



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 † 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 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 — “Andante tranquillo” from *Sonata III*

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 835

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — treble voices

Stanza 3 — bass voices

Stanzas 4-6 — all

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.

C Amen.

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P Hear the voice of Jesus:
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”
In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C Amen.

*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 Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred,
we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope.
God, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in
your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Over All”

Michael Jothen

*Sobre todo Dios nos protegerá, tierno nos guarda de todo mal. Sobre todo Dios nos cuidará,
con tierno amor. Over all, the Lord doth watch over all, tenderly guarding both great and small.
Over all the the Lord doth watch over all, so loving tenderly. All our problems and our fears,
Jesus enters in; safe are we within his arms, rest our care in him! Like a parent with a child,
God is always near; when we wander, when we stray, we need never fear!*

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

First Reading — Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Pew Bible, page 37

After the reading:

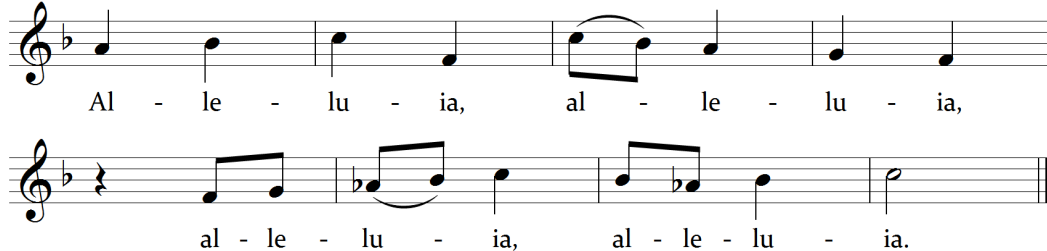
- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God.

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** — Luke 6:27-38

Spark Story Bible, page 264; Pew Bible, page 838

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 605

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

***The Apostles' Creed** — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

***Peace**

- ℙ 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) "See What Love" from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

*See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.*

-1 John 3:1

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE, arr. Marie Pooler

For anthem text see Hymn 793.

Laudate Choir

***Offering Hymn** — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *stanza 4*

SALZBURG

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

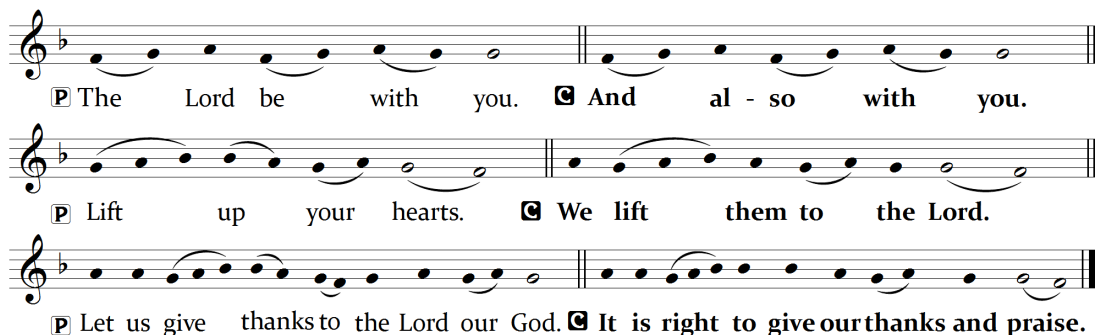
***Offering Prayer**

- ℒ Let us pray together.

- ℟ God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

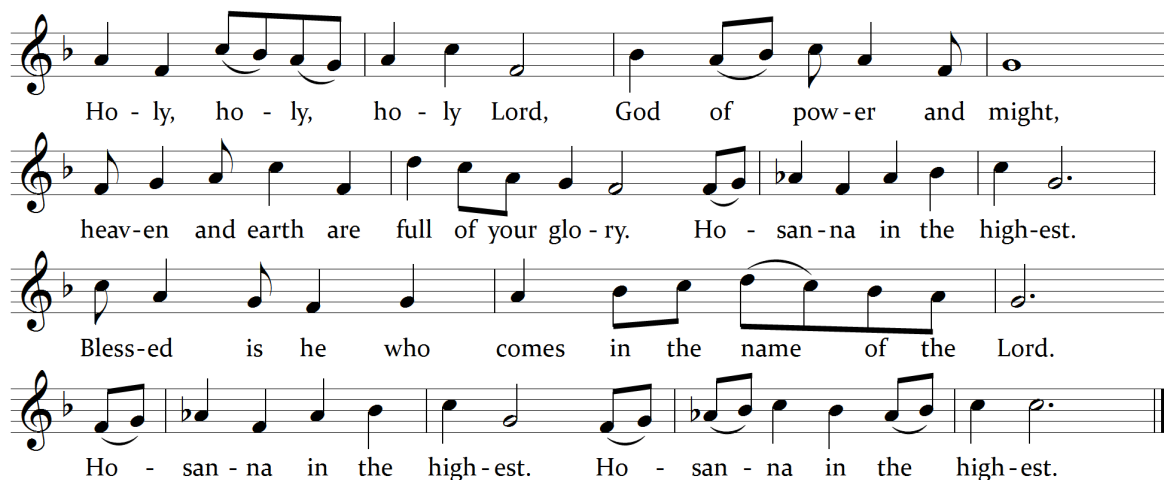


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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 - en 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.

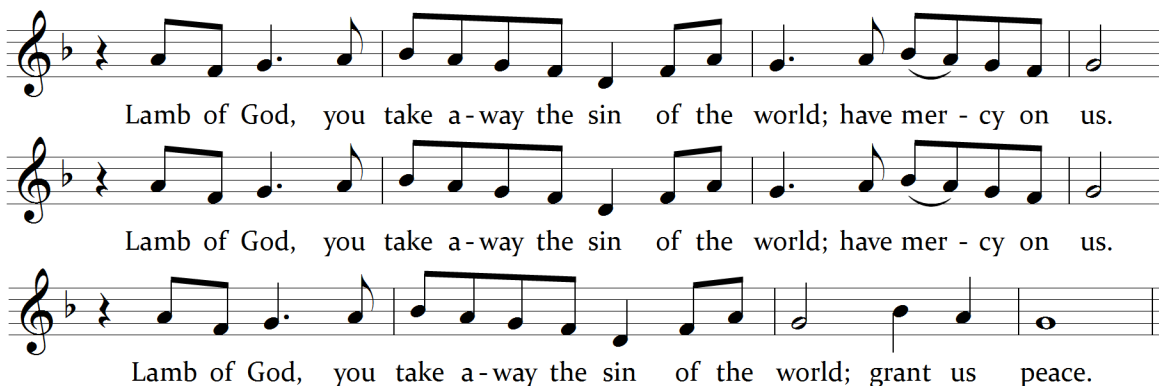
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**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 staves, each 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 each staff.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a humble heart before thee now and evermore. Amen

Hymn — No. 603

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

Hymn — No. 469

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

℣ Let us pray.

℟ We thank you, O God, that you have fed us with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

✠ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 650

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*Dismissal

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Maestoso” from *Sonata III*

Felix Mendelssohn



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis and Melissa Berthelsen
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Rodney Christensen
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Amanda Goldberg, Children's Choir Intern Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	Marcia Yernberg
Flute	(10:45) Jenny Pelletier
Acolytes	(8:30) Tristan Mattson, Braden Van Sickle (10:45) Genevieve Knutson, Seth Knutson
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Jennifer Edwins, Keith Holmstad (10:45) Christy Hall-Holt, Mark Rydberg
Communion Preparers	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Rich and Gretchen Falck, Tracy Kochendorfer (10:45) Jane Gelle, Dick and JoAnn Kleber
Coffee and Refreshments	David and Sue Rod, Cora Scholz, Joe and Judy Smith
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Sue Brockman, Alyssa Ness, Ted Peterson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

St. John's Library "Book Giveaway", Commons

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

St. John's Forum: Anniversary Benevolence Project - Northfield Free Clinic (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

Next Week (March 3):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)

Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)



Have you picked up your 2019 anniversary calendar?
The calendar is full of beautiful photos and important dates to
remember during this special year.
Find your copy in Commons or in the Church Office!

Wednesday Night



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

Wednesday, February 27
Monte Crisco Bake

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Chuck Jacobson by Marilyn Jacobson. 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 3 and April 7, 14, 21, & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180 (please note change of channel number), Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Topic: *Anniversary Benevolence Project - Northfield Free Legal Clinic*

In honor of our 150th Anniversary, St. John's has given a benevolence grant to the Immigration Law Center to provide regular legal aid in Northfield for low-income people needing legal advice on immigration matters. In partnership with the Community Action Center and the Volunteer Legal Network, this clinic opened in December 2018! Join us to hear an update on this project.

St. John's Library "Book Giveaway"

Today Between Services

Although the word "love" gets batted about too easily, we are going to join the February parade and ask you to LOVE OUR LIBRARY at St. John's. After some months of moving and building new shelving and re-shelving books, we are discarding some books that may still be useful to others. Today we will have a "book giveaway" during the coffee hour. In return, we ask for a money donation (cash or check) which will go toward a computer and a digital card cataloguing system. Such a system will make it much easier for volunteers to be good stewards of the library and much easier for you to find the books you want to read.

Lenten Book Read - *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*

This year's Lenten Book Read selection is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, by Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit Priest working with gang members in Los Angeles. For twenty years, Greg Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In this book, he turns stories of his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Look for signs up in the Commons. Books are now available for \$10.

Hand in Hand in Mission

This is the time of year that St. John's makes donations to support our ELCA Companion Synods and Global Missions. The synod has printed a Hand-in-Hand brochure that lists 6 projects with our companion synods in Colombia and Tanzania, and a new outreach to ELCA churches in Texas and New Mexico that assist recent immigrants. Brochures are available in the Narthex and Commons. If you have questions, contact Jane Rinehart at janesrinehart@gmail.com.

Announcements (continued)

Carleton Choir Concert

The Carleton Choirs welcome GRAMMY-award winning songwriter Carrie Newcomer in a concert collaboration titled The Growing Edge. Through songs, poems, and choral works ranging from Brahms to Northfield's own Carolyn Jennings, this interdisciplinary program explores questions around themes of environmental stewardship, self-care, social equality, and living amidst uncertainty. Visiting Director of Choirs Matthew J. Olson conducts. Tuesday, February 26, at 8:00 p.m. at Kracum Performance Hall, Carleton College. No admission fee.

The 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School Class are collecting new toys, books, and games for the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. The students are learning about sharing God's love by serving others. A collection box is located in the Commons until Sunday, March 3. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be put in Julie Brehmer's mailbox in the Church Office. Donation ideas: infant rattles (Sassy or Bright Star brand), infant Baby Einstein toys, play sets for toddlers, Play Doh, board games, Legos, seek & find books, story books, markers, and crayons. Thanks!

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at 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.

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

"Ed's Story" Continues - The inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, March 9

Youth in grades 6-12 and adults are invited to come and help package food at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. Meet in St. John's parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool, or meet us at the location by 11:15 a.m. (990 Lone Oak Rd., #136). We'll learn about the problem of global hunger and package food from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. THEN, we'll head to Punch Pizza for lunch! Cost is \$5. Please sign up by Friday, March 1. Sign-up sheets are available in the Commons or on the bulletin board by the Youth Room. You can also sign up by contacting Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Richard Gronning, Lois Houge, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Sylvia Solberg

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Elaine Feroe, Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter

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 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 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 (March 3):

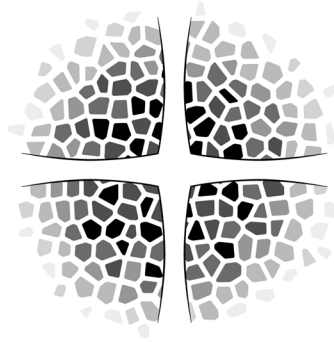
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 + Psalm 99 + 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 + Luke 9:28-36

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. 25	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. 26	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Feb. 27	3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Wednesday Night Meal, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Prayer Buddy Get-Together, Fireside Room Courageous Conversations Book Study, St. John's Library Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Feb. 28	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 1	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 2	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room Wedding: Morgan / Lamore, Sanctuary
Sunday, Mar. 3	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11) Worship / Nursery



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