



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 2020 † 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.*

☐ 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 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 — “The Woman at the Well” from *Three Gospel Scenes*

James Biery

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “I’ve Got Peace like a River”

African American spiritual

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 611

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

*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 If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your
resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people.
Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever.
Amen.**

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

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

☐ Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Come, Let Us Sing”

Jody Lindh

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation. Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise. Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord everyone! Sing to the Lord, bless the name! Tell what God has done! Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Praises all around! Sing to the Lord with all your heart! Make a joyful sound!

- adapted from Psalms 95 and 96

Jubilate and Laudate Choirs

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible, page 56

After the reading:

☐ The word of the Lord.

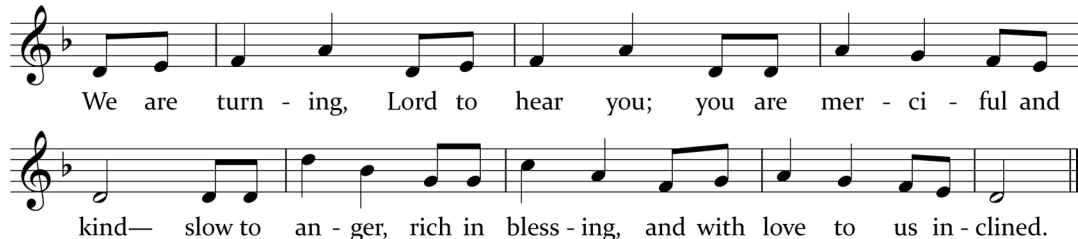
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading:

- 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 — John 4:5-42**

Spark Story Bible, page 420; Pew Bible, page 864

Before the reading:

- The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th 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. 777

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

Verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

*The Apostles' Creed

Front of the hymnal, page 127

*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:

"Larghetto in D minor"

Michael Mazzatenta

Rejoice Ringers

*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

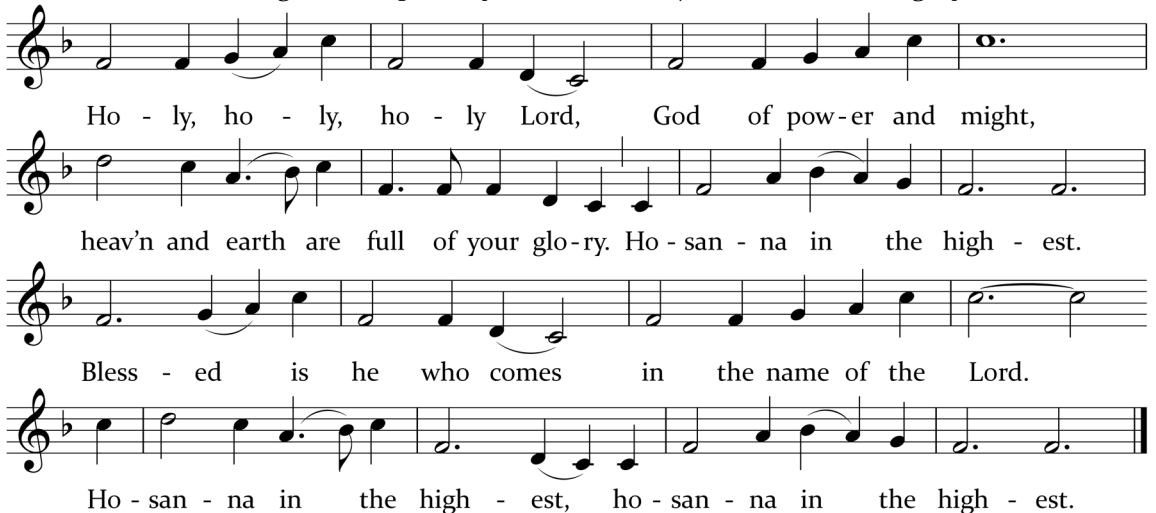
- ℳ Let us pray together.
- ℳ **Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

- ℳ The Lord be with you.
- ℳ **And also with you.**
- ℳ Lift up your hearts.
- ℳ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ℳ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ℳ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ℳ 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first two staves are identical and end with a fermata over the final note. The third staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

Anthem — “Our Song Shall Rise to Thee” NICAEA, arr. Sandra Eithun

Hymn — No. 843 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ **We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

℣ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — No. 666

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Stanzas 1 and 4

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

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

Dan Locklair



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	Peter and Lori Skoglund
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	Alleluia Choir, Arielle Loy, director Rejoice Ringers, Zachery Pelletier, director Jubilate Choir, Carol Benson, director Jenna Leonard, Youth Choir Intern Laudate Choir, Nathan Proctor, director
Acolytes	(8:30) Gavin Moore, Marshall Nelson (10:45) Cora McBroom, Dyson McBroom
Communion Preparers	Mark and Mary Polzin
Communion Servers	Peter and Lori Skoglund
Communion Cleanup	Mark and Mary Polzin
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Pam Groves-Gaggioli, Suzy Taggart
Coffee and Refreshments	Girl Scout Troop #25258
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Jim Enestvedt, Chuck and Anita Hellie, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Bonnie Jean Flom, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 22):

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13 † Psalm 23 † Ephesians 5:8-14 † John 9:1-41

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

In the Gospel of John, which is where many of our Lenten Gospels come from on Sundays, testimony plays a crucial role. Very often people hear about Jesus and Jesus' deeds not directly from him, but from other people. Even some of the apostles are called "second-hand" by one person witnessing to another.

It is clear that John did not consider his Gospel to be the final word on Jesus' action in our world either. He concludes the Gospel this way: *"This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."*

Today we are still part of writing the "many books" that contain the works of Jesus. While many Christians are uncomfortable talking about their faith, personal experience of God's work in our lives is the core of faith. Our own faith is strengthened when someone we know well experiences God's grace and healing.

This year, five St. John's members have been invited to share their story of God at work 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 our experience of Jesus.

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through April 1.

- March 18: Pam Groves-Gaggioli
- March 25: Brian Evenson
- April 1: Emmanuel Kaghondi

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 15):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters (9:30-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall)

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

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

St. John's Forum: Creation Care with Kiara Jorgenson (9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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Coffee and Fellowship, Commons

Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45-10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

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 29 and April 5, 12, 19 & 26. 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.

Here at St. John's the pastors and staff are closely following the recommendations from the CDC for the preparation for and prevention of the spread of COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. Important tips for us all to remember are: wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds, cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue when possible and then throw it in the trash, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and stay home if you are sick. The recommendations do not include stockpiling food or other supplies and wearing a mask as a protective measure to prevent infection. We are following all updates from the CDC closely and will keep you informed of any changes. There is additional printed information from the pastors throughout the church.

Bread for the World: 2020 Offering of Letters Continues Today Between Services in St. John's Hall

Letter writing is made easy between services at tables in St. John's Hall. See also bread.org.

Easter Garden Orders

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of Easter, the Chancel Guild will be taking orders between services today and next Sunday, March 22. They will also be taking orders during the soup supper this Wednesday, March 18. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Your plant may be taken home after the last service Easter morning. The last day to order is Sunday, March 22.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Topic: *Creation Care Forum - Ecological Ethics and Christian Theology, presented by Kiara Jorgenson, Assistant Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at St. Olaf College*

Since Pope Francis' publication of the ecologically-focused papal encyclical *Laudato Si* in 2015 Christians of all stripes have been considering the ethical implications of biodiversity with greater attention. What do the Scriptures have to say about the value of other-than-human life? How might Christian theology provide insight into the connection between humans and ecosystems? And to what degree should the natural sciences shape religious life given contemporary environmental challenges? In this brief forum, we'll explore these questions and the larger matter of ecological ethics by examining small sections of *Laudato Si* and Protestant responses to it.

Announcements (continued)

Northfield Public Schools Spring Break is from March 21-March 30

- This year spring break for Northfield Public Schools will not be during Holy Week with that many staff members will be taking some time off. Our Office Manager, Leah Garlie, will be out of the office from March 17-March 30. The church office will be closed Monday, March 23. Office hours on Tuesday, March 24, will be from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- No Sunday school or Sunday Morning Youth Group on Sundays, March 22 & 29.
- No Wednesday programs for Children & Youth on March 25.

Thrivent Member Reminder

Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2019 Choice dollars in their accounts to charitable non-profits. St. John's welcomes your Choice dollars which are used to support of our ministry among youth and the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church. To learn more, go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after prompt. If you need assistance or have questions, Brad Kmoch will be happy to help you. Just send him an email (bkmocho@gmail.com) or call him (952-807-4702). Note that your 2019 Choice dollars will disappear if not directed, so act before March 31.

Baby Care Kits

In many parts of the globe, mothers do not have even the basic needs for their babies. Through a project of Lutheran World Relief, the Women of St. John's have been collecting items for "Baby Care Kits." We are still in need of items that go into each kit. If you would like to help with this project, please pick up a list of needed items at the WELCA bulletin board in the Commons.

Interested in forming a St. John's team for the Northfield Church Softball League this summer?

Please indicate your interest to Rob Quanbeck by email or phone (507-301-3625 or rob.quanbeck@gmail.com) by Monday, March 23. In addition to players, a team manager is needed. The organizational meeting for the team managers will be held before Easter so time is of the essence if St. John's is going to field a team for Summer 2020! Spring will be here shortly – it's time to pull out your bat and glove! *Northfield Church Softball League is dedicated to fellowship, the spirit of competition and serving others while developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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 12. 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!

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

Donna James, John Quam, Bob Rendahl

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Sid Olson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Joanne Sommers,
Tom Sorenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lois Pearson, Gloria Porter, Lois Rand

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.



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

Wednesday, March 18

Chicken Tortilla Soup

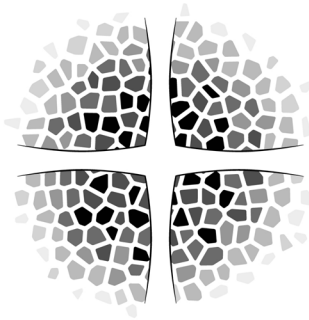
Creamy Tomato Soup

All are welcome!

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. 16	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms
Tue., Mar. 17	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
Wed., Mar. 18	9:00 a.m. 3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Baby Care Kits, Fellowship Hall Wednesday After School Programming (Grades K-5) CAT (Grades 4-5), Grade 4 - Undercroft / Grade 5 - Room 20 Alleluia Choir (Grades K-2), Room 205 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209 O.W.L., Youth Room
Thursday, Mar. 19	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Executive Committee, Fireside Room Quilting, Fellowship Hall Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 20	8:45 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Tai Chi Chih, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 21		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 22	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery Coffee and Fellowship, Commons Accompany Newcomer Gathering, Undercroft Worship / Nursery



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Leah H. Garlie, *Office Manager*
Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*
Christy Hall-Holt, *Welcome Ministry Coordinator*
Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*
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*
Bernie Renander, *Finance Manager*

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