



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 2019 † 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), **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.

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 — “Jesus, Still Lead On”

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — No. 624

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

***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 In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

**C We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way.
We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have
saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember
the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your
forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

P Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of Christ, leading you from death into life.

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.

© Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1-9

Pew Bible, page 598

After the reading:

L The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

(8:30) **Psalmody** — Psalm 63: 10:1-8

Antiphon: Joseph Gelineau

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



¹O 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.

²²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.

**³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.**

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

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

⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
⁸My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast. *Antiphon*

Children's Message

*Gospel Acclamation

KAS DZIEDĀJA



*Gospel — Luke 13:1-9

Spark Story Bible, page 372; Pew Bible, page 848

Before the reading:

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th 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. 447

“O Blessed Spring”

***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:

(8:30) "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Carl Schalk

For anthem text, see Hymn 329.

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "O Blessed Spring"

Mark Sedio

***Offering Hymn** — "Create in Me"

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

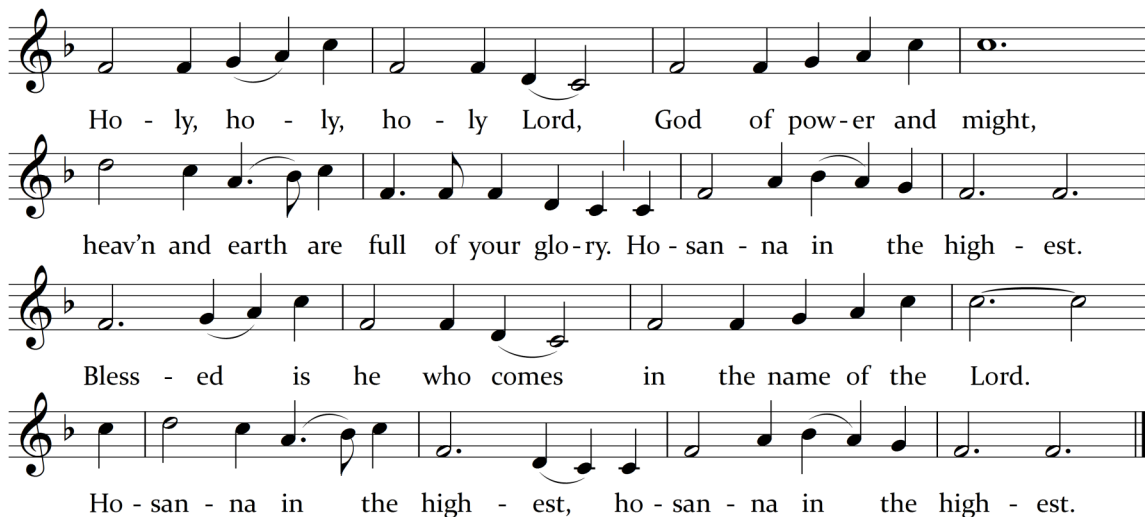
- L** Let us pray together.
- A** **Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land,
and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
Amen.**

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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"



The musical notation for "Lamb of God" is presented in three parts, each on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below each staff.

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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin, and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a humble heart before thee now and evermore. Amen

Hymn — No. 542

"O Living Bread from Heaven"

Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

℣ Let us pray.

℟ Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD’S WORLD

*Blessing

Response:

☩ Amen.

*Sending Hymn — No. 777

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

Stanzas 1 and 2

*Dismissal

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in B-flat

David N. Johnson



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Samuel and Janet Lotegeluaki
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Flute	(8:30) Jenny Pelletier
Acolytes	(8:30) William Becker, Erik Boehning (10:45) Gavin Moore, Kate Sand
Communion Preparer	Sandi Gerdes, Mary Polzin
Communion Server	(8:30) Scott Swanson (10:45) Julie Brehmer
Communion Cleanup	Sandi Gerdes
Greeters / Welcome Desk	(8:30) Marlene Engstrom, Marie Struss (10:45) Gavin Moore, Joyce Moore, Marie Struss
Coffee and Refreshments	Elizabeth Busa, Jim Cederberg, Joyce Moore, Brent Nystrom, Mark and Mary Polzin
Nursery	Erica Anderson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Alyssa Ness, Ted Peterson, Bob Tabery
Ushers	(8:30) Dallas Berg, Barry Becker, Erik Hong, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) David Rudser, Robert Nyvall, Susan Rudser, Mark Rydberg, Terry Rydberg, Grit Youngquist

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3rd Grader's Communion Celebration

On Saturday, March 9, St. John's 3rd graders gathered in retreat with their parents to learn about Holy Communion.

Children, with the help of potter Joel Froehle and his daughter, Violet, created a clay communion cup and plate.

At the 10:45 a.m. service today, the children will receive communion from their clay creations!

The 3rd graders also made the communion bread for the 10:45 a.m. service.

*St. John's Third Graders: Jonah Brownlee, Tegan DeGrego, Michaela Gummow,
Jacob King, Wyatt Norrie, Trevor Volkert*

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (March 24):

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters, St. John's Hall
St. John's Forum: The Key and Youth Homelessness (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Next Week (March 31):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
St. John's Forum: TEDxStJohns - Karl Hella and Accepting Grace (9:45 a.m., Sanctuary)
Accompany Newcomer Gathering (9:45 a.m., Undercroft)

Lenten Wednesday Worship

The Gospel of Luke is known for its many stories of healing — so much so that tradition has held that the author was a physician. Healing and salvation are words with common roots, and while in our times we often separate the physical from the spiritual, the Bible usually makes no distinction. We are healed as whole persons - mind, body, and spirit all held in God's grace.

As we celebrate 150 years at St. John's, we know that the arts have been a major part of the healing grace offered in this place. Music, visual art, and poetry have all been part of how salvation is celebrated and experienced by many in this congregation.

Sometimes the arts celebrate what God has done, but just as often they are the vehicle through which God's healing hand is at work.

This year our Lenten series will invite five members of the congregation to reflect on the ways that the arts and healing have intersected in their faith lives. Whether reflecting on a favorite hymn or sharing a story of the process of creating art, they will give us glimpses of the mysterious ways God's grace comes to us as we create and as we are created anew in Christ's love.

Wednesday, March 27

Daniel Edwins

Wednesday, April 3

Nathan Knutson

Wednesday, April 10

Service of Prayer for Healing

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in loving memory of Sawyer Garlie whose 7th birthday would have been today and in celebration of his cousin Rhett Garlie's birthday yesterday, March 23, and his brother Brody Garlie's birthday on March 30. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 108.0AM / 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: April 7, 21 & 28. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television – cable channel 180, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration Alma Oberle born March 12 to Marit and Tim Oberle by grandparents Sue and Dave Hagen.

St. John's Forum

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

Topic: *The Wallflower Project: Addressing Youth Homelessness in Northfield*

Youth homelessness is happening in Northfield. On any given night there are up to 5 youth without shelter in Northfield alone. The Northfield Union of Youth and The Key are addressing this through The Wallflower Project, a host home program that is designed to provide a caring and supportive family environment that puts the emphasis on *home* rather than *housing*. Ben Heath, Youth Advocate and Key Coordinator, will present on this project and how we in the faith community can help support it.

Bread for the World: 2019 Offering of Letters - “Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow”

Today Between Services in St. John's Hall

All children deserve the opportunity to live a healthy life and reach their full potential. Thousands of letters from Bread for the World congregations will let members of Congress know that there is strong support for the Federal programs that make this opportunity a reality for children in the U.S. and around the globe. Join in this critically important effort. Letter writing is made easy between services at tables in St. John's Hall. See also bread.org.

Easter Garden Orders Continue

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 today between services and continuing Sundays March 31 and April 7. They will also be taking orders during the soup suppers on Wednesday March 27. Order forms are also available at the Welcome Desk and on the St. John's website. There is an assortment of plants to choose from with different price ranges. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Your plant will be labeled with your name and may be taken home after the last service Easter morning. The last day to order is Sunday, April 7.

Announcements (continued)

Limited Church Office Hours During Spring Break, March 23-April 1

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 22-April 2.

Call for Volunteers for Holy Week Hospitality: Everyone is welcome to sign up!

Are you planning on attending any of the special services leading up to Easter Sunday? Please sign up online or in the Commons for greeting at the doors, attending the Welcome Desk, preparing, cleaning up, and serving Communion. It's easy to combine the two and be doubly blessed! If you can help, please contact Christy Hall-Holt or Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Are you a Thrivent member?

Thrivent Choice dollars for 2018 must be directed by March 31. St. John's gratefully designates these dollars for youth and world relief special projects. Don't miss this opportunity to give "free money" to our congregation!

Food Share Donations During March

Did you know that the CAC Food Shelf can stretch your donation dollars up to \$10 from a \$1 with their buying power through local food banks? When you give during the month of March, your donations are stretched even further through their partnership with MN FoodShare. St. John's is collecting monetary donations each week. Please use the St. John's special offering envelope for the CAC Food Shelf or donate through St. John's website, by choosing "CAC Foodshelf" in the drop down menu. Thank you!

Children and Youth Ministries

Northfield's Spring Break: March 25-April 1

No Sunday school or Middle School Youth Group today and next Sunday, March 31

No Wednesday programs, March 27

Upcoming Middle School and High School Youth Event! Visit to Trapped Puzzle Rooms in St. Paul! Sunday, April 7, 1:00 p.m. (Meet at St. John's to Carpool)

Enjoy the challenge of escaping either a Spy vs. Spy room, or a Harry Potter room! Afterwards, you'll all go out for ice cream at nearby Nelson's, where the scoops are huge! The cost is \$10 plus ice cream money. There is a limit of 14 spots, so RSVP right away by emailing Angie at youth@StJohnsNorthfield.org or putting your name on the sign up sheet hanging outside the Youth Room.

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 with ongoing health concerns

Marybeth Bremer, Fred Gonnerman, Elvin Heiberg, Fred Huemoeller, Mary Ingbritsen, Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, Betty Schuette, Eulalie Smestad, Joanne Sommers, Karen Swenson, Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Kay Haugen, Elouise Quinnell, Linda Beckman

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;

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 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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (March 24):

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 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.*

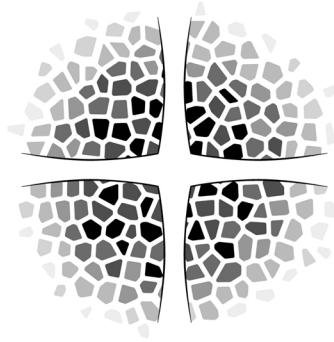
Mon., Mar. 25	12:00 p.m.	Manna and Mercy Text Study, Fireside Room
Tue., Mar. 26	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Knitters (World Vision: Knit for Kids), Offsite
Wed., Mar. 27	5:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper, St. John's Hall Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary St. John's Chorale, Room 209
Thursday, Mar. 28	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, Room 19 Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 29	8:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	SAIL (Stay Active & Independent for Life), Fellowship Hall Wedding Rehearsal - Kochendorfer / Carpenter, Sanctuary
Saturday, Mar. 30	3:00 p.m.	Wedding - Kochendorfer / Carpenter, Sanctuary
Sunday, Mar. 31	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship / Nursery (<i>For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11</i>) Worship / Nursery



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

Wednesday, March 27
Chicken Noodle
Tortellini

All are welcome!



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Bernie Renander, *Financial Manager*

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