



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 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.*

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 — “Kyrie”

Cathy Moglebust

Rejoice Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 325

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

C we confess that we are caught in cycles of sin and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak
in ways that silence others. We withdraw in despair when our presence
could bring healing. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things
and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

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.

C 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 in the wilderness that we face, 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 9:8-17

Pew Bible, page 6

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 25:1-10, "Lord, I Gladly Trust In You"

GETHSEMANE



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 prom - ise 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.
e - ven 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.

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Second Reading — 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



We are turn - ing, Lord to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and
kind— slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*Gospel — Mark 1:9-15

Spark Story Bible, page 248

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 613

“Thy Holy Wings”

*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:

- ℣** 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) "Soliloquy"

Michael Helman

(10:45) "Thy Holy Wings"

David Cherwien

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

FRANCKE



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

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

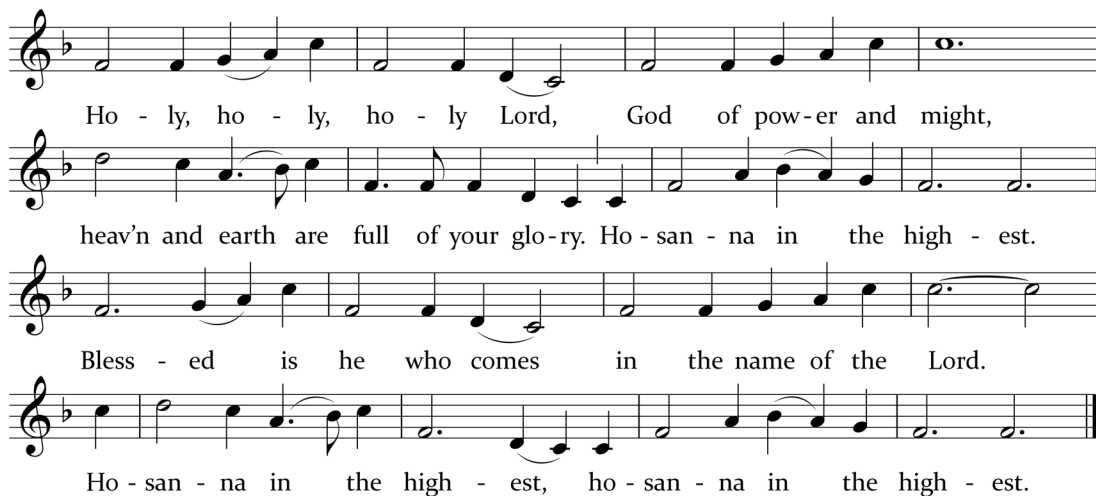
Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

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, 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.**

*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

“Lamb of God”



Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Hymn — ELW No. 319

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

Hymn — ELW No. 469

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 326

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach



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

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Kristin Partlo
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Arielle Loy (10:45) Simpson-Younger Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Communion Prep	TBD
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) Bonnie Peterson (10:45) Susan Canon
Coffee Service	Bob and Pat Tabery
Refreshments	Bonnie Peterson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bob Tabery, Pippa Younger
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Toddler Time: 2-year-olds (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

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Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Rev. John Quam by David and Martha Brown. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: March 3, 28, 29 & 31.

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 thrivent.com to direct funds.

New Writing Group: "Inspired Pens"

Last Tuesday of the Month, September–May, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., St. John's Library

- Participants: Anyone interested in doing more writing as part of their faith journey.
- Leadership: Chris Engstrom and Barb Kuhlman
- What to expect: Quote of the day to set the theme, a short reading to discuss, free writing exercise based on the reading followed by a writing exercise.

JRLC Legislative Kick-off Webinar

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

As we approach the coming session, we are pleased to announce JRLC's legislative agenda for 2024 and invite you to this year's Legislative Kick-off webinar. Please join us for an overview of our 2024 legislative agenda and our plan for member programming this session! JRLC worked on this agenda in consultation with our coalition members to strengthen JRLC's partnerships with other justice-focused organizations at the Capitol, in addition to carrying over some legacy priorities from previous years. Highlights of the agenda include: addressing the connection between mental health and stable housing, payday lending interest rate caps for out-of-state lenders, maternal health and death research. Check the E-Voice for the link to register.

The Northfield ELCA congregations are considering a coordinated visit to Holden Village in early August of 2024. Households must still register individually, but a coordinated visit gives us opportunities to share travel plans and wisdom in planning a Holden journey. If you are interested, contact Pastor Pam and explore Holden's website at holdenvillage.org. Registration for summer 2024 opened in January.

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: IMAGES OF GOD

“Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.’ ” —Genesis 1:26

In the creation story, we hear what some have called the *original blessing*—that we are made in the image of God. But what does it mean to be made in the image of God, especially when the Bible has so many different images of God? In the back of our purple hymnal *All Creation Sings* there is robust list of one hundred different images of God found in scripture.

Among these 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?

This year, five St. John’s members (both new and long-time members) have been invited to pick an image of God from scripture to reflect on and connect to their story of faith.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from February 21 through March 20.

- February 21: Genevieve Quarberg
- February 28: Paul Gleason
- March 6: Green Bouzard
- March 13: Dan Dimick
- March 20: Maggie Odell

Children and Youth

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 Kristin know if

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

Alsaker Family, 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

Carol Johnson, VaLois Mandsager, 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; 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 macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 21:
Zuppa Toscana Soup
Tomato Soup

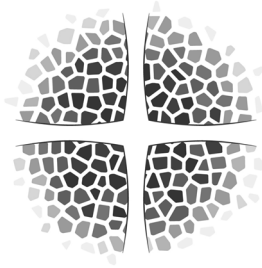
All are welcome!

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 www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Monday, Feb. 19	9:00 a.m.	Cannon River Conference Committee, Fireside Room
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Event: Romans & Christians, St. John's
Tuesday, Feb. 20	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Feb. 21	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:45 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Spotlight Bible Study, Room 20
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Knitters, St. John's Library
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
		Confirmation and High School Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	Where Politics and Faith Meet: A Conversation, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 22	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
		Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
		Champion Force Athletics, St. John's Hall
Friday, Feb. 23	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Feb. 24		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Feb. 25	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*
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Kristin Partlo, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*
David Sims and Will Fecko, *Directors of Rejoice Ringers*

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.*