



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 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 — on RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 321

“Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church”

*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** Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagances of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A** Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

First Reading — Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L The word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 126, "When God Restored Our Common Life"

RESIGNATION

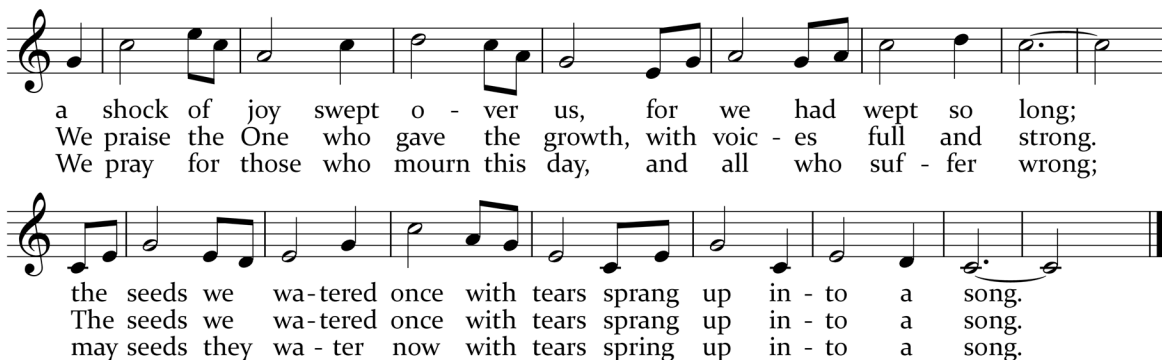
Stanza 1 — choir/cantor; Stanzas 2-3 — all singing



When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er - ty,
We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing soil;
Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op - pressed.



at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a wak - ing fan - ta - sy;
with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the fruit of all our toil.
May those who long for what is right with jus - tice now be blest.



a shock of joy swept o - ver us, for we had wept so long;
 We praise the One who gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong.
 We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong;

the seeds we wa-tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 The seeds we wa-tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 may seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

Psalm paraphrase: Ruth C. Duck © 1992 GIA Publications


Second Reading — Philippians 3:4b-14

After the reading:

- ☐ The word of the Lord.
- ☒ Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

KAS DZIEDĀJA



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 12:1-8

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.
- ☒ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

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 — ELW No. 685

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

(8:30) ***Apostles’ Creed** — *Front of the hymnal, page 127*

(10:45) **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism** — *Front of the hymnal, pages 227–231*

*The Triune God proclaims **Eleanora Josephine Luckman** as a beloved child this morning in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Eleanora’s parents are Ryan and Anastacia Luckman, and her sponsors are Ashley Quinnell and Michael Quinnell.*

Presentation

P People of God, do you promise to support Eleanora and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

***Profession of Faith** — *Front of the hymnal, page 229*

***Baptismal Hymn** — “Blessed Be God, Who Chose You”



(During the hymn, all children are invited to join the baptismal group at the font.)

***Thanksgiving at the Font** — *Front of the hymnal, page 230*

Baptism

Welcome

Baptismal Hymn — “Blessed Be God, Who Chose You”

*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) "My Song Is Love Unknown" from *St. John Passion*

John Ferguson

Jesus, name of wondrous love, name all other names above. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief, was love like thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

—Samuel Crossman

St. John's Chorale

(10:45) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sid Davis

For anthem text, see ELW No. 631.

*Offering Hymn — "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

FRANKE



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.

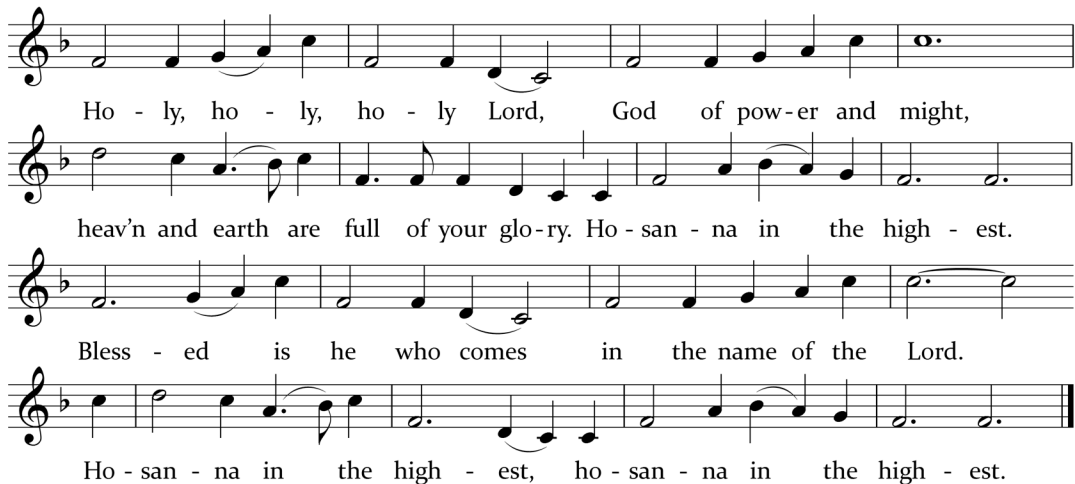
*Offering Prayer

- 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

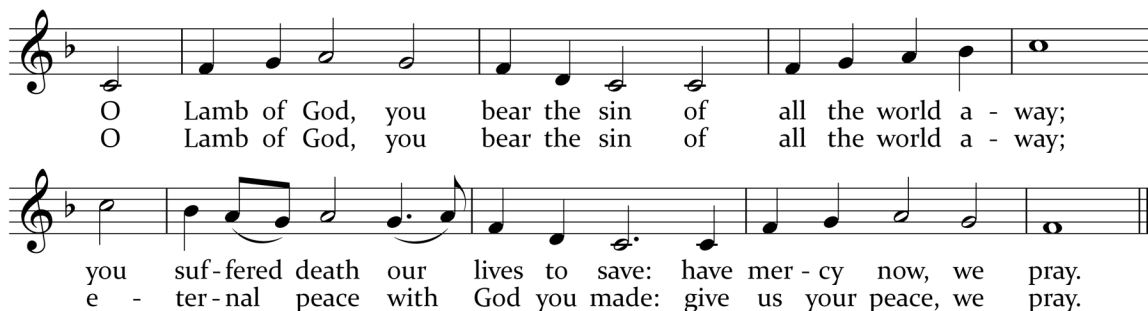
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
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.

(8:30) **Anthem** — "Drop, Drop, Slow Tears" from *St. John Passion* John Ferguson

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat; to cry for
vengeance sin does never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears. —Phineas Fletcher*

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer after Communion**

ℒ 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. 803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Dismissal**

ℒ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — Voluntary in F

F. Melius Christiansen



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

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.

Lenten Vespers - taken from the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy - will take place Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through April 6. This coming week’s speaker is Rev. Michael Mandsager.

SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Assisting Minister	Michaela Polley
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Choir	(8:30) St. John's Chorale
Cantor	(10:45) Sophie Boileau
Coffee Service and Treats	Bob and Pat Tabery
Counters	Jane Rizzo, Bob Tabery, Mark Ulmer
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Dale Gehring, Kent Rommereim

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Learning and Fellowship Between Services

This Week (April 3):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Fair Trade Sales of Coffee and More, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday 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)
St. John's Forum: Emotional Health (9:45-10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom)

Next Week (April 10):

Coffee and Fellowship, Commons
Sunday School: Preschool-Grade 5 (9:45-10:30 a.m., Lower Level)
Sunday 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)
Dialogues on Race (9:45-10:30 a.m., Fireside Room and via Zoom)

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Elaine Feroe's 100th birthday on April 6. 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 or 507-645-4429. Available Dates: June 12, 19 & 26.

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 - April" Group under the Needs tab, or email Angie Gehring at sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Thank you!

Special St. John's Forum: Emotional Health—Tending to the Effects of the Pandemic

Today, 9:45–10:30 a.m., St. John's Hall and via Zoom (Zoom link can be found in the E-Voice)

As we all try to find our way in this next phase and season of COVID, it is more and more clear that we, as a church and a community, are still living with the effects of the pandemic. Two years of chronic stress, periods of fearfulness, losses large and small, and the grind of perpetual change have taken a toll on all of us in different ways. How do we process and tend to these experiences? We can start by connecting and talking about them together. With the help of two local therapists, Erin Barnett and Elaine Nesbit, we will spend some intentional time thinking and sharing about the impact the pandemic has on us as individuals and as a community. We will also look forward and talk about what we are noticing in ourselves as Omicron winds down locally and more COVID restrictions are relaxed. The second part of this forum will be held on Sunday, May 1.

Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-K through Grade 5

Saturday, April 16, 9:30–11:00 a.m.

The egg hunt will be outside at St. John's with weather permitting, or in St. John's Hall, the Commons, and lower level if weather is inclement. Bring your Easter baskets to collect the eggs! Children need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Donations of individually packaged Easter candy are appreciated. Please place donations in the designated buckets in the Commons.** Thank you! Volunteers (middle school and high school youth and adults) are also needed to help hide plastic eggs! Contact Julie Brehmer at childrens@StJohnsNorthfield.org if you can help!

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 today. If you have questions contact Leah Garlie at office@StJohnsNorthfield.org or 507-645-4429.

Announcements (continued)

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 today, on the CCB interest form or contact Rob Quanbeck at rob.quanbeck@gmail.com or 507-301-3625.

Pub Theology

Monday, April 4, 6:00 p.m., Meet at Flaten Art Museum, St. Olaf College

Topic: We will view the powerful exhibit *The Making Known*

Jane Becker Nelson, St. John's member and Director and Curator of the Flaten Art Museum, has generously agreed to give us a tour of the current exhibit - *The Making Known*, which centers on the *Tetlie Collection of World War II Propaganda Posters* that were used by the Nazis to pacify, persuade, and terrify occupied populations.

Courageous Conversations

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

TORCH director, Tessa Kiesow, and Northfield Community College Collaborative (NCCC) director, Sarah Lee, will present "TORCH & NCCC: Past, Present, & Future," their work in preparing and supporting first generation college students in Northfield, helping to build the beloved community. Register here: www.StJohnsNorthfield.org/courageous

ELCA Alleluia 5k Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, April 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

The ELCA congregations of Northfield (St. Peter's, St. John's, and Bethel) are partnering on the 2nd Sunday of Easter to offer a unique worship service - a Fun Run/Walk! There will be a full 5k route as well as a half-distance option. More information in the April/May Voice.

Life in the Time of COVID. Tell us your story . . .

The New York Times calls COVID-19 "the greatest health catastrophe in a century." In our community the first infections began in mid-March 2020, and the pandemic remains an ongoing public health crisis. In one way or another we still feel its impact on our lives. The Faith & Health Board invites St. John's members of all ages to reflect on living in the time of COVID. What have you experienced and felt? What have you lost or gained? How are you coping? How has the pandemic affected work, family, and church? Do you see a hopeful future?

- We are looking for stories from 100 to 2500 words in length. Artwork and poetry are also welcome. Submissions will close May 31, 2022.
- Please email your story to: office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. If you cannot send us your story by email, paper submissions are welcome at the St. John's office.
- Please see the link on the St. John's homepage for how families can submit for their children.

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

Billi Faillettaz, Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Dick Kleber,
Bruce Ohland, Paul Peterson, Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson),
Alicia Tanner (granddaughter of Marilyn Calcutt)

Those celebrating the baptism of

Eleanora Josephine Luckman, daughter of Anastacia and Ryan Luckman

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

Lois Rand, Lyla Arneson Paulson, 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; 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.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (April 10):

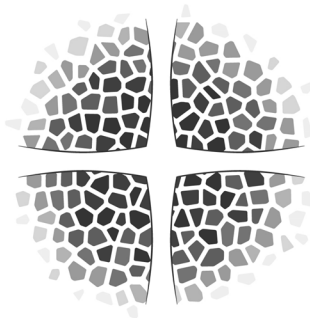
Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a † Psalm 31:9-16 † Philippians 2:5-11 † Luke 22:14—23:56

This Week At-a-Glance

*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, Apr. 4	9:00 a.m.	Women of St. John's Board Meeting via Zoom
	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, Flaten Art Museum at St. Olaf College
	7:00 p.m.	Northfield Girl Scouts Leader Meeting, Undercroft
Tuesday, Apr. 5	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
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27352, Undercroft
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, Apr. 6	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
Thursday, Apr. 7	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Communion at Benedictine Living Community, Offsite
	6:00 p.m.	Rejoice Ringers, St. John's Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27485, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations via Zoom
Friday, Apr. 8	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
Saturday, Apr. 9	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
	4:30 p.m.	Crossroad Lenten Book Study via Zoom
Sunday, Apr. 10	8:30 a.m.	Worship ~ Palm Sunday, Sanctuary (For Schedule Between Services, please see page 11)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship ~ Palm Sunday, Sanctuary



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