



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 2018 † 10:00 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.*

Pastor,  Leader (Assisting Minister),  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.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — “Three Festive Carols”

arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

*Donna Paulsen, piano*

*Nathan Proctor, organ*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 270

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**\*Opening Litany:** Zephaniah 3:14-15, 18-20 (*Read responsively*)

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

**Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
and has turned away your enemies.

<sup>18</sup>**I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.**

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

**And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,**

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>**At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;**

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
**when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.**

\*Carol — No. 275

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

*Stanzas 1 and 4*

**\*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**

☐ Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds  
to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according  
to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**First Reading** — 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Pew Bible, page 214

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** — No. 294

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

**Second Reading** — Colossians 3:12-17

Pew Bible, page 976

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**Carol** — No. 286

“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”

*Before the reading:*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hayden Kvamme

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “Jesus’ Parents Left the Temple”

W ZLOBIE LEZY



Je - sus' par - ents left the Tem - ple with a trav - 'ling car - a - van.  
They went back and final - ly found him with the teach - ers of the Law.  
God of love, with earth - ly par - ents, Je - sus lis - tened, learned, and grew.



They were sure their son was with them as they left Je - ru - sa - lem.  
What they wit - nessed was as - tound - ing! What a won - drous sight they saw.  
In the Tem - ple, in your pres - ence, he knew he was home with you.



Soon they cried, “We can - not find him!” He was some - how left be - hind them,  
For the ques - tions he was rais - ing showed his knowl - edge was a - maz - ing;  
We're re - mind - ed of his wis - dom; he al - read - y knew his mis - sion



so they went to search for him, so they went to search for him.  
all who heard him were in awe, all who heard him were in awe.  
and the work that he would do, and the work that he would do.

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\*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:*

"A Rossetti Christmas"

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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 together.

Ⓐ **God with us: you came as a baby to a manger.**

**You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.**

**You come again in bread and wine.**

**Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.**

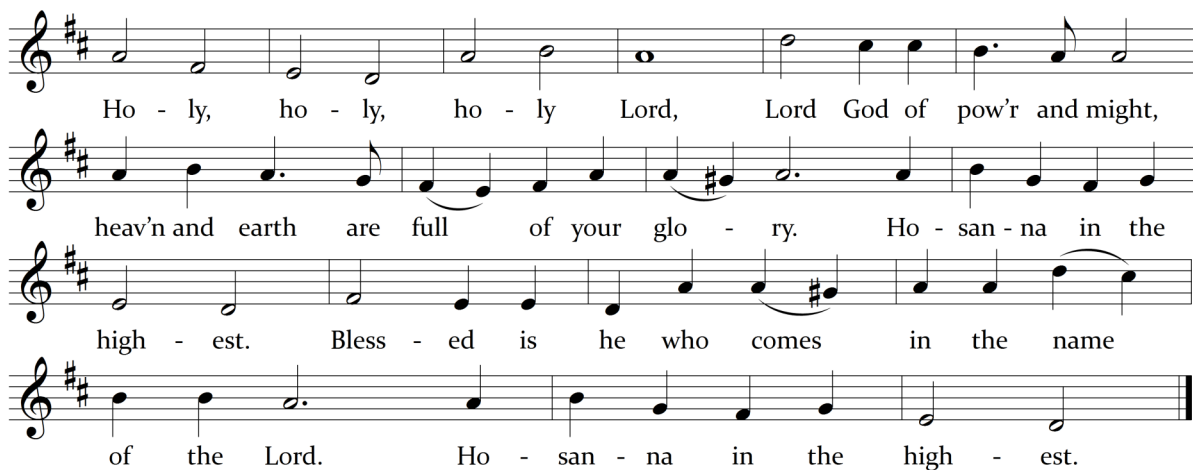
**And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others  
in the strength of your holy name.**

**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:



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. This morning we commune by means of **intinction** (dipping the wafer into the chalice). You will be given a wafer and offered a choice of two chalices.*

*The **wine** is red; the **grape juice** is white. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center, and there is a chalice of grape juice in the center for the gluten-free wafers only.*

*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.

Carol — No. 282

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Solo — "In a Lowly Manger Born"

Seigi Abe



## Post-Communion Blessing

### \*Prayer at the End of the Year

℣ Let us pray.

℟ Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

### \*Blessing

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

\*Sending Hymn — No. 290

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

### \*Dismissal

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

arr. Mark Hayes



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

Presiding	Pastor Phil Eaves
Preaching	Hayden Kvamme
Assisting Minister	Pat Fick
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Pianist	Donna Paulsen
Soloist	Kristin Partlo
Healing Prayers	Jane Rinehart, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparer	Jane Rinehart
Communion Server	Barb Eaves
Communion Cleanup	Jane Rinehart
Greeters / Welcome Desk	Jim Enestvedt, Sally Lindell
Coffee and Refreshments	Sharon Bishop, Erik Hong, Georgene Johnson, Sally Lindell, Kristi Wermager
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson, Gordon Jorgenson

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**Hayden Kvamme** is a member here at St. John's  
and a final-year student at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.  
He lives there on campus with his wife, Kathryn,  
and their 16-month-old daughter, Maggie.

Hayden completed his internship last year at Prairie Faith Shared Ministry,  
a rural, multi-point parish near WaKeeney, Kansas.

He and his family very much appreciate your continued prayers and support as they  
look forward with anticipation (and just a few nerves!) to seeing where God and the  
church call them in the assignment process this spring.



We invite you to **mark your calendars now** for these special anniversary events:

**Sunday, January 13:** We will welcome the St. Olaf Choir in worship and celebrate the historic and ongoing relationship between St. John's and the St. Olaf Choir with a special forum and reception between services.

**Sunday, April 28:** We will continue our Easter celebrations with a special focus on local composers and local visual artists.

**Sunday, July 14:** We will get outdoors together and celebrate with a family friendly social event.

**October 26-28:** Our **Capstone Event** will include something for everyone - kids, neighbors, history buffs, and people who just love to get together, share food, and celebrate.

Wednesday Night



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

Wednesday, January 2  
*Scalloped Potatoes*

**All are welcome!**

## Learning and Fellowship Between Services

**Next Week (January 6):**

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)

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

St. John's Forum: Re-Membering - Connecting Through Our Stories (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Milo Quinnell by his wife and children. Milo died on January 5, 2017. 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: January 20 & 27. 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.

## **THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH THE CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER!!**

There were at least 300 people in St. John's Hall enjoying the wonderful dinner. What a sight to see all the tables full with everyone talking to their neighbors. It is a blessing that St. John's can provide this to the community

**The Church building will be closing** at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31, and will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Our Wednesday night programming resumes on January 2.

**Our financial contributions** are one of the ways that we together support the ministry of St. John's. Contributions for 2018 can be received in the following ways

- delivered in person by noon, December 31, to the church office
- mailed and postmarked by midnight December 31

Thank you!

## **Women of St. John's Annual Christmas & Carols Luncheon**

**Thursday, January 3, 11:30 a.m., King's Room at St. Olaf**

Delightful music and delicious food are always the fare at our annual Christmas luncheon. Reserve your place by signing up at the St. John's Women bulletin board in the Commons. Cost is \$15.

**We welcome the St. Olaf Choir** and its director, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to worship services on Sunday, January 13. This is a long-standing and deeply beloved tradition at St. John's as we welcome the choir back to the place of its birth and are blessed by their wonderful leadership and music. A reception in honor of the choir will be held between services in St. John's Hall.

## **Treats Needed on January 13**

Do you have a great holiday cookie or bar recipe that's been in your family for years? Do you love to make kringler, krumkake, sandbakkels, rosettes, and other favorites? Maybe you didn't get to make something this year and want a reason to enjoy more butter? To kick off the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and welcome the St. Olaf Choir we are looking for people to bring 3 dozen festive treats on Sunday, January 13. Sign up in the Commons.

## **Announcements (continued)**

### **Save the Date: Annual Meeting / Potluck!**

The annual meeting of St. John's will take place on Sunday, January 20, at noon in St. John's Hall. Following a potluck lunch, we will meet to hear reports, elect council and board members for 2019, and approve the 2019 budget. The St. John's Foundation meeting will take place just before the congregational meeting. *For all those who are submitting information for the Annual Report - please turn your report in as soon as possible!*

### **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://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**

### **Wednesday programming and Sunday School / Middle School Group resume this week!**

- Wednesday afterschool programming, confirmation, and High School Youth Group resume this Wednesday, January 2, which is also the return of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade CAT.
- Sunday School and Middle School Group resume next Sunday, January 6.

### **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade CAT Resumes January 2**

**Wednesday, January 2, 9, 16 & 23, 4:00-4:45 p.m.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class meets in Room 20 (lower level) and 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Undercroft (lower level) from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. (snack is included). Please contact Julie Brehmer if your child would like to ride the St. John's afterschool bus on Wednesdays to CAT. The bus picks up at Sibley, Bridgewater, Greenvale and at the Middle School for PCCS kids.

### **Save the Date(s):**

- **Sunday, January 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m.:** Middle School Youth are invited to Peggy Hanson's home for hot chocolate, delicious treats, and fun! Watch for more info!
- **Monday, January 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.:** Grades 2-5 are invited to Jesse James Lanes for a St. John's Bowling Event. Watch for more info!
- **Monday, January 21, 12:00 p.m.:** High School Youth are invited to a "Trip to an Escape Room". We will carpool from St. John's and begin the day at Augsburg College to listen to a speaker talk about Martin Luther King, Jr., have lunch in the college cafeteria, then head over to Trapped in St. Paul. Watch for more info!

## **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, Jane Koskovich, Suzanne Pfau

*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*

Bob Noreen, Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud

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

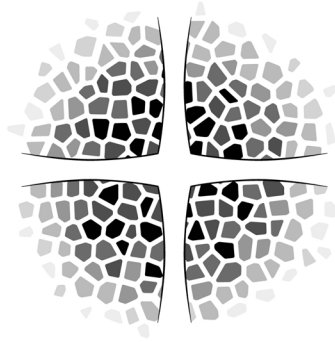
## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (January 6):**

### ***Epiphany of Our Lord***

**Isaiah 60:1-6 † Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 † Ephesians 3:1-12 † Matthew 2:1-12**

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Mon., Dec. 31</b>		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Will Close at Noon</i>
<b>Tue., Jan. 1</b>		<i>New Year's Day - Church Office and Building Closed</i>
<b>Wed., Jan. 2</b>	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	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.	Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Jan. 3</b>	11:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Annual King's Room Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Jan. 4</b>	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Jan. 5</b>		<i>No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed</i>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 6</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
		<i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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