fill you with hope, joy, and peace,
and bless you now and forever.
A Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 434

“Jesus Shall Reign”

Stanzas 1 and 5

*Dismissal

- L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Fanfare on ‘Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

Karl Osterland



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Sue Brockman
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Laudate Choir
Psalm Cantor	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Acolytes	(8:30) Marissa Vatter, Louise Welbaum (10:45) Jacob Faust, Luke Redetzke
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Dennis and Jane Rinehart (10:45) Dick Beckmen, Christy Hall-Holt
Communion Preparer	Tricia Peterson
Communion Server	Brian Evenson
Communion Clean Up	Ted Peterson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Shirley Keltto, George and Judith Pinc (10:45) David Norman, Douglas O'Leary
Coffee and Refreshments	Karl and Dao Hella, Andrea Hoff, Jon Kerr, Shirley Keltto, Gary and Lynette Schroeter, Barbara Wilson
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Jim Enestvedt, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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WELCOME STATEMENT

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.*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (November 26):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

St. John's Forum: Introduction to the Gospel of Mark (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Next Week (December 3):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

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

St. John's Forum: Will I Survive the Holidays? Hidden Stressors (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (December 3):

First Sunday of Advent

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

Wednesday Night



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

Menu for Wednesday, November 29:
Pulled Pork Sandwiches

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Dot and Cully Swanson by the Haugen and Gaffey Families. 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 24 & 31. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Introduction to the Gospel of Mark*

The new liturgical year (beginning in December) focuses on the Gospel of Mark. There are important questions to ask when reading the Gospel of Mark: Who is the audience? When was it written? What are the major themes and message? Why is there no story of Jesus' birth? Join us for an introduction to the Gospel of Mark.

Community Christmas Dinner Alert!

We are beginning to solicit helpers for the Community Christmas Dinner today. You will find a sign-up table located in the Commons area between services where we will be asking for donations of food and/or your time to help make this annual event a huge success. Please stop by and sign up!

Pub Theology — Tomorrow, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Froggy Bottoms

Topic: *Naming Without Shaming*

This week at Pub Theology we'll explore the question of how we carry out the call to speak out against injustice. Can we stand for justice without shaming someone else? What does it look like to confront with compassion? How can we hold ourselves and others accountable without demonizing and ostracizing?

Advent Fair — Wednesday, November 29

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.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

Announcements (cont.)

The Christmas Sharing Tree, Now-December 3

Our annual “Christmas Sharing Tree,” a program through the Northfield Community Action Center, is displayed in St. John’s Commons thru December 3. The Sharing Tree is decorated with paper stars. Each star 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, with the paper star attached, and put under the tree by Sunday, December 3. Bring your child (ren) along to help find a gift for a child. Thank you for your donations!

Holden Village 2018?

Last summer nearly 30 St. John's members made the pilgrimage to Holden Village in the northern Cascades for a week of worship, hiking, learning, creativity, rest and renewal. Registration for groups begins this year on December 1. If you would be interested in traveling to Holden the first or second week of July, contact Pastor Pam before November 30. With at least 15 people going we can receive a group rate.

St. Olaf Christmas Festival Live Stream

Do you love the St. Olaf Christmas Festival but can’t attend this year due to mobility reasons or sensitivities to big crowds? Are you curious about what the concert is like but haven’t been before? Do you already have a ticket but want to take it in one more time? We will be showing the live stream of the Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 3 from 3:00-5:00 in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. It’s free!

Christmas with Copper Street Brass

Copper Street Brass presents their popular holiday concert “Christmas on Copper Street” at St. John’s on Friday, December 8th at 7:30. They will play music from traditional carols to funk and rock holiday tunes. This year’s concert features music of favorite movies and TV specials *The Nutcracker*, *The Snowman*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *The Grinch*. Tickets are on sale now- \$20 or \$25 at the door and \$10 for students. For more information go to www.copperstreetbrass.org

Letter to St. John’s from ELCA World Hunger

We couldn’t do this work without you! Your gifts are making a big difference across the US and in 63 countries around the world. You are accompanying communities as they fight hunger and poverty through clinics, farms, water wells, micro loans, and more. In 2017 and 2018, ELCA World Hunger is striving for an unprecedented level of accompaniment and giving - \$25 million per year! Your partnership in this ministry is inspiring, St. John’s, and your commitment a real blessing! Signed: With you in Christ’s service, Rev. Robin Brown, Associate Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

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 recovering

Vera Haugen, Don Sahling

Those celebrating the baptism of

Jason Andrew Jackson Jr., Son of Ann and Jason Jackson

Those mourning the loss of

Family of Jessie Lindberg

Those with ongoing health concerns

Gert Brosz, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Ed Lindell, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Earl Hoffbeck, Timothy Johnson, George Schneider, Carol Stubbs, Paul Wolff

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Rodney and Janice Helgeson

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; Randy and Carol Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

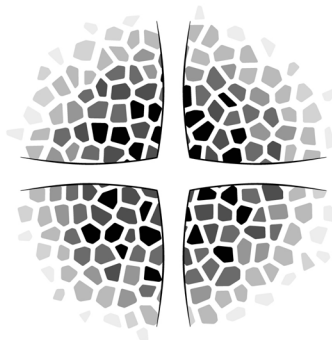
Call Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

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

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Nov. 27	11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna & Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Nov. 28	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Nov. 29	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	NFLD Public Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room "ROCK" Wednesday Afterschool Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Advent Fair, St. John's Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 10-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Nov. 30	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Girl Scout Troop #20065, Undercroft
Friday, Dec. 1	8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop #25258 Lock-In, Lower Level
Saturday, Dec. 2	8:00 a.m.	Discover Who You Are - Lifekeys Book Study, Hideaway Sons of Norway Breakfast, St. John's Hall
Sunday, Dec. 3	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i> Worship / Nursery St. Olaf Christmas Festival Live Stream, Sanctuary



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