



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 † 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 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.*

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.

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 — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

***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**

- ☐ O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Festival Alleluia”

Allen Pote

Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, alleluia, clap your hands, rejoice and sing a joyful song. Sing it loudly, sing it merrily, sing it softly, sing with a beautiful melody. Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, alleluia, celebrate and with a cheerful voice sing alleluia, sing it from your heart. Make your life a song to God. Listen to the rhythm, to the rhythm of creation, listen to the beat of life. Wake up to the wonder of a world in celebration, wake up to a world of light, and sing, children, sing alleluia, praise to the Lord above. Sing, children, sing alleluia, God is love.

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Pew Bible, page 93

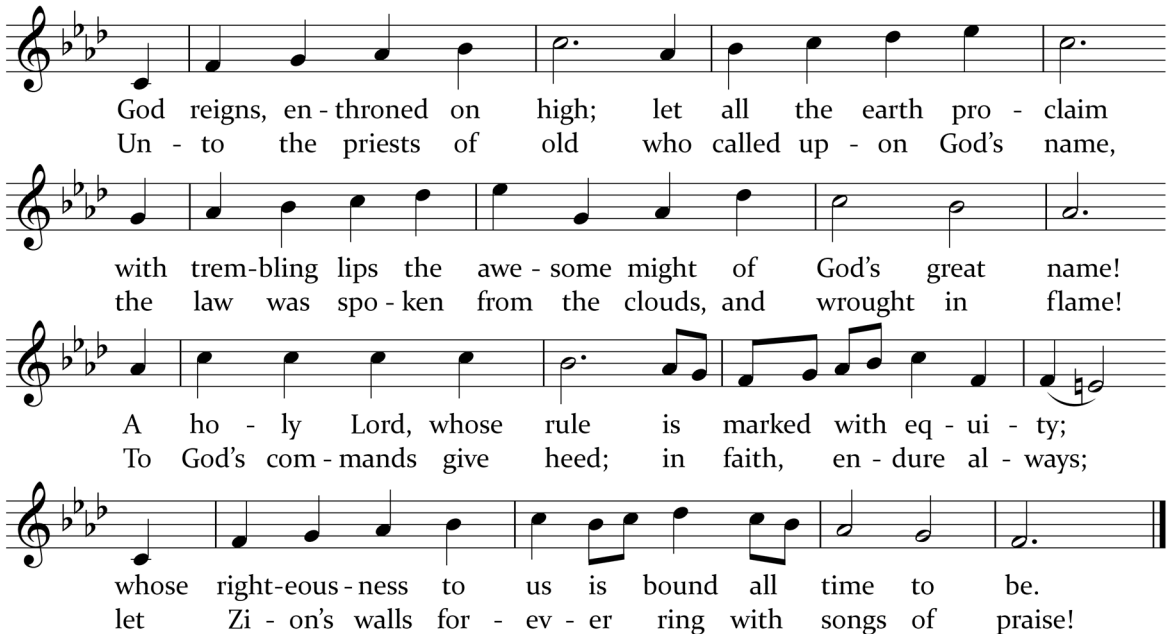
After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 99

YIGDAL



God reigns, en - throned on high; let all the earth pro - claim
Un - to the priests of old who called up - on God's name,
with trem - bling lips the awe - some might of God's great name!
the law was spo - ken from the clouds, and wrought in flame!
A ho - ly Lord, whose rule is marked with eq - ui - ty;
To God's com - mands give heed; in faith, en - dure al - ways;
whose right - eous - ness to us is bound all time to be.
let Zi - on's walls for - ev - er ring with songs of praise!

Text: Psalm 99, paraphrase Michael Morgan © 1999 MM, admin. Witherspoon Press

Second Reading — 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pew Bible, page 987

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation — “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Caribbean traditional



***Gospel — Matthew 17:1-9**

Spark Story Bible, page 358; Pew Bible, page 789

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th 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. 306

“Come, Beloved of the Maker”

***The Apostles’ Creed**

Front of the hymnal, page 127

***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:

(8:30) "Christus Paradox"

arr. Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; you, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, you the everlasting instant; you, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You the everlasting instant; you, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You the everlasting instant; you, who are our death and life. Alleluia!

- Sylvia Dunstan

St. John's Chorale

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

Robert Buckley Farlee

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

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing: "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!" To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spir-it, Three in One: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

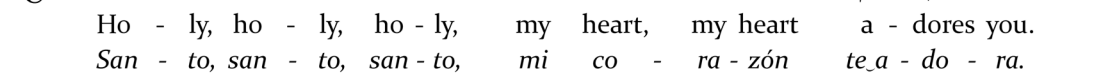
M Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Music: Argentine traditional

Sung in English or Spanish.

*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.

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

“Holy Lamb of God” *Ya hamalallah*

Yusuf Khill

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.

Music: © 2003 Yusuf Khill

Anthem — “The Only Son from Heaven”

J. S. Bach

The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the father given, in human form appears, no sphere his light confining, no star so brightly shining as he, our Morning Star. Awaken, Lord, our spirit to know and love you more, in faith to stand unshaken, in spirit to adore, that we, through this world moving, each glimpse of heaven proving, may reap its fullness there.

- Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500-1535

Hymn — No. 462

“Now We Join in Celebration”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ 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 in his name from this place to bring light to all places, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

✠ Amen.

***Sending Hymn — No. 838**

“Beautiful Savior”

Stanzas 3 and 4

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “The Only Son from Heaven” BWV 601

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Jenna Leonard, Youth Choir Intern Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Harpsichord	(8:30) Eleanor Coolidge
Bassoon	(8:30) Elizabeth Bade
Acolytes	(8:30) Lillian Almen, Devon Root (10:45) John Malecha, Osiris Perez
Communion Preparer	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Bill and Jill Malecha (10:45) Greg Colby and Carol Schoen, Jane Gelle
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman, Bill Gasho, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Connie Menssen, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg,

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 1):

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 † Psalm 32 † Romans 5:12-19 † Matthew 4:1-11

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 23):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

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

Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters (9:30-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

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Children and Youth Ministries

Kids Night Out (K-5th Graders)

Friday, February 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us for games, pizza, along with more games, crafts, and a movie! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or across from the Nursery by today so we can plan for the event.

High School Romans & Christians and Lock-In

Friday, February 28, 8:30 p.m.-8:00 a.m. on Saturday

Join us for a joint High School Romans & Christians and lock-in with St. John's, Bethel, and St. Peter's youth. Contact Emmanuel Kaghondi to sign up.

Summer Camp is Coming! Watch for more info soon!

- VBS is June 8-11 at Bethel Lutheran Church with the theme "Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor" (Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 24-26 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 21-26 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at www.goodearthvillage.org. VBS registration is coming in March.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Judith Stoutland. 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: March 1 & 29. 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.

Today is St. John's Annual Quilt Sunday

The St. John's quilting group takes joy today in the display of an array of quilts on the pews which were created for the Lutheran World Relief mission over the past year. We wish to express our gratitude to the congregation for their generous financial support of all the LWR mission projects. Many people support the quilters through donations of materials and the sewing/cleaning/cutting/pressing of fabrics. A number of talented men helped us to rebuild and enlarge our quilting storage closet in the renovation of the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Through all these gifts of time, talent, and finances we are very grateful for St. John's reach to support so many in need throughout the world.

Lenten Book Read Groups Begin

Today, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Fireside Room and St. John's Library

During Lent, St. John's forum will make intentional space for Lenten Book Read small groups to gather. This year, we are reading *Searching for Sunday*, a memoir by the late Rachel Held Evans, a bestselling author who is known for her books and articles about faith, doubt, and life in the Bible Belt. You can still sign up today in the Commons or contact Merilyn Calcutt at 507-645-2814 or merilyn.calcutt@gmail.com.

Thrivent Member Reminder

Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2019 Choice dollars in their accounts to charitable non-profits. St. John's welcomes your Choice dollars which are used to support of our ministry among youth and the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church. To learn more, go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after prompt. If you need assistance or have questions, Brad Kmoch will be happy to help you. Just send him an e-mail (bkmoch@gmail.com) or call him (952-807-4702). Note that your 2019 Choice dollars will disappear if not directed, so it is important that you act before March 31.

St. John's Website: 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.

Announcements (continued)

Seeking Finance Manager

St. John's seeks a part-time Finance Manager to serve our congregation. This position manages St. John's donations and accounts payable, provides accurate and timely financial information to church leadership, and assists with forecasting and strategy for managing St. John's cash flow and stewardship. The position is 20-30 hours per week. See www.StJohnsNorthfield.org for job description. To apply send a resume and cover letter to pfickenscher@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Applications are due by February 28.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Join the largest grassroots food and fund drive in Minnesota! Since 1982, Minnesotans have come together to support their communities and local food shelves during the annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign. Join in supporting Minnesota's hunger-relief network while also advocating for and supporting long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in Minnesota. This year's campaign goes from March 1 to April 12. Please consider a donation to our local food shelf via check or online giving. If donating by check, please note Minnesota FoodShare/CAC on the memo line. Thank you!

Courageous Conversations - Bold Actions Presents:

"Healing and Reparations from an Indigenous Perspective"

Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall

Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs, Minnesota Council of Churches Director of Community Engagement and Racial Justice, will be the speaker. In our conversation we will discuss how a church can wrestle with questions of reparations, and what justice might look like as it relates to our Native American neighbors.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 26

As the days slowly lengthen, we begin the holy season of Lent.
The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us that we,
along with all of creation, are dependent on God's grace.

Services with the imposition of ashes will be at 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a soup supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall

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

Donna James, John Quam

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Doug Schuurman

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Joanne Sommers,
Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Joan Carlson, Richard Olson, Berta Diem

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.



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

Wednesday, February 26

Cheeseburger Soup

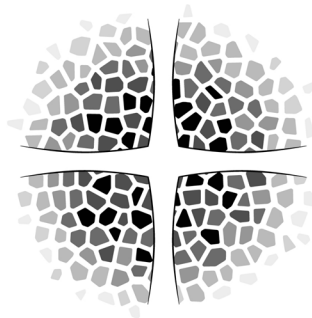
Potato Soup

All are welcome!

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., Feb. 24	10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tue., Feb. 25	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room Rice County DFL - Precinct Caucus 2020, St. John's Hall
Wed., Feb. 26	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Lenten Book Read Small Groups, Fireside Room / Library Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 27	7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Winter Book Read, St. John's Library Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Feb. 28	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall Kids Night Out, St. John's Hall High School Romans & Christians and Lock-In, St. John's
Saturday, Feb. 29		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Mar. 1	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery



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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*

Bernie Renander, *Finance Manager*

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