

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 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** — “Proclamation on WACHET AUF”

Aaron David Miller

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Advent Affirmation of Hope

- P** Let us affirm our hope in Christ, who came,  
who comes, and who is to come:  
When violence reigns,  
and war seems never-ending,  
Christ is our hope,  
**C** **born among us, crucified and risen.**
- P** When despair lies in wait  
and life loses meaning,  
Christ is our hope,  
**C** **born among us, crucified and risen.**
- P** When people claim to know what God alone knows,  
and say the end is near,  
Christ is our hope,  
**C** **born among us, crucified and risen.**
- P** When life on earth is extinguished this year, next year,  
or in a hundred million years,  
Christ is our hope,  
**C** **born among us, crucified and risen.**
- P** In sorrow and joy, today and tomorrow,  
in life and in death,  
Christ is our hope,  
**C** **born among us, crucified and risen.**
- A** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\***Gathering Hymn** — No. 436

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

## \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

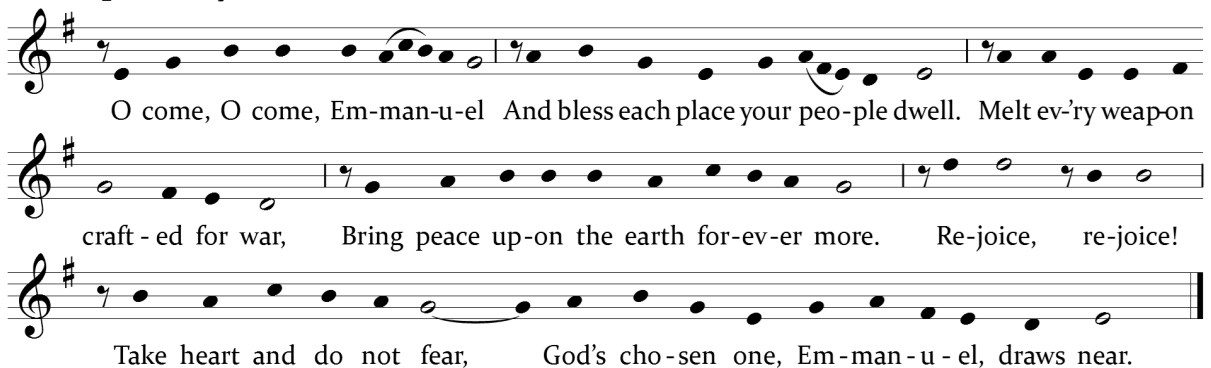
- Ⓐ We light candles during Advent, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

- Ⓑ **Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**
- Ⓐ In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations, and arbitrate for many peoples. We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
- Ⓑ **Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

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

VENI, EMMANUEL



O come, O come, Em-man-u-el And bless each place your peo-ple dwell. Melt ev-'ry weap-on  
craft-ed for war, Bring peace up-on the earth for-ev-er more. Re-joice, re-joice!  
Take heart and do not fear, God's cho-sen one, Em-man-u-el, draws near.

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## \*Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ 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.
- Ⓑ **Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**First Reading** — Isaiah 2:1-5

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

*After the reading:*

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

**Second Reading** — Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible, page 923

*After the reading:*

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

## \*Gospel Acclamation

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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**\*Gospel** — Matthew 24:36-44

Pew Bible, page 806

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 241

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

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

*The Triune God proclaims Willow Francis Rea as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Willow's parents are Patrick and Kristin Rea, and her sponsors are Pattie and Mike Rea.*

## Presentation

- ☐ People of God, do you promise to support Willow Francis and pray for her in her new life in Christ?  
☑ We do.

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

\***Baptismal Hymn** — No. 286

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

### *Stanza 1*

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

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

## Baptism

### Welcome

**Baptismal Hymn** — No. 286

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

### *Stanza 4*

\***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) "Lift Up Your Heads"

John L. Bell

*Lift up your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! See how the King of glory waits, Alleluia! The Lord of Hosts is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here. Alleluia! But not in arms or battle dress, Alleluia! God comes, a child amidst distress, Alleluia! No mighty armies shield the way, only coarse linen, wool, and hay. Alleluia! God brings a new face to the brave, Alleluia! God redefines who best can save: Alleluia! not those whose power relies on threat, terror or torture, destruction or debt. Alleluia! God's matchless and majestic strength, Alleluia! in all its height, depth, breadth, and length, Alleluia! now is revealed its power to prove, by Christ protesting "God is love!" Alleluia!*

- George Weessel, adapt, John Bell

*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

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us.**

**Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new  
and our lives reveal your light.**

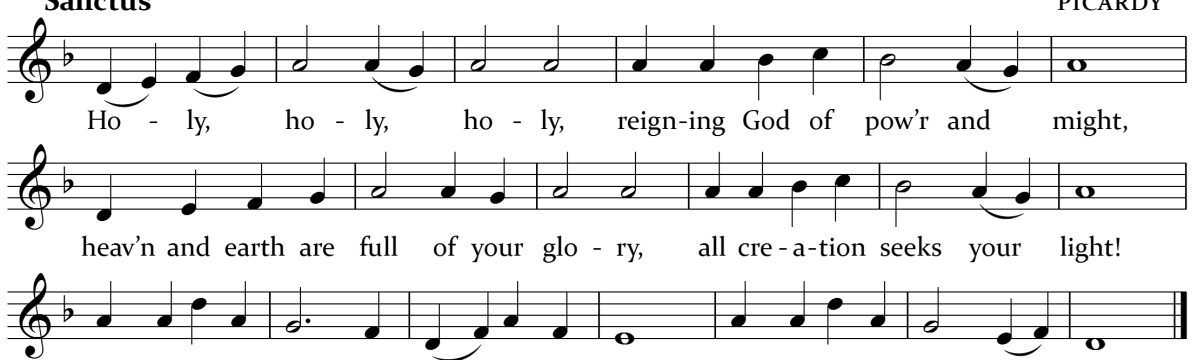
**Amen.**

# SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

## \*Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also 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:

**\*Sanctus** PICARDY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign-ing God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, all cre - a-tion seeks your light!  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Bless-ed be the Lord most high!

Text: Trad. liturgical, arr. Kimberly Bracken Long

## \*Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy One, the beginning and the end...Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** With this bread and cup...we look with hope for his coming.
- C** **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Holy God, we long for your Spirit...Bring the gift of peace on earth.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit.**
- P** All praise and glory are yours...one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



## \*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.*

## 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 — "O Come, Emmanuel"

Peter Paul Olejar

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

- Latin, ca. 12<sup>th</sup> century

Hymn — No. 438

"My Lord, What a Morning"

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **God of abundance, we give you thanks in this holy meal.  
May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words  
and our work in your name invite others into your grace.  
Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we  
await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

℣ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 711

“O Day of Peace”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — on JERUSALEM

Charles Callahan



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi
Assisting Minister	Dennis Rinehart
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Advent Wreath Lighters	(8:30) Rebecca and Michaela Gummow (10:45) Lindell Family
Acolytes	(8:30) Michaela Gummow, Jake Tanghe (10:45) Mari Hanson, Thea Hanson
Communion Preparer	Dennis Rinehart
Communion Servers	(8:30) Jane Rinehart (10:45) TBD
Communion Cleanup	Dennis and Jane Rinehart
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rebecca Gummow, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Carolyn Jennings, Paul and Anne Klinefelter
Coffee and Refreshments	Georgene Johnson, Jon Kerr, Rick and Nancy Moe, Candice Volkert
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill Gasho, David Norman, Ted Peterson, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Nicholas Boehning, Scott Boehning, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson

## **Children and Youth Ministry**

### **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.

# Announcements

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Gert Brosz by Wil Brosz and family. 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. 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.

## **WE NEED YOUR 2020 INTENT TO GIVE!**

Thanks to the 105 families who have returned their 2020 pledge card. We still need to hear from many more of you in the next week in order for leadership to craft a budget. You can return a card to the church office, in the offering plate, or you can email your intent to Bernie Renander at [finance@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:finance@StJohnsNorthfield.org). If you give electronically through automatic transfer, please review your giving and let us know your 2020 intent, even if it is to remain the same.

## **St. John's Forum**

**Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

Topic: *Gratitude - What Science & The Bible Have To Say, led by Sue Krautkramer*

Gratitude. Why your body and brain like it! And, what the Bible has to say about it! Have you ever wondered how your thoughts effect your physical, mental, and emotional health? God sure did. We'll take a look at what science tells us about how our thoughts impact our lives and align it with what the Bible tells us about how we are to live.

## **Community Christmas Day Dinner Signups**

Sign-ups begin today in the Commons between services for contributions of food and for volunteer help in setting up on Monday, December 23, and in the kitchen and dining room on Christmas Day. It takes a village to make this event a success. Please consider being a part of that village and come find us at our table in the Commons to sign up!

## **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.

**I Cantanti and Le Donne** will perform Nine Lessons and Carols today at 3:30 p.m. in the Carleton Chapel in Northfield. A second performance will be given at Trinity Lutheran Church in Faribault at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8.

# **Announcements (continued)**

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

**Sunday, December 15, 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, St. John's Hall**

Mark your calendars! St. John's Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 15, at the 10:45 a.m. service. The program, "Christmas Everywhere", is performed by children in preschool-grade 5. If your child is unable to participate please notify his/her teacher or call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429. If your child is interested in sharing an instrumental or vocal piece during the offering, contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or sign up on the bulletin board in either the lower or upper Commons area.

## **Operation Joy! (Sharing Tree)**

**Now – December 8**

"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 under the tree by Sunday, December 8. Thank you in advance for your donations!

## **Poinsettia Orders**

The Chancel Guild will be taking orders for poinsettias between services on Sundays and on Wednesdays during the Wednesday Night Meal. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone or in celebration of Christmas, stop in the Commons on the above referenced dates. The order form will also be available in the church office and on the website. The last day to have your order form in is Sunday, December 16. The flowers will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

## **Mark your calendars for an Intergenerational Event: Christmas Dinner Workshop**

**Sunday, December 22, 9:45-10:30 a.m.**

Elves of all ages are needed to decorate placemats, make table decorations and roll napkins for our St. John's Community Christmas Day Dinner. Come join in the Christmas spirit of helping others while enjoying some carols, cookies and camaraderie.

**Fellowship of the Least Coin** is a global, ecumenical prayer movement linking prayers for peace, justice, and reconciliation with "least coins." The coins are used to fund projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief, and awareness-building among women. There are two ways to participate. One way is by contributing today to the large jar in the Commons. A second way is by taking a small jar home and making a monetary contribution when a prayer is said. All donations will be turned in as part of the Northfield Ecumenical Women service held on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bethel Lutheran Church.

## **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*

Jerry Bothun

*Those celebrating the baptism of*

Willow Francis Rea, daughter of Kristin and Patrick Rea

*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*

Richard Olson, Berta Diem, Virley Brown

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

**Next Week (December 8):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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)

St. John's Forum: Room at the Inn - Housing in Northfield (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

# 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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

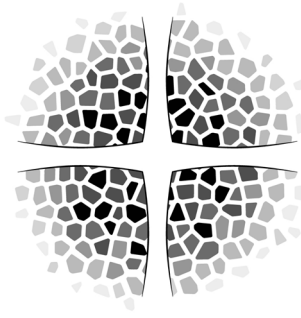
<b>Monday, Dec. 2</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 3</b>	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
<b>Wed., Dec. 4</b>	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m.  5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Jubilate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Advent Fair Activities, St. John's Hall St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Dec. 5</b>	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
<b>Friday, Dec. 6</b>	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Dec. 7</b>	8:00 a.m.	Sons of Norway Breakfast, St. John's Hall
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b>	8:30 a.m.  10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 14) Worship / Nursery (Affirmation of Baptism)



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

Menu for Wednesday, December 4:  
*Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Salads*

**All are welcome!**



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