

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 † 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 down 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.*

***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.*

*Please ask an usher if you would like one.*



*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** — “Jesus, Still Lead On”

Paul Manz

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 624

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**C forgive us. We are captive to sin and cannot break free.**

**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

**We were silent when we should have said something.**

**We did nothing when we should have acted.**

**For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do,  
have mercy on us, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P** People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free  
because God loved the world so much.

**C Amen.**

**\*Greeting**

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

**A And also with you.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

**P** Holy God, during this season of Lent, renew us in the gift of baptism.  
May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power  
over us, 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

**First Reading** — Genesis 8:20-22, 9:8-17

Pew Bible, page 290

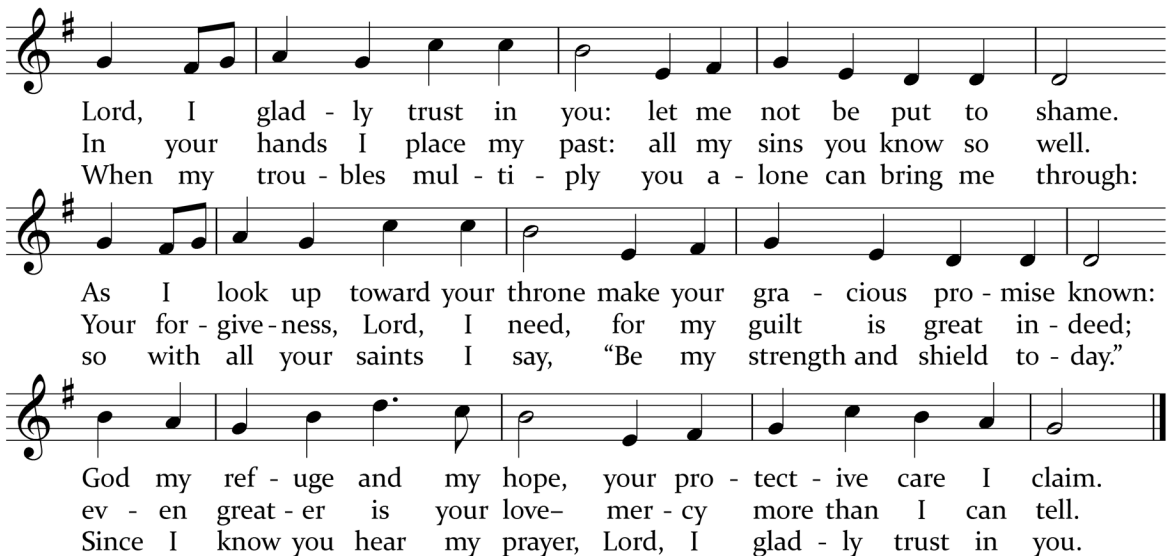
*After the reading:*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:1-10** — “Lord, I Gladly Trust”

Tune: DIX



Lord, I glad - ly trust in you: let me not be put to shame.  
In your hands I place my past: all my sins you know so well.  
When my trou - bles mul - ti - ply you a - lone can bring me through:

As I look up toward your throne make your gra - cious pro - mise known:  
Your for - give - ness, Lord, I need, for my guilt is great in - deed;  
so with all your saints I say, “Be my strength and shield to - day.”

God my ref - uge and my hope, your pro - tect - ive care I claim.  
ev - en great - er is your love - mer - cy more than I can tell.  
Since I know you hear my prayer, Lord, I glad - ly trust in you.

Psalm paraphrase: Martin Leckebusch © 2006 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

**\*Gospel** — Mark 1:9-15

Spark Story Bible, page 248; Pew Bible, page 812

*Before the reading:*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**Hymn of the Day** — No. 587

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Stanza 1 — cantor*

*Stanza 2 — all*

*Stanza 3 — all*

**\*The Apostles’ Creed** — *page 105, front of the hymnal*

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

📖 Lord, in your mercy,

👏 **hear our prayer.**

## \*Peace

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

**C** And also with you.

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## Offering of Our Gifts

*Music at the Offering:*

"Abide with Me"

EVENTIDE, arr. Michael Helman

*Rejoice Ringers*

## \*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your  
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray together.

**All** Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

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.

**Anthem** — "Meditation on 'All Will Be Well'"

Richard Clemmitt

**Hymn** — No. 613

"Thy Holy Wings"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

℟ Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

☩ Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 319

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** — “Ciaccona in F minor”

Johann Pachelbel



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

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Chuck Hellie
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director
Cantor	Nancy Ordahl Kmoch
Acolytes	(8:30) Marshall Nelson, Emmett Norrie (10:45) Seth Knutson, Will Knutson
Communion Preparers	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Communion Server	Anita Hellie
Communion Clean Up	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brenda Bultman, Marvin Perez (10:45) Anna Moltchanova, Ralph and Marcia Yernberg
Coffee and Refreshments	Stefany Perez, Jane Rizzo, Cora Scholz, Judy Smith
Nursery	TBD
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, David Nitz
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 25):**

### ***Second Sunday in Lent***

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16   †   Psalm 22:23-31   †   Romans 4:13-25   †   Mark 8:31-38**

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# Learning and Fellowship Between Services

## **This Week (February 18):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: How to Talk to Your Children About Death and Dying (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 19)

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Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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Now is the time to join the growing Grace Overflowing community as we honor our past by extending our mission into the future.

How? Turn in your three year pledge card to the offering plate or the church office (extra cards can be found at the Welcome Desk or the church office).

When? Now is best, but we'd like all pledges in before Easter Sunday (April 1).

Gifts can be made by paying on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis, and can be submitted online or in your offering envelopes. Additionally, gifts can be made from your estate, check with the office for more details. Every gift, whether large or small, will make a difference.

Thank you, thank you, for your ongoing generosity!



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 21:  
*Wild Rice with Chicken / Minestrone*  
*Scalloped Potatoes with Ham*

**All are welcome!**

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge. 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: February 25, March 18, and May 13, 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given by Deb and Rod Christensen in loving memory of her mother, Lorene Hastings, who would have celebrated her 92nd birthday today.

## **Today's Forum**

**9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall**

**Topic: *How to Talk to Your Children About Death and Dying***

Almost every single parent eventually finds themselves asking this question: how do I talk to my child about death? Whether it is because of a recent event in the news, or a family member, or a beloved pet, every family is confronted with the reality about death and wonder how to care for the youngest among us at such a time. Do I take my child to the funeral? Do I let him/her see grandpa's body? Is heaven a helpful concept for children? Naomi Mandsager Bartley, a local counselor and grief specialist, will present on this topic and help us think about these important questions.

## **Come in your PJs to Movie Morning!**

**Tomorrow (NO SCHOOL DAY!), 9:00-11:00 a.m., Commons / St. John's Theater**

Kids 5th grade and younger are invited to come in their pajamas to movie morning at St. John's! Come for breakfast and stay to watch a movie! Feel free to bring friends! Children younger than kindergarten need to be accompanied by a parent. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or call Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429. Parent help is appreciated!

## **High School Party!**

**Tomorrow (NO SCHOOL DAY!), 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Peggy Hanson's house (205 Elm St.)**

All high school students are invited to join in the fun of making chocolate truffles and afterwards learning about the life changing concept of The Five Love Languages! Come find out which Love Language resonates with you. Friends are welcome! Questions? Call or email Peggy Hanson at 952-210-2358 or [peggyjhanson@gmail.com](mailto:peggyjhanson@gmail.com).

# **Announcements**

## **Lenten Book Read**

This year's congregational book read for the season of Lent deals with the realities and reflections on death and dying. The February Voice article indicated that there will be a choice between two books. However, it is easier to facilitate groups around just one book. *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi has been chosen for this year's Lenten Book Read.

- Paul Kalanithi who, while training as a neurosurgeon treating patients who were dying, was himself diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. He died in March of 2015 while working on this book. In confronting his own mortality, Kalanithi wrote: "I began to realize that coming face to face with my own mortality, in a sense, had changed nothing and everything." Atul Gawande wrote that this book, "...is proof that the dying are the ones who have the most to teach us about life."

Look for the table in the Commons where you can purchase the book (\$10) and sign up to be part of a four-week discussion group during the season of Lent.

## **Do you love the Easter Vigil?**

Our worship leaders are looking for a few people to help coordinate Easter Vigil on March 31. This beautiful service of readings, music, remembrance of baptism, and communion has become a pattern at St. John's in recent years since St. Olaf no longer hosts it, but we need a team of people to assist with planning it in this busy season. If you are interested in making this happen this year, please contact Nathan Proctor or one of the pastors.

## **College Information Session for High School Juniors and Interested Sophomores**

**Wednesday, February 21, 7:15 p.m. (following Lenten Vespers), St. John's Hall**

Come and learn more about how to choose and compare colleges, how to gain financial aid and save up to afford college, what deadlines to watch for, what tests are needed, and other ways to prepare for this important time! Come with any questions you have. St. John's member Dan Franklin will be presenting.

## **International Food Tasting Festival**

**Saturday, March 3, 1:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Sam Ouk (English Language Coordinator for Faribault Public Schools) will speak on immigration and refugee issues. This event is sponsored by the Women of St. John's. Tickets will be available for purchase beginning today (\$10 per person).

# 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*

Bob Noreen, Carol Solid

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Larry Severson

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

*All who are homebound, including*

Elouise Quinnell, Elizabeth Trangsrud, Linda Beckman

*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 and Carol 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.

## Reminder of Deadlines:

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.

News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.

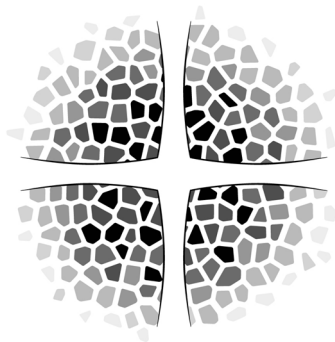
Newsletter, the Voice: March 15<sup>th</sup> for the April Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)

Thank you.

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

<b>Monday, Feb. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Movie Morning (5th Grade and Younger) Northfield Public Schools Student Training, St. John's Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #25258, Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 20</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Chapter N PEO Meeting, Undercroft
<b>Wed., Feb. 21</b>	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Pubic Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209 High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room College Talk with Dan Franklin (Grades 10-11), St. John's Hall
<b>Thursday, Feb. 22</b>	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Larry Severson, Commons Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Larry Severson, Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
<b>Friday, Feb. 23</b>	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Laura Baker Services Assoc.: Dinner Theater, St. John's Hall
<b>Saturday, Feb. 24</b>	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
<b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Transition Team, Fireside Room



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Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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