



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2019 † 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 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.*

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.

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.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today is the first Sunday in Lent and the feel and mood of worship changes. We are reminded that Sundays are in Lent but not of Lent. On Lenten Sundays we still proclaim the good news of the gospel including Easter, but the Alleluia is put away. In Lent our praise is more often in a minor key or contemplative style, not because there isn't good news, but because that good news is borne out of the suffering of our Lord and the realities of our sinful world.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Craig Phillips

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 326

“Bless Now, O God, the Journey”

*Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C Amen.

P In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

C Amen.

*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

First Reading — Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible, page 158

After the reading:

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

(8:30) **Psalm 91** — Hymn No. 787

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Verses — choir; Refrain — all singing

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Over All”

Michael Jothen

Sobre todo Dios nos protegerá, tierno nos guarda de todo mal. Sobre todo Dios nos cuidará, con tierno amor. Over all, the Lord doth watch over all, tenderly guarding both great and small. Over all the the Lord doth watch over all, so loving tenderly. All our problems and our fears, Jesus enters in; safe are we within his arms, rest our care in him! Like a parent with a child, God is always near; when we wander, when we stray, we need never fear!

Jubilate Choir

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDĀJA



***Gospel — Luke 4:1-13**

Spark Story Bible, page 248; Pew Bible, page 835

Before the reading:

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Anthony Bateza

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 769

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

***The Apostles' Creed — Front of the hymnal, page 127**

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

- ℒ Lord, in your mercy,
☩ hear our prayer.

*Peace

- ℒ 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) "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Spiritual, arr. Raymond Haan

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I am dying, Lord, walk with me. When I am on my bed of sorrow, O Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Basse de Cromorne" from *Suite Deuxieme Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me"

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

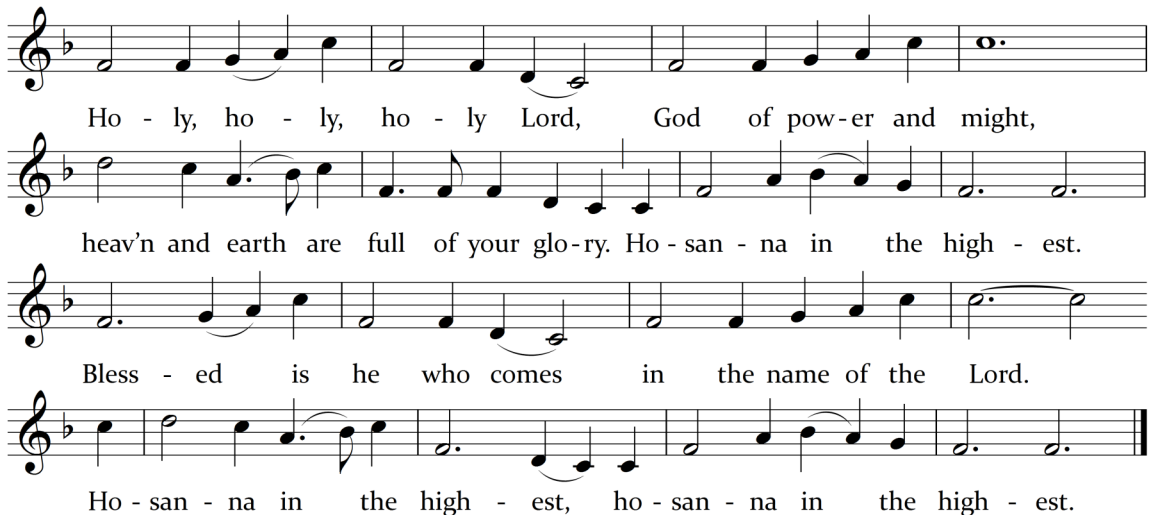
- L** Let us pray together.
- A** **Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
Amen.**

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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. 319

"O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"

Hymn — No. 802

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

🔊 **Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

🔊 **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn** — No. 618

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude — Fugue in D minor

Johann Pachelbel



Rev. Dr. Anthony Bateza is Assistant Professor of Religion at St. Olaf College, where he is a specialist in Martin Luther, moral theology and Christian ethics. Anthony is an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church (ELCA). He lives in Northfield with his wife, Cynthia, and two young children, Austen and Magdalene. In his free time he enjoys cycling, board games, gardening and cooking.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher and Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Anthony Bateza
Assisting Minister	Kristin Partlo
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	(8:30) St. John's Chorale (10:45) Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Amanda Goldberg, Children's Choir Intern
Piano	Marcia Yernberg
Flute	(10:45) Jenny Pelletier
Acolytes	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Clara Menssen, Lucy Menssen
Communion Preparers	Jon and Jeanette Rondestvedt
Communion Server	TBD
Communion Cleanup	Mark and Mary Polzin
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Brent Nystrom (10:45) Jim Cederberg
Coffee and Refreshments	Judy Cederberg, Char Nelson, Mark and Mary Polzin, Jeanette Rondestvedt
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Bill and Char Carlson, Jerry Kipp, Brent Mueller
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jim Enestvedt, Bob Johnson, Jon McBroom, Cindy McBroom, Brent Mueller, Don Sahling, Dick Werdahl (10:45) Jonathan Norrie, Alex Dell, Terry Dell, Trevor Dell, Fred Huemoeller, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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

Wednesday, March 13

Chicken Wild Rice

Pasta e Faggioli

All are welcome!

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 10):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 14)

Next Week (March 17):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Middle School Youth Group: Grades 6-8 (9:45 a.m., Youth Room)
Lenten Book Read Small Groups (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 203)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Lenten Wednesday Worship

The Gospel of Luke is known for its many stories of healing — so much so that tradition has held that the author was a physician. Healing and salvation are words with common roots, and while in our times we often separate the physical from the spiritual, the Bible usually makes no distinction. We are healed as whole persons - mind, body, and spirit all held in God's grace.

As we celebrate 150 years at St. John's, we know that the arts have been a major part of the healing grace offered in this place. Music, visual art, and poetry have all been part of how salvation is celebrated and experienced by many in this congregation.

Sometimes the arts celebrate what God has done, but just as often they are the vehicle through which God's healing hand is at work.

This year our Lenten series will invite five members of the congregation to reflect on the ways that the arts and healing have intersected in their faith lives. Whether reflecting on a favorite hymn or sharing a story of the process of creating art, they will give us glimpses of the mysterious ways God's grace comes to us as we create and as we are created anew in Christ's love.

Wednesday, March 13

Arielle Loy

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Ken Struss and Elmer & Cora Schultz by Marie Struss and family. 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: April 7, 14, 21 & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters - “*Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow*”

Sundays, March 10, 17 & 24, Between Services in St. John's Hall

All children deserve the opportunity to live a healthy life and reach their full potential. Thousands of letters from Bread for the World congregations will let members of Congress know that there is strong support for the Federal programs that make this opportunity a reality for children in the U.S. and around the globe. Join in this critically important effort. Letter writing is made easy between services at tables in St. John's Hall. See also bread.org.

150th Anniversary *Grace Overflowing* Creative Arts Group

Wednesday, March 13, 5:45-6:30 p.m., St. John's Library

These monthly groups focus on building community through shared art and music experiences. Please join us and support this effort to build relationships between church members and Laura Baker clients. Share your spirit and St. John's welcome with your LBSA neighbors. We will be doing an “instrument night” with a variety of fun instruments for everyone to try and explore. No music experience is necessary. We'll also make music together as a group! Come ready to try something new and be generous with your spirit. Invite a friend, bring a family member, and come willing to connect with new people! The group will be led by LBSA's music therapist, Jenny Solar and art specialist, Bridget Novak.

Are you a Thrivent member?

Thrivent Choice dollars for 2018 must be directed by March 31. St. John's gratefully designates these dollars for youth and world relief special projects. Don't miss this opportunity to give “free money” to our congregation!

Snow Removal costs St. John's between \$150-200 for each snow event. Your offerings help cover these costs so that the building is accessible, and the parking lot is safe each time. Thanks for keeping us going in this unusual winter!

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.

Announcements (continued)

From the Benevolence & Social Concerns Board:

The month of March hosts the Annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign through the Northfield Community Action Center (CAC). St. John's will be collecting donations each week. Monetary donations are preferred. 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. Choose CAC Foodshelf in the "Choose One" drop-down menu. Thank you!

The 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School Class is continuing to collect new toys, books, and games for the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. The students are learning about sharing God's love by serving others. A collection box is located in the Commons. Monetary donations will also be accepted and can be put in Julie Brehmer's mailbox in the Church Office. Donation ideas: infant rattles (Sassy or Bright Star brand), infant Baby Einstein Toys, play sets for toddlers, Play-Doh, board games, Legos, seek & find books, story books, markers, and crayons. Thanks!

Children and Youth Ministries

Middle School Youth Group

Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room

"Ed's Story" Continues - The inspirational story of a man faced with a disease allowing him only 2-5 years left to live, and the choices he made with how to spend his remaining days. We will begin with highs and lows and an activity. And enjoy cookies or doughnuts, along with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Confirmation and High School Youth Group During Lent

We expect the confirmation students to attend Lenten Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and then go to their usual small groups for highs/lows check-in and discussion time, which will focus on the guest speaker's message during worship. High School youth are encouraged to attend the Lenten Worship and then meet in the Youth Room following the service.

Summer Camp is Coming!

- VBS is June 10-13 at St. John's with the theme "To Mars and Beyond" (Age 3-Grade 2 completed)
- Settlers Camp is June 26-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 2-4)
- Pathfinders Camp is June 23-28 at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN (Grades 3-5)

Registration is open now for Settlers and Pathfinders. Visit the Good Earth Village website at www.goodearthvillage.org. VBS registration forms are available in the upper or lower Commons.

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 Noreen, Elizabeth Trangsrud

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jack Rinehart (father of Dennis Rinehart)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller,
Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad,
Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Rand, Dorothy Ostlie, Lyla Arneson Paulson

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 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 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 17):

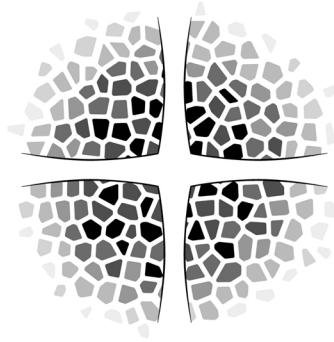
Second Sunday in Lent

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

This Week At-a-Glance

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Mon., Mar. 11	9:30 a.m.	Women of St. John's Executive Board, Undercroft
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tue., Mar. 12	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
Wed., Mar. 13	9:00 a.m.	Monthly Bible Study, St. John's Hall
	3:45 p.m.	Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5)
	4:00 p.m.	CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20
	4:15 p.m.	Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room and Room 203
	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
	6:00 p.m.	Creative Arts Group, Library
	6:15 p.m.	Confirmation (Grades 6), Undercroft
		Confirmation (Grades 7-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 14	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19
	1:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Circle, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 15	8:45 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 16		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 17	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	12:00 p.m.	Camp Christikon Participant Get-Together, Youth Room



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Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*

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Angie Gehring / Christy Hall-Holt, *Shared Ministry Coordinators*

Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*

Zachery Pelletier, *Director of Rejoice Ringers*

Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, *Security and Custodial Assistants*

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Call the Church Office, or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.