



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 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.*

☐ Pastor, ☐ Leader (Assisting Minister), ☐ 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 — “Thy Holy Wings”

David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 613

“Thy Holy Wings”

***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** God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 — Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalmody — Psalm 27, “God, My Light and My Salvation”

BEACH SPRING



God my light and my sal - va - tion, in whose strength my hope is laid;
Shel - ter me with - in the ha - ven, of thy house all time to come;
When my trust is dis - ap - point - ed, faith con - front - ed with dis - dain;



con - fi - dent in my sal - va - tion, I shall nev - er be a - fraid.
on the rock of thy pro - tec - tion, let me safe - ly find a home.
friend and foe de - feat my pur - pose, e - ven then wilt thou sus - tain.



E - vil hosts may rise a - gainst me, wars dis - tress and flesh de - cays;
Lift me high a - bove the le - gions who would rail a - gainst thy word;
Had I not with eye be - liev - ing seen the good - ness of thy face,



yet the cruel - est death im - ag - ined but be - gins my song of praise.
o'er the tu - mult of di - vi - sion make my cry for peace be heard.
nev - er could I taste the pleas - ure, nor a - wait thy sav - ing grace.

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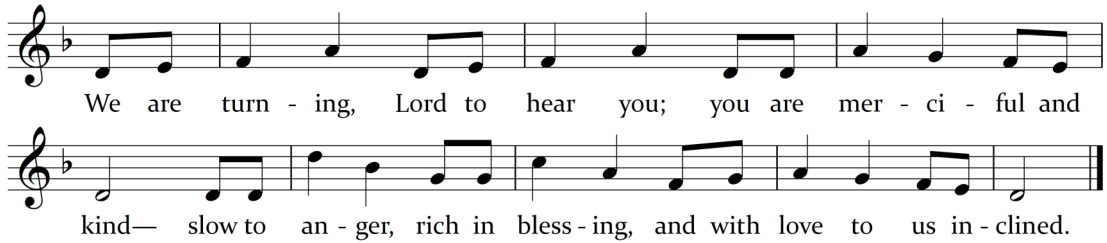
Second Reading — Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDĀJA



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 13:31-35**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter. **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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

Sermon

Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

***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) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Brenda Portman

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with your God. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord. Amen.

—Frederick W. Faber, Micah 6:8

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Thy Holy Wings"

Anne Krentz Organ

***Offering Hymn** — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW 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.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “Around You, O Lord Jesus”

O JESU, ĂN DE DINA

For anthem text, see ELW No. 468.

*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. 791

“We Sing to You, O God”

*Dismissal

☒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☒ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “The Peace may be exchanged.” from *Rubrics*

Dan Locklair



Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (March 20):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

“Getting to Know You” Gathering for Newcomers to St. John's, St. John's Hall

Bread for the World Letter Writing, St. John's Hall

Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)

Youth Gathering: Grades 6-12 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Youth Room)

Parent Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi
Assisting Minister	Ruthie Neuger
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Piano	(8:30) David Sims
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Reed Hagberg, Jerry Kipp
Ushers	(8:30) Dan Franklin, Jon and Cindy McBroom, Don Sahling, Dean Schoeb (10:45) Monica Holicky, Jonathan Norrie, Emmett Norrie, Wyatt Norrie, Keri Peterson, Emmett Peterson, Joran Peterson

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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

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. through April 6.

- 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 Ken Struss and Elmer & Cora Schultz by Marie Struss and family. 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 507-645-4429. 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 due to Northfield Schools Spring Break. Children and Youth Wednesday and Sunday programs resume this coming week.

Lenten Bible Study Continues via Zoom : *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 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., 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 this Tuesday, March 15. Please send submissions to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

“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.

Calling Singers and Everyone! Let’s Celebrate the Dedication of Habitat’s Faith Build Homes in Northfield Next Sunday, March 20

St. John’s and other local organizations have partnered with Habitat for Humanity in a Faith Build of Quad Town Homes south of Spring Creek Park. We hope you will join in the events to celebrate the dedication! A “Faith Builder Choir” is being assembled from members of congregations for a one-time performance during the program. Sign up to sing on the Habitat website www.habitatricecounty.org. Practice will be held at St. John’s the hour prior to the program.

- **2:00–4:00 p.m.:** Open House at the Quad Town Homes at 2432, 2436, 2440, & 2444 Cotton Lane. Come anytime to tour the homes and meet the Partner families.
- **3:30 p.m.:** Join an on-the-spot choir to practice singing the hymn “All Are Welcome” by Marty Haugen for the program.
- **4:30 p.m.:** Program at St. John’s begins. It will include music, treats, and the gifting of a quilt to each of the four families by the St. John’s Quilters group.

Questions? Contact Jodi at jodihabitat@gmail.com or 507-323-5167.

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.

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 Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

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.

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 mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Tina Elg

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

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; 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 20):

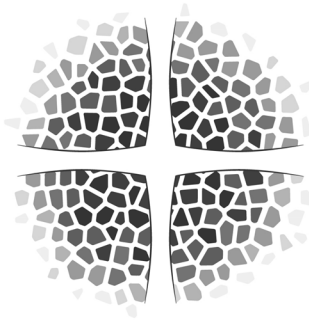
Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 † Psalm 63:1-8 † 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 † Luke 13:1-9

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. 14	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Mar. 15	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers Training via Zoom
		JRLC Day on the Hill Watch Party, St. John's Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Mar. 16	11:00 a.m.	Safe Operating Task Force via Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	4:30 p.m.	Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
		Confirmation (Grades 6-8), Fellowship Hall
		High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Mar. 17	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Faith, Fact & Fiction Book Group, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Brownie Troop #27455, Fellowship Hall
Friday, Mar. 18	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 19	4:30 p.m.	Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
Sunday, Mar. 20	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 10)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Packs, Lower Level
	4:30 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity Dedication Program, St. John's Hall



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