



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 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 — “A Solemn Melody”

Henry Walford Davies

Welcome

(10:45) **Anthem** — “I Thank God”

Dolores Hruby

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 757

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

***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

- ☐ 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, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Give us courage to take up our cross and follow you in the way that leads to life, the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Spark Story Bible, page 34; Pew Bible, page 11

After the reading:

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

(8:30) **Psalm 22:25-31**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.



²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

Antiphon

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" *Antiphon*

(10:45) **Anthem** — "Lord, You Are Near Me"

Mark Patterson

Jubilate Choir

Second Reading — Romans 4:13-25

Pew Bible, page 916

After the reading:

Ⓔ The word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel** — Mark 8:31-38

Pew Bible, page 820

Before the reading:

Ⓔ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

Ⓔ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 808

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

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

*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) “Take Up Your Cross”

Thomas Keesecker

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Robert Powell

*Offering Hymn — “Create in Me a Clean Heart” For music, see Hymn No. 188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

*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"



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

Hymn — No. 338 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Hymn — No. 802 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ 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. 324

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Stanzas 1 and 4

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “If You but Trust in God to Guide You” BWV 642

J. S. Bach



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Alleluia Choir; Carol Benson, director Jubilate Choir; Carol Benson, director
Piano	(8:30) Andrew Cannestra (10:45) Marilyn Jacobson
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Melissa Berthelsen, Dick Dahlin (10:45) Dick Beckmen, Mark Rydberg
Acolytes	(8:30) Johann Schroeer, Thomas Weber (10:45) Benjamin Blomberg, Jackson Blomberg
Communion Preparers	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Clean Up	Chuck and Anita Hellie
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brenda Bultman, Richard Falck (10:45) Ashley Gallagher, Carol Schoen
Coffee and Refreshments	Richard Falck, Betsy McLaughlin, Brian and Lois Pleschourt, David Rod, Judy Smith
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Gene and Lois Bakko, Brenda Bultman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Eric Lund, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Shelley DeBernardi, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 4):

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 † Psalm 19 † 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 † John 2:13-22

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (February 25):

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 Parents About Death and Dying (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)

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

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Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

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

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

Lenten Book Read (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 212)

Worship on Wednesday Nights

Holden Evening Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

February 28

Homily - Lois Rand

March 7

Homily - David Kelvie

March 14

Homily - Leif Knecht

March 21

Homily - Kristin Partlo



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

Menu for Wednesday, February 28:

Cheeseburger Potato

Scandinavian Vegetable Stew

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Loretta Siler by family and friends. 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 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 Forum

9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

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

For as much as we struggle with how to talk about death with children and youth, it can be just as hard for adults to talk about and face the reality of death. How do I talk to Mom about needing nursing home care? Have my parents talked about their plans for when they die? Would Dad want to be resuscitated at this age? What are my preferences for medical care if I cannot speak for myself? In Minnesota, an end-of-life planning project called *The Convenings* has started. These are opportunities for people to think about and discuss their choices for living and dying well. Join us for this forum, where Susan Lohman, Advance Care Planning Coordinator at the Northfield Hospital, will help us think about how to navigate these crucial conversations.

Lenten Soup Suppers are put on by St. John's Boards and Executive Committee

St. John's board members and church officers are serving at the Soup Suppers on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All are welcome to join in this simple meal, with Brick Oven Bakery bread! Soups made by Peggy Dell and Kristy Harms, served from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. before the Lenten Vespers service. Thank you to the Properties & Grounds Board, and all the volunteers who set up, served, and cleaned up after the meal on Ash Wednesday. Thanks to the Benevolence & Social Concerns and the Evangelism & Communications boards who took care of putting on this past weeks' Soup Supper.

Build Your Relationship Muscle!

You are invited to talk with someone new at Wednesday Night Meals/Soup Suppers. Perhaps you could consider it part of your Lenten fast -- to give up for a time or two sitting with your friends' table, and venture out to sit with unfamiliar people. Look for table tents in St. John's Hall for the weekly "Conversation Starter for Shy Lutherans & All" and remember you have something in common with every person!

Romans & Christians Night for Middle School Youth!

Friday, March 2, 7:00-10:00 p.m., St. John's

Northfield middle school youth are invited to a Romans & Christians night. The cost is \$5 for pizza and pop. Sign up sheets are in the Commons or email Angie at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Feel free to invite a friend!

Announcements

International Food Tasting Festival

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

What is an International Food Tasting Festival, you ask? Why, tasting delicious foods from a dozen countries is what! Sam Ouk, a Cambodian refugee, will discuss with us the hardships refugees face in coming to this country and the challenges they have once they get here. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to visit, learn with others, and enjoy the food fest. It's open to the public. Bring your neighbors. Sign-up on the Women of St. John's bulletin board in the Commons. Please sign-up by today.

Attention St. John's Women...

Please clear your calendars for Saturday, May 5, to attend the wonderful Northfield Ecumenical Women's Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. The women of St. Peter's warmly welcome you! See additional details in the March edition of the Voice.

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. You can also access the church calendar.



GREAT NEWS!

The St. John's Foundation has graciously issued the following challenge: Once we reach our goal of \$750,000, the Foundation will add a gift of \$10,000 to push us over the edge!

Help us reach this goal by turning in your three year pledge card now (or before April 1) to the offering plate or the church office. You can find extra pledge cards and Grace Overflowing information at the Welcome Desk or the church office.

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.

Watch this space for updates about projects that will be starting due to your generosity!
We can't thank you enough!

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 Richard Kraus (brother of Joan Koester)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Joe Nesheim, 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

Maggie Lindell, Lillian Anderson, Elaine Feroe

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, 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.

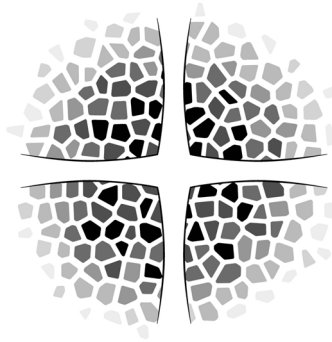
Newsletter, the Voice: March 15th for the April Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Feb. 26	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, Kitchen
	11:30 a.m.	Dinner followed by Communion at NRC, Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Lenten Book Read Leaders Meeting, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Feb. 27	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Feb. 28	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Pubic Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	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
Thursday, Mar. 1	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 2	7:30 a.m.	NMS - 7th Grade Courage Retreat, St. John's Hall
	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, Kitchen
	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Romans & Christians (Grades 6-8), St. John's
Saturday, Mar. 3	1:00 p.m.	International Food Tasting Festival, St. John's Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, Mar. 4	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (Rite of Welcome) <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery



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