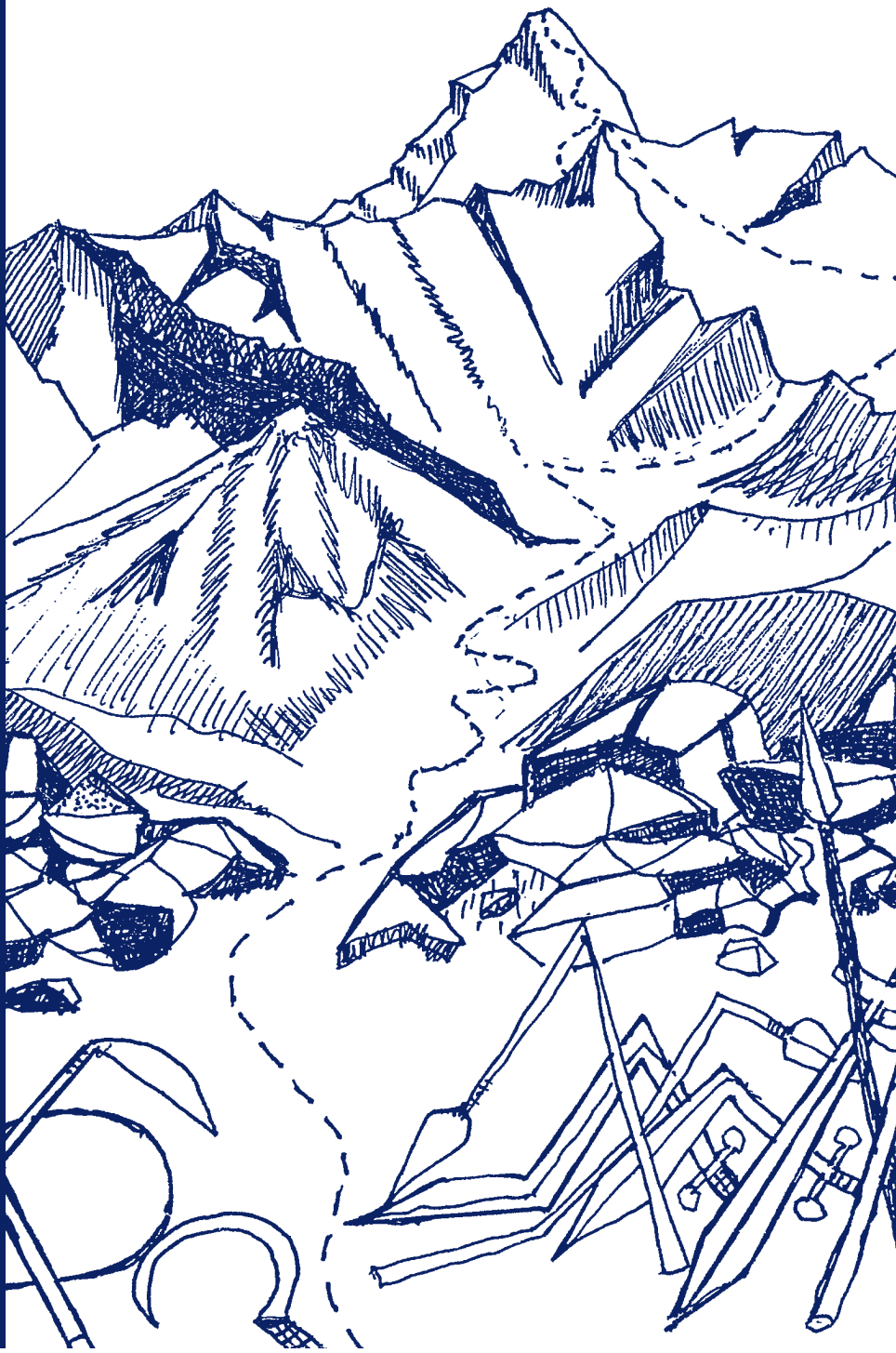


# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 + 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** — “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” BWV 645

J. S. Bach

*Paul Beck, trombone*

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who does wondrous things.

**C** **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

**P** Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront  
our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God of new beginnings,

**C** **we confess that we have not welcomed your presence among us.  
We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace.  
We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining  
fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of  
repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

**P** People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.  
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.  
You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.  
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 436

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

### \*Greeting

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

**C** **And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

**P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

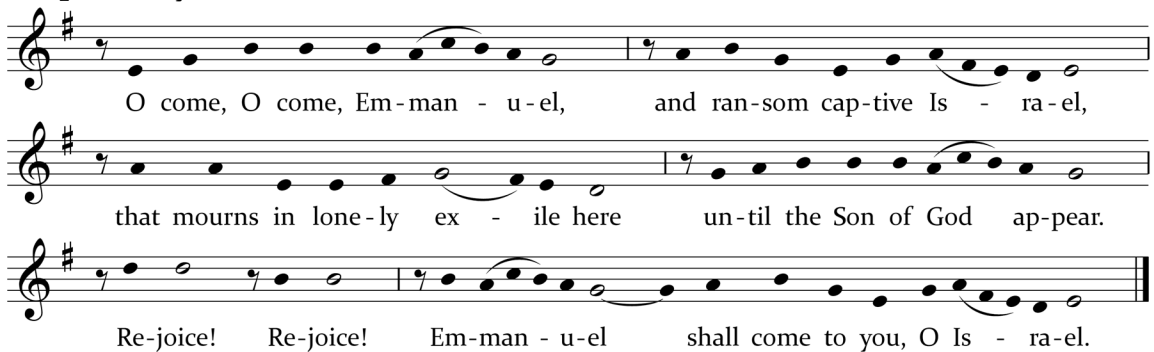
## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**L** Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace.

**C** Amen.

## Response Hymn — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI, EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em-man - u-el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra-el,  
that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un-til the Son of God ap-pear.  
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u-el shall come to you, O Is - ra-el.

Text: *Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum*; tr. composite; Music: French processional, 15th cent.

# HEARING GOD’S WORD

## Children’s Message

**First Reading** — Isaiah 2:1-5

Spark Story Bible, page 164; Pew Bible, page 550

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalmody — Psalm 122**

Antiphon: John Ferguson

*Antiphon: I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."*



<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they | said to me,

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

<sup>2</sup>Now our | feet are standing

within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built | as a city

that is at unity | with itself;

<sup>4</sup>to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the LORD. *Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup>For there are the | thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the | house of David.

<sup>6</sup>Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:

“May they pros- | per who love you.

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- | in your walls

and quietness with- | in your towers.

<sup>8</sup>For the sake of my kindred | and companions,

I pray for | your prosperity.” *Antiphon*

**Second Reading — Romans 13:11-14**

Pew Bible, page 923

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



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**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 904

“Come to Be Our Hope, O Jesus”

*Stanza 1 — cantor, Spanish; Stanzas 1–2 — all singing, English*

\*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) "Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain"

Carolyn Jennings

*Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, lift up your voice, shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will carry the lambs in his arms, he will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, he who fashioned the earth and the sea, from time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, he. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory, he will rule with mercy and truth, hope of all the nations, light of all the world. He will love the little children, he will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child, behold, your Lord comes to you. Love him, trust him as a child.*

– Adapted from Isaiah 40

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

John Ferguson

**\*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 1**

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.**

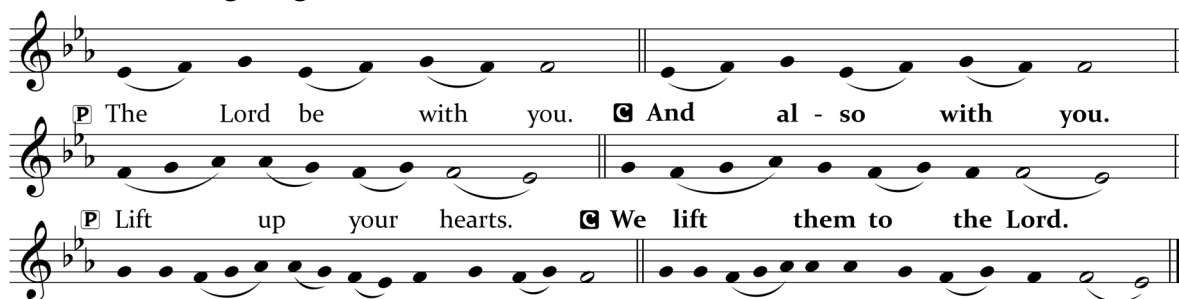
## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

## SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*Great Thanksgiving

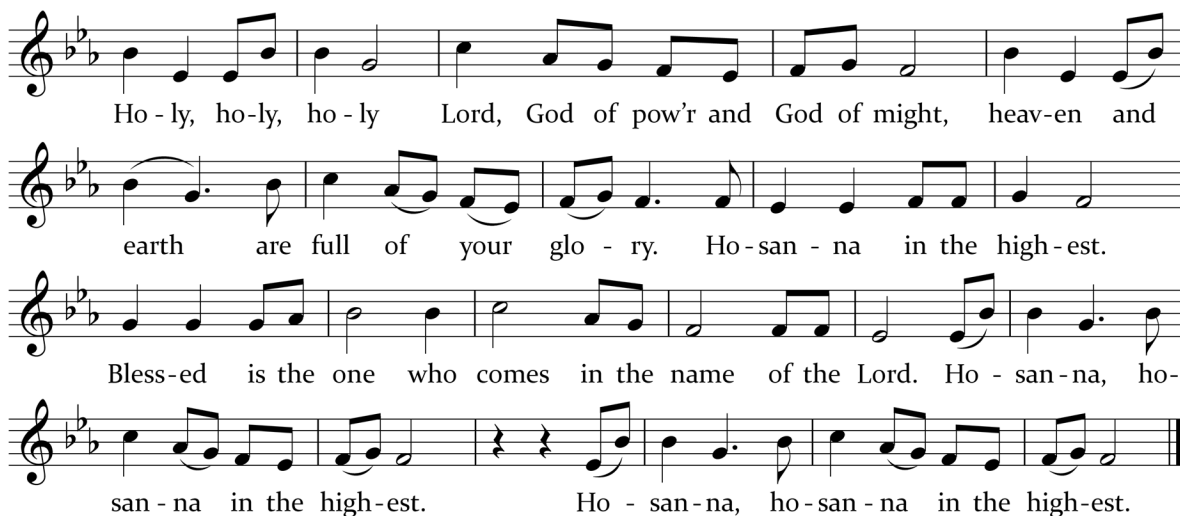


**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**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, God of pow'r and God of might, heav-en and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, 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.***

*On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving 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.

Hymn — ACS No. 949

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

## **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

☞ Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your people, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

### **\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☞ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 711

“O Day of Peace”

### **\*Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** — on JERUSALEM

Charles Callahan



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

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Terrence Hassanally (10:45) Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor, David Sims
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Trombone	Paul Beck
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Rod Christensen, Kristin Partlo (10:45) Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring, Ted Peterson, Pat Tabery
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim



# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.  
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Bruce and Audrey Moe honoring their daughter, Carolyn Moe Buzza, on the anniversary of her death on November 23, 2021. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: January 8, 22 & 29.

## **Message from Our Stewardship Board**

Thanksgiving. The expression of gratitude, especially to God. The act of giving thanks. Also, a national holiday celebrated in the U.S., and other countries. Thanksgiving (with a capital "T") began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest. 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 2023, thank you. It's not too late to submit your 2023 giving intention. You can return a card to the church office or the offering plate, scan the QR code to the right, [complete the online pledge form](#) on our website, or email your intent to Leah Garlie. If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2023 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. In thanksgiving, your Stewardship Board.  
*Grant Aaseng, Bob Nyvall, Dawn Tommerdahl, Kristy Harms*



## **St. John's Advent Fair**

**Wednesday, November 30, 5:15–7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Everyone is invited to St. John's Advent Fair! Enjoy the Wednesday Night Meal and Advent activities for all ages. Feel free to bring friends!

- 5:15–6:15 p.m.: Wednesday Night Meal (Pulled Pork Sandwiches)
- 5:45–7:00 p.m.: Advent Fair crafts, games, s'mores, campfires, and more!

Please email Julie Brehmer at [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) if you'd like to volunteer to help at the fair with crafts, games, or outside fire pits and s'mores! Thanks!

## **I Cantanti Chamber Choir**

**Today, 4:00 p.m., Skinner Chapel at Carleton College**

**Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m., United Methodist Church, Faribault**

Join I Cantanti Chamber Choir for their annual Nine Lessons and Carols concert. There are opportunities for the audience to sing along and the reflections provide an excellent opportunity to kick off the Christmas season. The performance will include works from Wayne Kivell, Dan Forrest, Philip Biedenbender, Giulio Caccini, and John Gardner. In lieu of tickets, a freewill exit offering will be taken at the door.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Advent Wednesdays: *Hope and Expectation***

**Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary**

We gather for a quiet service of poetry and prayer. Our themes of hope and expectation will bring together Scripture, contemporary poetry, and the music of Advent. Join us for 30 minutes in the Sanctuary to let the waiting and hope of the season sink in.

## **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 place your order is Sunday, December 11.

## **St. John's Forum – Introduction to *All Creation Sings***

**Sunday, December 4, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Worship and music are essential to our experience of God, and every generation finds new words and melodies to explore the wonders and mysteries of faith. *All Creation Sings*, the beautiful purple hymnal in our pews, was published in 2020 as a supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. We've already learned many of the hymns, and in this forum David Sims (Music Development Manager, Augsburg Fortress) will explain its development and introduce us to the liturgies, prayers, laments, and hymns that help us join our voices with the creation God so marvelously made.

## **Language Camp Fundraiser—Nordic Kaffeepause (Swedish “Fika”)**

**Sunday, December 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Bottomless cup of coffee, Norwegian waffles, Scandinavian cookies, and rommegrot! \$15/adult, \$10/ages 5-10, free for 4 and under, \$35 max/family. For tickets call 612-205-1133 or they can be purchased at the door. Sponsored by Northfield Sons of Norway, Lodge #1-585. VELKOMMEN!



## **St. John's Children's Christmas Program**

**SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 18  
10:45 AM  
SERVICE**

## **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*

Brad Knoch, George Pinc, Bruce Rickert, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette),  
Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James,  
Carolyn Jennings, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell,  
Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*All who are homebound, including*

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, 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; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

### **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.

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

**This Week (November 27):**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

**Next Week (December 4):**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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: Introduction to *All Creation Sings*, (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

## **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. 28</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 29</b>	7:30 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
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 30</b>	3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Advent Fair and Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Where Politics Meets Faith Conversation, Fireside Room St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary Ubuntu Youth Group, St. John's
<b>Thursday, Dec. 1</b>	7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilters, Fellowship Hall Communion at Three Links, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Christmas Day Dinner Team Meeting, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Dec. 2</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Dec. 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Sons of Norway Breakfast, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Dec. 4</b>	8:30 a.m.  10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i> Worship, Sanctuary Youth Christmas Party (Grades 6–12), St. John's

### **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (December 4):**

#### ***Second Sunday of Advent***

**Isaiah 11:1-10   †   Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19   †   Romans 15:4-13   †   Matthew 3:1-12**



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Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*  
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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