



SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.



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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today is the first Sunday in Lent and the feel and mood of worship changes. We are reminded that Sundays are in Lent but not of Lent. On Lenten Sundays we still proclaim the good news of the gospel including Easter, but the Alleluia is put away. In Lent our praise is more often in a minor key or contemplative style, not because there isn't good news, but because that good news is borne out of the suffering of our Lord and the realities of our sinful world.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

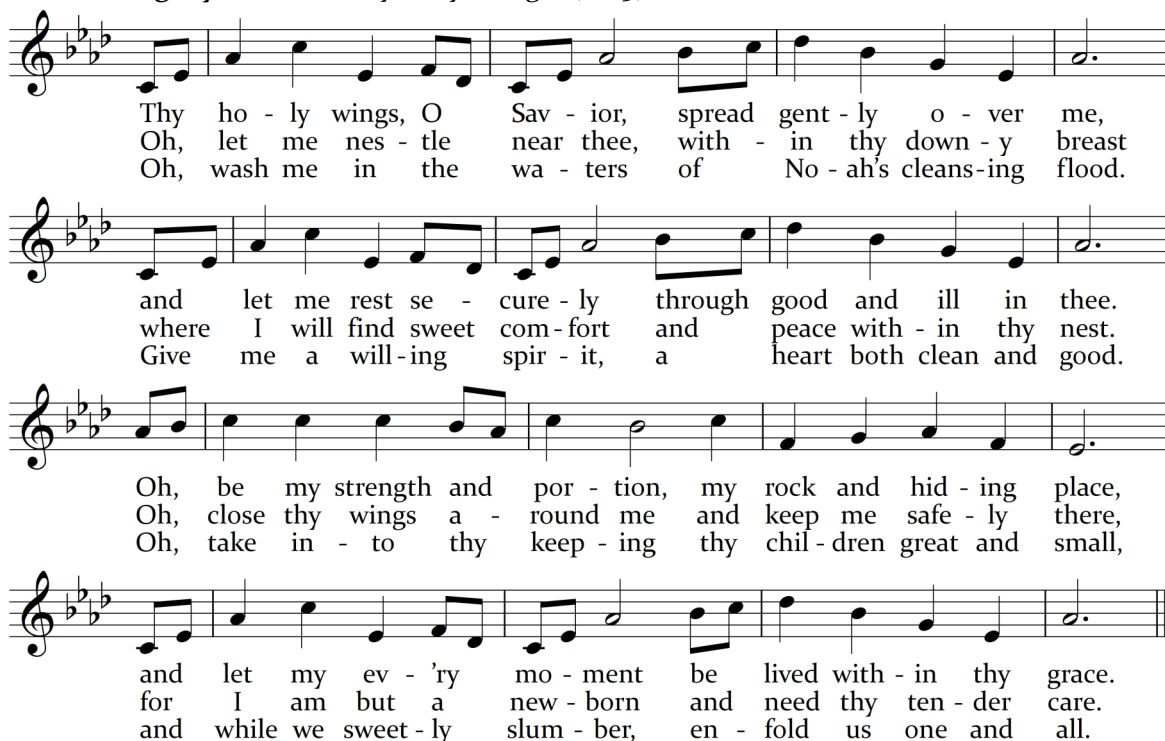
Prelude — “Thy Holy Wings”

David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Thy Holy Wings” (#613)

BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR



Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, sts. 1,3; Gracia Grindal, sts. 2, © 1983 Gracia Grindal, admin. Selah Publishing; Music: Swedish folk tune


*A Litany of Sorrows and Sins

- ☐ Hear our lament, tenderhearted God.
Receive our petitions, benevolent God.
Forgive us our sins,
preserve us from evil,
and protect us in death.
- ☑ Support us, mighty God.

***Kyrie** — from *All Creation Sings*, setting 11


Ana Hernandez

Cantor



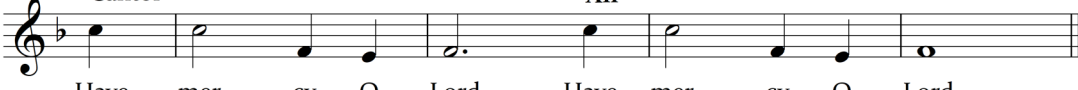
O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.

All



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Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.

Cantor



All

Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

P We have honored false gods,
desecrated your name, devalued worship,
disdained our elders, harmed both neighbors and nature,
misused sexuality, cheated and stolen, lied and slandered,
and coveted what you have given to others.

C Forgive us, loving God.

P From plague and disease,
from hunger and thirst, from injury and infirmity,
from unemployment and homelessness,
from ignorance and despair,
from loneliness and fear,
and from early or painful death,

C Protect us, compassionate God.

P Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate,
remember your promise to save:
remember Cain, saved from revenge;
remember Noah, saved from the flood;
remember Sarah, saved from childlessness;
remember Hagar, saved from thirst;
remember the Israelites, saved from slavery;
remember Ruth, saved from starvation;
and remember Naaman, saved from disease.

C Remember your promise, O God.

- P** We implore you, faithful God, to receive our petitions,
as you hear the prayers of your Son,
as you heed the groaning of your Spirit.
- C** Have mercy, O God. 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, heavenly Father, in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. 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.
- C** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 8:13-22, 9:1-17

¹³In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families. ²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will

never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. ²²As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

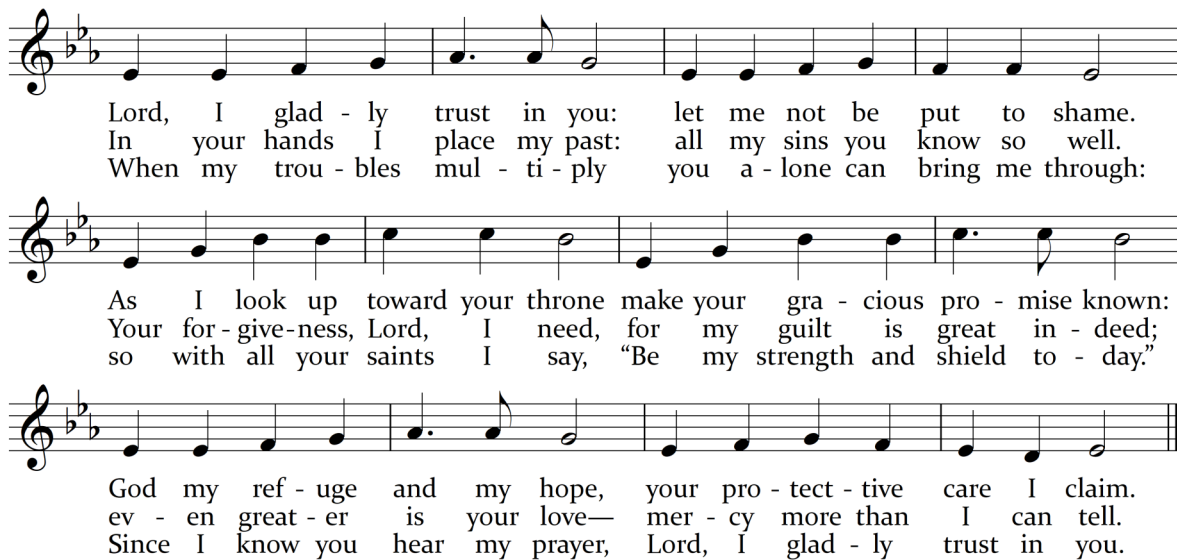
^{9,8}God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 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 - tive 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.

Second Reading — 1 Peter 3:18-22

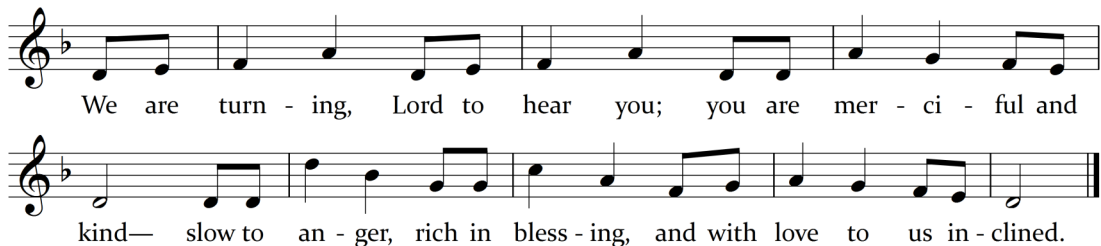
¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited 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

KAS DZIEDĀJA



*Gospel — Mark 1:9-15

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 — "Lord of Our Life" (#766)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion,
 See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing,
 Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us;
 Peace in our hearts, our trou - bled thoughts as - suag - ing,
 star of our night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion:
 see how your foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing.
 Lord, you can save when dead - ly sin as - sails us;
 peace in your church, where kin - dred souls are rag - ing,
 hear and re - ceive your church's sup - pli -
 Lord, while their poi - soned ar - rows they are
 and, in the day when hell it - self ap -
 peace, when the world its end - less war is
 ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 hurl - ing, you can pre - serve us.
 palls us, grant us your peace, Lord:
 wag - ing, peace in your heav - en.

Text: Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, tr. Philip Pusey; Music: Paris Antiphoner, 1681

*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,
- C** 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:

"A Little More Faith in Jesus"

Spiritual, arr. John W. Work III

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** Gracious God, we have heard your Word of Life today.
While our sin is great, your determination to save has proven greater.
Thank you for Jesus who leads us out of the wilderness and into the community
declaring, "The kingdom of God has come near." Embolden us with the gift of
your Holy Spirit that we may share your love and salvation with all creation,
through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.
- 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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

 Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “Jesus, Still Lead On” (#624)

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM



Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,
way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,
guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, tr. Jane Borthwick; Music: Adam Drese

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.


Postlude — “Jesus, Still Lead On”

Paul Manz



SERVING AT ST. JOHN’S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Beckie Judge and Tony Becker
Organist	Nathan Proctor



**LENTEN MID-WEEK
WORSHIP SERVICE
6:30 P.M.
VIA LIVESTREAM**

**February 24
March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24**

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Sharon Bishop in honor of her grandson, Matthew, whose birthday is today. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: June 27 and July 4, 11, 18 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Mardi Gras Drive-Thru

Today, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Let's celebrate the start of the Lenten season with a Mardi Gras Drive-Thru at St. John's! From your car, check out the stations along the way (listed below). The event starts at the corner of Poplar and Third Streets with a Welcome Greeting. Stops along the way:

- **BINGO Hunt/Mardi Gras Bells and Beads** - Begin at the Welcome station and pick up a Drive-Thru BINGO card, Mardi Gras bells, and beads.
- **Children's Activity Packet for Lent**
- **Children's Mardi Gras Mask Craft**
- **Hide "Alleluia" Craft for All**
- **Heart-Shaped Sugar Cookies**
- **Valentine Treat Bags**
- **Pancake Toss Game**
- **Easter Card Project** - Send Easter cards to St. John's members. Stop by and receive an addressed envelope, card, and instructions from the Adult Ministry & Education Board.
- **CAC Food and Essential Items Donation Drive** - Drop off items for the CAC/St. John's Blessing Box. Check out what items are needed most at: <https://communityactioncenter.org/files/CAC-5-Most-Wanted-Flyer.pdf>.
- **Northfield Promise Children's Book Drive** - Donate new and/or gently used books for Northfield children, ages birth-8th grade. February is "I Love to Read" month. Northfield Promise wants to build the supply of books for distributing to children during spring and summer breaks, as well as support teachers by supplying their classrooms with new and diverse titles. Content Bookstore has created a link with a wish list for easy sharing and online ordering.
- **Bread for the World** - Offering of Letters to support Bread for the World's mission to end world hunger.
- **St. John's Quilters** - Donate sheets/fabric to make quilts/bandages for LWR. Ready to sew kits for making a quilt top will be available to take home too.
- **Blessing and Sending with St. John's Pastors** - Pick up a daily devotion book for the season of Lent.

Announcements (continued)

Next Catechism Zoom for 4th and 5th Graders

Saturday, March 6, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Our topic is the 2nd Article of The Apostles' Creed.

Prayer Buddy Ministry

A Prayer Buddy is an adult member of our congregation who commits to praying for one of our 4th or 5th graders during the Lenten season. Thank you to all who are participating in this special ministry this year!

On February 28, Anne Krisnik, executive director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, will join us via Zoom for coffee time at 10:30 a.m. She'll give an overview of this year's legislative agenda (for more information, see <https://jrlc.org/2021-leg-agenda>), the Virtual Day on the Hill (Thursday evening, March 11, free registration at <https://jrlc.org/2021-day-on-the-hill>), and advocacy.

Easter Garden Orders for 2021

There are a limited number of Easter lilies available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, or in celebration of Easter, please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 8, 1:00-6:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

We will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter St. John's Northfield to schedule an appointment.

Invitation to Contribute a Letter to the Church Archives for the Year of 2020

This past year has been unique and challenging in so many ways! We invite you to share your personal experiences and memories of coping with the pandemic and living through this past year. We'd love to have a rich historical record of how these unique times affected our members for future generations to read about. Please try to limit your submissions to one page. Send your submissions to the church via the mail, or email it to sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org with the subject line being "Church Archives 2020".

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, & Chocolates and Thistle Farms Hand Soaps

Contact dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com to place your order for contactless delivery.

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 Alsaker, Susan Rudser, Bob Scholz

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marlene Engstrom, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson,
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (February 28):

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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This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (www.kymnradio.net).**

Monday, Feb. 22	12:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom
Tuesday, Feb. 23	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council via Zoom
Wednesday, Feb. 24	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Vespers via Livestream
Thursday, Feb. 25	12:00 p.m.	“Jesus Sees Women,” a Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, Fellowship Hall or via Zoom
	6:30 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Feb. 26		No Scheduled Activities
Saturday, Feb. 27		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Feb. 28	9:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream
	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Sunday School via Zoom
		Virtual Youth Group via Zoom
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour via Zoom

Worship with Us on Sundays via Livestream

Worship at 9:00 a.m. is livestreamed via our website.
We hope you'll join us via livestream or radio on KYMN.

Video of the service will still be available on the website later in the week.



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Christy Hall-Holt, Welcome Ministry Coordinator

Emmanuel Kaghondi, Director of Ministry with Youth & Families

Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse

Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir

Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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