



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 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 — “There in God’s Garden”

K. Lee Scott

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — No. 321

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who gathers us in the wilderness  
to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

☑ Amen.

☐ If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,

☑ **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

☐ Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

☑ 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.



*After the reading:*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDĀJA



We are turn - ing, Lord to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and  
kind— slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**\*Gospel — Matthew 4:1-11**

Spark Story Bible, page 248; Pew Bible, page 785

*Before the reading:*

- The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Front of the hymnal, page 127*

## \*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 Tree of Life"

WEXFORD CAROL, arr. James Biery

*The tree of life with ev'ry good in Eden's holy orchard stood, and of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat. Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew; its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned. The stillness of that sacred grove was broken, as the serpent strove with tempting voice to Eve beguile and Adam too by sin defile. O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death, its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made. What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by his grace: in sending One from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need— for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head! Now from that tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in his name; for all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive. And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat, to find within this cross of wood the tree of life with every good.* - Stephen Starke

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) Sonata in A Minor

Georg Philipp Telemann

III. Andante amabile

\*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

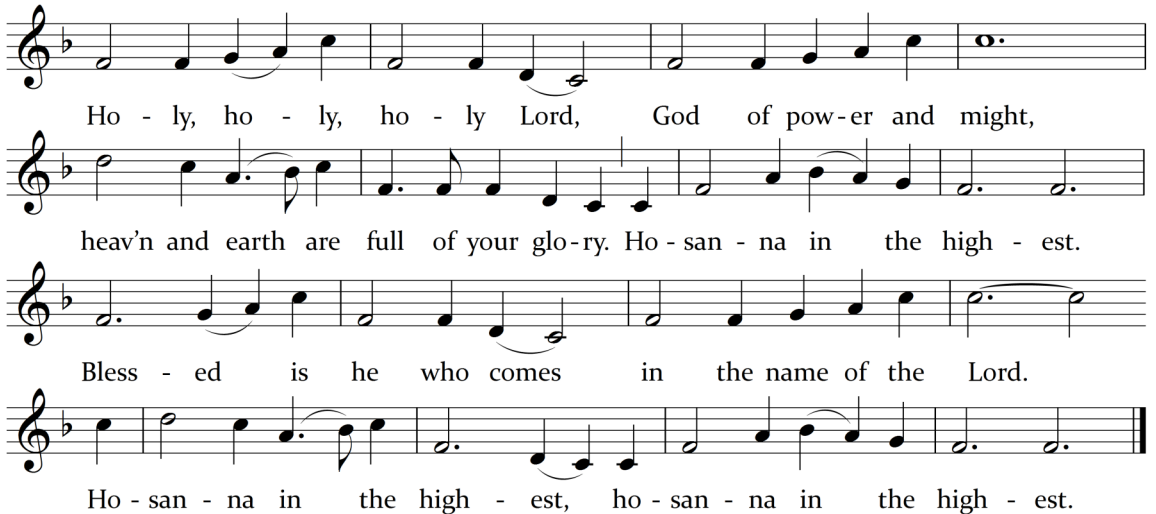
- L** Let us pray together.
- M** **Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

# 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.**

*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.

**Solo — Sonata in A Minor  
I. Siciliana**

**Georg Philipp Telemann**

**Hymn — No. 690**

**"We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord"**



**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

**\*Blessing**

*Response:*

℣ **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** — No. 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

**\*Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** — Fugue in D minor

Johann Pachelbel



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	TBD
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Oboe	Kristen Diederichs
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) Marcia Yernberg
Acolytes	(8:30) John Tracy, Noah Tracy (10:45) Merri-Elisabeth Knoch, Louise Welbaum
Communion Preparer	Dallas Berg
Communion Servers	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Elden and Solveig Zempel
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Bob and Joyce Rendahl, Elden and Solveig Zempel (10:45) Greg Colby and Carol Schoen, Michele Knutson
Coffee and Refreshments	Elizabeth Busa, Angie Gehring, Elden and Solveig Zempel
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Gene and Lois Bakko, Brenda Bultman, David Norman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Izzy Anderson, Duane Benson, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Nicholas Boehning, Scott Boehning, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 8):**

### ***Second Sunday in Lent***

**Genesis 12:1-4a † Psalm 121 † Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 † John 3:1-17**

## **LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**

In the Gospel of John, which is where many of our Lenten Gospels come from on Sundays, testimony plays a crucial role. Very often people hear about Jesus and Jesus' deeds not directly from him, but from other people. Even some of the apostles are called "second-hand" by one person witnessing to another.

It is clear that John did not consider his Gospel to be the final word on Jesus' action in our world either. He concludes the Gospel this way: *"This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."*

Today we are still part of writing the "many books" that contain the works of Jesus. While many Christians are uncomfortable talking about their faith, personal experience of God's work in our lives is the core of faith. Our own faith is strengthened when someone we know well experiences God's grace and healing.

This year, five St. John's members have been invited to share their story of God at work in their life. We are so grateful to these individuals for their courage in sharing their story with us, and we are excited to see how their example helps all of us think more deeply about our experience of Jesus.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. from March 4 through April 1.

- March 4: Michelle Kramer-Prevost
- March 11: Erik Lindell
- March 18: Pam Groves-Gaggioli
- March 25: Brian Evenson
- April 1: Emmanuel Kaghondi

## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

### **This Week (March 1):**

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall

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)

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by Ronnie, Lucas, and Ruth Anglin in memory of Eulalie Smestad and Helene Anglin whose birthdays were both in early March. 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. 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.

## **Bread for the World: 2020 Offering of Letters**

**Sundays, March 1, 8 & 15, Between Services in St. John's Hall**

Letter writing is made easy between services at tables in St. John's Hall. See also [bread.org](http://bread.org).

## **Easter Garden Orders**

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, the Chancel Guild will be taking orders starting today between services and continuing Sundays, March 8, 15 & 22. They will also be taking orders during the soup suppers on Wednesdays, March 4, 11 & 18. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Your plant may be taken home after the last service Easter morning. The last day to order is Sunday, March 22.

## **Mini Organ Recital**

**Wednesday, March 4, 6:00-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

Enjoy a time of organ music before the Lenten Vespers service with visiting organist Giacomo Benedetti from Florence, Italy. Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Pellegrini, and others.

## **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.

## **Questions About the Middle East? Come get some answers!**

Next Sunday, March 8, the St. John's Forum will feature an update from Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD). Matthew Hand, LMD's International Director, with more than 30 years in the field, will give a presentation with visuals from his most recent trip. You will hear compelling and hope-filled stories, along with time for questions and answers. Invite your family and friends. Come, be encouraged by the good work supported by the ELCA.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Catechism Retreat**

**Saturday, March 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m., St. John's Hall**

Third graders, along with their parent(s), are invited for a Catechism retreat on the Sacrament of Communion. If you are unable to attend, please contact Julie Brehmer at 507-645-4429 or [children@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:children@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **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!

## **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](http://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 email ([bkmoch@gmail.com](mailto:bkmoch@gmail.com)) or call him (952-807-4702). Note that your 2019 Choice dollars will disappear if not directed, so act before March 31.

**Women of St. John's:** Wouldn't it be fun to join other women from St. John's for a Saturday event? You can do this by registering for the Cannon River Conference Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 25, held at First Evangelical Lutheran in Kenyon. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and highlights Pastor Julie Rogness. She will share her experiences while working with Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry in a talk called, "Our Global Neighbors-Brothers and Sisters." The \$12.00 registration includes lunch. You can find registration forms on the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons or email Marilyn Calcutt at [Marilyn.calcutt@gmail.com](mailto:Marilyn.calcutt@gmail.com).

**Fellowship of the Least Coin** is a global, ecumenical prayer movement linking prayers for peace, justice, and reconciliation with "least coins." The coins are used to fund projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief, and awareness-building among women. There are two ways to participate. One way is by contributing today to the large jar in the Commons. A second way is by taking a small jar home and making a monetary contribution when a prayer is said. All donations will be turned in as part of the general WELCA meeting held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. held 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 Paul Wolff (brother of Marie Benson)

*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*

Virley Brown, Sigrid Gronning, Elouise Quinnell

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.



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

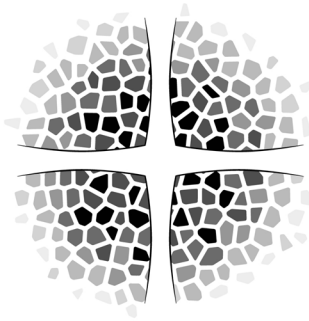
Wednesday, March 4  
Chicken Wild Rice Soup  
Spiced Lentil Soup

**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](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Mon., Mar. 2</b>	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
<b>Tue., Mar. 3</b>	7:00 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Presidential Nomination Primary, St. John's Hall SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
<b>Wed., Mar. 4</b>	9:30 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m.  6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3-Links Communion, Offsite Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20 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 Mini Organ Recital with Giacomo Benedetti, Sanctuary Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209 O.W.L., Youth Room
<b>Thursday, Mar. 5</b>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Mar. 6</b>	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Mar. 7</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Mar. 8</b>	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.  9:45 a.m.  10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons Bread for the World: Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5, Lower Level Sunday Morning Youth Group: Grades 6-12, Youth Room St. John's Forum, Sanctuary Accompany Newcomer Gathering, Undercroft Worship / Nursery



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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.