



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 4, 2018 † 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 down 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.*

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.

Please ask an usher if you would like one.



*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 SLANE

Craig Phillips

Welcome

*Gathering Hymn — No. 793

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness,
and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

C **forgive us. We are captive to sin and cannot break free.**

We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

We were silent when we should have said something.

We did nothing when we should have acted.

**For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.

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.

A **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.

Psalm 19

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR



The heavens 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 our God'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 meas - ures 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.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Pew Bible, page 926

After the reading:

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

***Gospel** — John 2:13-22

Pew Bible, page 863

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

- The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 637

“Holy God, Holy and Glorious”

(8:30) **Rite of Welcome**

Introduction of Newcomers

Signing of the Newcomers with the Cross

- Brothers and sisters, you have indicated that you wish to share our life and hope in Christ. We now mark you with the sign of Christ's cross. The whole community welcomes you with love, and stands ready to help you.

(The congregation sings as they are signed with the cross)

Response Hymn — “Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE

Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.

- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know and follow him.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the glory of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may respond to the word of God.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross over your heart, that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders, that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- ☐ Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ.
- ☐ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☐ **Amen.**

Concluding Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed — page 105, front of the hymnal

*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) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. John Ferguson

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Dale Wood

*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

- Ⓐ Let us pray together.

- Ⓐ **Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our 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:



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.

*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"



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. 772

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Hymn — No. 321

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice,
our alms, a making of peace,
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

℣ **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Stanzas 1 and 4

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — “Epilogue”

Norman Gilbert



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Organist	(8:30) Andy Jacob, Church Music Intern
Acolytes	(8:30) Trevor Dell, Vassar Price (10:45) Edy McLaughlin, Mary Rizzo
Communion Preparer	Nicholas Boehning
Communion Server	(8:30) Nicholas Boehning (10:45) TBD
Communion Clean Up	TBD
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Duane and Marlene Engstrom, Helen Larson (10:45) Jean Wakely
Coffee and Refreshments	Elizabeth Busa, Jim and Judith Cederberg, Jeanette Rondestvedt, Suzanne Taggart
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Dick Dahlin, Brent Mueller
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

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RITE OF WELCOME

We welcome the following during the Rite of Welcome today.

James, Rachel, Owen, Jonah & Jacob Brownlee

Jeff, Amber, Ava & Ezra Damm

Kathleen Hanson

Fred Huemoeller

Louis Lurye

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 Nelson, Bob Noreen, Arlene Sivanich

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Mary Ingbritsen, Elaine Kringen, Joe Nesheim, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Margaret O'Leary, Bette Quinnell, Joanne Sommers, Dick Werdahl, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Angie Johnson Groth, Carol Stubbs

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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 and Carol 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 Joan Halvorson at 507-645-8445 or 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.

GRACE OVERFLOWING UPDATE

Great News: The first 150th Capital Campaign Project is underway! Thanks to early contributions the new air conditioning handler has been ordered and is currently being fabricated. It will be installed, weather permitting, shortly after Easter.



Help us take advantage of the St. John's Foundation challenge! They will add a \$10,000 gift once we meet our goal and we are getting close. All gift amounts are greatly appreciated - 3 year pledges are due by Easter Sunday, April 1.

LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES

This Week (March 4):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday Life Group: Grades 6-12 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Lenten Book Read (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 212)
Bread for the World: Offering of Letters (9:45 a.m., St. John's Hall)

Next Week (March 11):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
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Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Kathy Vang in memory of Lucille, Louis, Harold Vang and in honor of Kathy's 75th birthday today. 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: March 18, May 13, 20 & 27. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters

"For such a time as this," Bread for the World's 2018 Offering of Letters, is now under way. At St. John's we can join in this initiative between services today and next Sunday and at this Wednesday's Lenten Soup Supper. We are called to raise our collective voice by writing to our Senators and Representative to enact and protect policies that will feed the hungry and end poverty. Materials will be available to inform and guide our writing.

St. John's Website

Please check out our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org. Our website contains additional information regarding events and programs, along with a link to our online church directory, Church Community Builder (CCB), in the top right hand corner. You can also access the church calendar.

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, Mar. 5	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, St. John's Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft Northfield Reads, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 6	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Undercroft
	11:50 a.m.	Soccer Shots: Free Soccer Fun Day (Ages 3-5), Outside
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, Undercroft
7:00 p.m.	Northfielders for Justice & Peace, Fireside Room	
Wed., Mar. 7	9:00 a.m.	Lydia Circle and Sarah Circle, St. John's Hall
	9:30 a.m.	3 Links Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Multiple Meanings Bible Study, St. John's
	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Pubic Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room / Room 212
	4:45 p.m.	Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Bread for the World: Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (9th Grade) Mentor Night, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209 High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room	
Thursday, Mar. 8	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 9	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, St. John's Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Saturday, Mar. 10	8:30 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, Fireside Room
	10:00 a.m.	Visitation - Arlene Graham, Commons Multiple Meanings Bible Study, Youth Room
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral - Arlene Graham, Sanctuary
	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, Mar. 11	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	3:00 p.m.	Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra, St. John's Hall YMCA - Youth in Government, Undercroft



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 7:
*Swedish Meatball
Tomato*

All are welcome!

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER - 6:30 P.M.

March 7

Homily - David Kelvie

March 14

Homily - Leif Knecht

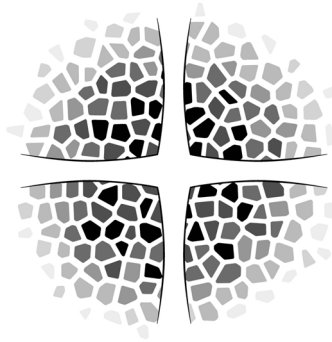
March 21

Homily - Kristin Partlo

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (MARCH 11):

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9 † Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 † Ephesians 2:1-10 † John 3:14-21



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