



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025 † 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 — ON SLANE

Craig Phillips

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Front of ELW hymnal, page 94

*Gathering Hymn — ELW No. 325

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*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.**

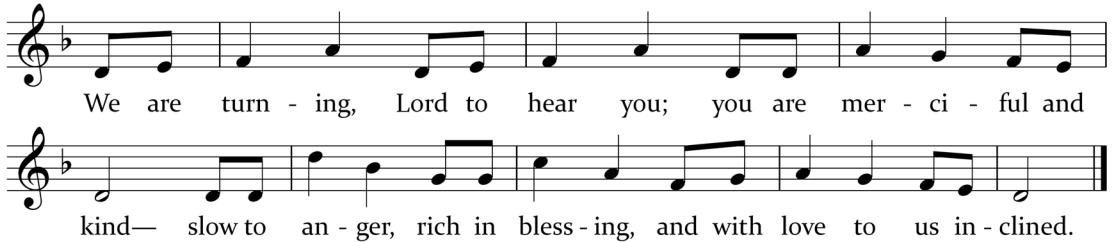
*Prayer of the Day

- ☐ 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.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

*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 — Luke 4:1-13

Spark Story Bible, page 248

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

C 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 tested 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 all this authority and their glory, 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 led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said 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,’ ¹¹and ‘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.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS 922

“When We Are Tested”

*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) "Blessed Be the Lord, My Rock"

Abbie Betinis

*Blessed be the Lord, my rock and my fortress, my stronghold, my deliverer,
my shield and he in whom I take refuge. We are like breath, our days are
like a passing shadow. Bow thy heavens, O Lord, come down!
Stretch forth thy hand from on high, rescue me, deliver me.
I will sing a new song to thee, O God.*

- from Psalm 144

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Thomas Keesecker

*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.

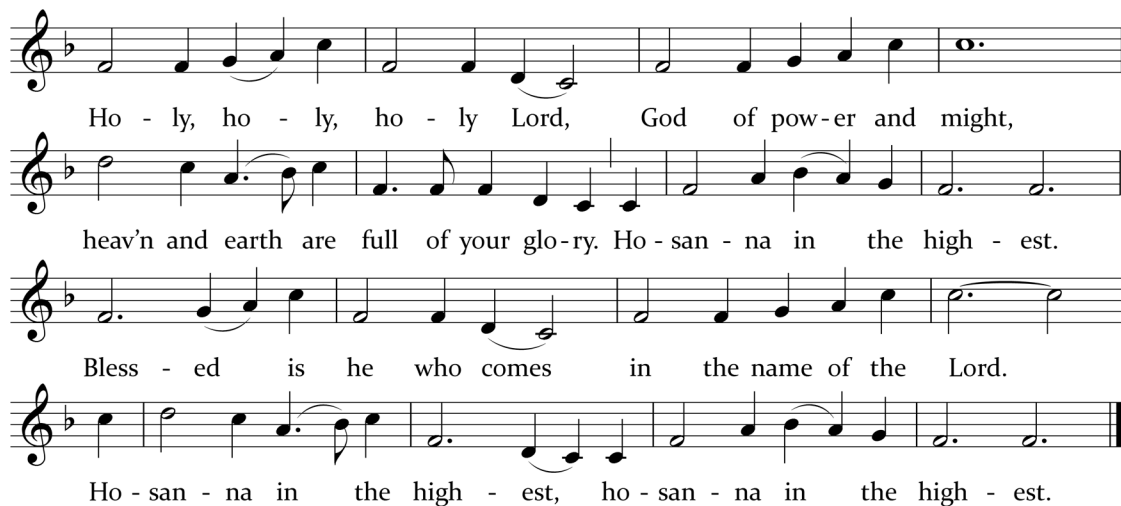
☑ **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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

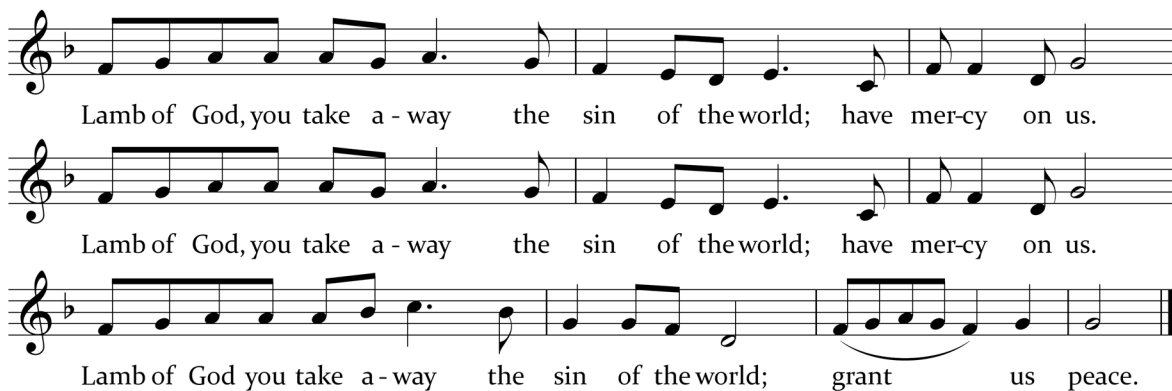
*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

*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"



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 — ELW No. 319

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Hymn — ELW No. 469

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Sending of Communion to the Sick and Homebound

***Prayer after Communion**

- ☐ Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☑ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☑ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 326

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

***Dismissal**

- ☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☑ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J. S. Bach



Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 16):

Second Sunday in Lent

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

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Todd and Sara Lippert (10:45) Cheryl Buck and Pat Fick
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Communion Prep	Craig Schultz
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Mary Ellen North (10:45) Craig Schultz
Coffee Service	Angie Gehring
Refreshments	Trey Bilderback, Craig Schultz
Counters	Chris and Martha Erickson, Pippa Younger
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Chris Tacheny

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 9)

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)

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Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Wendy and Bob Scholz. 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 645-4429. Available Dates: March 30 and April 13, 17, 18 & 27.

Easter Lilies 2025

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, please complete the paper form available in the Commons, or contact the church office at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429. The cost is \$10.

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. 2024 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) Minnesota FoodShare Campaign is underway through April 6. Minnesota FoodShare envisions a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. You are invited to join its efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity. 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.

Women's Day at Good Earth Village: "Crafting Wellness: Pathway to Self Care"

Saturday, March 29, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., \$40 per person (pre-registration is requested)

Spend a day at Good Earth Village with other women relaxing, learning, and contemplating how creativity can enhance wellness and add joy to your daily life. No artistic or craft experience is necessary. Your host, Juli Seydell Johnson, is an artist, crafter, motivational speaker, lifelong camp counselor, and Parks and Recreation Director for over 30 years. The day will include devotions, presentations, hands-on activities, lunch, snacks, and fellowship. More information at www.goodearthvillage.org.

KYMN Fundraiser

St. John's has been pleased to work with KYMN radio for our worship broadcast for many years, and they have been terrific partners. In order to remain locally owned and operated, the station needs to raise funds to address issues with its broadcast tower. You're invited to Imminent Brewing on Monday, March 10 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. as they kick off their GoFundMe campaign. You can learn more about their campaign at <https://kymnradio.net/support-local-radio>.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: WORDS OF FAITH

“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

– Isaiah 55:11

The Word of God has an incredible capacity to speak to us again and again, to work on us over time and to speak into different moments of our lives. For this year’s Lenten Wednesdays, our speakers have been asked to tell us about a Bible text, hymn text, or worship experience that has led them deeper into their faith.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. from March 12 through April 9.

- March 12: David Sims
- March 19: Julie Zdenek
- March 26: Brett Norgaard
- April 2: Nancy Simpson-Younger
- April 9: Christine Engstrom

Children and Youth

It’s Kid’s Night Out at St. John’s!

Friday, April 5, 5:30–8:30 p.m., St. John’s Hall

Kids in grades 1–5 are invited for games, pizza, crafts, along with more games and a movie! Please bring a snack to share with the group. Friends are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons or across from the Nursery by Sunday, March 30. Email Julie if you have questions: Children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Good Earth Village Summer Camp Registrations are Now Open

Northfield Week is June 22–27

Good Earth Village, located in Spring Valley, has opened the 2025 summer registration site online. Check out the schedule and registration fees on Good Earth Village’s website at <https://goodearthvillage.org/summer>. St. John’s gifts each camper a portion of the fee.

Check out this Registration Discount:

- Siblings can receive 25% off with code SIBLING2025

Summer 2025 Summer Trip—Spots Still Available.

This summer’s trip will be backpacking (for high school) and camping & hiking (for middle school) at Christikon in Montana. Youth and chaperones from St. John’s, St. Peter’s, and First UCC will adventure in the mountains July 19–27. Contact Kristin Partlo to signup at 507-645-4429 or youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

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

Fred Huemoeller, Jo Kleber,
Carol Schoen, Jenn Cohorst (Family of Angie Gehring)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Bill Carlson, Greta Matzner-Gore, Dolores Nelson, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Kathy Vang,
Ruth Smestad Anglin, Ingrid Alberding, Darlene Schloeder (mother of April Fitzloff)

All who are homebound, including

Laila Burns Hedstrom, Billi Faillettaz

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 12:
Zuppa Toscana Soup / Tomato Soup

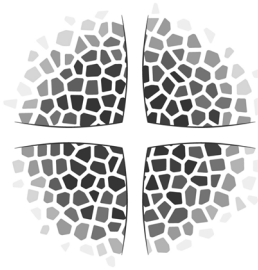
All are welcome!

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.

Monday, Mar. 10	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Eagle Scout Ceremony, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 11	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room "Revelation Unveiled" Bible Study via Zoom Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wednesday, Mar. 12	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:10 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library Personnel Committee, Undercroft Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten - Grade 5), St. John's Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Confirmation (Grades 6-8) High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12) Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 13	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library Elizabeth Circle, St. John's Library Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 14	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall Mary Circle, Fireside Room NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 15		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 16	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11.)</i> 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.*