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St. John's is called into a joyful life of
welcoming hospitality, grace-filled
worship, transformational relationships,
and Gospel-driven service in the world.
St. John's is an RIC congregation.*

A vibrant community living faith boldly through Welcoming, Worshiping, Healing, and Serving

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

Welcome! Whether in the pews or online, whether for the first time or you've come more times than you can count, we are glad you are here. You are welcome to participate in every part of the worship service, including Holy Communion. Those of you joining online are invited to prepare a cracker or piece of bread and some juice or wine for partaking at that point in the service. Those in person are encouraged to sit in the forward half of the sanctuary both for audio and visual benefit. You're invited to create and wear a name tag, and to fill out a Fellowship Card from your pew rack and hand it to an usher.

PRELUDE

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Rachel Trelstad Porter

WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

OPENING HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us pray.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

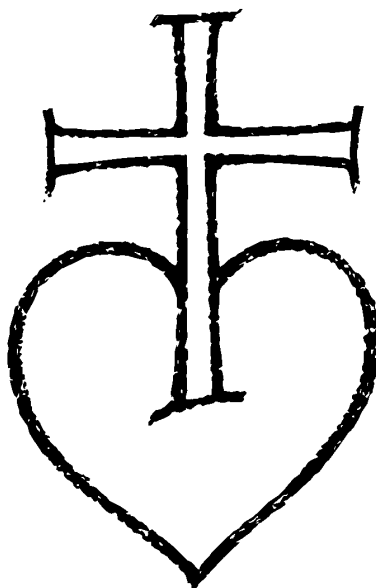
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

PRONOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

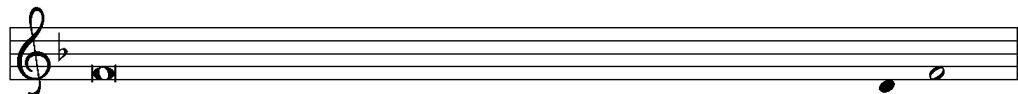
Amen.



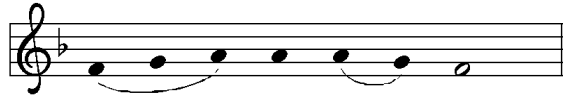
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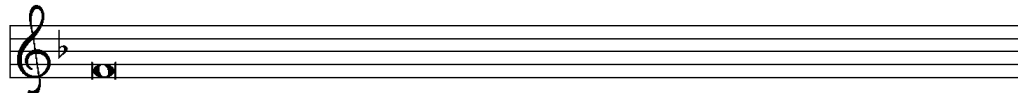
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



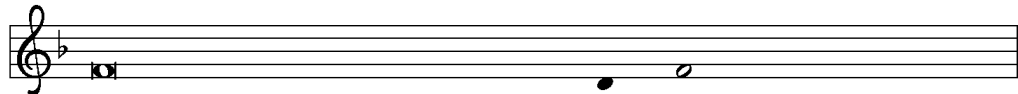
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



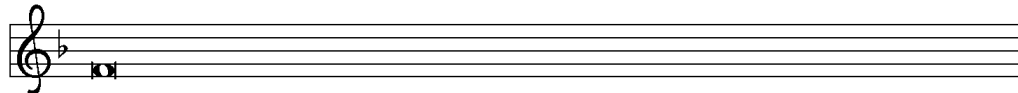
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



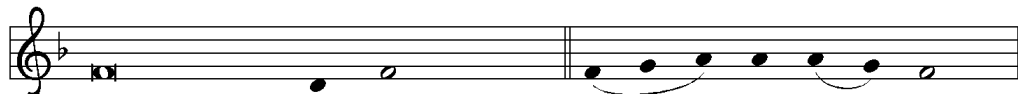
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



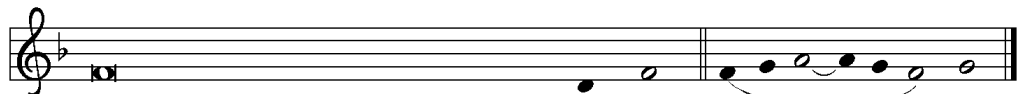
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

SALUTATION

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of abundant riches, when asked to give everything to follow Jesus, a rich man faltered. Give us the courage to give everything that we have to you, knowing that what you offer is more valuable than all the riches in the world. Amen.

During the singing of the canticle, children of every age are invited to come forward and join Edith in the front pew for the Word of the Week. Visitors are welcome!

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *Repeat as needed*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;' and 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.'

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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WORD OF THE WEEK

Edith Bohardt

After the Word of the Week, children may return to be with their families in the pews or go to 'Grace Space' in the back of the sanctuary while the people repeat "Lord, Listen to Your Children...."

PSALM

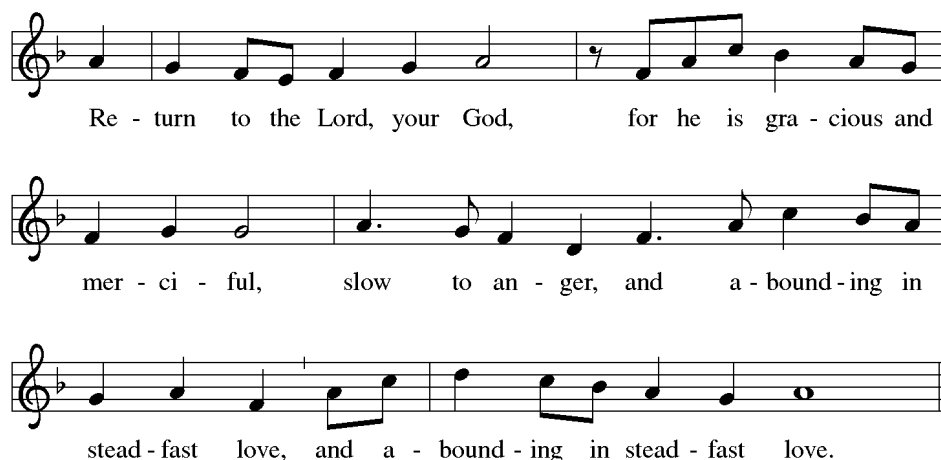
Psalm 19:7-10

Let us read in unison the verses from Psalm 19.

**⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

LENTEN ACCLAMATION *(ELW Setting 3)*

Please rise as you are able during the singing of the Acclamation for the reading of the Gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age — houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions — and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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**



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling, especially Kathy Cashin, Brian Conrad, Bruce Walker, Lana Tiede, Debbie Tuvey, George Tuvey, Nels Tuvey, Debra Jacobs, Sandy Rader, Kris Schepers, Karen O., Jeannie C, Kris Roe, Michelle Dehn, and others we name in our hearts *An intentional moment of silence* Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

Musical Offering

Lamb of God
St. John's Choir

ELW 336

A word about 'The Offering' The offering is an important part of Christian worship. In all other parts of the liturgy we receive from God forgiveness, love, peace and hope. In the offering we actively participate in God's grace by giving an offering. The Offering Cards available in the pew racks are intended to represent both your non-financial generosity and the financial contributions you may have made electronically during the week. Your offerings, offering cards, and pledge cards may be placed in the offering plates set near the sanctuary entrances.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

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.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with your holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength for the journey and our path in the wilderness.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW 336

1

Refrain

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod
and to become the Lamb of God.

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Refrain

2

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble king we named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

3

I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod
and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

1 Seed that in earth is dying
grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel
turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us
faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

2 We were baptized in Jesus,
into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise:
praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here
where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.

3 Seed that in earth is dying
rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table,
give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, b. 1929; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh, b. 1929
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ nourish you, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious 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.

THE BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 326

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Bless Now, O God, The Journey

Aaron David Miller

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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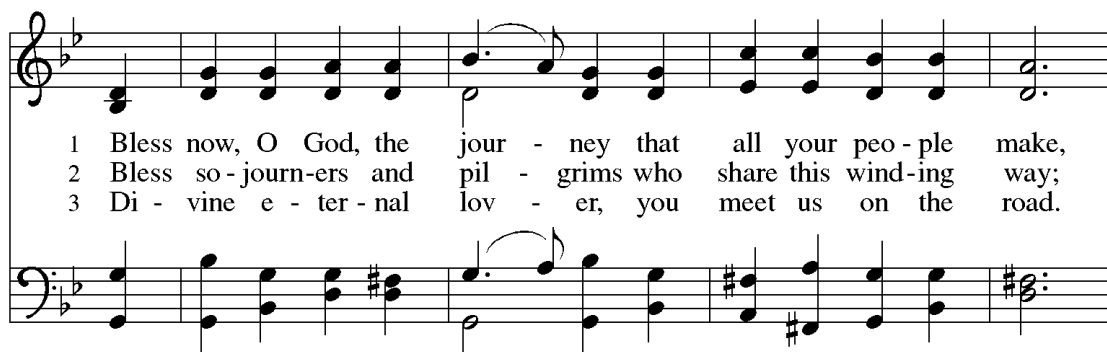
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

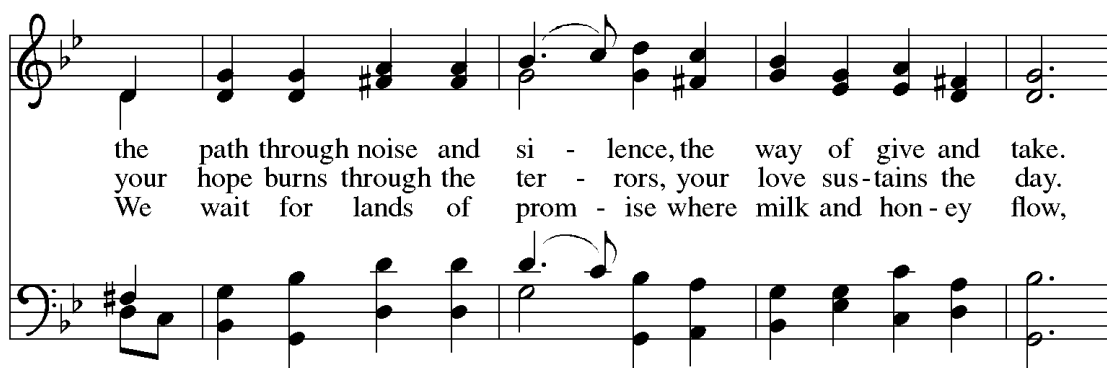
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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WORSHIP NOTES

- **Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. in person and online**
 - ◊ Live on YouTube (link posted on St. John's Facebook page and website)
- Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday.
- Grace Place Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays.
- Activities for children are available at the back of the sanctuary in Grace Space.
- Fellowship time will be offered following worship each Sunday.

The Offering is an important part of Christian worship. In addition to placing your offering in the plate, you may also contribute offerings to the ministries of St. John's by:

- **TEXT** the word 'Give' to 612-800-0444 and follow the prompts,
- **GIVE** through our website or your Breeze member app, or
- **MAIL** your check to: St. John's Lutheran Church
4842 Nicollet Ave,
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Videos on our YouTube channel include:

- Worship services
- 'God's Work · Our Hands' recap



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St. John's 'Guest' WiFi pw: #MartinLuther

Reading for February 25 - Lent 2

Mark 10:32-52 (Psalm 34:11-14)

Worship Leaders

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Organist/
Minister of Music:
Peder Flaten

Assisting Minister:
Whitney Strand

Communion Preparer:
Elizabeth Roe

Usher:
Larry Fraser

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Our Life Together

Today

Nursery for age 3 and younger, 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Grace Place for children, 11:15 a.m. (top floor)

Fellowship following worship (FH)

St. John's Council, 11:15 (Lounge)

Tuesday, February 20

St. John's Staff, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices Cohort, 6 p.m.

(Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church, 2901 38th Ave S, Minneapolis)

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 7 p.m. (FH)

Wednesday, February 21

St. John's Bells, 6 p.m. (St. John's Sanctuary)

Lenten Midweek Worship, 7 p.m.

(Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S)

St. John's Choir (following worship at LCGS)

Thursday, February 22

Holy Conversations, 10 a.m. (Lounge)

Friday, February 23

Game Meet Up, 6-8 p.m. (FH)

Saturday, February 24

Metropolitan Men's Choir, 9 a.m. (FH)

Minneapolis Brass, 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, February 25—Lent 2

Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m. in person & online,
nursery available 9:30-12:30

Fellowship following worship

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS—Feb. 21 and Feb. 28; March 6, 13 and 20

at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave S.

Pizza Supper - serving begins at 4:30 p.m. *All are welcome, free will offering*

Worship - 7 p.m. St. John's and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregations worship together: Holden Evening Prayer; meditations on Luke 19:38-40, "The stones would shout out."

St. John's Choir Rehearsal *in LCGS Parlor following worship*

THE LENTEN BOOK STUDY start date has changed to **February 27.**

We'll be reading 'Listening for God' v. 1, a collection of short stories from contemporary American literature. We will read on our own, then join in the discussion Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's or on Zoom. Let Edith know if you are interested.

TOWELS & SOCKS FOR HOMELESS—Missionary Circle invites donations of socks and towels during February for use by shelter guests. Items may be left on the office lobby pew or delivered to church.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Our Mission:

Fueled by Christ's redeeming love, St. John's is called into a joyful life of welcoming hospitality, grace-filled worship, transformational relationships, and Gospel-driven service in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcoming

Celebrating and caring for all people. Our doors are open.
You belong. Come as you are.

Worshiping

Gathering together to joyfully thank God in prayer and praise for Jesus, who calls us, centers us, and sends us into the world.

Healing

Reflecting God's unconditional grace and love by walking together through the joys and pains of life.

Serving

Gratefully responding to the needs of the world with the abilities God has gifted us.

Our Vision for the Future:

A vibrant community living faith boldly