



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 3, 2024 † 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 — “Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot” BWV 678
“These Are the Holy Ten Commandments”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 705

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C Amen.

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**C we confess that we are caught in cycles of sin and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak
in ways that silence others. We withdraw in despair when our presence
could bring healing. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things
and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

C 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.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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

Children's Message

First Reading — Exodus 20:1-17

Spark Story Bible, page 94; Pew Bible, page 58

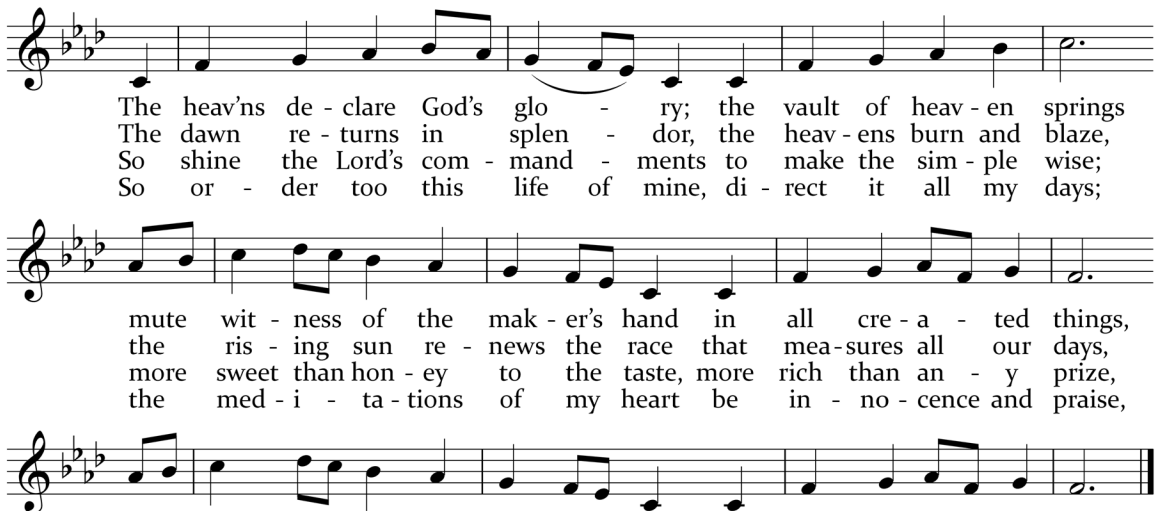
After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 19, "The Heavens Declare God's Glory"

MORNING SONG



The heav'ns de - clare God's glo - ry; the vault of heav - en springs
The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the heav - ens burn and blaze,
So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;

mute wit - ness of the mak - er's hand in all cre - a - ted things,
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that mea - sures all our days,
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize,
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise,

and through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings.
and writes in fire a - cross the skies God's maj - es - ty and praise.
a law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes.
my rock and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways.

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After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

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 2:13-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jewish people was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Judeans then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Judeans then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 1086

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

*The 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,
- C** hear our prayer.

*Peace

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C** 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) “Amazing Grace”

arr. Keith McCutchen

For anthem text, see ELW No. 779.

St. John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Amazing Grace”

Sylvia Oines

*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.

*Offering Prayer

❏ Let us pray.

❏ Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

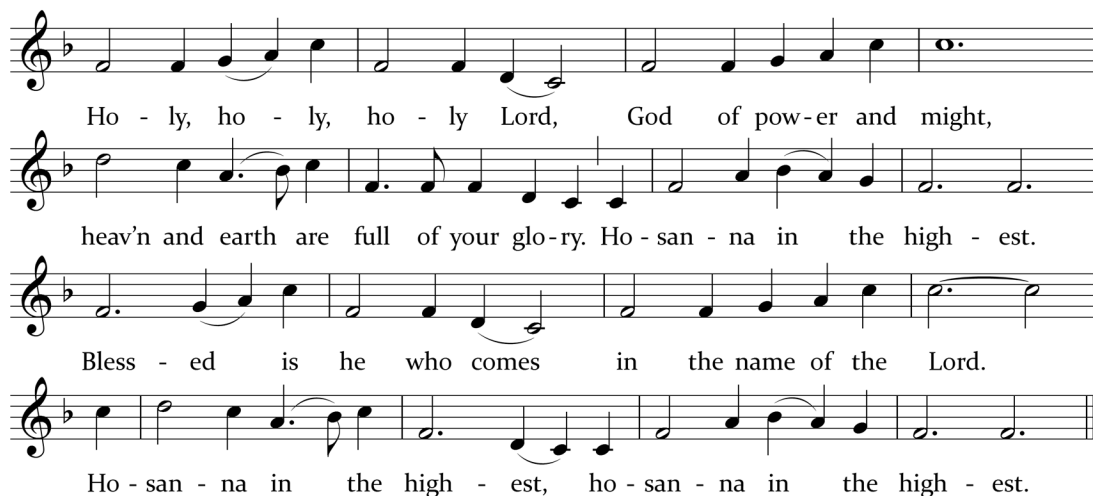
Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know
your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger
for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

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”

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.

(8:30) Anthem — “My God, How Wonderful”

arr. Oscar R. Overby

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright! How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light! How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee must be, thine endless wisdom, boundless power, and awful purity! Yet I may love and worship thee. My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend; on thee I stay my trusting heart, till faith in vision end.

– Frederick W. Faber

Hymn — ELW No. 480

“O Bread of Life from Heaven”

(8:30) Solo — “Jesu, meine Freude” BWV 610

J. S. Bach

Jeremiah Knudson, organ

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☞ Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- ☞ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response: ☞ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 624

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

***Dismissal**

- ☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Jesus, Still Lead On”

Paul Manz



Our Music Today

The prelude this morning, “These Are the Holy Ten Commandments,” comes from Bach’s *Clavier-Übung III*. In this volume, Bach wrote short pieces for each section of the German Mass and Catechism. In it we find pieces based on the Kyrie and Gloria, as well as the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the ten commandments. In this chorale prelude, Bach sets the melody in canon with five different entrances alluding to the ten commandments. Some scholars speculate that the technique of writing in canon signifies order or the law, and that the two voices of the canon symbolize the old law of Moses followed by the new law of Christ.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

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|--------------------|---|
| Preaching | Pastor Jonathan Davis |
| Presiding | Kristin Partlo |
| Assisting Minister | Jeff McLaughlin |
| Organists | Nathan Proctor |
| | (8:30) Jeremiah Knudson, Church Music Intern |
| Choir | (8:30) St. John's Chorale |
| Communion Prep | Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith |
| Communion Cleanup | Jill Enestvedt |
| Greeters | (8:30) Pam Groves-Gaggioli; (10:45) TBD |
| Coffee Service | Ted and Tricia Peterson |
| Refreshments | Tristan and Beth Cox, Marina Edlund, Gerri Licke, Janell Martin |
| Counters | Merilyn Calcutt, Chris and Martha Erickson, Judd Lohmann |
| Ushers | (8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow |
| | (10:45) Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh, |
| | Christy Hall-Holt, Olaf Hall-Holt |

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 3)

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 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (March 10)

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)

Toddler Time (9:45–10:30 a.m., Room 14)

Lenten Book Read (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by George and Judy Pinc in memory of parents Joe & Cynthia Wang and George & Marion Pinc. 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 28, 29 & 31.

On January 27, St. John's 3rd graders attended a Catechism Retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, at the 10:45 a.m. worship service, the 3rd graders will be taking communion out of the clay cup and plate each of them made at the retreat. We want to thank Demian Jackman for helping them create their pottery pieces. Today's communion bread was made by the children.

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. 2023 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Erik Boehning would like to cordially invite the congregation to his Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor today at 2:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: *IMAGES OF GOD*

"Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.' " —Genesis 1:26

In the creation story, we hear what some have called the *original blessing*—that we are made in the image of God. But what does it mean to be made in the image of God, especially when the Bible has so many different images of God? In the back of our purple hymnal, *All Creation Sings*, there is a robust list of one hundred different images of God found in scripture.

Among these many images used in Scripture to describe God—parent, lawgiver, dove, monster-slayer, midwife, vine-grower, bear—which ones most help you know that you are God's beloved, created in God's image, in *imago Dei*? How might different images of God help others know that they, too, are included in this love?

This year, five St. John's members (both new and long-time members) have been invited to pick an image of God from scripture to reflect on and connect to their story of faith.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m., through March 20.

March 6: Green Bouzard

March 13: Dan Dimick

March 20: Maggie Odell

Announcements (continued)

Courageous Conversations: *Hope is a Muscle*

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

Dive into the transformative story of Dr. Artika R. Tyner as she fights America's literacy crisis, one book at a time. Discover the passion and dedication that drives her mission to combat the literacy crisis in America through the power of literature.

Gathering of Thanksgiving and Blessing for Benson & Langehough Funeral Home (201 Fourth St E)

Since 1955, the building known to most of us as *Benson & Langehough Funeral Home* has been a place of deep care for those who have died and their families who grieve. With the recent transition to *Bierman, Benson, & Langehough Funeral Home*, this building has been sold and will be used for a different purpose in the Northfield community. In light of this, the Northfield community is invited to gather on **Thursday, March 14, from 4:30–6:00 p.m.** to give thanks for the place of care this building has been for so many. A short program will begin at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Easter Garden 2024

In a change from previous years, St. John's members are invited to make a \$10.00 donation to the Easter Garden with the option to include their name and the name of the person(s) to be remembered, honored, or in gratitude. Please submit donations by Sunday, March 24. Anyone wishing to take a lily may do so after the second service on Easter Sunday. Forms are available in the Commons.

Children and Youth

It's Kids' Night Out at St. John's!

Friday, March 15, 5:30–8:30 p.m., St. John's Hall

- Who: K–5th graders
- Admission: A snack to share with the group

Games, pizza, crafts, and a movie! Friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board in either the upper or lower Commons or email [Julie Brehmer](#) by Sunday, March 10. Thanks!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. at St. John's

Families with kids 5th grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too! Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Donation baskets are in the upper and lower Commons. Thanks so much!

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

June 10–13, 9:00–11:00 a.m. at St. John's

For kids entering Kindergarten–3rd grade in 2024. Registration is coming soon.

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 Ferguson, Judy Karlson, Janice Kasa, Roberta Morse, Wendy Scholz, David Sudermann

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle,
Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson,
Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Bruce Hella,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson

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**

Menu for Wednesday, March 6:
Sausage Bean Chowder
Baked Potato Soup

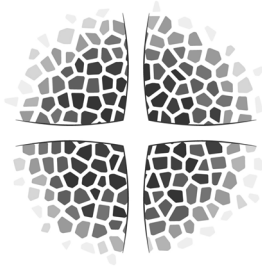
All are welcome!

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.*

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| Monday, Mar. 4 | 12:00 p.m. | Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Wellspring Circle, Fireside Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Northfield Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Undercroft |
| Tuesday, Mar. 5 | | City of Northfield - Presidential Nomination Primary |
| | 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 |
| | 7:00 p.m. | NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room |
| | | Northfield Rotary, St. John's Library |
| Wednesday, Mar. 6 | 11:00 a.m. | Personnel Committee, Undercroft |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Men's Bible Study, 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 |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Spotlight Bible Study, Room 20 |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Knitters, St. John's Library |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary |
| | | Confirmation and High School Youth Group |
| | 7:00 p.m. | St. John's Chorale, Room 209 |
| Thursday, Mar. 7 | 7:45 a.m. | Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall |
| | | Spotlight Bible Study, Offsite |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Communion at Millstream Commons, Offsite |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Rejoice Ringers, Balcony |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Women of St. John's Courageous Conversations, St. John's Hall |
| Friday, Mar. 8 | 9:00 a.m. | S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall |
| | 1:00 p.m. | Mary Circle, Fireside Room |
| | 7:00 p.m. | NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room |
| Saturday, Mar. 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room |
| Sunday, Mar. 10 | 8:30 a.m. | Worship, Sanctuary |
| | | <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</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.*