



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 2, 2025 † 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 — “Toccata in Seven”

John Rutter

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

☑ Amen.

☐ Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations
of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

☑ **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty,
or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to
scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair
your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

☐ God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In † Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

☑ 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

- ☐ 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

Pew Bible, page 71

After the reading:

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

Psalmody — Psalm 99

Antiphon: Robert Wetzler

Antiphon: The Lord is king; with trembling bow in worship!



¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them, ⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them. ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One. *Antiphon*

***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 9:27-36**

Spark Story Bible, page 358

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

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

[Jesus said] ²⁷Indeed, truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

³⁶When 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — “By Gracious Powers”

Stanzas 1 & 2 — choir/cantor

Stanzas 3-5 — all



By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered, and con - fi - dent - ly
 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed, still e - vil days bring
 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming with bit - ter suf - f'ring,
 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us the joy we had, the
 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed, so qui - et - ly, so



wait - ing come what may, we know that God is with us night and
 bur - dens hard to bear; oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal -
 hard to un - der - stand, we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out
 bright - ness of your sun, we shall re - mem - ber all the days we
 won - der - ful - ly near, we live each day in hope, with you be -



morn - ing, and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 va - tion, for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 trem - bling out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 lived through and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.
 side us, and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906–1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000; tr. © 1974 Hope Publishing Company; Music: Robert Scholz, 1939–2021; © 2008 Robert Scholz

*Apostles' Creed

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105

*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) "O Christ, Surround Me"

arr. David Sims

*God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me. Bind to myself the
name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ, surround me. Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of light-
ning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me.
Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, from beneath,
above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me. Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears who hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:*

O Christ, surround me. – Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

Robert Buckley Farlee

*Offering Hymn — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *stanza 1*

SALZBURG

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**

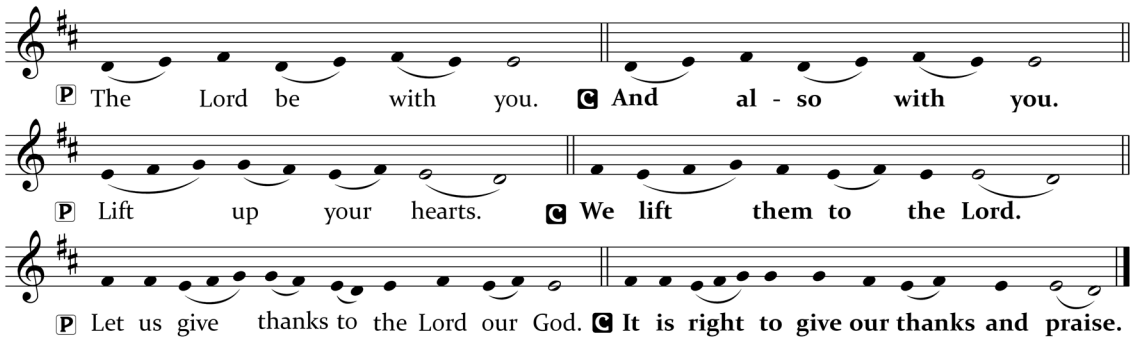
*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray.

C God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

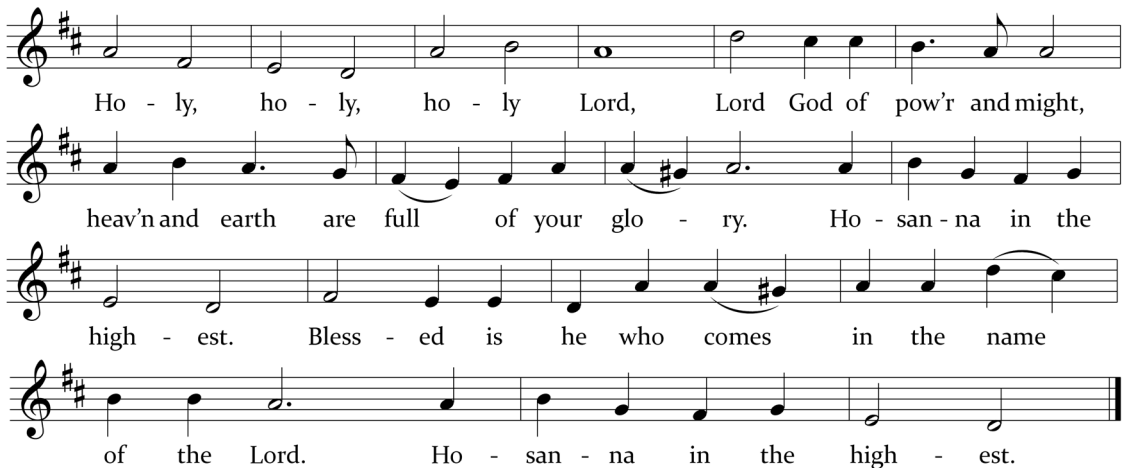


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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** — "The Only Son from Heaven"

J. S. Bach

For anthem text, see ELW No. 309, stanzas 1 & 3.

Hymn — ELW No. 315

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

Hymn — ELW No. 462

"Now We Join in Celebration"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

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

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ 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

Quilt Blessing

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☩ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 424

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

***Dismissal**

- ℒ 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:

Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Scott Swanson (10:45) Andrea Hoff
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Prep	Angie Gehring
Communion Cleanup	Craig Schultz
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Mary Ellen North (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Refreshments	Kibby Errington, Gerri Licke, Rhonda Reece
Counters	Dave Becker, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Chuck Cannon, Jon and Alison Kavanaugh, Gordon Moore

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 2)

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)

St John's Forum (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (March 9)

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)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Kathy Vang in honor of the St. John's Quilters. 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), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: March 30 and April 13, 17, 18 & 27.

Today is Quilt Sunday

Quilts are on the pews today for a blessing before they are shipped. The quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief, Global Health Ministries, and locally for Operation Joy and Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to all who have donated fabric, supplies, money, and their time for making the quilts this past year! Donations are again appreciated for the Quilt and Kit Fund. Baskets will be in the Commons and Narthex entrances to the Sanctuary. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to St. John's WELCA with quilts/kits on the memo line. **A silent auction for the quilt of your choice** will be held between services in the Commons. The auction will end at 10:45 a.m. Two quilts will be auctioned. The winners of the auction may choose a quilt from the pews and take it home after the second service.

St. John's Forum: *Introduction to Our Lenten Book Read*

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall

Dr. Lori Brandt Hale will introduce our Lenten Book Read with an adult forum on Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his legacy. Dr. Hale is Professor of Religion at Augsburg College and serves as President of the International Bonhoeffer Society, Board of Directors, English language section. She will introduce the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and contextualize his theology for our own times. She has written that the question for Christians today is not, "Is this a Bonhoeffer moment?" but instead, "Who is Christ for us now?" Books will be available for purchase in St. John's Hall before and after the forum. Cost is \$20. If you have not yet signed up for a discussion section, there will also be a signup sheet for you to do so.

Ash Wednesday Worship Services

Wednesday, March 5

Worship with the imposition of ashes and communion will be held in the Sanctuary at noon and 6:15 p.m. The 6:15 p.m. service will also be available via livestream on the St. John's website home page. Please note there is no Wednesday meal that evening.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can benefit St. John's at no cost to them by designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2024 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations: “*Honest Storytelling: St. Olaf at 150*”

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., St. John’s Hall

Dr. Anthony Bateza, Religion Professor and Chair of Race, Ethnic, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Dr. Kathy Tegtmeier Pak, Political Science Professor, and Lily Middlestadt, a St. Olaf College senior, will speak on the Honest Storytelling project’s progress and the book emerging from collecting these stories. Participants in this project commit to sharing honest stories about the land on which St. Olaf College is located and the Dakota people who were the first inhabitants. They also commit to telling other untold and under-told stories that have yet to reach the audience they deserve.

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.

Wellspring Circle

Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room

Wellspring is a women’s circle primarily focused on Generation-X (born 1965–1980). We welcome all women who are Gen-X or close to Gen-X age.

Children and Youth

Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open

Northfield Week is June 22–27

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, has opened the 2025 summer registration site online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village’s website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John’s gifts each camper a portion of the fee.

Check out these Registration Discounts:

- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025
- Early Bird discount of 10% goes until March 2 with code EARLY2025

Summer 2025 Summer Trip—Spots Still Available

This summer’s trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana. Youth and chaperones from St. John’s, St. Peter’s, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19–27. Contact Kristin Partlo to sign up at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Darlene Hand, Fred Huemoeller, Jo Kleber, Sue Renander, Carol Schoen

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang, Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Bob Flaten, Carolyn Jennings

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, or contact a pastor.



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

No meal on Wednesday, March 5.
Soup Suppers will return on March 12.

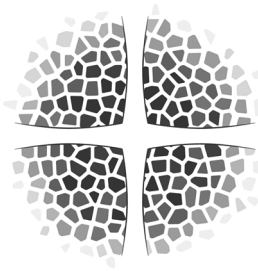
All are welcome!

Wednesday Meals 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.

Monday, Mar. 3	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Northfield Girl Scouts Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Mar. 4	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room “Revelation Unveiled” Bible Study via Zoom Wellspring Circle, Fireside Room St. John’s Foundation, Undercroft NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room Northfield Rotary, St. John’s Library
Wednesday, Mar. 5	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten - Grade 5), St. John’s Choir Warm up, Room 209 Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary
Thursday, Mar. 6	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite Rejoice Ringers, Balcony St. John’s Courageous Conversations, St. John’s Hall
Friday, Mar. 7	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 8	9:00 a.m.	Women’s Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
Sunday, Mar. 9	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) 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.*