



SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021 † 9:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!

During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.

We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.

Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.



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 and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn — “Be Thou My Vision” (#793)

SLANE



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by
with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shel - ter, and
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly, the
heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



day and by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor Hull; tr. Mary Byrne; Music: Irish traditional

*A Litany of Sorrows and Sins

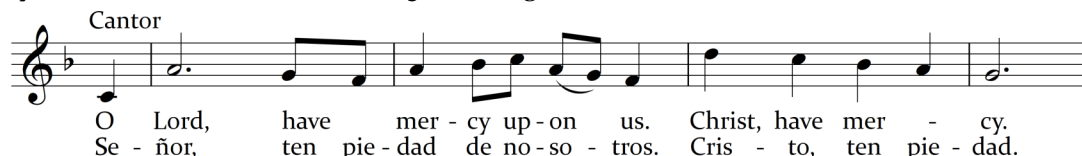
- ☐ Hear our lament, tenderhearted God.
Receive our petitions, benevolent God.
Forgive us our sins,
preserve us from evil,
and protect us in death.

- ☑ Support us, mighty God.

***Kyrie** — from *All Creation Sings*, setting 11


Ana Hernandez

Cantor




O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.

All



O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.

Cantor



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.

P We have honored false gods, desecrated your name, devalued worship, disdained our elders, harmed both neighbors and nature, misused sexuality, cheated and stolen, lied and slandered, and coveted what you have given to others.

C **Forgive us, loving God.**

P From plague and disease, from hunger and thirst, from injury and infirmity, from unemployment and homelessness, from ignorance and despair, from loneliness and fear, and from early or painful death,

C **Protect us, compassionate God.**

P Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate, remember your promise to save:
remember Cain, saved from revenge;
remember Noah, saved from the flood;
remember Sarah, saved from childlessness;
remember Hagar, saved from thirst;
remember the Israelites, saved from slavery;
remember Ruth, saved from starvation;
and remember Naaman, saved from disease.

C **Remember your promise, O God.**

P We implore you, faithful God, to receive our petitions, as you hear the prayers of your Son, as you heed the groaning of your Spirit.

C **Have mercy, O God. 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

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house
of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in
heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous
God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth genera-
tion of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of
those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will
not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your
work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any
work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the
alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sab-
bath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that
the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

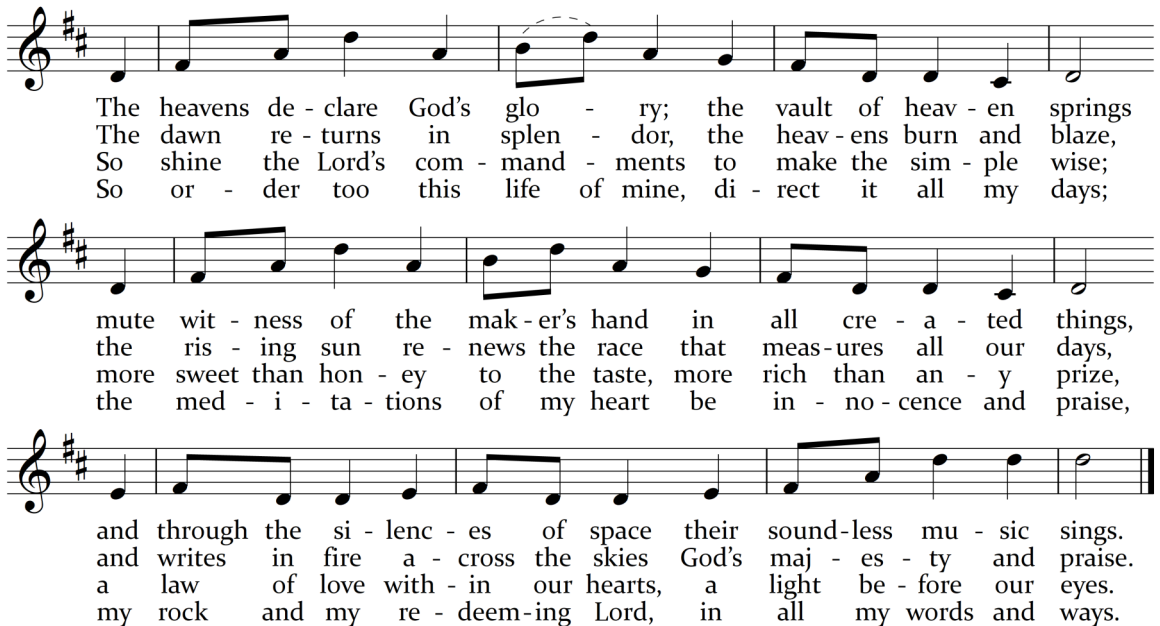
¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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 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 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.

Paraphrase: Timothy Dudley-Smith, © 1981 Hope Publishing; Music: James Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to

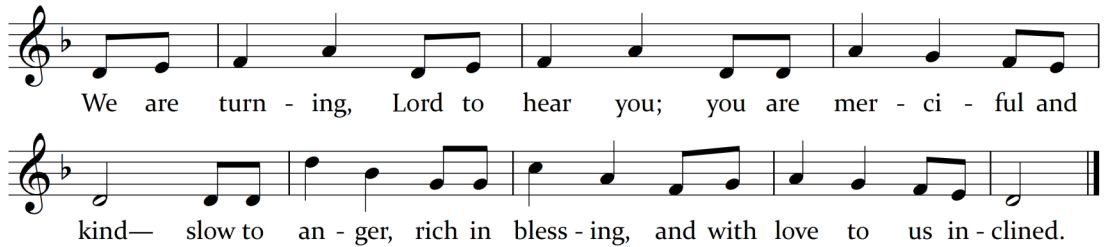
Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

KAS DZIEDĄJA



*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 Jews 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 Jews 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 Jews 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.

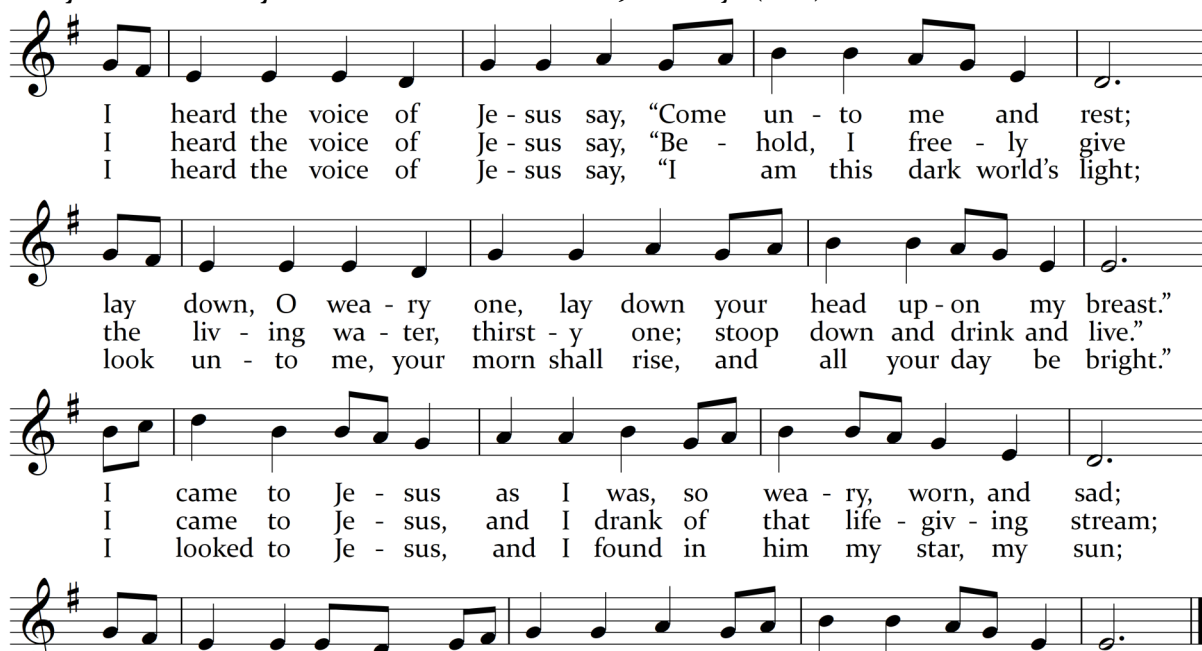
Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (#611)

KINGSFOLD



I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give;
I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar; Music: English folk tune

Installation of Council Members

*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:

ON WONDROUS LOVE

David N. Johnson

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

- P** Gracious God, we have heard your Word of Life today.
While our sin is great, your determination to save has proven greater.
Thank you for Jesus who leads us out of the wilderness and into the community
declaring, "The kingdom of God has come near." Embolden us with the gift of
your Holy Spirit that we may share your love and salvation with all creation,
through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.
- C** Amen.

*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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

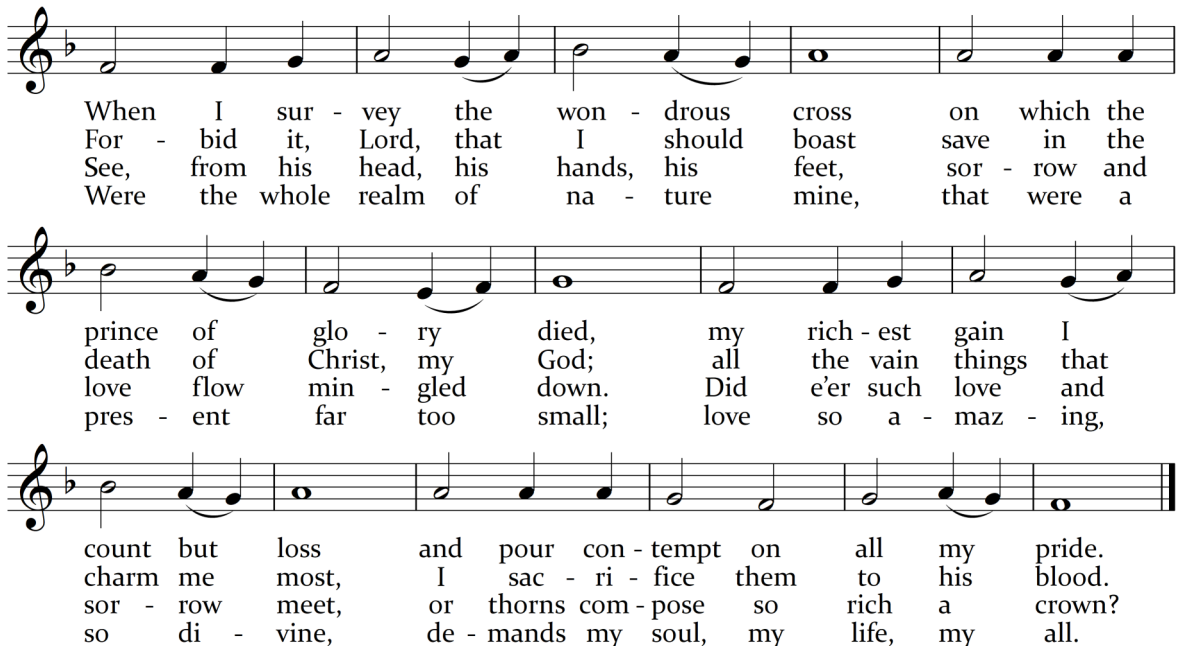
*Blessing

Response:

Amen.

*Sending Hymn — “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (#803)

HAMBURG



When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Lowell Mason

***Dismissal**

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in F Major

F. Melius Christiansen



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Lindell Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor

**LENTEN MID-WEEK
WORSHIP SERVICE**

6:30 P.M.

VIA LIVESTREAM



February 24

March 3

March 10

March 17



2021 Church Council Members

Ruth Dahl
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Youth Ministry & Education chair

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by John and Elizabeth Bade in honor of their parents, on the birthday of Elizabeth's father Chester Hoversten. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. Next available dates: July 4, 11, 18 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen 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.

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Forum via Zoom: Community Action Center and Hillcrest Village

Today, 10:30 a.m.

Join us after church for a church coffee break and St. John's Virtual Forum on the Community Action Center and Hillcrest Village. Executive Director, Scott Wopata, will be present to give us an update on the CAC during this Foodshare month, and an update on the CAC's new housing project - Hillcrest Village. As some of you might remember, the CAC was a recipient of one of our Grace Overflowing 150th Anniversary grants for this Hillcrest Village project. It is a needed and exciting project that will likely break ground this year. Please join us to hear more!

Easter Garden Orders for 2021

There are a limited number of Easter lilies available for purchase to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday service. If you would like to order an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, or in celebration of Easter, please contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 612-532-6863. The cost is \$20.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. Each March members of St. John's send letters urging our Congress people and Senators to support legislation aimed at ending hunger. Here's how you can take action this year:

- Write and mail a letter to our Senator or Representatives. For a sample letter to help guide you and the addresses to mail the letters to, you can find the information attached to the weekly E-Voice, or you can pick up a copy of a sample letter at church from the Bread for the World bin placed by the Commons doors. Envelopes, the addresses, and paper are also available in the bin for you to take with you. Visit bread.org to learn more about the issues Bread for the World advocates for. For any questions, contact Dawn Tommerdahl at dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Join the largest grassroots food and fund drive in Minnesota! Since 1982, Minnesotans have come together to support their communities and local food shelves during the annual Minnesota FoodShare March 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 goes from March 1 to April 11. Please consider a donation to our local food shelf via check or online giving. If donating by check, please note Minnesota FoodShare/CAC on the memo line. Thank you!

The Youth Ministry & Education Board is partnering with The Key Youth Center to provide help for the youth of Northfield. We invite all members of the St. John's Church Community to sign up for the needed food items by using the link provided in the E-Voice.

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 Alsaker, Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Susan Rudser

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marlene Engstrom, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Delores Nelson,
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Jim Thompson,
Howard Thorsheim, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Arlene Sivanich, Joan Carlson, Richard Olson

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;
Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

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

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This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (www.kymnradio.net).**

Monday, Mar. 8	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom American Red Cross Blood Drive, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 9	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Board Meetings via Zoom
Wednesday, Mar. 10	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Lenten Book Group via Zoom Lenten Vespers via Livestream Lenten Book Group via Zoom
Thursday, Mar. 11	12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	"Jesus Sees Women," a Lenten Bible Study via Zoom Elizabeth Circle Meeting via Zoom Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, Mar. 12	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, Mar. 13		No Scheduled Activities
Sunday, Mar. 14	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast and Livestream Virtual Sunday School via Zoom Virtual Youth Group via Zoom Coffee Hour via Zoom

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 14):

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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Sally Lindell, Parish Nurse

Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir

Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants

Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts

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