

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 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.

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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.

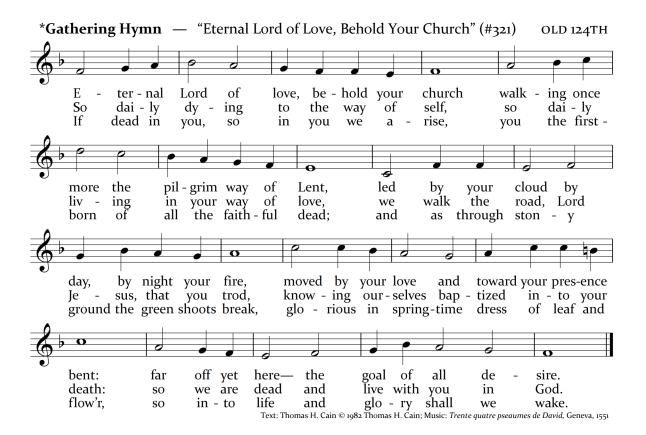
While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together, believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — "Aria" H. Leslie Adams

Welcome and Announcements

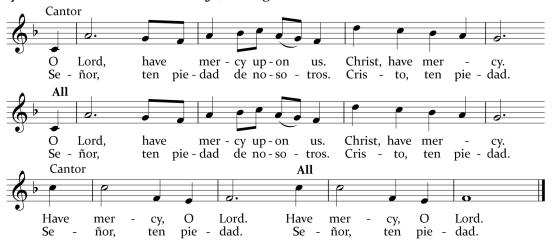


*A Litany of Sorrows and Sins

- P 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.







- 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.
- **©** 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,
- **9** 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.
- **©** Remember your promise, O God.
- 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.
- **☑** 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.
- **M** And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

- P O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may bravely endure shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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

'When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalmody — Psalm 22:23-31

Antiphon: Lorraine Brugh

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



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,

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.

²⁸For 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.

³⁰Their 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*

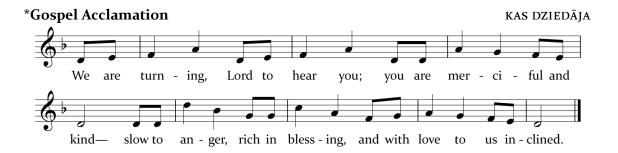
Second Reading — Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

■ The word of the Lord. ■ Thanks be to God.



*Gospel — Mark 8:31-38

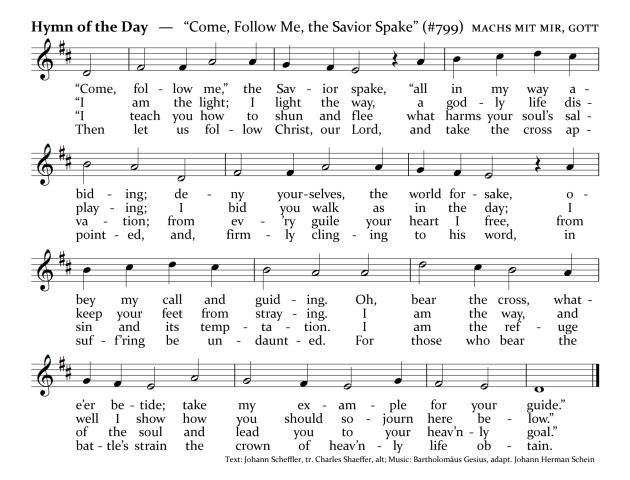
- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



*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, **G** 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:

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

Michael Costello

*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.
- Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

now and forever. Amen.

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,

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

C Amen.



*Dismissal

- **L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **⚠** Thanks be to God.

Postlude — on wer nur den lieben gott, BWV 642

J. S. Bach

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding Pastor Pam Fickenscher Preaching Pastor Jonathan Davis

Assisting Ministers Pellinen Family

Organist Nathan Proctor
Cantor David Sims



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 in honor of Duane Engstrom's 90th birthday on February 26 by his family. 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.

Today, 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.

Pub Theology via Zoom

Mondays, March 1 and 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Pub Theology is a conversation led by Pastor Pam and/or Pastor Jonathan around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate. Just bring your questions, thoughts, and experiences.

Courageous Conversations via Zoom

Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Race Matters in HealthCare - Toward Equity & Change

Daisey Sanchez and Charlie Mandile of Northfield's Healthcare Collaborative will speak on race and healthcare as it pertains to our community. Register: www.stjohnsnorthfield.org/courageous.

Fire & Ice Night for Youth (Grades 6-12)

Friday, March 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m., St. John's Parking Lot

Join us for a night of broom ball, s'mores making, and hot chocolate! Bring a broom to play with, a mask, and camp chair (optional). Friends are welcome!

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.

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. The cost is \$20.

Announcements (continued)

The Youth Ministry & Education Board is partnering with The Key Youth Center to provide help for the youth of Northfield. We invite all members of the St. John's Church Community to sign up for the needed food items by using the link provided in the E-Voice.

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".

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 11. 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!

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build Project 2021

With a significant gift of \$20,000 provided by St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield, Rice County Habitat for Humanity is embarking on its first Faith Build. A Faith Build happens when funds and volunteers are provided by the faith community to build a home with a family in need. Building a Habitat home provides the church an outlet for missions, fellowship, and putting faith into action. To prepare for this build, Habitat is forming crews. To sign up to be part of a crew, complete the form found on the website: https://habitatricecounty.org/, indicating what crew you would like to be a part of.

Thank You for the Donations to the Northfield Promise Book Drive and the CAC/Blessing Box food/essential items we received at the Mardi Gras Drive-Thru! Very much appreciated!

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, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Susan Rudser

Those mourning the loss of a loved one Family of 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

Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia; lambi 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

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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, Mar. 1	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Virtual Pub Theology via Zoom
Tuesday, Mar. 2	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom
Wednesday, Mar. 3	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Lenten Book Group via Zoom Confirmation for Grades 6-9 via Zoom Lenten Vespers via Livestream Lenten Book Group via Zoom
Thursday, Mar. 4	12:00 p.m.	"Jesus Sees Women," a Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
,	7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations via Zoom
Friday, Mar. 5	7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations via Zoom Fire & Ice Night for Youth (Grades 6-12), St. John's
Friday, Mar. 5 Saturday, Mar. 6		,

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 7):

Third Sunday in Lent

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





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