



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 6, 2022 † 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 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. 326

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets
in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you, and to all who call out to God.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you
under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

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 O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 — Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

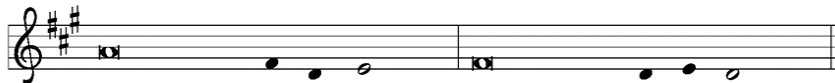
L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 91:1-2, 9-12

Antiphon: Felix Mendelssohn, adapt.

*Antiphon: For God commanded angels to watch over you,
that they shall protect you, in all your living keep you.*



¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**
⁹Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**
¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.** *Antiphon*

Second Reading — Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

📖 The word of the Lord.

👏 Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDAJA



***Gospel — Luke 4:1-13**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter. **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' " ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' "and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Sermon

Rev. Mark Rydberg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 769

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

***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) "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a humble heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

—*Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations*, 1568

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

*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

L Let us pray.

C Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the
body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

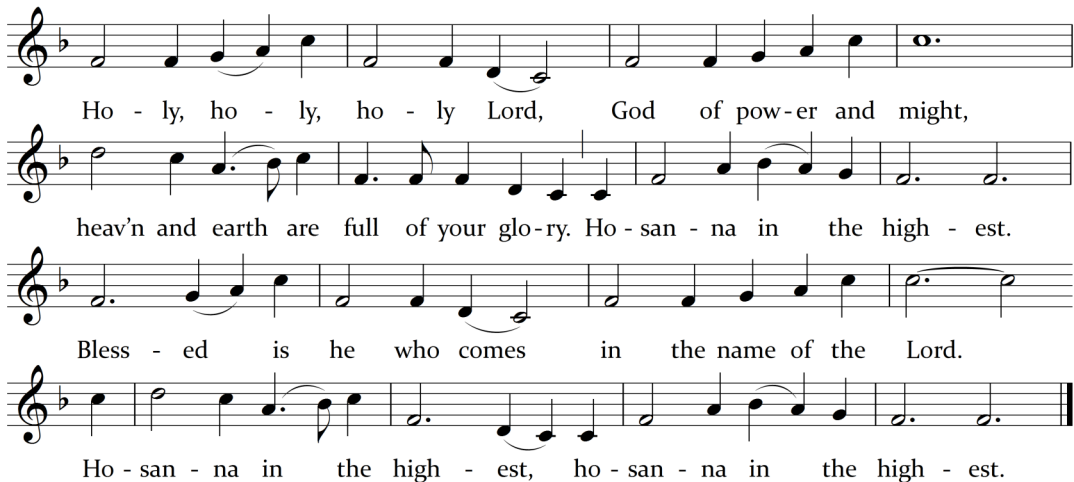
P Lift up your hearts.

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"

TWENTY-FOURTH

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- 📖 Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
- 📖 Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

☞ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in F Major

David N. Johnson



Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 6):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John’s Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Next Week (March 13):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John’s Hall
Dialogues on Race Discussions (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room and via Zoom)

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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Mark Rydberg
Assisting Minister	Scott Swanson
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Servers	(8:30) Mary Ellen North (10:45) Pippa Younger, Nancy Simpson-Younger, Lucy Younger
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Jim Loe
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Dale Gehring, Kent Rommereim

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: *ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW*

"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' " - Revelation 21:5

As we cross the 2-year mark of COVID being part of our everyday lives, we are invited to reflect on what we have been learning about ourselves during this time. Have you discovered anything new about yourself? What new way of life is God calling us into as individuals and as the Church? St. John's is not the same congregation as it was in 2020 - we have new members who have found us and joined the church during this time of COVID (a number of whom are also now serving on boards!), we have a broader worshipping community with people from all over the country joining in, and we have rhythms and new relationships within our Church life together.

Scripture promises us that God is always at work doing a new thing within us and among us for the sake of the world. A shoot grows out of the stump of Jesse, a pathway is made in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. How are you being made new in this season, by the grace of God?

Our theme for Lenten Wednesdays this year is *Always Being Made New*. This year, five St. John's members (both new and long-time members) have been invited to share their story: how they found their way to St. John's and how God has been making all things new in their life. We are so grateful to these individuals for their courage in sharing their story with us, and we are excited to see how their example helps all of us think more deeply about how we all are being made new in this season.

Lenten Vespers - taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy - will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from March 9 through April 6.

- March 9: Rod Christensen
- March 16: Terrence Hassanally
- March 23: Pippa Simpson-Younger
- March 30: Jo Franklin
- April 6: Michael Mandsager

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Charles Jacobson. 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 Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 645-4429. Dates available: March 20 & 27 and April 3 & 24.

Sunday Service Livestream and Video

St. John's offers a livestream of the Sunday 8:30 a.m. service, available on the main page of the St. John's website and on the St. John's Facebook page. We aim to have a copy of the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service posted in the "Service Videos" section of the website by 10:45 a.m. The video recording is also available on-demand on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m. An audio recording of the Sunday sermon is available on the St. John's website on Monday.

Coffee Hour Today Between Services in St. John's Hall

To sign up to donate treats (homemade or store-bought), or to help with serving or clean-up, sign up in CCB in the "Monthly Hospitality - March" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

No Sunday School or Sunday Youth Gathering today and next Sunday, March 13, and no Children's Wednesday programming or programming for MS and HS Youth on Wednesday, March 9, due to Northfield Schools Spring Break.

Lenten Bible Study: *Crossroad—From Praise to Passion*

Choose to participate at Noon or at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, or at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Using all four Gospels, Crossroad is a journey with Jesus through his final weeks leading up to his crucifixion. We'll walk this road together, sharing our questions, wondering, and insights. There are six sessions, **beginning March 9**, and ending in Holy Week. Read through suggested scriptures prior to the first session in the Crossroad booklet. Booklets are available in the Commons. Questions? Contact Julie Zdenek 618-698-4870 or julie.zdenek@gmail.com.

JRLC Day on the Hill Watch Party

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30–8:45 p.m. in St. John's Hall

You're invited to a watch party for the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's "Day on the Hill." If you'd rather join from home, you can register online: <https://jrlc.org/2022-day-on-the-hill>.

Next Edition of *The Voice*

The next print edition of *The Voice* will be an April / May issue. The deadline to submit articles is March 15. Please send submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

Minnesota FoodShare Campaign

Join in supporting Minnesota's hunger-relief network while also advocating for and supporting long-term solutions to food insecurity and poverty in Minnesota. This year's campaign runs through April 10. Please consider a donation to our local shelf via check or online giving. If giving by check, please note Minnesota FoodShare/CAC on the memo line. Thank you.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to decorate the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, the order form is available in the Commons or on the church website. The cost is \$20. The last day to order is Sunday, April 3. If you have questions contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

***"Getting to Know You"* Gathering for Newcomers to St. John's Sunday, March 20, 9:45–10:30 a.m.**

Join St. John's staff, newcomers, and folks who have been around for a while for an informal time of refreshments and conversation. **Also, a request:** We would like to learn your names and faces! Please send a photo of you (electronically or hard copy) to Christy Hall-Holt at this email: connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Holden Village Job Opportunity

Located near Chelan, WA in the remote wilderness of the beautiful Cascade Mountains, Holden Village is a former copper mining town that has been transformed into a vibrant place of year-round education, programming, and worship. Growing from the love of Christ, Holden Village is a courageous community that welcomes all people into the wilderness to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth, and each other. Serving as part of the Holden Village team provides a chance to live and work in an intentional, intergenerational community. If you have a few weeks, months, or years in which you are looking to experience something new, Holden might be the perfect place for you. **Information on how to apply, along with full descriptions of all available openings can be found at:** www.holdenvillage.org/volunteer/holden-job-board/
Contact Pastor Pam if you have any additional questions about life at Holden Village.

Thrivent Members

You can give St. John's an extra boost at no cost to you by designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2021 funds need to be designated by March 31, 2022. This year the Church Council is designating a significant portion of these gifts toward funding our beloved tradition of Advent Fair. Go to thrivent.com to designate your funds.

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

Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Sigrid Johnson, Dick Kleber,
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Guenther Moesler, Delores Nelson, Carole Nesheim,
Becky Ness, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Lois Rand, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson

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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 13):

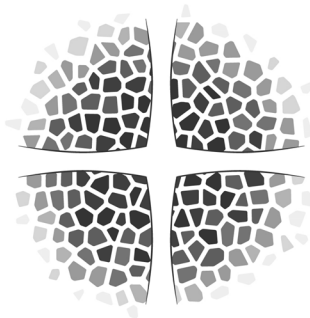
Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 † Psalm 27 † Philippians 3:17-4:1 † Luke 13:31-35

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. 7	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting via Zoom Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall Northfield Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Mar. 8	9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom Church Board Meetings Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Mar. 9	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Mar. 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversation Book Group Winter Read via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
Friday, Mar. 11	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 12	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
Sunday, Mar. 13	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall Dialogues on Race Discussions, Fireside Room and via Zoom Worship, Sanctuary



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