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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.

Large print bulletins 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.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Aaron David Miller

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 242

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

*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.**

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

☐ At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,

☑ **Open us to your coming.**

☐ We gather together to allow our deeply held hopes to be reshaped
by God's promises. O Emmanuel,

☑ **Open us to your coming.**

☐ We wait for the day when God will make for us a future that is beyond
our fear. O Emmanuel,

☑ **Open us to your coming.**

☐ We seek to be open to God's will and trust in God's mercy and justice
to accomplish it. O Emmanuel,

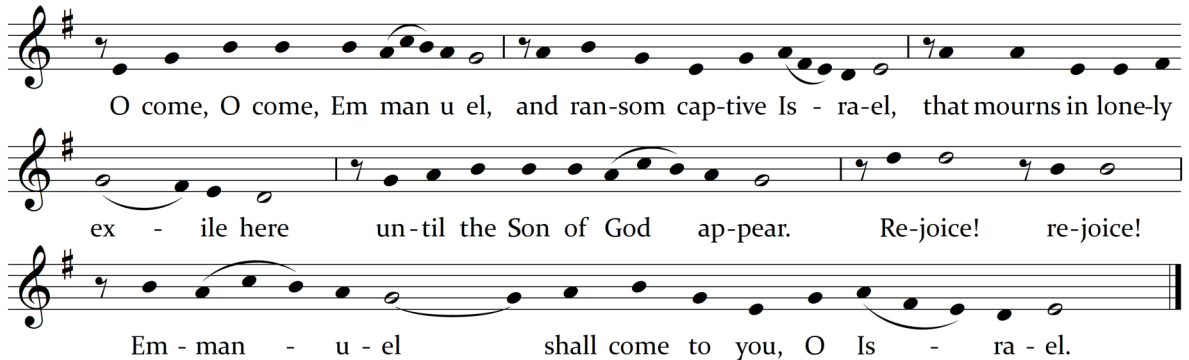
☑ **Open us to your coming.**

☐ Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these candles, whose
flames bring brightness to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

☑ **Amen.**

***Response Hymn** — “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *stanza 1*

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-joyce! re-joyce!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

***Prayer of the Day**

- Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by you Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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 — Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible, page 767

After the reading:

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

Meditation

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

“GLORIA” RV 589

ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678-1741)

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| I. Gloria in excelsis Deo, | <i>Glory to God in the highest,</i> |
| II. Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis. | <i>and on earth peace to
people of good will.</i> |
| III. Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te. | <i>We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you.</i> |
| <i>Greta Ramsey and Julia Woodring, sopranos</i> | |
| IV. Gratias agimus tibi | <i>We give you thanks</i> |
| V. Propter magnam gloriam | <i>for your great glory.</i> |
| VII. Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe | <i>Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son</i> |
| XI. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, | <i>For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,</i> |
| XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen. | <i>with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.</i> |

The English translation of the *Gloria in excelsis* is from *The Roman Missal* © 2010

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 248

“People, Look East”

*The Nicene Creed — page 104, front of hymnal

*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:

Concerto in D Minor

IV. "Largo e spiccato"

Vivaldi, arr. J. S. Bach

*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.

☩ **God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits
of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience
and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son,
our Savior and Lord. 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!

*Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Holy One, the beginning and the end...Do this for remembrance of me.
- P** 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.

Hymn — No. 289

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn — No. 272

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

P Let us pray.

A **Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives that we may be messengers to prepare your way, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 263

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

***Dismissal**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Partita on NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND
IV. Fugue

Jacob Weber



In anticipation of our upcoming 150th church anniversary year, our bulletin covers this Advent and Christmas season pay tribute to the many artists and designers whose artistic vision welcomes us into worship week after week over many decades. The cover this morning is by Kenneth Peterson, from the Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 1978. Ken was a long time member of St. John's who died in 2008. He was a architect with SMSQ Architects and helped design several building additions at St. John's.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	St. John's Chorale, Nathan Proctor, director
Soloists	Greta Ramsey and Julia Woodring, Church Music Interns
Orchestra members	Hanlon McGarity, violin Madeline Miller, violin Emerson Clay, viola Jacob Rothermel, cello Rob Thompson, bass Julia Porter, oboe Olav Serres, trumpet
Advent Wreath Lighters	(8:30) McLaughlin Family (10:45) Rebecca and Michaela Gummow
Acolytes	(8:30) Austin Mathre, Tristan Mattson (10:45) Natalie DeGrego, Elizabeth Tracy
Communion Preparer	Sharon Bishop
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Georgene Johnson
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Carolyn Jennings, Leif Knecht (10:45) Brian Boyum, Carolyn Jennings
Coffee and Refreshments	Tony Becker and Beckie Judge, Leif Knecht, Janet Lotegeluaki, Bruce Rickert, Leah Sand, Candice Volkert
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Jim Enestvedt, Bill and Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (December 16):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Manna and Mercy Video Discussion Group (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room)

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

Today's Learning Topics

Manna & Mercy Video Discussion Group Continues Today

9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room

Last week's topic was postponed to this week! After the story of Noah and the flood, Genesis 11 ends in barrenness. But Genesis 12 is like a new start with Abraham and Sarah. Alan Storey offers that through this story God is looking for partnership with us – that is the way the world is healed. God not only wants to come *to us but also through us*.

Middle School Youth Group!

Sundays, 9:45-10 :30 a.m., Youth Room

Come to the Youth Room for highs and lows, and a “mystery” video and topic discussion to be determined. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Advent and Christmas Worship & Events

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24

Christmas Vespers at 3:00 p.m. (especially for families and children)

Christmas Vespers w/Candlelight at 5:00 p.m. (Service Broadcast on KYMN 1080AM/95.1 FM)

Christmas Candlelight and Holy Communion at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25

Christmas Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. (Service Broadcast on KYMN 1080AM/95.1 FM)

Christmas Dinner for All from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 30

One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (Service Broadcast on KYMN 1080AM/95.1 FM)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Bob and Marilyn Matta in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary. 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 24 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Advent Vespers - Contemplative Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays, December 19, at 6:15 p.m.

Each Advent storytime and vespers will include singing, storytime, and prayers for the season of waiting. We will use beautiful children's books to illuminate the season.

- **December 19:** We'll hear Frank McCourt's story *Angela and the Baby Jesus*, an Irish tale of childhood, family, and forgiveness.

Creative Arts Group: "Christmas Carols & Craft Night"

Wednesday, December 19, 5:30-6:15 p.m., St. John's Library

**Please note the time change to allow everyone to attend the Advent Vespers Service at 6:15 p.m.*

Bring your favorite Christmas carols to sing as a group, and we'll also be making holiday snow globes! No experience is necessary - come willing to meet new people and try something new! The group will be led by both LBSA's Art Specialist, Bridget Novak, and Music Therapist, Jenny Solar.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Everyone is invited to consider serving at the special services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Commons or online.

- Greet and Attend the Welcome Desk
- Prepare and Cleanup from Communion

Please Note: The opportunity to serve in these roles is **open to the whole congregation**. The December Hospitality group is responsible for (only!) the FIVE Sundays this year in December!

Are you interested in a Bible 101 Class?

The St. John's Forum team is considering offering a 4-week Bible 101 class on Sunday mornings this winter or spring season. This would not replace the St. John's Forum, but would be an additional educational opportunity. Before deciding to do this, we wanted to know how many people might be interested. If you would be interested in this being offered, please contact Pastor Jonathan at jdavis@stjohnsnorthfield.org, or put your name on the sign-up on Pastor Jonathan's door.

Announcements (continued)

Community Christmas Day Dinner Sign-Ups Continue

Sign-ups continue today in the Commons between services. We still need donations of food and help, especially in the kitchen on Christmas Day. Come see us and sign-up!

Poinsettia Orders

Today is the last day to order a poinsettia. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone or in celebration of Christmas, stop in the Commons between services. The flowers will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Your Year End Gifts are Needed!

St. John's depends on robust December giving to make our budget. If you have not fulfilled your pledge, or if you can make an additional gift, we will receive 2018 financial offerings in the following ways:

- given online by December 28 (processing takes time to clear)
- delivered in person by noon, December 31, to the church office
- mailed and postmarked by midnight December 31

THANK YOU!

Annual Meeting Reports!

For all those who are submitting information for the Annual Report - please turn your report in as soon as possible (the deadline was Friday, December 14)! And mark your calendar for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 20.

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.

Children and Youth Ministries

Children and Youth programming takes a break during the school's winter break.

- No Sunday School or Middle School Youth Group on December 23 and 30.
- No Wednesday programming on December 19 and 26.

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

Joann Jorgensen, Gloria Knutson, Jane Koskovich, Suzanne Pfau, Julie Westerback

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Mary Gasho

Family of Bette Quinnell

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Joan Carlson, Arlene Sivanich, Richard Olson

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 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.


Lectionary Readings for Next Week (December 23):

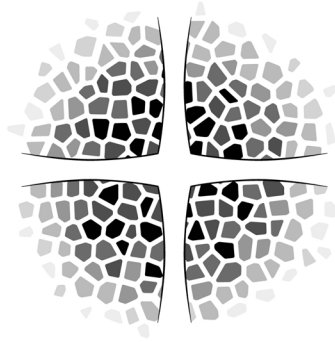
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a † Luke 1:46b-55 † Hebrews 10:5-10 † Luke 1:39-45

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Dec. 17	8:30 a.m. Quilting, Fellowship Hall 10:45 a.m. 1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite 11:30 a.m. Dinner Followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite 12:00 p.m. Manna and Mercy Mondays, Fireside Room 6:00 p.m. Pub Theology, SMOQE House 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 18	8:45 a.m. SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Fireside Room 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room 5:00 p.m. Laura Baker Services Assoc. Christmas Party, St. John's Hall 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Dec. 19	4:15 p.m. Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 4:45 p.m. Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 6:15 p.m. Advent Vespers, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Dec. 20	8:30 a.m. Quilting, Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. Rejoice Ringers Rehearsal, Balcony
Friday, Dec. 21	8:45 a.m. SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Dec. 22	No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Dec. 23	10:00 a.m. Worship / Nursery

	<p>Served from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall</p> <p>Menu for Wednesday, December 19: <i>Wild Rice Casserole</i></p> <p>All are welcome!</p>
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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.