



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023 † 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 — “The Good Shepherd”

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

(8:30) **Anthem** — “He Has Made Me Glad”

Alleluia Choir

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 782

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

P Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave
the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for everyone.
God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

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** Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

(8:30) Anthem

Jubilate Choir

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this

one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 23

Anthem — “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Rejoice Ringers

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



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 9:1-41

Spark Story Bible, page 432; Pew Bible, page 871

Before the reading:

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9th 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 — ELW 737

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

***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

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto the Hills" (Psalm 121)

Cathy Moklebust

*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.

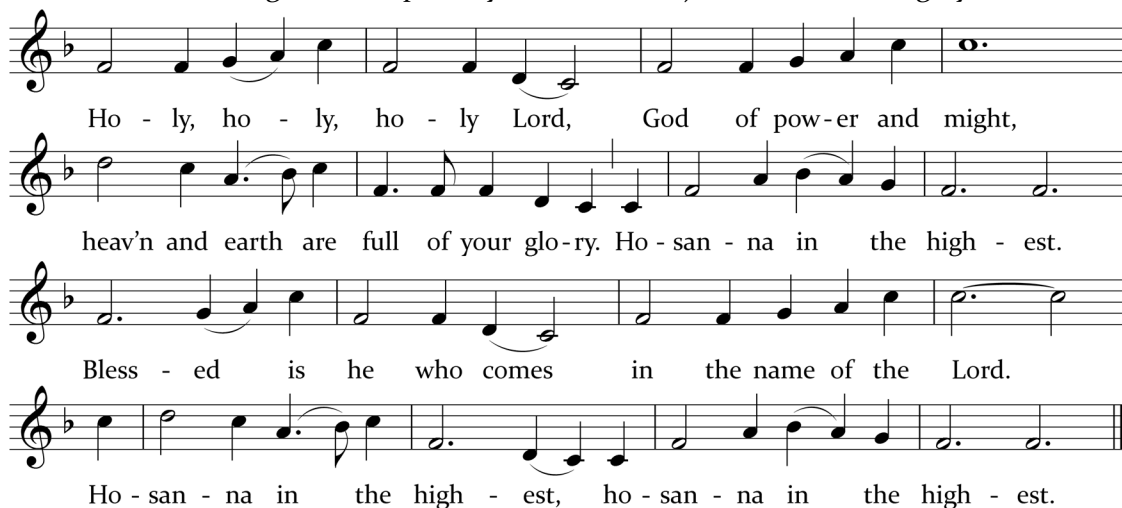
*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. 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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line, while the third staff ends with a final double bar line.

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.

Hymn — ELW No. 779

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Stanzas 1-3

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

- ℒ Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.
- ☞ Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

***Blessing**

Response:

- ☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ELW No. 779 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”
Stanzas 4 & 5

***Dismissal**

- ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- ☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — ON NEW BRITAIN

George Shearing



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Rudser Family (10:45) Scott Swanson
Organist	David Sims
Choirs	Rejoice Ringers; David Sims, interim director (8:30) Alleluia Choir; Arielle Loy, director (8:30) Jubilate Choir; Green Bouzard, director
Communion Prep	Georgene Johnson
Communion Cleanup	Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Greeters	(8:30) TBD (10:45) Pam Groves-Gaggioli
Coffee Service	TBD
Refreshments	Gerri Licke, Judy Smith
Counters	Sue Brockman, Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) John Ophaug, Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger (10:45) Doug O'Leary, Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Leif Knecht

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 19)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Sunday School: Preschool–Grade 5 (9:45–10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Mission Trip Info Session (9:45–10:30 a.m., Youth Room)
Parent Check-In (9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Library)
St. John's Forum: Jefferson's Jesus with Prof. Charlie Wilson (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany (10:00–10:40 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (March 26)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum: Anika Rychner and the Community Action Center (9:45–10:30 a.m., Sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 26):

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 † Psalm 130 † Romans 8:6-11 † John 11:1-45

Announcements

*Additional announcements can be found in the weekly E-Voice.
Printed copies of the E-Voice are available at the Welcome Desk and by Door #1.*

Today's Radio Broadcast is given by friends of St. John's. 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 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: March 26 and April 9 & 30.

On January 28 , St. John's 3rd graders attended a Catechism Retreat on the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Today, at the 8:30 a.m. worship service, Maddy Rudser, Soren Judge, and Frances Jackman, will be taking communion out of the clay cup and plate each of them made at the retreat. We want to thank Demian Jackman for helping kids create their pottery pieces.

St. John's Forum: Jefferson's Jesus with Charlie Wilson

Today, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Join us for a presentation where St. John's member and St. Olaf professor, Charlie Wilson, will help us consider the religious views of Thomas Jefferson, one of our greatest presidents. We will look in particular at his controversial views of Jesus, as we see in his editing of the gospels of the New Testament.

St. John's Forum: Anika Rychner and the Community Action Center

Next Sunday, March 19, 9:45 a.m., Sanctuary

Come hear Anika Rychner, Senior Director of CAC, talk to the congregation about their services. CAC distributes over 1.5 million pounds of food annually. With a focus on fresh, healthy, and culturally specific foods, CAC's community-informed, community-tailored approach ensures equitable access to food for those facing food insecurity. CAC offers a variety of options for people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity and offers solutions to prevent eviction, stabilize crises, and find long-term housing solutions to create stability for individuals, children, and families. Each person's needs are unique. CAC's walk-in resource centers in Northfield and Faribault are designed to offer support and resources that serve each individual in meaningful ways. No appointment is needed.

St. John's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.

Children, up to grade 5, are invited to St. John's for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Remember to bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs. Friends are welcome too! Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy and small items to fill over 1000 eggs. A donation basket is in the Commons. If you can volunteer to help hide eggs on the day of the hunt, please contact Julie at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Announcements (continued)

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, forms are available in the Commons or online. The cost is \$23.

The St. John's Audio-Visual Team is Seeking New Volunteer Members

The A-V team provides support for livestreaming and recording services and events at St. John's. Volunteers will receive training and support to help advance the overall outreach mission of St. John's. Knowledge is not a requirement.

Looking for Greeters for Easter Sunday Worship Services

April 9, 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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members can benefit St. John's at no cost to them by designating their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's. 2022 funds need to be directed by March 31. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Oral History Update

Available on the St. John's website are two new 25-minute interviews, one with Delores (Dodie) Mickelsen and one with Gordon Mickelsen about their sixty-nine years as members of St John's. You can hear the history and other interviews by clicking on the "About" tab on the main page of the website, and then scroll down to "Oral Histories."

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: WATERY WORDS

The Season of Lent is traditionally a time of baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal. We recommit to spiritual practices that remind us of our need for God and each other during these six weeks as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection. This year we have invited five members of St. John's to speak around the themes of water, bringing together a watery word, or Scripture verse with their own experience. Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through March 29.

- March 22: Ashley Gallagher
- March 29: Kathy Shea

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

Jennifer BothusJoanne Rodland, Don Sahling, Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse), Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud), John Walters Jr. (son of Barbara and John Walters)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Gerhard Knutson

Those with ongoing health concerns

Scott Barvir, Jo Chambers, Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Jane Gelle, Donna James, Carolyn Jennings, Dagfinn Moe, Dolores Nelson, Becky Ness, Paul Peterson, John Quam, Scott Quinnell, Alice Rickert, Laila Burns Hedstrom, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

All who are homebound, including

Tom Fjelde, Lois Pearson, Lyla Arneson Paulson

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.



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

Menu for Wednesday, March 22:
Stuffed Cabbage Soup (GF)
Vegetarian Soup (GF)

Soup Suppers 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. 20	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Coalition Support Group, Fireside Room
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology, El Tequila Mexican Restaurant
Tuesday, Mar. 21	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	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
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers, St. John's Library
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), Youth Room
Wednesday, Mar. 22	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	3:45 p.m.	Afterschool Programming (Kindergarten-Grade 5), St. John's
	5:15 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall
	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. 23	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Executive Committee via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 24	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Mar. 25		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Mar. 26	8:30 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary
		<i>(For the schedule between services, please see page 11)</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery, Sanctuary



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Sally Lindell, *Parish Nurse*

Arielle Loy, *Children's Music Director and Early Childhood Specialist*

Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

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