



# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 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 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), **A** All

***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.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

**Prelude** — “Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir” BWV 686  
“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — No. 666

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

**\*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** O God, rich in mercy, the world lifted your Son upon the cross and yet your love for this world remains. We were dead in sin and yet you have made us alive through grace. Help us to live into who you made us to be — people whose deeds reflect your love, 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** — Numbers 21:4-9

Pew Bible, page 122

*After the reading:*

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

(8:30) **Psalm 107:1-3, 19-22**

*Antiphon: Give thanks, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.*



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good,  
for God's mercy en- <sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the <sup>1</sup>LORD proclaim**  
**that God redeemed them from the hand <sup>1</sup>of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in <sup>1</sup>from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup>from the south. *Antiphon*

<sup>19</sup>Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD  
and you delivered them from | their distress.

<sup>20</sup>**You sent forth your | word and healed them  
and rescued them | from the grave.**

<sup>21</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love  
and your wonderful works | for all people.

<sup>22</sup>**Let them offer sacrifices | of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with | shouts of joy. Antiphon**

**Second Reading — Ephesians 2:1-10**

Pew Bible, page 949

*After the reading:*

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel — John 3:14-21**

Spark Story Bible, page 416; Pew Bible, page 864

*Before the reading:*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Jonathan Davis

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — No. 769**

**“If You but Trust in God to Guide You”**

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

### **\*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:*

(8:30) "Wondrous Love"

arr. Paul Christiansen

*St. John's Chorale*

(10:45) "Give Me Jesus"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

*Elizabeth Bade, soprano*

**\*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**

- L** Let us pray together.

- A** 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"



The musical notation is written on three staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below each staff, aligned with the notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line, and the third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Ubi caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

*Sung in Latin, "Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there."*

**Hymn** — No. 359

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

**Hymn** — No. 323

"God Loved the World"

## \*Post-Communion Blessing



**\*Prayer after Communion**

ℒ Let us pray.

🔊 **Compassionate God,**  
your 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. 759**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**\*Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

🔊 **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

Karl Osterland



## **SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:**

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	The Kelvie Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Elizabeth Bade
Acolytes	(8:30) Erik Boehning, Nicholas Boehning (10:45) Gavin Moore, Marshall Nelson
Communion Preparer	Nicholas Boehning
Communion Servers	The Kelvie Family
Communion Clean Up	Sandi Gerdes
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Sandi Gerdes, Jon and Jeanette Rondestvedt (10:45) Elizabeth Busa, Char Nelson
Coffee and Refreshments	Girl Scout Troop #25258
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jim Enestvedt, Chris and Martha Erickson
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, David Halsor, Dick Kleber, Steve Williams

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## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 18):**

### ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***

**Jeremiah 31:31-34    †    Psalm 51:1-12    †    Hebrews 5:5-10    †    John 12:20-33**

# 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

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*  
Family of Eileen Felton (Mother of Maribeth Beck)

*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*  
Sylvia Solberg, Berta Diem, Dorothy Ostlie

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Reminder of Deadlines:**

Bulletin Announcements: Wednesday by 2:00 p.m.  
News Blast for the Week Ahead Announcements: Friday by 2:00 p.m.  
Newsletter, the Voice: March 15<sup>th</sup> for the April Edition

Please send submissions electronically to [office@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org)  
Thank you.

# **Learning and Fellowship Between Services**

## **This 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)  
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)  
Toddler Time (9:45 a.m., Room 20)

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Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)  
Lenten Book Read (9:45 a.m., Fireside Room and Room 212)  
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 19)

# **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: March 18 and May 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. 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.

## **Cannon Valley Regional Orchestra**

### **Today, 3:00 p.m., St. John's Hall**

Join the CVRO this afternoon for their *Youth Soloist Concert* featuring the overture to the motion picture "Beauty and the Beast" and Dvorák's "New World" Symphony. The concert will showcase three outstanding youth musicians. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Northfield Arts Guild and at the door before the concert.

# **Announcements**

## **Easter Garden Orders**

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or honor of a loved one, the Chancel Guild will be taking orders on Sundays, March 11 and 18, between services. They will also be taking orders Wednesday nights, March 14 and 21, at the soup supper. There will be an assortment to choose from with different price ranges. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. The flowers will be labeled with your name behind the bow and may be taken home after the last service Easter morning.

## **Food Share Donations**

It's time for the annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign through the Northfield Community Action Center (CAC). During the month of March, food shelves across Minnesota seek donations to run their food programs for the remainder of the year. Local donations are dispersed by the CAC into Northfield food programs. Monetary donations are preferred. Last year, over 580,000 pounds of food and 2,500 people were served locally. 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 may also give online through the St. John's website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our goal is to again raise at least \$10,000. Thank you for being God's hands, giving generously.

## **Decluttering Home and Heart, Spring Women's Retreat**

**Saturday, April 21, 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Ruth's On Stafford**

As women of St. John's, you are invited to a spring retreat. We are delighted to have speakers guide us as we delve into decluttering both physically and spiritually. Kate Buckmeier, a specialist in home clutter, will lead the morning session (see more on her website: <http://katebuckmeier.com/>). In the afternoon, Pastor Pam will guide us in clearing space in our hearts to listen to God and deepen our spiritual journey. There will also be time to connect socially with participants, as we discuss our goals and struggles in small groups and visit over a salad lunch and during an afternoon break.

- Registration is on Sundays in March between worship services, and at the Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers from 4:50-5:50 p.m. Cost is \$25 (waivers are available on request). Registration is limited to 60. The retreat will be held at Ruth's on Stafford in Dundas, 410 Stafford Lane South. Rides will be provided to those who request, leaving St. John's at 8:30 a.m.

## **Attention St. John's Women...**

Please clear your calendars for Saturday, May 5, to attend the wonderful Northfield Ecumenical Women's Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. The women of St. Peter's warmly welcome you! See additional details in the March edition of the Voice.

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

<b>Monday, Mar. 12</b>	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, Kitchen
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Anniversary Fundraising Committee, Fireside Room
		Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		Northfield Girl Scouts - Troop Leader Meeting, Undercroft
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 13</b>	8:45 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
	9:30 a.m.	1000 Cannon Valley Drive Communion, Offsite
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
		Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
	12:00 p.m.	Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room
	2:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212
	5:15 p.m.	Sons of Norway Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	6:45 p.m.	Church Board Meetings, St. John's Hall
	8:30 p.m.	Guy's Night Out, Contented Cow
<b>Wed., Mar. 14</b>	12:00 p.m.	Nfld Pubic Schools Instructional Coaches, Fireside Room
	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
		Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Book Read, Fireside Room and 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
	5:45 p.m.	Mission Trip Parent / Participant Meeting, Fellowship Hall
	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
<b>Thursday, Mar. 15</b>	7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room
	8:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
	7:30 p.m.	Bold Café - Hideaway Thursday, The Hideaway
<b>Friday, Mar. 16</b>	8:00 a.m.	The Key / ALC Breakfast Morning, Kitchen
	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall

## **This Week At-a-Glance (continued)**

<b>Saturday, Mar. 17</b>	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
<b>Sunday, Mar. 18</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery
	3:00 p.m.	YMCA - Youth in Government, Undercroft

### **Worship on Wednesday Nights**

**Holden Evening Prayer - 6:30 p.m.**

March 14

*Homily - Leif Knecht*

March 21

*Homily - Kristin Partlo*



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 14:

*Chicken Noodle*

*Minestrone*

**All are welcome!**

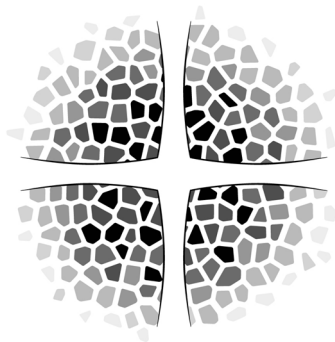


#### **GRACE OVERFLOWING CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

How close are we? Come to St. John's Hall and check out our beautiful Grace Overflowing progress tracker, created by our logo designer, Judy Swanson.

Thanks to generous donors, we are VERY close to achieving our goal of \$750,000, enabling us to extend the mission and ministry of St. John's for the next 150 years. But it will take every one of us, giving what we can, to reach the top...and then the St. John's Foundation challenge will donate an additional \$10,000!

You can help by turning in your pledge before Easter Sunday! THANK YOU!



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