



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

MARCH 3, 2019 † 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 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 — on LAUDA ANIMA

Rick Deasley

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — No. 318

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

☑ Amen.

☐ Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

☑ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

**Let the words of our mouths, and the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

☐ Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you
that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

☑ 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.

²**The 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.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.** *Antiphon*

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, those who call upon
your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
 they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
⁸**O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;**
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
 for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. *Antiphon*

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 3:17—4:2

Pew Bible, page 939

After the reading:

[L] The word of the Lord. **[C]** Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel** — Luke 9:28-36

Spark Story Bible, page 358; Pew Bible, page 843

Before the reading:

[P] The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.
[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.
[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 315

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

***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) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing! Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

-German Composite tr. 1850

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE, arr. Marie Pooler

For anthem text see Hymn 793.

Laudate Choir

***Offering Hymn** — "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" stanza 4

SALZBURG

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

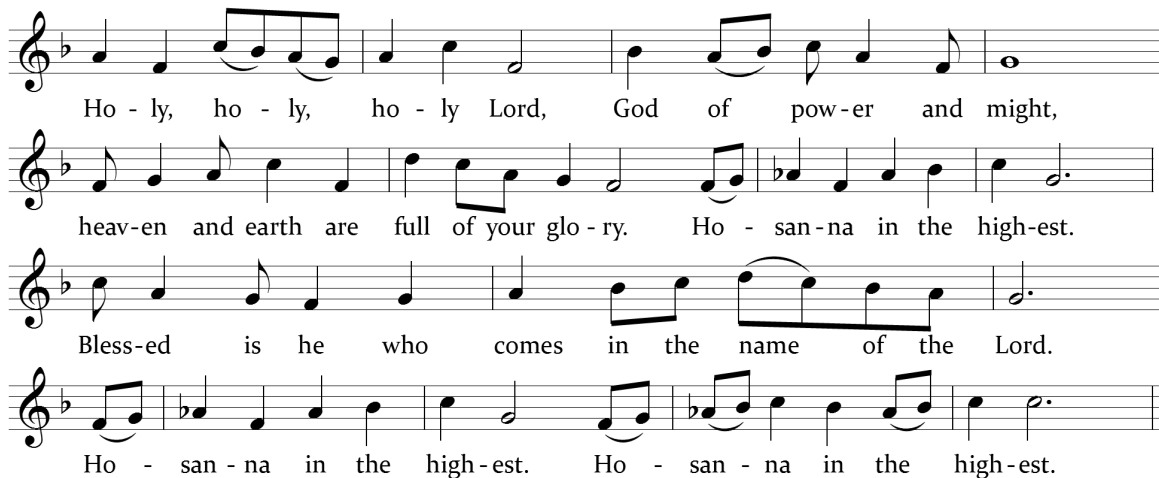
A God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving



P It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*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.

*All God's children are welcome at the table. Communion will be received standing at the front of the sanctuary; ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the middle. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

Hymn — No. 314

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

Hymn — No. 362

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Stanzas 1-4

Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

℣ Let us pray.

℟ 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 — No. 838

“Beautiful Savior”

*Dismissal

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “All Creatures, Worship God Most High”

David Bednall



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Alyssa Ness
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Piano	(8:30) Mary Davis
Acolytes	(8:30) Anna Bash, Elizabeth Tracy (10:45) Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson
Communion Preparer	Mary Polzin
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Elden and Solveig Zempel
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marlene Engstrom, Steven and Suzanne Taggart (10:45) Judith Cederberg, Jean Wakely
Coffee and Refreshments	Rob Nutt and Kelly-Lynn Stanton Nutt, Zack and Jennifer Pelletier
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Chris Erickson, David Norman, Bill and Jane Rizzo
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Duane Benson, Len Hoffmann, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Andy Nelson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Brian Boyum, Dale Gehring, Reed Hagberg, John Hanson, Peggy Hanson, Marion Williams, Sheri Williams

About the Cover Image

The south window of Boe Chapel, designed and completed by the Conrad Pickel Studio of Waukesha, Wisconsin, depicts the transfiguration. In the design the fulfilled promises of the Old Testament are represented in the figures of Moses and Elijah, who flank Jesus, with Peter and James beside them and John below. God's words at the baptism of Christ, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," are reiterated here. The lower section of the window addresses the theme of the New Jerusalem, as mentioned in the Revelation of John. The center lancet features the Lamb of God upon the book with seven seals described in Revelation.

From the lamb, and the throne of God, runs the river of the water of life.

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 3):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
St. John's Library "Book Giveaway", Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)

Next Week (March 10):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 14)

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 6

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 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a soup supper beginning at 5:15 p.m. in St. John's Hall



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

Wednesday, March 6
Cheeseburger Potato
Tomato Basil

All are welcome!

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Eulalie Smestad's 90th birthday this week by Ruth Smestad Anglin and Ronnie Anglin. 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. Dates available: April 7, 14, 21, & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Library "Book Giveaway"

Today Between Services

After some months of moving and building new shelving and re-shelving books, we are discarding some books that may still be useful to others. Today we will have a "book giveaway" during the coffee hour. In return, we ask for a money donation (cash or check) which will go toward a computer and a digital card cataloging system. Such a system will make it much easier for volunteers to be good stewards of the library and much easier for you to find the books you want to read.

Lenten Book Read Groups Begin

Today, 9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203

Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Fireside Room and Room 203

This year's Lenten Book Read selection is *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, by Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit Priest working with gang members in Los Angeles. For twenty years, Greg Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In this book, he turns stories of his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. You can still sign up today in the Commons. Books are now available for \$10.

Snow Removal costs St. John's between \$150-200 for each snow event. Your offerings help cover these costs so that the building is accessible, and the parking lot is safe each time. Thanks for keeping us going in this unusual winter!

Courageous Conversations: "*The Invention of Race - How Did We Get Here?*"

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

How was race invented? How has 17th-century race biology become a 21st-century system of privilege and oppression? Dr. Jennifer Kwon Dobbs, Associate Professor of English and Director of Race and Ethnic Studies at St. Olaf College, will trace the origins of our current understanding of race and invite us to consider the implications. Open to the public. Refreshments provided.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board:

- The month of March hosts the Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign through the Northfield Community Action Center (CAC). St. John's will be collecting donations each week. Monetary donations are preferred. 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. Choose CAC Foodshelf in the "Choose One" drop-down menu. Thank you!
- A small group from St. John's will be traveling to El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces, New Mexico to work with the organization Border Servant Corps (<https://www.borderservantcorps.org/>) and our SE MN Synod partner, Peace Lutheran Church, during the first week of April. This educational and mission-oriented trip provides an opportunity to learn more about border issues as well as to serve immigrants who are released from detention to unite with their sponsor families. Volunteers will be provided housing (\$200 fee) while they assist with grocery shopping, cooking and serving meals, doing laundry, providing transportation, sorting donations, and offering general hospitality for recent immigrants as they transition to their new lives. For more details, interested persons should contact Kathy Schuurman at kathy.schuurman@gmail.com or by calling 507-645-9617 by Monday, March 4.

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

"Ed's Story" Continues - The inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Summer Camp is Coming!

- VBS is June 10-13 at St. John's with the theme "To Mars and Beyond"
(Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 26-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 23-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at www.goodearthvillage.org. VBS registration forms are available in the upper or lower Commons.

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

Lois Houge, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those celebrating the marriage of

Joyce Morgan and Louis Lamoore

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Richard Gronning

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,
Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad,
Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

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; Randy Stubbs & Family,
ELCA missionaries in Tanzania; Curtis and Katie Kline, ELCA missionaries in Colombia

Members of St. John's studying at seminary, including

Henry Burt, Hayden Kvamme

Refugees from Ethiopia being sponsored by St. John's

Paul, Ariat, and their family

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 10):

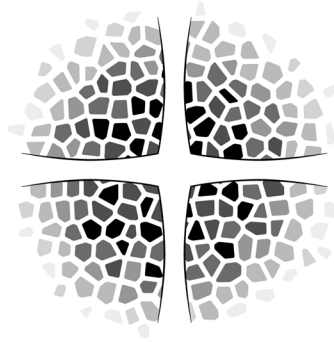
First Sunday in Lent

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

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.*

Mon., Mar. 4	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Contented Cow
Tue., Mar. 5	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
Wed., Mar. 6	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room and Room 203 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room Ash Wednesday Worship Service, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 7	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Study, Fireside Room Rejoice Ringers, Balcony Courageous Conversations: <i>The Invention of Race</i> , St. John's Hall
Friday, Mar. 8	8:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	All Staff Retreat, Offsite SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Northfield Middle School Courage Retreat, St. John's Hall
Saturday, Mar. 9	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room 3 rd Grade CAT Retreat, St. John's Hall Youth Service Event, Meet at St. John's to Carpool
Sunday, Mar. 10	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (<i>For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11</i>) Worship / Nursery



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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.