

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 20, 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.*

**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 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** — Andante in D Major

Felix Mendelssohn

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Gathering Hymn** — ACS No. 924

“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

## **\*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** Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through 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 — Isaiah 55:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**Psalmody — Psalm 63:1-8**

Antiphon: Joseph Gelineau, SJ

*Antiphon: My soul is thirsting for the Lord: when shall I see God face to face?*



<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where  
there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name. *Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

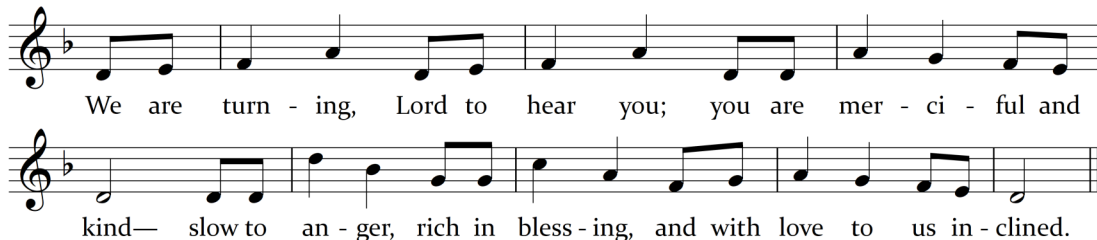
<sup>6</sup>when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. *Antiphon*

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

KAS DZIEDAJA



**\*Gospel — Luke 13:1-9**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Hymn of the Day — ELW No. 329**

**“As the Sun with Longer Journey”**

**\*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:*

- 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:*

"O Blessed Spring"

Robert Buckley Farlee

### \*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.

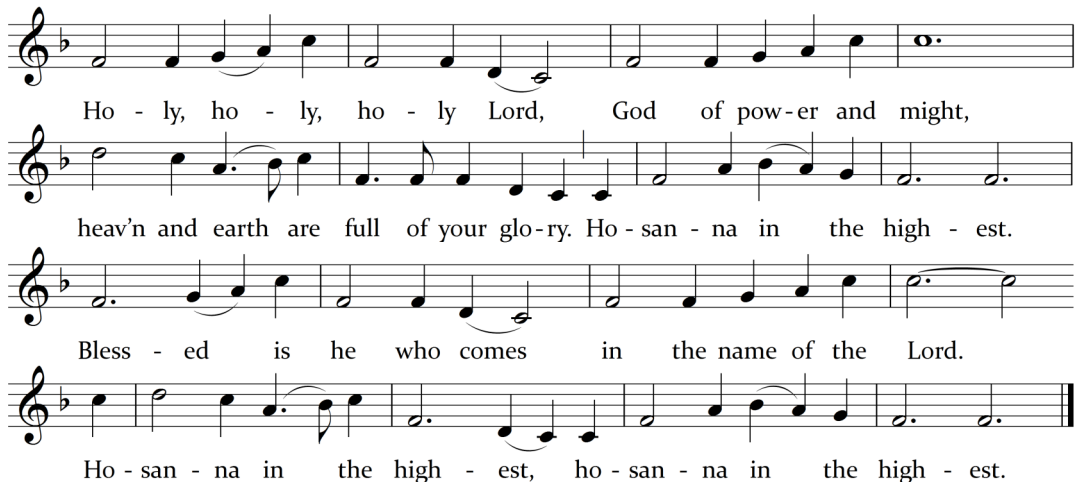
### \*Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray.
- C** 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.*

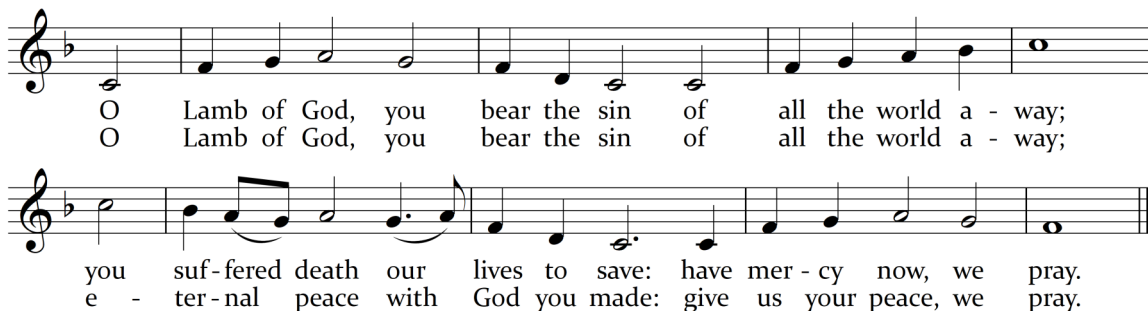
*The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.*

***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.

## \*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. 542

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

## \*Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Andante from *Sonata VI*

Felix Mendelssohn



## Learning and Fellowship Between Services

### **This 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)

### **Next Week (March 27):**

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John’s Hall

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

Stephen Ministers, Fireside Room

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	Pastor Pam Fickenschner
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Rudser Family (10:45) Elliot Davis
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	(8:30) Ruth Legvold
Counters	David Nitz, David Norman, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Dave and Ruthie Neuger, John Ophaug (10:45) Ruth Dahl, Susan Immel, Doug O'Leary

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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 23: Pippa Simpson-Younger
- March 30: Jo Franklin
- April 6: Michael Mandsager

# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of Duane Benson by family and friends. 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](mailto:office@StJohnsNorthfield.org) or 507-645-4429. Dates available: 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](mailto:sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org). Thank you!

## **"Getting to Know You" Gathering for Newcomers to St. John's**

### **Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall**

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](mailto:connect@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Today - Let's Celebrate the Dedication of Habitat's Faith Build Homes in Northfield**

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. 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.

# **Announcements (continued)**

## **Bread for the World Letter Writing**

### **Today and Next Sunday, Between Services, St. John's Hall**

We invite you to write a letter to our state senator and representative for the Bread for the World campaign. You can use a provided sample letter to copy, or compose wording of your own. Paper, pens, and envelopes will be provided and the church will stamp and mail them.

## **Pub Theology via Zoom**

### **Monday, March 21, 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Topic: *Praying for Ukraine*

Last week, New York Times columnist Rev. Tish Harrison asked readers how they are praying for Ukraine. The responses are vivid and bring up all the questions we have about the role of prayer in a situation where the horror is at some distance from our own doors. How are you praying about this war? We'll take this article as well as Sunday's sermon for our jumping off point in this conversation. To be added to the email list contact Pastor Jonathan Davis at [jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org](mailto:jdavis@StJohnsNorthfield.org).

## **Plans for St. John's to Join the Summer Church Softball League**

Church softball is returning to St. John's for Summer 2022! Teams are mixed gender, for players high-school age and older. Games are played on Sunday evenings. Let us know about your interest in managing, playing, or cheering on the team by Sunday, April 3, on the CCB interest form or contact Rob Quanbeck at [rob.quanbeck@gmail.com](mailto:rob.quanbeck@gmail.com) or 507-301-3625.

## **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](http://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](mailto: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, Dick Kleber, Bruce Ohland,  
Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson)

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Sigrid Johnson

*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*

Elouise Quinnell, Lester Gunderson, Elaine Feroe

*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](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 27):**

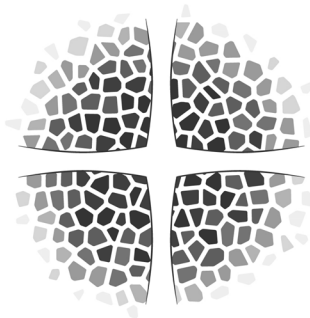
*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Joshua 5:9-12 † Psalm 32 † 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 † Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

# **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

<b>Monday, Mar. 21</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Pub Theology via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 22</b>	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 23</b>	10:45 a.m.	Communion at 1000 Cannon Valley Drive, Offsite
	11:45 a.m.	Communion at Kildahl Apartments, Offsite
	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
<b>Thursday, Mar. 24</b>	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Three Links, Offsite
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group Winter Read via Zoom
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
<b>Friday, Mar. 25</b>	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, Mar. 26</b>	4:30 p.m.	Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
<b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b>	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 10.)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



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Arielle Loy, *Director of Alleluia Choir*  
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Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.