



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026 † 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 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** — “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Craig Phillips

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 769

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

## Children's Message

“Wonders of Worship”

I won-der. I won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? I won-der. I  
won-der. The won-ders of wor-ship, what does it mean? Come and see! Come now and see!

Text and Music: Anne Krentz Organ

## \*Confession and Forgiveness

*Front of ELW hymnal, page 94*

## \*Greeting

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

## \*Prayer of the Day

- P** O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to  
new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises,  
that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

Second Reading — Genesis 12:1-4a

Spark Story Bible, page 26

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 121



<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
from where is my | help to come?

<sup>2</sup>My help comes | from the LORD,  
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

<sup>3</sup>**The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.**

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;

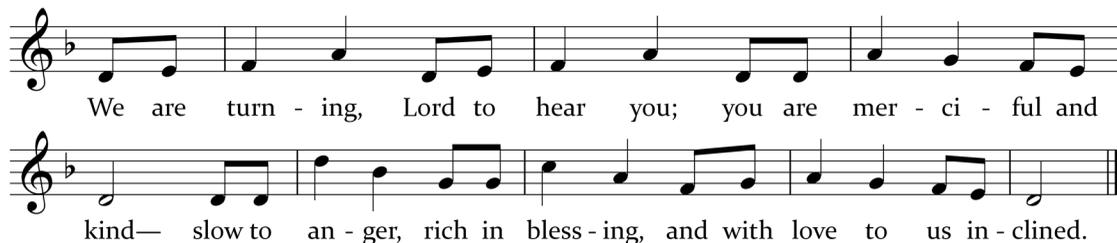
<sup>6</sup>the sun will not strike | you by day,  
nor the | moon by night.

<sup>7</sup>**The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
and will | keep your life.**

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

## \*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 — John 3:1-17

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

## \*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) “We Shall Walk Through the Valley” Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.  
There will be no trials there.  
If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.*

### St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten” BWV 642  
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

J. S. Bach

### \*Offering Hymn — “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

FRANCKE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take not your  
Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-  
va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen

### \*Offering Prayer

☐ Let us pray.

☑ **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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:

*Sung first in English, then Spanish.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.  
San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.  
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to, e - res Se - ñor.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Text and music: Argentine traditional

## \*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

"Holy Lamb of God" *Ya hamalallah*

Yusuf Khill

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

Music: © 2003 Yusuf Khill

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Lift Thine Eyes" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. – adapted from Psalm 121*

**Hymn** — ELW No. 323

"God Loved the World"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing

## \*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

### \*Prayer after Communion

- ℒ God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☩ Amen.

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

### \*Blessing

*Response:*

- ☩ Amen.

\*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 407

“O Living Breath of God”

### \*Dismissal

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel



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

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	David Legvold
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Livestream	Rob Nutt
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	Angie Gehring
Greeters	(8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Mary Ellen North (10:45) Dimi De Rose, Vikki Van Veldhuizen
Coffee Service	Pat Fick
Treats	Rhonda Reece, Liz Rowley
Counters	Dave Becker, Sue Brockman, Brenda Bultman
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) David and Cheryl Buck, Roger Van Veldhuizen

### **LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: *WHEN HAVE YOU FELT CALLED?***

When people speak of a calling, it is often in large-scale, life-altering terms, like a career or a decades-long responsibility. But God calls in many ways, sometimes to actions that are smaller and less noticed by the world, and sometimes in the midst of circumstances we never would choose. This Lenten season we are inviting five members of St. John's to reflect on the notion of calling and to share how they have felt called in their lives.

*To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

– 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from February 25 through March 25.

- March 4: Gordy Turpin-Moore
- March 11: Rusty Kluver
- March 18: Susan Lohmann
- March 25: Anika Rychner

# **Announcements**

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.*

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by friends of St. John's. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM/95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), contact the church office at 507-645-4429 or [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Next available dates: March 29 and April 5, 19 & 26.

## **Courageous Conversations: *Building Bridges through Storytelling***

**Thursday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Lupita McClanahan, Navajo elder, will speak on surviving Indian Boarding School, nurturing personal resilience, and strengthening cultural identity through adversity. Lupita will speak about her early years, attending Indian Boarding School, overcoming trauma, and choosing to become a bridge-builder between cultures by sharing her stories. She continues to live on her ancestral land. Refreshments provided.

## **Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign**

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is underway through April 6. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. You are invited to join its efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity. You may use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf. Please write your check to St. John's and indicate CAC Food Shelf on the memo line. You can also give online through the St. John's website.

## **Kari Hong speaking on Friday, March 13, 7:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

*Mass Deportation, Detention, and ICE: How We Got Here. What We Can Do. The Statue of Liberty welcomes the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Our immigration policy has strayed far from that promise. How did we get here? How can we return to a humane and fair immigration system?*

For the past 25 years, Kari Hong has been an immigration attorney who has represented clients from 54 countries and six continents. Her scholarship and commentary has appeared in numerous publications including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, SCOTUS Blog, and CNN. She was a tenured law professor at Boston College for 10 years and is currently the Ninth Circuit attorney at the Florence Immigration & Refugee Rights Project. On a personal note, Kari grew up in Northfield, was confirmed at St. John's, and is the granddaughter of Howard and Edna Hong who were involved in St. John's refugee resettlement program following WWII.

## **ISAIAH plans for Palm Sunday**

On Palm Sunday, March 29, thousands of Christians from across the state will join together in witness to Jesus' call to love and care for our neighbors. We will gather at 2:00 p.m. at various congregations in St. Paul and process to the State Capitol for a worship service. Together we will stand up to the abuses and cruelty being inflicted on our neighbors. Please join us. Buses will be available, and registration will begin soon.

# Announcements (continued)

## **Weekend Quilting Bee**

Celebrate National Quilting Day on **Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m.–Noon in the Fellowship Hall.** St. Olaf students will be joining us! This is a chance for those who can't attend the quilting on Thursday mornings to have a chance to join in on the fun. We will be cutting out squares, sewing quilt tops, tying the quilts, and sewing on the bindings. Refreshments will be provided.

## **Manna and Mercy Retreat with Rev. Alan Storey, April 24–25**

South African pastor Alan Storey is returning to St. John's to lead a *Manna and Mercy Retreat*. Alan is an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church of South Africa. Using Daniel Erlander's book *Manna and Mercy*, Alan Storey will take us on a journey from Genesis to Revelation over the course of two days, with sensitivity to the contexts in which the scriptures were written and of our present day. The cost for the weekend is on a sliding scale of \$50–100. We are asking people to pay what they can. There are scholarships available and the cost for students is \$25. Scan the QR Code to register or go to [www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org](http://www.alanstoreyinminnesota.org).



## **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

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

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)  
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

### ***Next Week (March 8)***

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall  
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)  
Sunday Youth Gathering: Grades 6–12 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)  
Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)  
Accompany (9:45–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

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

### ***Third Sunday in Lent***

**Exodus 17:1-7 † Psalm 95 † Romans 5:1-11 † John 4:5-42**

## 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*

Fred Huemoeller, Judy Swanson, Ingrid Alberding

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

David Halsor, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, David Norman, Alice Rickert, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff), Glen Norgaard (father of Brett Norgaard)

*All who are homebound, including*

Carolyn Jennings, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 4:  
*Chicken Tortilla Soup / Black Bean Soup*

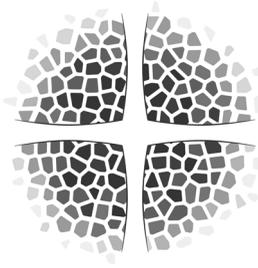
**All are welcome!**

*Soup Suppers are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.*

# **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, Mar. 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Monday Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	WELCA Executive Board Meeting, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 3</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	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 Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:30 p.m.	Wellspring Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 4</b>	11:30 a.m.	Gathering of Contemplation and Prayer, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:15 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
		Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group, Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
<b>Thursday, Mar. 5</b>	7:45 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	4:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Fellowship Hall / Room 19
	5:30 p.m.	Thursday Night Big Book Group (AA Meeting), Youth Room
	6:00 p.m.	Open Door Preschool Book Club, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Mar. 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
<b>Saturday, Mar. 7</b>		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
<b>Sunday, Mar. 8</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 13.)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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

*St. John's Lutheran Church stands on the  
ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute band of the Dakota nation.  
We respect and are grateful for the generations of native people who have cared for this land.*