



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 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 — “Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir” BWV 686
“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 600

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You”

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** Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 — Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And

you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

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 11:1-45

Spark Story Bible, page 440; Pew Bible, page 873

Before the reading:

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

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. 1030

“Death Be Never Last”

***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

(8:30) “Psalm 130” *Out of the Depths*

John Ferguson

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Savior, hear me calling. Out of the depths have I cried to you; let your ears consider the voice of my supplication. If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, who Lord? Who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for the Lord, whose word is my hope.

– John Ferguson, after Martin Luther’s text *Aus tiefer Not*

St John’s Chorale

(10:45) “Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee”

arr. K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing! Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing. Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, gracious Lord, most holy; on my sins with mercy look; who can stand before thee? Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul’s deliverance. With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding. The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding. All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure; all before thee bow in fear, seeking thy good pleasure.

– Martin Luther, tr. Edward T. Horn

*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.

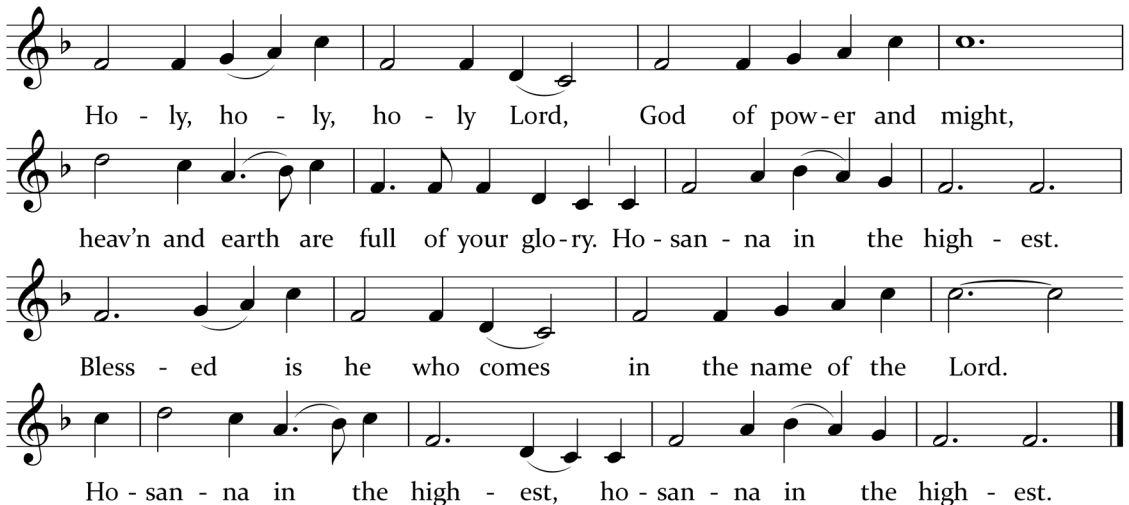
*Offering Prayer

- 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.***

On the fourth Sunday of the month during communion, we offer the practice of anointing your brow with oil and receiving a blessing. If you want, you may ask for a specific prayer blessing from the anointer.

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 the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two parts end with a double bar line, while the third part 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. 330

"Seed That in Earth Is Dying"

*Post-Communion Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

☞ 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. 624

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

Stanza 1 — all

Stanza 2 — low voices

Stanza 3 — high voices

Stanza 4 — all

*Dismissal

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

Postlude — on SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

Paul Manz



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SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Deb Schoeb (10:45) Will Schroeer
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Anthem Accompanist	(8:30) David Sims
Soloist	(10:45) Kristin Partlo
Healing Prayers	(8:30) Kristin Partlo, Jane Rinehart (10:45) Jennifer Edwins, Kristin Partlo
Communion Service	Jill Enestvedt
Greeters	(8:30) Cindy Clauson, Pam Groves-Gaggioli (10:45) TBD
Coffee Service	Doug Johnson, Bill and Jill Malecha
Refreshments	Cindy Clauson
Counters	Merilyn Calcutt, Bill Rizzo, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Barry Becker, Rob Nutt, Mark Polzin, Bruce Rickert (10:45) Mark Rydberg, Todd Menssen, Robert Nyvall, Eric Sponheim

Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This 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)

Next Week (April 2)

Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 2):

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Psalm 31:9-16 † Philippians 2:5-11 † Matthew 21:1-11

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: Maundy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7), and June 11 & 18.

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

Today, 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.

Thank You from Tim Byers

I am very grateful for the gifts and kind words of encouragement everyone has given me. I will treasure all the friendships I have made working at St. John's. Thank you, Tim.

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 1,000 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.

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 and 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. Technical knowledge is not a requirement.

Announcements (continued)

*Spring Break from Children and Youth Wednesday Programs: No Programs on March 29
Spring Break from Sunday School and Youth Gathering: No Programs March 26, April 2 and 9*

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.

Looking for Greeters for Easter Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, 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.

Mission Morning

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m.–Noon

St. John's Women take donations and build Baby Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Hospice Kits throughout the year. This year we will be preparing them all in one morning! Please consider donating supplies during March and April, and joining us in person, Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 a.m.–noon, compiling kits, as well as helping quilters and knitters. Lists are available in the Commons.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline Approaching

If you are a Thrivent member, you may be able to designate Thrivent Choice funds to St. John's at no cost to you. Every year these funds supplement what St. John's can do in mission, youth work, and more. 2022 funds must be designated by March 31 or they are not donated anywhere. Log in to your account at thrivent.com to direct funds.

Financial Update

- Offering received through February equals 12% of budgeted income. This is fairly typical for this time of year, but on the low side. Continued generosity will be important throughout the year.
- Snow removal expenses are already over budget for the year (\$7,000 budget, \$11,690 expense); Property & Grounds Board is discussing potential solutions.
- Expenses through February are 17% of budget; expenses are typically spread fairly evenly

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 Bothun, Dick Kleber, Joanne Rodland, Don Sahling,
Doris Ellingboe (mother of Karen Schuette), Aarin Morse (son of Roberta Morse),
Melisa Simonet (daughter of Julian Trangsrud), Barbara Dettle,
John Walters Jr. (son of Barbara and John Walters)

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

Janice Helgeson, Carol Johnson, Richard Olson

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**

March 29: No Meal - Spring Break
April 5: No Meal - Holy Week

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. 27	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:30 p.m.	Northfield Grief Coalition Support Group, Fireside Room
Tuesday, Mar. 28	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Undercroft
Wednesday, Mar. 29	6:15 p.m.	Lenten Vespers, Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	St. John's Chorale, Sanctuary
Thursday, Mar. 30	7:30 a.m.	Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	1:30 p.m.	Book Buddies, St. John's Library
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, Balcony
Friday, Mar. 31	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 1		No Scheduled Activities - Building Closed
Sunday, Apr. 2	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

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: WATERY WORDS

Lenten Vespers—taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy—will take place each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through March 29.

- March 29: Kathy Shea



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Angie Gehring, *Shared Ministry Coordinator*

Emmanuel Kaghondi, *Director of Ministry with Youth & Families*

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.