

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024 † 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. Pastor, L Leader (Assisting Minister), G 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** — Two settings on DEO GRACIAS

Paul Hofreiter, Kevin Uppercue

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) Anthem — "All Night, All Day"

arr. Aaron David Miller

Alleluia Choir

\*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 316

"Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair"

Stanza 1 — all Stanza 2 — bass voices Stanza 3 — treble voices Stanzas 4 & 5 — all

#### \*Greeting

- ▶ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **G** And also with you.

#### \*Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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

#### **Blessing of Lutheran World Relief Quilts**

#### First Reading — 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." <sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



Antiphon: David Sims

Antiphon: Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory.



<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>|</sup> LORD, has spoken;

calling the earth from the rising of the sun<sup>1</sup> to its setting.

#### <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect <sup>|</sup> in its beauty,

God shines | forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup> not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>|</sup> raging storm.

# <sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>|</sup> from above to witness the judgment <sup>|</sup> of the people.

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my <sup>[</sup> loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>|</sup> it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness <sup>|</sup> of God's cause,

for it is God who is judge. Antiphon

#### Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- **L** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



#### \*Gospel Acclamation

#### \*Gospel — Mark 9:2-9

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;

listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 793

"Be Thou My Vision"

\*The 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:

- L Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

#### \*Peace

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

#### **G** 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) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing! Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

- German text, 1850

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

**Robert Buckley Farlee** 

\*Offering Hymn — "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" *stanza* 4 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

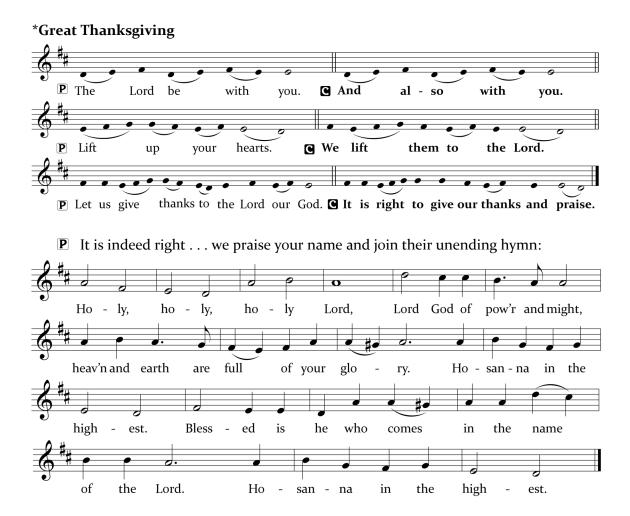
O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### \*Offering Prayer

- Let us pray.
- Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

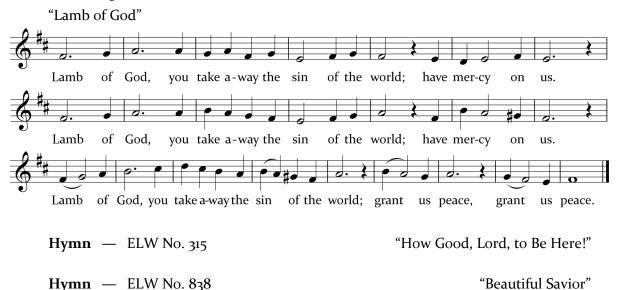


#### \*Words of Institution

#### \*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.** 



#### **Music during Communion**

#### \*Post-Communion Blessing

#### \*Prayer after Communion

 Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son.
Send us from this place to bring light, healing, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

#### \*Blessing

Response: **C** Amen.

\*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 318

"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

#### \*Dismissal

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

**Postlude** — "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

Mark Sedio

### About the Cover Image

The south window of Boe Chapel, at St. Olaf College, designed and completed by the Conrad Pickel Studio of Waukesha, Wisconsin, depicts the transfiguration. In the design the fulfilled promises of the Old Testament are represented in the figures of Moses and Elijah, who flank Jesus, with Peter and James beside them and John below. God's words at the baptism of Christ, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," are reiterated here. The lower section of the window addresses the theme of the New Jerusalem, as mentioned in the Revelation of John. The center lancet features the Lamb of God upon the book with seven seals described in Revelation. From the lamb, and the throne of God, runs the river of the water of life. – from the St. Olaf College Ministry website

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

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## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

#### This Week (February 11)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall 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)

#### Next Week (February 18)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall 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) Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

### **Announcements**

#### Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Karen Swenson by her family. 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 <u>office@StJohnsNorthfield.org</u> or 645-4429. Available Dates: February 25 and March 3, 17, 24, 28, 29 & 31.

#### Today is Quilt Sunday

Quilts are on the pews today for a blessing before they are shipped. The quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief, Global Health Ministries, and locally for Operation Joy and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to all who have donated fabric, supplies, money, and their time for making the quilts this past year! Donations are again appreciated for the Quilt and Kit Fund. Baskets will be in the Commons and Narthex entrances to the Sanctuary. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to St. John's WELCA with quilts/kits on the memo line. A silent auction for the quilt of your choice will be held between services in the Commons. The auction will end at 10:45 a.m. Two quilts will be auctioned. The winners of the auction may choose a quilt from the pews and take it home after the second service.

#### Ash Wednesday Worship Services

#### Wednesday, February 14

Worship with the imposition of ashes and communion will be held in the Sanctuary at noon and 6:15 p.m. The 6:15 p.m. service will also be available via livestream on the St. John's website home page.

#### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

Thrivent members can benefit St. John's at no cost to them by designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2023 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at <u>thrivent.com</u> to direct funds.

#### Lenten Book Read Begins Next Sunday, February 18

Our Lenten Book read takes a deep dive into the Jewish context of the New Testaments with Amy-Jill Levine's *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus.* Levine is a widely noted Jewish scholar of the New Testament and the author of *Light of the World*, which we read during Advent. In *The Misunderstood Jew* Levine seeks to undo longstanding Christian misunderstandings of Jesus's relationship to Jews and Judaism in the conviction that this will help strengthen relationships between Jews and Christians today.

- Book discussions will be held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. beginning on Sunday, February 18 (continuing Sundays, February 25, March 3, 10; Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 6, 13). An online discussion is also possible if there is interest or need.
- Look for sign-up sheets and books for sale (\$15) in the Commons today.

# Announcements (continued)

#### Pub Theology

#### Monday, February 12, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

What does it mean to you to be created in the image of God? Of the many images used in Scripture to describe God—parent, lawgiver, dove, monster-slayer, midwife, vine-grower, bear—which ones most help you know that you are God's beloved, created in God's image, in *imago Dei*? How might different images of God help others know that they, too, are included in this love? As we strive to live into our RIC commitment and as we aim to support LGBTQIA+ youth in our community, families, and congregation, how might the language we use to describe God, each other, and ourselves help or harm? An article by Austen Hartke (last week's Courageous Conversations guest and former St. John's youth) will be available at the Welcome Desk to ground conversation. Come share your experiences, thoughts, and wonderings around helping the LGBTQIA+ young folks among us have affirming pictures of who and whose they are (as created in *imago Dei*) and get ready for the Lenten Vespers theme on "images of God" at the same time.

# **Children and Youth**

#### Valentine's Party Today During Sunday School

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are having a Valentine's Party for the PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> graders today during our regular Sunday School time. Enjoy games, treats, and crafts with a Valentine's theme. Parents are welcome to attend too. Hope you'll be part of the fun!

#### Let's Go Bowling!

#### Monday, February 19 is a NO SCHOOL DAY so we're heading to the bowling alley!

- Who: Grades 2-5, Friends are always welcome!
- Where: Flaherty's Lanes, Hwy 3, Northfield
- Time: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$11.00/child (Checks payable to Flaherty's Lanes or cash works too!)

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or downstairs by the Nursery or email Julie Brehmer. Parent or high school chaperones needed. Parents: Please drop off and pick up your child at the bowling alley. If they need a ride or financial assistance to participate, give Julie a call.

#### Pizza and Romans & Christians

#### Monday, February 19, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

- Who: St. John's Youth (Grades 6–12); bring a friend along!
- Where: St. John's Fellowship Hall

It's a day off from school, so come for pizza and Romans & Christians! Bring a friend. Parent helpers are appreciated. To get an idea of numbers for the pizza order, please let <u>Kristin</u> know if you plan to come.

### 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 John Ferguson, Judy Karlson, Janice Kasa, Roberta Morse, Wendy Scholz

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Bruce Hella, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including Elouise Quinnell, Lois Pearson, 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; 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 <u>macisar@gmail.com</u>, or contact a pastor.



Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

### This Week At-a-Glance

The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at <u>www.StJohnsNorthfield.org</u>.

12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, Location TBD Northfield HS Nordic Team, St. John's Hall Wellspring Circle, St. John's Library
7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 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 Church Board Meetings and Board Orientation, St. John's Hall
9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Spotlight Bible Study, Room 20 St. John's Chorale, Room 209 Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite Executive Committee via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Champion Force Athletics, St. John's Hall
9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Visitation - Shirley Anderson, Commons Funeral - Shirley Anderson, Sanctuary Laura Baker Services Assoc Dinner Theater, St. John's Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
	No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) Worship, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:35 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

### Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 18):

#### First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 + Psalm 25:1-10 + 1 Peter 3:18-22 + Mark 1:9-15





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

St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation. We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.