



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024 † 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 — “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

Craig Phillips

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 769

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

C **we confess that we are caught in cycles of sin and cannot break free.**
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak
in ways that silence others. We withdraw in despair when our presence
could bring healing. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things
and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

P Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

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 O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 642

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12

J. A. Freylinghausen

Antiphon: Create in me a clean heart, O God.



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your [|] steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out [|] my offenses.

²Wash me through and through [|] from my wickedness,
and cleanse me [|] from my sin.

³**For I know [|] my offenses,**
and my sin is ev- [|] er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil [|] in your sight;**
so you are justified when you speak and right [|] in your judgment. *Antiphon*

⁹Hide your face [|] from my sins,
and blot out [|] all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean [|] heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- [|] it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. *Antiphon*

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel — John 12:20-33**

Spark Story Bible, page 446

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 No. 901

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

(8:30) Rite of Welcome

Introduction of Newcomers

Signing of the Newcomers with the Cross

- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your forehead.
It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with
this sign of his love. Learn to know and follow him.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your ears,
that you may hear the voice of the Lord.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes,
that you may see the glory of God.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your lips,
that you may respond to the word of God.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross over your heart,
that Christ may dwell there by faith.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders,
that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your hands,
that Christ may be known in the work which you do.
- P** Receive the sign of the cross on your feet,
that you may walk in the way of Christ.
- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
✙ and of the Holy Spirit.
- A** Amen.

Concluding Prayer

(10:45) Commissioning of Stephen Ministers

***The Apostles' Creed**

Front of ELW hymnal, page 105.

***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

"A Bridge Called Faith"

Fred Gramann

Rejoice Ringers

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

FRANCKE

**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**

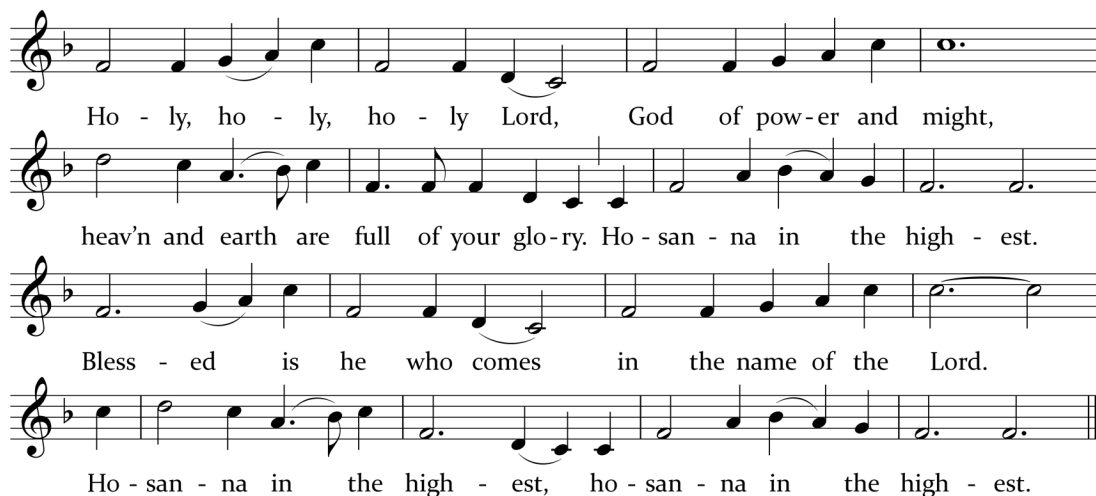
- ℣ Let us pray.
- ℣ **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know
your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger
for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

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”

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

(8:30) **Anthem** — “When Love Is Found”

O WALY WALY, arr. John Behnke

Ruth Bretheim-Aaseng, flute

Hymn — ELW No. 330

“Seed That in Earth Is Dying”

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

- ☐ Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

☑ **Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response: ☩ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — ELW No. 803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Dismissal

☩ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” BWV 642

J. S. Bach



RITE OF WELCOME

We welcome the following during the Rite of Welcome at the 8:30 service:

Dan & Cahrene Dimick

Scott & Elise Helland

Diane & Marshall Melbye

Margie O’Loughlin

Beth Wessen

Marina, Soren, & Leo Edlund

Marv & Rose Kormann

Ben & Debra Miller

Steve & Rhonda Reece

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

We commission the following as new Stephen Ministers at the 10:45 service:

Ellen Ellickson

Mary Hoff

Leif Knecht

Nancy Simpson-Younger

Peter Skoglund

Pam Groves-Gaggioli

Alison Kavanaugh

Shari Ohland

Lori Skoglund

Fran Wood

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Lippert Family (10:45) Bob Nyvall
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, director
Flute	(8:30) Ruth Bretheim-Aaseng
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson, Judy Smith
Communion Cleanup	TBD
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	TBD
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson, Vicki Otis
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 17)

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)

St. John's Forum: Ruth's House (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Stephen Ministers (9:45–10:30 a.m., Fireside Room)

Accompany (9:45–10:30 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (March 24)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall

Announcements

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

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by Ruth Smestad Anglin and Ronnie Anglin in memory of their daughter Helene Anglin and Ruth's mother Eulalie Smestad and their March birthdays. 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. Available Dates: March 28, 29 & 31 and April 14 & 21.

St. John's Forum

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Ruth's House—Transitional Housing for Women and Families

Ruth's House provides help and hope for women and families in crisis. Located in Faribault, Ruth's House has helped clients facing domestic violence, poverty, substance abuse disorder, health challenges, or other issues. Join us as Susan Stout, Ruth's House Outreach Coordinator, tells us more about this ministry.

Pub Theology

Monday, March 18, 6:00–7:30 p.m., The Contented Cow

Pub Theology is a weekly conversation around questions of faith, God, Jesus, the Bible, current events, and culture. No fancy theological or biblical knowledge needed in order to participate.

Lenten Wednesday Worship: *Images of God*

Wednesday, March 20, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

This year, five St. John's members (both new and long-time members) have been invited to pick an image of God from scripture to reflect on and connect to their story of faith. This Wednesday's speaker is Dan Dimick.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. at St. John's

Families with kids 5th grade and younger are welcome to hunt. Invite friends and neighbors too! Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Donation baskets are in the upper and lower Commons. Thanks so much!

Easter Breakfast is Back! Egg Bake Donations Needed

The youth of the congregation will host a breakfast of egg bakes, muffins, and fruit on Easter morning for members and guests. While youth usually serve and provide the fruit and muffins, we rely on the congregation's generosity to provide the egg bakes. We'll provide an empty pan and recipe, and you bring it back cooked and warm on Easter morning by 8:30 a.m. Sign-ups and pans are located in the Commons.

Announcements (continued)

Easter Garden 2024

In a change from previous years, St. John's members are invited to make a \$10.00 donation to the Easter Garden with the option to include their name and the name of the person(s) to be remembered, honored, or in gratitude. Please submit donations by Sunday, March 24. Anyone wishing to take a lily may do so after the second service on Easter Sunday. Forms are available in the Commons.

Thank You to St. John's Thrivent members who have directed their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to our congregation! These funds are a valuable resource for the Church Council to direct to mission and ministry. The deadline for directing 2023 funds is March 31! Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Looking for Greeters for Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, March 31, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

If you are attending worship here on Easter, consider being a greeter. Greeting is an important way we warmly welcome all who come through our doors at St. John's for worship. Having greeters on Easter Sunday is especially important as we have many visitors. Family members are welcome to greet with you. Contact Angie at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can help.

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.

Sacred Sites Tour

There will be a Sacred Site Tour of the Twin Cities area sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches.

- Tour: Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Cost: \$30/person paid by April 14.** Make check payable to St John's and give to Ellen Ellickson.
- Sites visited: Fort Snelling State Park, Dakota Internment camp, Pilot Knob Hill

Reminder of Deadlines

Please send all submissions electronically to Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

- Sunday Bulletin and E-Voice Announcements: Due by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

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

Janice Kasa, Paul Klinefelter, Roberta Morse, Wendy Scholz

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Jane Gelle

Family of Bruce Hella (brother of Karl Hella)

Those with ongoing health concerns

Georgia Braulick, Jo Chambers, Jo Dahlin, Billi Faillettaz, John Ferguson, Bob Flaten, Greta Matzner-Gore, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, George Schneider (father of Betsy Gasior)

All who are homebound, including

David and Pat Halsor, Lois Pearson

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

St. John's Stephen Ministers offer care to those in a variety of difficult situations. If you or someone you know would benefit from some time with a Stephen Minister, contact 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 20:
Chicken / Pork Tortilla Soup
Vegetarian Soups (Variety)

Wednesday Meals are made and served completely by people donating their time and talents.

This Week At-a-Glance

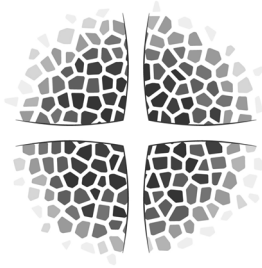
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Mar. 18	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology, The Contented Cow
Tuesday, Mar. 19	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 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 Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room and St. John's Library Church Council, Undercroft NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) Youth Room
Wednesday, Mar. 20	12:00 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study, Fireside Room Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Evening Knitters, St. John's Library Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary Confirmation and High School Youth Group St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 21	7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall Quilting & Bandage Rolling, Fellowship Hall Executive Committee via Zoom Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 22	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 23		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 24	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary (For the schedule between services, please see page 11.) Palm Sunday Worship, Sanctuary

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 24):

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Psalm 31:9-16 † Philippians 2:5-11 † Mark 14:1—15:47



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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.*