



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 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 — “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Craig Phillips

Welcome

*Gathering Hymn — No. 343

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Confession and Forgiveness

☐ In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

☐ With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

☑ **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 Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

☐ People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free
because God loved the world so much.

☑ 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 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.

C Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, page 642

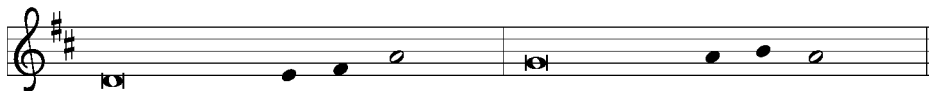
After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(8:30) **Psalm 51:1-2, 7-12**

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.

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

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. *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*

(10:45) **Anthem** — “Let My Heart and Soul Praise the Lord”
Jubilate Choir

Handel/McFadden

Second Reading — Hebrews 5:5-10

Pew Bible, page 973

After the reading:

Ⓔ The word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel** — John 12:20-33

Spark Story Bible, page 446; Pew Bible, page 875

Before the reading:

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

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

Ⓔ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — No. 330

“Seed That in Earth Is Dying”

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

*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:

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN, arr. Cathy Moglebust

Rejoice Ringers

*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"



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.

Anthem — "Faith of Our Fathers" ST. CATHERINE, arr. Linda R. Lamb

(10:45) **Anthem** — "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Trevor Manor
Laudate Choir

Hymn — No. 469 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Let us pray.

℟ Compassionate God,
you 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. 321

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — “Prelude and Fugue in F Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Assisting Ministers	Goodrich-Bash Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers; Zachery Pelletier, director (10:45) Jubilate Choir; Carol Benson, director Brian Klein, Youth Choir Intern Laudate Choir; Nathan Proctor, director
Bassoon	Elizabeth Bade
Violin	(10:45) Olivia Skaja
Acolytes	(8:30) Charlie Neeb, Tate Sand (10:45) Jaida Gehring, Devon Root
Communion Preparer	Frances Boehning
Communion Servers	(8:30) Frances Boehning (10:45) Goodrich-Bash Family
Communion Clean Up	Sandi Gerdes
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marie Struss, Jean Wakely (10:45) Marie Struss, Jean Wakely
Coffee and Refreshments	Jim and Judy Cederberg, Char Nelson, Jenny Nystrom, Mark and Mary Polzin, Marie Struss
Nursery	Sara Small
Counters	Marilyn Calcutt, Chuck and Anita Hellie, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Mark Anderson, Jim Bierman, Jerry Bothun, Dave Hagen, Sue Hagen, Nicholas Gonnerman, Patsy Ophaug, John Ophaug (10:45) Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Bonnie Jean Flom, Susan Immel, Greg Norman, Doug O'Leary, Wally Wegner

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Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 25):

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a + Psalm 31:9-16 + Philipians 2:5-11 + Mark 11:1-11

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, Mary Haas

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Ruth Landon (Mother-in-Law of Tim Byers)

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

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Rodney and Janice Helgeson

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, 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: April 15th for the May Edition

Please send submissions electronically to office@StJohnsNorthfield.org

Thank you.

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 18):

Coffee and Fellowship, 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)
Bold Café (9:45 a.m., Room 19)

Next Week (March 25):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of Corrine Heiberg from family and friends. 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: 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.

Easter Garden Orders

If you would like to order a flowering plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, the Chancel Guild will be taking orders today between services. They will also be taking orders Wednesday night, March 21, at the soup supper. There is an assortment of plants 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. The last day to order is Wednesday, March 21.

Please Sign Up to Be Part of Holy Week Hospitality

Holy Week and Easter are happening during Spring Break this year! If you are planning to be in town for any of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday, and Easter Sunday, **would you and yours be willing to be Greeters, Welcome Desk representatives, or Communion Servers, Preparers and/or Clean Up helpers?** If so, please either sign up online thru CCB under the group *Holy Week Hospitality*, or contact Christy Hall-Holt at 507-645-4429 or connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Announcements (continued)

St. John's Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt invites children up to grade 5, along with parents, to meet in St. John's Commons at 9:30 a.m. for an “eggciting” hunt. Make sure to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs and feel free to bring friends! *Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill the eggs. A donation basket is in the upper Commons. Thanks so much!*

Annual Easter Vigil Saturday, March 31, 7:00 p.m., St. John's

This beautiful service of readings, music, remembrance of baptism, and communion has become a pattern at St. John's in recent years since St. Olaf no longer hosts it. If you can be a reader, speaker, singer, ringer, carrier (of flowers or candles), usher, or greeter contact Nathan Proctor.

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. 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 declutter, 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.

Worship on Wednesday Nights

Holden Evening Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

March 21

Homily - Kristin Partlo



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 21:
Corn Chowder with Ham
Ginger Carrot

All are welcome!

GRACE OVERFLOWING CAMPAIGN UPDATE



IN GRATITUDE, we offer thanks for the generous donations which have enabled us to already reach 96% of our ambitious goal of \$750,000! This will make it possible for us to move forward with many of our projected needs and community outreach into the future.

Yet, THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN, and we are \$25,000 from our final Easter goal, which will then kick in an extra \$10,000 from the Foundation Challenge.

If you have not yet pledged, we urge you to prayerfully consider giving a gift in the next few days. No gift is too small and WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

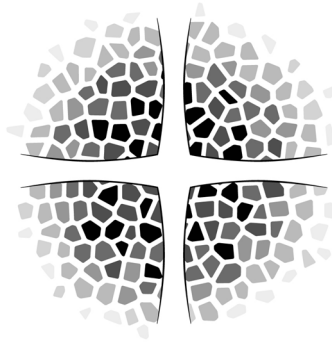
Please stop by our GRACE OVERFLOWING tracker chart and table in the Commons between services or on Wednesday to pick up materials, ask questions, or chat with committee members about our campaign.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of the ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”

~2 Corinthians 9:10-12.

This Week At-a-Glance

Monday, Mar. 19	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Manna and Mondays, Fireside Room Pub Theology, Froggy Bottoms Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Mar. 20	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall Staff Meeting, Fireside Room Weekly Lectionary Text Study, Fireside Room Worship Planning for Staff, Room 212 Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room Church Council, Undercroft
Wed., Mar. 21	3:45 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	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 Homework Hangout (Grades 6-8), Youth Room Lenten Book Read, Room 19 and Room 212 Jubilate Choir (Grades 3-5), Room 209 Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Laudate Choir (Grades 6-12), Room 205 Youth Transition Team, Fireside Room Lenten Worship Service, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209 High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12), Youth Room
Thursday, Mar. 22	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 23	9:00 a.m.	Bone Builders, Fellowship Hall
Saturday, Mar. 24	2:00 p.m.	Suzuki Kids, Room 205
Sunday, Mar. 25	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Worship / Nursery <i>(For Schedule Between Services, please see page 12)</i> Worship / Nursery YMCA - Youth in Government, Undercroft



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