



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 † 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 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.*

# OUR WORSHIP TODAY

*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — Two settings of DEO GRACIAS

Paul Hofreiter, Kevin Uppercue

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 316

“Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair”

*Stanza 1 — all*

*Stanza 2 — treble voices*

*Stanza 3 — bass voices*

*Stanzas 4 and 5 — all*

### \*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

- ☐ Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our 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 — Exodus 34:29-35

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

📖 The word of the Lord.      🙏 Thanks be to God.

### Psalmody — Psalm 99, "God Reigns, Enthroned on High"

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!

Psalm paraphrase: Michael Morgan © 1999 Witherspoon Press; Music: Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon

## Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

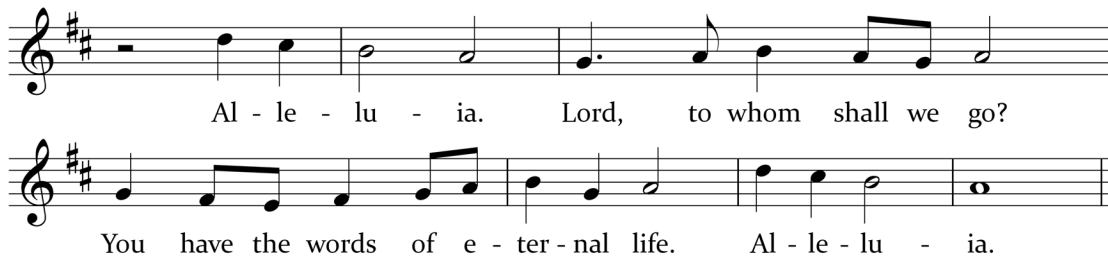
<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*Gospel — Luke 9:28-36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was say-

ing this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1100

“O Beauty Ever Ancient”

\*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) "The Only Son from Heaven"

J. S. Bach

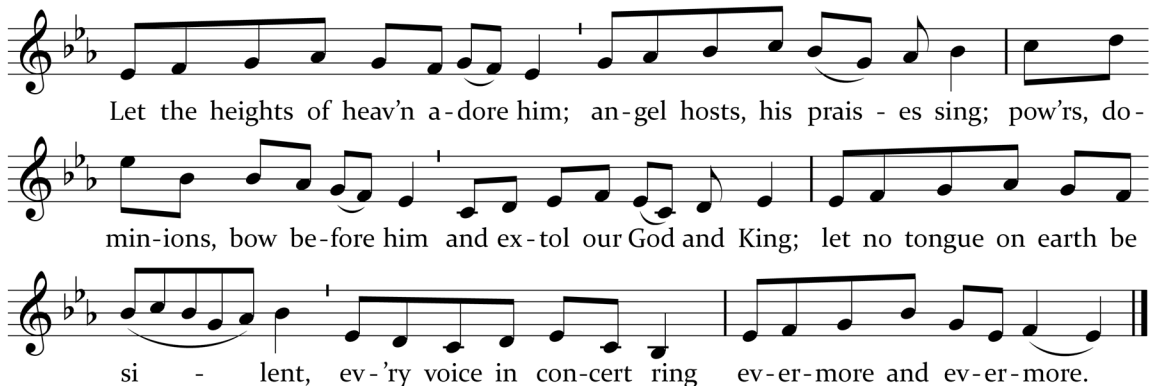
*The only Son from heaven, foretold by ancient seers, by God the father given, in human form appears, no sphere his light confining, no star so brightly shining as he, our Morning Star. Awaken, Lord, our spirit to know and love you more, in faith to stand unshaken, in spirit to adore, that we, through this world moving, each glimpse of heaven proving, may reap its fullness there. —Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535*

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Beautiful Savior"

F. Melius Christiansen, arr. G. Winston Cassler

## \*Offering Hymn — "Of the Father's Love Begotten" stanza 4 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais - es sing; pow'rs, do-  
min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
si - lent, ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

## \*Offering Prayer

**L** Let us pray.

**C** Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

# SHARING THE LORDS 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.



**\*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”

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, grant us peace.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

POTSDAM

*For anthem text, see ELW No. 315.*

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ 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 from this place to bring light, healing, 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** — ELW No. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

**\*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	Kristin Partlo
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Karl Hella
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Dan Franklin, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Todd and Connie Menssen, Bob Nyvall, Mark Rydberg

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## **Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 2**

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 6:15 p.m.

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### ***This Week (February 27):***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

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

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

Parent Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

### ***Next Week (March 6):***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Dr. Bob Scholz. 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 Leah Garlie at [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 645-4429. Dates available: March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 24.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Howard Thorsheim from family and friends.

## **Sunday Service Livestream and Video**

St. John's offers a livestream of the Sunday 8:30 a.m. service, available on the main page of the St. John's website and on the St. John's Facebook page. We aim to have a copy of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service posted in the "Service Videos" section of the website by 10:45 a.m. The video recording is also available on-demand 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. An audio recording of the Sunday sermon is available on the St. John's website on Monday.

## **Coffee Hour Today Between Services in St. John's Hall**

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - March" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at [sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Thank you!

## **Lenten Vespers + Give to the Food Shelf + Soup To Go!**

### **Ash Wednesday, March 2 and Wednesday, April 6**

This is a "modified" Lenten Soup Supper with a focus on "sharing food" on these 2 Wednesdays. "Share" a food item or monetary donation for the food shelf/CAC. "Share" a To-Go Soup meal from St. John's for you to take home following the service (available until 7:00 p.m.). The soups planned are Zuppa Toscana and Vegetarian Chili.

## **Courageous Conversations: "Anti-Racism Activism Through Community-Engaged Art"**

### **Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Cecilia Cornejo, Carleton professor of Cinema and Media Studies, filmmaker, and artist, will share her art practice which encourages community members to reflect in order to envision and generate paths towards collective wellbeing. Cecilia has been active in the Northfield community working for justice on many issues.

**Register here:** [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous)

## **Next Edition of *The Voice***

The next print edition of *The Voice* will be an April / May issue. The deadline to submit articles is March 15. Please send submissions to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Midland University Choir Concert**

**Saturday, March 5, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

The Midland University Choir, under the direction of Joel Johnson, will present a free concert in the Sanctuary at St. John's. The choir is the flagship vocal ensemble of Midland University, a liberal arts college with campuses in Fremont and Omaha, Nebraska. They will share music from sacred and secular traditions including pieces that are inclusive and socially-conscious. Come join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!

## ***"Getting to Know You" Gathering for Newcomers to St. John's***

**Sunday, March 20, 9:45–10:30 a.m.**

Join St. John's staff, newcomers, and folks who have been around for a while for an informal time of refreshments and conversation. **Also, a request:** We would like to learn your names and faces! Please send a photo of you (electronically or hard copy) to Christy Hall-Holt at this email: [connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Holden Village Job Opportunity**

Located near Chelan, WA in the remote wilderness of the beautiful Cascade Mountains, Holden Village is a former copper mining town that has been transformed into a vibrant place of year-round education, programming, and worship. Growing from the love of Christ, Holden Village is a courageous community that welcomes all people into the wilderness to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth, and each other. Serving as part of the Holden Village team provides a chance to live and work in an intentional, intergenerational community. If you have a few weeks, months, or years in which you are looking to experience something new, Holden might be the perfect place for you. **Information on how to apply, along with full descriptions of all available openings can be found at:** [www.holdenvillage.org/volunteer/holden-job-board/](http://www.holdenvillage.org/volunteer/holden-job-board/)  
**Contact Pastor Pam if you have any additional questions about life at Holden Village.**

## **Thrivent Members**

You can give St. John's an extra boost at no cost to you by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2021 funds need to be designated by March 31, 2022. This year the Church Council is designating a significant portion of these gifts toward funding our beloved tradition of Advent Fair. Go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) to designate your funds.

## **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

Please consider packing/rolling a Personal Care Kit (or two) for LWR. We'll be collecting completed kits in the Commons under the St. John's Women bulletin board until March 15. Lists of necessary items and rolling instructions are there as well. Online instructions at: [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/missions](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/missions).

## 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 Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Sigrid Johnson, Dick Kleber, Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Kristi Wermager, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim, Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Tom Fjelde, 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; 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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## Children and Youth Ministries

### **Summer Camp for Grades 2-5**

St. John's is offering summer camp this year at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN for kids in grades 2-5. St. John's helps with camp costs! Check out GEV's website for more information: <http://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. Register by April 17 and receive a free summer theme t-shirt, no code needed. Siblings can save 25% with code SIBLING22.

### **Youth Summer Trips**

If you have any questions regarding the trips please contact Emmanuel Kaghondi.

- **High School Summer Trip (21–22 school year): Christikon Trip from July 9–15**  
The cost for the trip is \$400 (full and partial scholarships are available).
- **Middle School Youth trip (21–22 school year): Amnicon Trip from June 19–24**  
The cost for the trip is \$300 (full and partial scholarships are available).

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

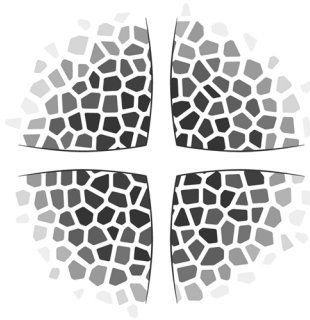
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).

<b>Monday, Feb. 28</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 1</b>	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 Meeting for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
		Southeastern MN Synod Book Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 2</b>	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:45 p.m.	St. John's Chorale Warmup, Sanctuary
	6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, Mar. 3</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations via Zoom
<b>Friday, Mar. 4</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Mar. 5</b>	4:00 p.m.	Midland University Choir Concert, Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, Mar. 6</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
		Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 6):**

### *First Sunday in Lent*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 † Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 † Romans 10:8b-13 † Luke 4:1-13



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*  
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.